



A MINUTE TRAGEDY. THE CRIME OF THE BROTHERS OFFICE.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Despite his resolution to appear brave, he uttered a terrible cry. "It's a lie! I know nothing about John Oakburn's murder!" he said.

and the guard moved on muttering at the loss of a fee. Judith had come to visit her brother, and a turnkey who was escorting the party of visitors of which she was a member, admitted her to Levi's cell, and brother and sister were left alone.

Oakburn's death he added: "Now for the supreme test. If this is the pistol from which the shot that killed Oakburn was discharged, this bullet will fit it."

A Dead City of Clayton. As I gazed, the moon rose slowly in the sky, a burnished shield of liquid light. Her long white rays glittered upon the solemn forest, and penetrated the far recesses of the hills, trailing a broad pathway of silver over the water till it was lost at last in the distant shadows of the mountain.

Curious Accident.

Assistant Manager A. R. Dupern, of the Alameda, Oakland and Piedmont Street Railway Company, had his eyebrows, eyelashes and hair burned off, the result of a curious accident.

Silk Manufacture.

The manufacture of silk in the United States began less than forty years ago at Paterson, N. J., in a small room over a machine shop. The industry has grown to immense proportions, the factories occupying hundreds of acres, and their annual output of finished goods now amounts to \$20,000,000.

Chameleon Spiders.

An interesting instance of colored mimicry in spiders has been observed in the south of France. The spiders of that region when in search of prey hide in the convolvulus flowers. It has been noticed that a white variety of spider frequented the white flowers, a greenish colored variety made the green flowers his home, and a pink one lived principally in the pink flowers.

Improving Honey.

Honey could be immensely improved by the planting of the flowers known to yield a fine flavored nectar. Everyone knows the difference in the quality of the comb contents in different parts of the same country and in different regions.

The Coming Fruit Country.

Oregon fruit-growers say that Oregon is to be the greatest fruit-growing State of the Union. One fruit expert says that Italian prunes grown in the Willamette Valley are superior to those grown in Italy.