

also sent for; but when she came her father was insensible and incapable, seemingly, of recognizing her. He lay on the floor, moaning, with his head dropped upon his breast and his limbs without motion.

Dr. Bates came in almost at the same moment as Mrs. Brown. His examination disclosed a wound four inches long. The skull was crashed through as if by some heavy cutting instrument, driven by a powerful arm. The doctor said the wound had evidently been inflicted by some one standing behind the victim.

The theory of the lawyers, even before the holding of the inquest, was that there were two persons concerned in the murder; one who met Goodrum just outside the door, and the other who rushed upon him from behind the corner of the restaurant—a street ran on one side of it as well as one in front—and struck the fatal blow unseen by him. The coroner dissented from this opinion, saying that it was quite possible for one and the same person to lure the old man a few steps away from the door and then, on his turning to regain the restaurant, to strike him from behind.

There was nothing found near the spot where the old man fell that could criminate any one or guide conjecture in the least. The place was a public pass-way, trodden hourly by many feet, and there was no use in attempting to track the criminal.

Goodrum, whom the doctor pronounced incapable of recovering, was closely watched in the hope that in some moment of returning consciousness he would be able to throw some light upon the occurrence. He did recover his senses the next day to some extent at least. When asked