

## **EARLY HISTORY OF CLOUD COUNTY BY H.E. SMITH**

### **A JEALOUS GHOST**

A man had been struck while at the bar and knocked over, and there was only one person to do it—"unless," said he, "you think it was me that fetched him the sockdologer from this side of the counter that took the wind out of him"

Mr. Armitage appeared to be completely bewildered by the affair. He vehemently asserted that he had none but the kindest feelings for Mr. Surden up to the time of the prosecution; that he never struck a man in his life; and that when Mr. Surden fell they were laughing in the most amicable manner and tipping their glasses.

Dr. Morse soon after transmitted to the faculty of the College of Medicine an "account of a case of hysteria accompanied with local inflammation, " which described Mr. Surden's case exactly and drew the attention to him of several practitioners who had made nervous complaints a specialty. The man, however, was not disposed to submit further to medical examination or treatment. He became careless in his habits and some-what dissipated, drinking freely and keeping late hours.

The next incident in the chain comes to us through an entirely new channel. On the night of September 18 Policeman 162, while passing the house No. – West Washington place, heard screams and cries of "help," and ran up the steps to try the door. It was not fastened, and he made his way into the hallway and thence into a back parlor used as a family room by the persons who worked at flower-making in the front. He found a man with a swollen face and disordered attire, in a great state of excitement, leaning against the sliding doors, and a woman very much frightened crouching in the opposite corner. He could make nothing of it. The man accused the woman of knocking him down and trying to kill him, and the woman asserted vehemently that he was crazy; that she had not struck him. Supposing the man to be suffering from delirium tremens, the officer, as a matter of prudence, took him to the station house. When he was arraigned the woman promptly appeared, and neither the Judge nor the officers could make anything out of the case.

**Register of Deeds  
Judy Lambert  
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