

EARLY HISTORY OF CLOUD COUNTY BY H.E. SMITH

A JEALOUS GHOST

I can only give the statements of the parties themselves, and leave the reader to judge for himself.

Albert Stompk, patrolman, testified that a woman lifted the sash of No. – West Washington Place and called for help. He ran in and found two men on the floor. One was an elderly and professional looking person. Both his eyes were closed and he had a broken nose. The other was a business man apparently, and he was bleeding at the mouth. On examination two of his teeth were knocked out.

The woman could give no explanation, and when asked if they had been fighting, said "No".

The officer then arrested all three of them. Mary Louise Parker, a flower maker, testified that she was sewing on spring violets in the front room, when, hearing somebody cry "Murder!" and a fall as of a body in the back room, she opened the sliding doors and ran in, but the gas had been turned out and she could not see distinctly. She could only hear heavy blows fall as if upon a man's face, and somebody groaning. Then Mrs. O'Grady called to her for God's sake to fetch the police, and she ran to the window.

That was all there was to it.

Mr. Surden went to Detroit in January, and is there now. He writes to say that nothing of the kind has occurred since, and that he would be inclined to believe that the whole thing was a hallucination if it were not for two things one is that he and Dr. Forsythe have both got a triangular mark on their faces, and the other is that the house in West Washington place was unquestionably "cleaned out" without their assistance.

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