

### JURY RENDERS A VERDICT IN CLAYTON MURDER CASE

EDWARD BROWN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS  
IMPRISONMENT AND PAY \$400.

End of the Case Which Resulted in the Killing  
of James Lethrem a White Man at the  
Bingham House Stables, Clayton.

Edward Brown's jury, after spending most of Thursday afternoon deliberating upon the degree of murder of which he was guilty, that evening convicted him of manslaughter and he was sentenced to be imprisoned for five years and pay a fine of \$400. A blood-stained pitchfork, with which a white man was killed by a negro, and a grinning skull, poised on top of the tall court stenographer's desk, were exhibits in the trial for his life. Brown remained as unconcerned, even when the fork and dead head were exhibited as though he was convinced it was only a question of time when Lawyers Ridgely and Harrington would secure for him his release. Indeed he even enjoyed the scene when Deputy Attorney-General Hastings had big John Darragh, a companion of the deceased white man, leave the witness stand and get down on the floor and tussle with the deputy attorney-general in full view of the jurors, some of whom stood and the others remaining seated, but craning their necks.

When Brown was on the witness stand, Mr. Ridgely handed him his (Ridgely's) light reed cane and asked him to demonstrate the striking of the blow with the pitchfork.

"Oh, do not use a cane," interposed Attorney-General Richards, "why not let's have it exact. Let him use the pitchfork. It's in evidence."

"No thank you," quickly replied Mr. Ridgely "the cane will do quite as well."

The defence tried to show that the blow struck upon Lethrem's head was a side blow and not one from above as the State's witnesses had described.

The prosecution showed by the evidence of Frank Seward, John Darragh, Edward Poor, William H. Powell and William H. Gartin that all the foregoing white farmers were standing about their teams in the hotel yards of the Bingham House, Clayton, on June 11, of last year, when Garton drove his team in under the shed. He was intoxicated and he admitted under oath Thursday that he was so badly intoxicated that he could not testify to a thing that occurred. Garton, seeing the Brown brothers and other negro helpers standing in a corner of the yard where Edward Brown had been raking some straw, began to curse them in a semi-humorous manner, calling them "niggers," and other names. Edward Brown, still holding the pitchfork, started toward Garton, when James Lethrem stepped up and intervened, putting out his hand and stopping Brown. Lethrem then turned around to leave, whereupon Brown dealt him the blow with the handle of the fork.

Lethrem dropped and never rallied. He died within an hour at the residence of Lineman Green, while under the care of Dr. J. S. Cob. The defence showed by physicians, and the human skull exhibited, that the temple bone on which Lethrem was struck, was the most fragile and vital of the human frame, and that a very light blow with a pitchfork or blunt instrument there would cause death.

George Brown, Edward Brown; Howard Boyer and Raymond White, the negroes who were in the yard, swore that the white men were all drunk or drinking and that Lethrem and the others had followed Garton in his attack upon the negroes, that Edward Brown was walking backward, waving his fork to keep off Lethrem, when one of the "waves" caught Lethrem on the side of the head, accidentally killing him. By Alice Brown and Annie Brown and another physician they showed that Edward Brown had been ill for months and was unable to repel without a weapon or a stick, any attack made upon him by any other man.

### KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT MEETS.

First District to Take Advantage of the Good Roads Law—Resolutions of Respect.

The Kent County Levy Court Tuesday elected Frank A. Moore of Cheswold, collector of the third district, vice Frank Pratt, of Clayton, resigned. The courts in compliance with the law passed by the recent legislature, authorized the reindexing of records in the office of the Orphans' Court. The work will be done by Clerk A. A. Watson. The only district in Kent County which has taken advantage of the good roads law, whereby each district raising \$1,000 receives an additional \$1,000 from the county, is the tenth district, Milford. An extra levy of 8 cents have been made and the district will receive the \$1,000 from the Levy Court. Resolutions appropriate to the death of Robert S. Downs, a member of the Levy Court from the ninth district were adopted. Official notice was also issued to the governor notifying him of the death of Mr. Downs, it being his duty to fill the vacancy.

### STATE BOARD OF PARDONS MEETS.

Only Applicant Recommended David Hartson,  
Died Before his Release Was Made.

The State Board of Pardons toiled for several hours at the State House Thursday over applications for pardon of three prisoners, and finally granted one application and recommended the applicant to Governor Lea for unconditional pardon, and refused the other two one of whom had been in jail nearly twenty years.

David Hartson was the applicant recommended to the Governor for pardon. He was indicted for robbery in 1903 to which indictment he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for two years. His sentence will expire in November, 1905. The prisoner was ill of consumption and shortly after the good news was conveyed to him and before his release, he died.

Franklin E. Johnson, who is now nearly 70 years old and has been in jail since he was 50, asked for pardon. Johnson was convicted of murder in the first degree in having killed Geo. H. Williams, with whom he had trouble over a girl. The killing took place on the road near Johnson's own house, between Mt. Pleasant, Del., and Church Hill, Md., and Johnson pleaded before a jury in 1888 that the killing was accidental, exhibited the light club and this saved his life from the gallows.

Charles H. Jack, of Wilmington, who, on October 13, 1903, decamped into the country and shot Dr. James R. Mahaffy in the doctor's carriage appeared for pardon and release from the New Castle county penitentiary. Jack is serving a sentence of three years' imprisonment, \$500 fine and one hour in the pillory. His case came originally before the board on an appeal against suffering the pillory and that part of his sentence was stricken off by the Governor. A deluge of letters came in upon the board in this case, the burden of contention in Jack's being that he had been suffering from temporary mental aberration and that his mind and body had now entirely recovered and he was anxious and willing to lead a useful life. Letters were also produced from each of the twelve jurors who sat on the case. The attorney general took a neutral stand upon the case. The application of both Johnson and Jack were refused.

### CELEBRATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hutchins Entertain a  
Large Number of Their Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan H. Hutchins celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary at their home on New Street, Tuesday evening. Miss Lola Hutchins was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Bert R. Kaler, of Philadelphia, Miss Mary Pollock and Miss Virgie B. Hutchins. Guests from afar were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hutchins, of Chicago; Mrs. A. T. McVey, of Wilmington; L. W. Taylor and sister, Mrs. E. J. Carpenter; J. M. Jones and daughter; Oscar Willey, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Hutchins, of Harrington; Mr. Alfred Coyle, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. White, Mrs. Lou Jones and daughter of Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donovan of Bedford; Olin Tull, B. Wainright of Seaford; E. Q. Powers and William DeGroft of Philadelphia; and a large number of Dover friends.

The house was decorated in white, the dining room was especially beautiful in red and white, a large white wedding bell was suspended from the ceiling. The wedding cake was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kaler, and was magnificently decorated with the figures forty in roses and lighted with forty candles.

Among the presents received were three checks of \$100 each from their sons in Chicago; silver water pitcher, creole bust, silver bread tray, cut glass water bottle, cut glass olive dishes, berry spoons and salad forks, handsome parlor lamp, huens, salad dishes, pictures and many other articles.—State News.

Experts of the Geological Survey assure us that the failure of the scheme to ruin Niagara Falls is only temporary; that unless some check is placed on the commercialism which seeks to convert one of the most beautiful natural wonders of this continent into dollars and cents, the entire beauty of the Falls is certain ultimately to be destroyed.

### Strictly Genuine.

Most of the patent medicine testimonials are probably genuine. The following notice recently appeared in the Atchison (Kan.) Globe: "Joe Tack, a well known engineer, running on the Missouri Pacific between Wichita and Kiowa, lately appeared in a big one, with a picture and when he was in this office to-day we asked him about it. He said he had terrific pains in his stomach, and thought he had a cancer. His druggist recommended Kodol and he says it cured him. He recommended it to others, who were also cured. "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and cures all stomach troubles. Sold by William F. Dunn.

### WOMEN DISCUSS FASHIONS THE LATEST SPRING STYLES

SOME OF THE NEW CREATIONS POINTED  
OUT BY LUCY CARTER OF NEW YORK.

Many Modish Gowns Seen that are Extremely  
Simple—Washable Materials of Which  
Linen are the Most Popular.

Notwithstanding the extreme elaboration seen in many of the season's productions there are many modish gowns that are extremely simple and easily produced by any woman who has a certain amount of faculty in the direction of dressmaking. In children's wear especially this note of simplicity and practicality is very much in evidence.

### Washable Materials.

While the gown for grown-ups may be made of washable material and never see the laundry, the children's apparel must be chosen with direct reference to frequent washing. Linens in natural colors, in white, and in deep blues and rose pinks and greens are much in vogue this season as last, and may be plain and tailor-made or elaborated with embroideries as taste inclines. Where plain tailor styles are chosen contrasts of color are stylishly introduced by having the hat, belt, and shoes or hose in matching tone.

### Suspender Gowns.

Suspender gowns bid fair to rage in all sorts of fabrics and these though they begin with the children range all the way to grandmother gowns, and appear quite suitable too if they are judiciously managed. Some of the best examples have the suspender in shawl form with the point coming from the shoulder and falling over the top of the sleeve cape fashion.



This handsome street costume, the illustration of which is supplied by the Toilettes Fashion Co., is of blue and brown mohair. The gores of the skirt front and side are overlapping and finished with stitching. Pieces of graduated length are inserted in the seams at the first and second gores, giving an overskirt suggestion, and they are finished with stitching and loop buttons. Waist with short basque has two stitched plaits and overlapping front, trimmed with the buttons and loops, as are also, leg-o-mutton sleeves, Girdle and tie of brown taffeta.

### Sashes and Girdles Galore.

Never was there a season when ribbon played a more important part in the dress of young and old. Sashes and girdles are used with all sorts of costumes, and be it whispered are especially helpful in refurnishing an old gown, or giving variety to a solitary plain one. The girdles vary from those of a medium width pointed with point up in the back and down in front giving even greater slope than with the "dip" which is completely out of date.

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"Mrs. Mattie L." The smartest of children's coats are of the loose, sacque shape, and of very small black and white check materials, finished with stitching, tailor fashion or in some instances with small mannish velvet collar.

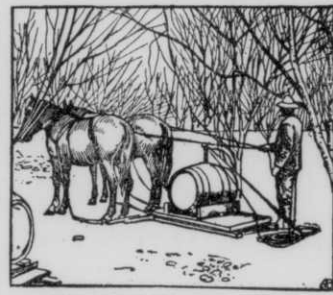
"Mrs. G." Trim your black taffeta with ruffles edged by black velvet ribbon, and a well arranged suspender effect over a black net waist, you will have a stylish costume.

Lucy Carter.

### A LITTLE NOTE OF REACTION

Good Horticulturists Are Again  
Talking Up Oil Spraying.

With the present spraying season there seems to come a little note of reaction from the lime, salt and sulphur wash toward the use of oil for the San Jose scale. Not but that the former is still popularly used, but some very



### CONVENIENT SPRAYING OUTFIT.

good authorities are again urging the excellence of crude petroleum. Dr. John B. Smith of New Jersey, speaking of experiments in the state during 1904, says a few growers used it with excellent success, and it is the only material which has not been more or less of a disappointment. As the result of observation made, the undiluted oil, a little warmed and put on in a fine spray, is advised on pear trees in preference to any other material. Good results on other fruit trees have been obtained with 25 per cent mechanical mixtures.

As good an authority as Mr. T. Greiner of Ohio places himself on record thus:

"When I consider all the disadvantages of the lime-sulphur treatment—the nastiness and corrosive nature of the compound, the necessity of the utmost care to prevent clogging of the nozzles and to protect the men who handle it and the horses, too—I come to the conclusion that I must stick to my old and tried remedy for the scale, the clear petroleum spray, which when properly applied and at the proper time makes a clean sweep so far as the scale is concerned with a minimum of labor and inconvenience and at reasonable expense."

The lime, salt and sulphur mixture has the advantage of controlling peach leaf curl and to some extent at least the apple scab. It seems to act also as a stimulant to clean and thrifty growth in the tree. If only one spraying can be made, apply in March or early April and cover thoroughly. The plum has been injured if sprayed too early in winter.

### The First Shave.

Which of us does not recall with a gentle flutter of emotion the unutterable delight we experienced when we gravely set about that delicate operation, "the first shave," an innocent subterfuge to which a youth resorts by way of proving to his own satisfaction that he has reached the stage of full manhood? He has a beard!—Le Petit Parisien.

### Her Mental Exercise.

"Why does your wife belong to so many clubs and debating societies?" "Well," answered Mr. Meekton, "I think Henrietta feels the need of mental exercise. She likes to get away from home and be among people where she can't have her own way without an argument."—Washington Star

To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character.

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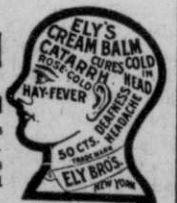
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