

A Hairbreadth Escape.

Mr. James Appleton Morgan, in his paper on "Personal Identity," read before the Medico-Society of New York City lately, recalled the circumstances of a murder trial which was notable in its history, but has doubtless passed out of the collection of all save the oldest readers of the *Evening Post*. Mr. Morgan's paper is published in full in the *Saturday Review* for January, and we reprint the passages referred to because of the

In 1812 there lived in Manchester, Vermont, a man named Barney Boorn, who had two sons, Stephen and Jesse, and a son-in-law named Russel Colvin, living with him. Colvin was an eccentric man, supposed to be insane at times, and frequently absented himself days without notice and without giving any account of his adventures.

last he was missing so long that suspicions of foul play were aroused. Months and years passed, and yet there was no explanation of Colvin's absence. One of the neighbors remembered that Boorn brothers, very shortly after his disappearance, had declared that Colvin was dead, and that they had searched him where potatoes would not grow. They had not been on good terms with him, and this added to the

Some children found a dilapidated which was recognized as the one in which he was at the time of his disappearance. Soon afterward a dog uncovered the bones beneath an old stump, which were pronounced to be human bones, but subsequently were found not to be. An uncle of the boys had a dream, which Calvin came to his bedside and

then Corvin came to his second trial and told him that he had been murdered. A barn in the neighborhood was mysteriously burned, and it was at once ascertained that the murdered man had been buried under it, and the fire intended to destroy all traces of the crime. These circumstances added to the excitement against the Boorns. Stephen then fled out of the State, but Jesse was not. He confessed that his brother Stephen had told him a short time

ously, that he and Colvin had quarrelled, and that he had killed Colvin by a blow on the head. The people of the neighborhood, and for miles around, for the next few days in another search for Colvin's bones, but none found.

Stephen Boorn was brought home. He denied the statement of Jesse and stated his innocence. The brothers imprisoned to await the meeting of Grand Jury. The principal witnesses

that body was a prisoner who had been confined in jail with the Boorns. He reported in detail a confession of the murder by Jesse Boorn, and both the men were indicted. This was in September, 1819, more than seven years after the disappearance of Olivia. In November the trial took place. Meanwhile Stephen was induced by remarks about the hopelessness of their case to confess the crime, in expectation of

from the court. This confession the chief evidence against them, withstanding that it was drawn by a hope of obtaining a more favorable verdict, and that nobody had found as proof of the murder, or that Colvin was dead, the brothers convicted and sentenced to be hanged on the 23th of January, 1820. Exclusive did the testimony against appear to be that the mother of the criminals was involved from the

convicted was expelled from the first Church, and the father held a seer for a time; upon the suspicion they must have been accessory to murder.

A few of the citizens who were disposed merciful signed a petition for the commutation of the sentence against the Joorns. The Legislature voted to change the sentence of Jesse to imprisonment for life, but refused to interfere with that of Stephen. Meanwhile it

red to Stephen, in an interview with this counsel, to advertise for Colvin newspapers. Up to that point the counsel had believed him guilty, but assured them that his confession was untrue and that he was innocent. The printing notice was therefore printed in the Rutland Herald:

MURDER.—Printers of newspapers throughout the United States are desired to publish that Stephen Boorn, of Montpelier, in Vermont, is sentenced to be

ated for the murder of Russell Colvin, has been absent about seven years. person who can give information of Colvin may save the life of an innocent by making immediate communication. Colvin is about five feet six inches high, light complexion, light reddish hair, blue eyes, about forty years of age.

chester, Vt., November, 20th, 1819.

papers travelled slowly then, and Ben's friends had but little hope this would save him, even if his

was true. Three days afterward the pamphlet of Mr. Sargeant, oue the counsel in the case) the New York Evening Post published it, and the next it happened that this notice was read in one of the hotels in New York. Another man standing near, named M. J. Colvin, said he had formerly lived in Chester and was well acquainted with Mr. Sargeant. He related many anecdotes of peculiarities concerning him. Mr. Sargeant was a native of New York.

for Chadwick, of Barreborough, N. J., also standing near, and listened to conversation, which made a deep impression upon his mind. On thinking the matter over after his return, it occurred to him that a man living with his brother-in-law, Mr. William Polhemus, of Dover, New Jersey, might correspond with the description of Polvius as given by Whelpley. Finally, Whelpley wrote a letter to the *Evening Post*, giving his conclusions. Whelpley

it, went to Dover, identified Colvin, after great effort, induced him to visit Rochester. There was great rejoicing in the town, and Stephen Doorn was brought from the prison to fire the cannon that celebrated his deliverance. So much for a criminal in which medical evidence took part."

the Rev. T. L. Cuyler, in speaking of new building of the Young Men's Christian Association, Philadelphia,

"Just a little too fine it is to suit
 plain notions of some of us who
 find that extravagance is the besetting
 sin and snare of the American Church.
 At a hideous deformity, too, is that
 really word debt, written all over the
 face of nearly every costly structure
 erected to the glory of God."

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