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had, late in a summer's day,

was so mysteriously terminated, but be traced no further. Beyond this, all

alden-awfully sudden; but there was that alone excepted, to suppose cused by the hand of man, ra-he hand of God. A coroner's juurse, summoned, and after an in which little more could be en by many, and to many were entireunknown: but on this occasion, they were ivel, and probably with considerable ad-

omanths after the ideath of the stranger. a theman arrived at the place, impressed a belief that he was his brother, and seek Panicions. The horse and the clothes of unfortunate man still remained, and were intereconstructed; one other text there was, hit was uncertain whether that would I to any positive conclusion: - the exhuma of the body. This test was tried, and much decomposition had gove on rapidly. enough remained to identify the body. mas it was known that there was a person horised by relationship to the deceased to wire into the cause of his death, and, if it old appear to have been otherwise than narul a spear to have been our rwise than ra-ral to take Stens for bringing to justice one who had been concerned in it, the re-rts which had been previously floating felly but, and circulated without having any dis ctobject, were collected into one channel d poured into his ear. What these reports tre, and what they amounted to, it is not sary here to mention: suffice it to say.

witnesses who were produced before the mag-istrates, all the information of which the public were in possession before the trial took place, was that which I have here narrated.

Never shall I forget the appearance of anx iety exhibited on every countenace on the entrance of the judge into the court. In an inand interest, intense and impossioned, though subdied, seemed to wait upon every word and every look. a if divided between expectation

nor was the prisoner's house situated in the road which he ought to have taken. No re-liance, however, could be placed on that circumstance: for it was not at all uncommor cumstance: for it was not at all uncommon for persons who travelled with property about the ... to leave the direct road, even for a considerable distance, in order to secure themselves as effectually as possible from the robbers by whom the remote parts of the country were greatly infested. He had not been seen from the time of his leaving Hull till he reached the village next adjoining Smith's house, and through which he passed, without even a momentary halt. However to alight at Smith's gate, and the next morning was discovered dead in his bed. He now came to the most extraordinary part of the second. covered dead in his bed. He now came to the most extraordinary part of the case. It would be proved beyond the nossibility of a doubt that the decessed died by noison—poison of a most subtle nature, most active in its operation, and possessing the wonderful and dreadtion, and possessing the wonderful and dread-ful quality of leaving no external mark or to-ken by which its presence could be detected. The ingredients of which it was composed were of so sedative a nature, that, instead of the body on which it had been used exhibiting any contentions, or marks of suffering, it left any contortions, or marks of suffering, it left upon the features nothing but the calmand plac id quiet of repose. Its effects, and indeed its

very existence, were but recently known in this

tree, so abundant in the Black Forest.

But the fact being ascertained, that the cause of the death was poison, left open the much more momentous question,—by whom was it administered? It could hardly be supposed to be by the deceased hims If: there was no thing to induce such a suspicion; and there was this important circumstance, which of itself almost negatived its possibility, that no phial, or vessel of any kind, had been used vered, in which the poison could have been contained. We set then the presoner who administered it? Before he asked them to come fatal request "Evertere domos totas, optantibus in Evertere domos totas, optantibus in

Within a few days there let been found, in when he was informed of the death of his serve those liquids which are most likely to lose their virtue by exposure to the air - To whom it belonged, or to what use it

oner, who had listened to it with deep attention. Twice only did I perceive that it produced in him the slightest emotion. When the disappearance of his housekeeper was mentioned, a smile as of scorn, passed over his lips; and the notice of the discovery of ie stopper obviously excited an interest, and, I thought, an apprehension, but it quickly subsided. I need not detail the evidence that was given for the prosecution; it amounted, in substance, to that which the counsel stated; nor was it varied in any particular. The stopper was produced, and proved to be found n the house; but no attempt was made to trace it to the prisoner's possession, or even know-

When the case was closed, the learned Judge, addressing the counsel for the prose-cution, said, he thought there was hardly sufficient evidence to call upon the prisoner for his defence; and if the jury were of the same opinion, they would at once stop the case.— Upon this observation from the Judge, the jury turned round for a moment, and then intimated their acquiescence in his lordship's timated their acquiescence in his lordship's view of the evidence. The counsel folded up their briefs, and a verilict of acquittal was about to be taken, when the prisoner addressed the court. He stated, that having been accused of so foul a crime as murder, and having had his character assailed by spani-Commit Mr. Smith to gaol, to take his trial of in other nations of Europe; and it was having had his character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that character assailed by suspiction of the most smithing nature, that ch

him was inconclusive, without giving him an opportunity of stating his own case and calling a witness to counteract the impressions that had been raised against him, by explaining those circumstances which at present appeared doubtful. He urged the learned Judge to permit him to state his case to the jury, and to call his housekeeper, with so much earnestness, and was seconded so strongly by his counsel, that lord Mansfield, though very is usual habit, gave way, and yielded to the

Dii faciles-toriens dicendi copia multis, Et sua mort fera est facundia." The prisoner then addressed the jury, and entreated their patience for a short time. He repeated to them that he never could feel sa-Samself, in a very short time, by the few obbe should call, to obtain their verifict on much higher grounds,—upon the impossibility of his being guilty of the dreadful crime. With respect to the instinuations which had been thrown out against him, he thought one ob-

appearance of the light; and after she had rehumself better, he di-missed her, and retired mittal to prison, his housekeeper had disap-

p oduced a very poverful effect. It wis de-livered in a firm and impressive manner, and its simplicity and artlessness gave to it an ap-pearance of truth. The housekeeper was then put into the box, and examined by the counsel for the prisoner. According to the custom, at that time almost universal, of excludtom, at that time amount unit their testimony was required, she had been kept at a house, near at hand, and had not heard a single word of the trial. There was nothing remarkable in her manner or appearance; she might be a hout thirty-five, or a little more; with regu-lar though not agreeable features, and an air free from embarras-ment. She repeared, almost in the prisoner's own words, the story that he had told of his having callthe story that he had told of his having call-her up, and her having accompanied him to his room, adding that, after leaving him, she had retired to her own room, and been awak-ened by the man-servant in the morning, with an account of the traveller's death. She had an account of the traveller's dealn. She had now to undergo a cross examination; and I may as well state here, that which, though not known to me till afterwards, will assist the reader in understanding the following

The counsel for the prosecution had, in his own mind attached considerable importance to the circumstance mentioned by the witness

was totally irreconcilable with the appearance of the room when examined; and he had fell persuaded himself, that there must be a secret closet which had escaped the search of the of-ficers of justice, the opening of which would account for the appearance alluded to, and the existence of which had so existences of the existence of which had so existences of which had so existences to obtain from the house-keeper (the only person except the prisoner, who could give any clue to this,) such information as he could get without alarming her by any direct inquiry on the subject, which, as she could not help seeing its importance, would have led her at once to a positive denial. He know, more-ber, that as she had not been in court, she could not know how much or how little the inquiry had brought to light; and by himself some few unimportant questions, he asked her, in a tone and manner calculated rather to a-

waken confidence than to excite distrust. — During the time you were in Mr. Smith's table, in the centre of the room?-Yes.

Sinith had taken the medicine out of the clo-

Then it was opened again for the purpose of replacing the bottle, was it?—It was.

Do you recollect how long it was open the

time?-Not above a minute.
The door, when opened, would be exactly

between the light and the window, would it

of:—it would.

I forget whether you said the closet was on the right or left hand side of the window?—

Would the door of the closet make any

noise in opening?—None

Can you speak positively to that fact? Have you even opened it yourself, or only seen Mr. Smith open it?—I never opened it my-

Did you never keep the kev?-Never.

Who did!-Mr. South always. At this moment the witness chanced to turn tood, and the effect A cold damp sweat stood upon his brew, and and during the interval occasioned by this in the prosecution left the court.

a short time the gentleman who had atstated that it was impossible that she could at rested that it would be much better to allow her

The cross-comining course then aduressed the witness—I have very few more ques-tions to ask of you: but beware that you answer them truly, for your own life hangs upon a thread.

n a thread.

Do you know this stopper?—I do.

To whom does it belong?—To Mr Soith. When did you see it last? -- Un the night of Mr. Thompson's death

At this moment the solicitor for the prosecution entered the court, bringing with him upon a tray, a watch, two money bags, a jewel-case, a pocket book, and a bottle of the same manufacture as the stopper, and having a cork in it; some other articles there were on it, not material to my story. The tray was placed on the table in sight of the prisoner and the witness; and from that moment not a doubt remained in the mind of any man of the guilt of the prisoner.

A few words will bring my tale to its close. A new words will bring my tale to its close. The house where the nurier had been committed was between nine and ten miles distant. The solicitor, as soon as the cross examination of the housekeeper had discovered the existence of the closet, and its situation, had set off on horseback, with two sheriff's officers, and, after pulling down part of the wall of the house, had detected this import-