OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

MURDERED NURSE.

SENSATIONAL TRAIN OUTBAGE NEAR LEWES.

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Disfigured, unconscious, and scaled in blood from a saping wound in the head, an elderly woman, Miss Florence Nightingale Shore, was found in a dying condition at Bezhill on a train bound from Victoria to St. Leonards. She is a godchild and relative of the famous Florence Nightingale, sister of a brigadiar-general, and niece of a baroness. Her small ant is unknown, but detectives are making diligent, search in three counties for a young man who entered the same compartment as Miss Shore at Victoria, and answers the following description:—

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7 in. in height; clean shawen; dressed in a
grey mixture or brown suit and triby hat,
without overcook, and without luggage.
Miss Shore, who served for five years as a
war nurse in France, was taken to the East
Sussex Hospital at Hastings, where she died
on Friday evening without having regained
consciousness.

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She has a severe lacerated wound on the left side of the skull, and when she was found anconscious in the train blood was streaming from that wound down her face. Her clothing was torn, and one hand slightly scratched, circumstances which suggested that she offered some resistance. Demobilised in November from the Queen Alexandra Imperial Nursing Home Reserves, the lady had been staying secently with friends at Carnforth Lodge, Hammersmith.

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Miss Shore left Victoria by the 3.20 train intending to visit another friend at St. Leonards. She was accompanied to the London, Brighton and South Coast Station by Miss Rogers, the matron of Carnforth Lodge, and was seen by her to take a seat in a third-class non-smoking compartment at the rear of the train. Her luggage consisted of two dressing-cases, one of which was placed on the seat by her side, and the other underneath the seat, facing the engine.

In the interval, before the train started, Miss Rogers took a seat temporarily in the carriage. A young man also entered and seated himself on the opposite side of the compartment. When Miss Rogers alighted from the train to the platform before the start, this young man offered to open the door. The train ran without a stop to Lewes, which was reached at 4.37; the next halt was Poigate, at 5 p.m. Three local rallwaymen, entered the carriage at Polegate Station.

It was then uncompled, except by Miss Shore, who was in the comer in a sitting posture, and the railwaymen did not notice anything suspicious in her appearance. She was quite still, and her eyes were said to be blinking. A small leather bag was by Miss Shore's side, and on her lap a book lay open as though she had fallen saleep reading.

He was not until the train reached Berhill that a stranger entering the compertune noticed that something was wrong. There were no signs of a struggle at first glance, and the position of the woman suggested that she had been deliberately placed after the attack with the object of avoiding suppicion. It is stated that Miss Shore were a veil, and this conocaled the wound and the blood. Her glasses lay broken on the floor of the train and the reading are the the through the star that the wound was inflicted with a blunt instrument.

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Present information points to the theory that the injuries were inflicted somewhere between London and Lewes, and it is affirmed that during the journey Miss Shore and the young man were the only occupants of the compartment. The railway ticket, a neck-lace, and the money Miss Shore had in her possession are understood to be missing, but outrage, rather than robbery, is considered a probable motive for the murderous cruze.

Miss Rogers, who went to the bedside of her friend at Hastings, stated in an interview: "After we had been seated in the carriage for a little time a man got in. He was about twenty-eight or thirty, clean-shaven, and respectable looking. Just before the twain started I said I had better open the door and get out. The mas offered to open the door, but I did not accept his offer and the train started. Miss Shore was wearing a new fur coat and looked nicely dressed, and I expect that the assailant—whether it was the man in the same compartment I cannot say—thought that she was well off. Miss Shore with her. These were taken by the assailant, and also a gold necklace from which were hanging on small gold chains two amethyst pendants. I saw her wearing these when I left her at Victoria."

MAN DETAINED.

A man who is said to answer in some par-ticulars to the description of Miss Shore's assiliant was detained by the police at Dover-on Sunday.

Suspicion was aroused by an informality in the passport which he was carrying.

The man, it is understood, had travelled down from London with the intention of pro-ceeding to Ostend, but is said to have broken his journey on the way down at Canterbury.

TOSSED BY MAD COW. MAN KILLED WHEN GOING TO REPORT "WELL."

[SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION:]

The irony of fate has had a tragic demonstration at Burton-on-Trent.

A man named Morrick, aged sixty-seven, had just recovered from an operation, and was on its way to the doctor to obtain a certificate of fitness.

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He was passing a herd of cattle which was being driven through the streets, when an infuriated cow rushed out and tossed him in the air. The man was taken to the infirmary but died from his injuries.

LEIGESTER MAN'S FRENZY.

RAZOR ATTACK ON WIFE FOLLOWED BY SUICIDE

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Living apart from his wife, a collier made a fremised attack upon the woman with a razor and these inflicted fatal injuries on himself.

The shocking affair occurred at Leicester, and the man, James Peace, fifty-eight, expired while being conveyed to the infirmary in an ambulance. The woman, whose injuries are very serious, is in a precarious condition. It appears that the parties had been separated for some time, Mrs. Peace living with her daughter, at Fint-street, while the man worked at one of the Leicestershire coel pile. The woman is about a year younger than her husband. About two o'clock in the afternoon Peace went to the house where his wife and daughter lived, and, it is alleged, attacked the former with a razor, inflicting a deep wound in her throat. She struggled with him, and was cut about the hands, but eventually succeeded in breaking away from him, and iran into the street, taking shelter in a neighbour's house.

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When the police went to the woman's house they found the door locked, but forced an entrance, and in a room upstairs found Peace on a bed with his throat hadly cut. He was placed in an ambulance, but on arrival at the infirmary was found to be dead. It is sitted like. Peace had left deceased on several occasions owing to his all-treatment of her.

STABBED AFTER WEDDING. BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM IN THE SAME HOSPITAL. [SUBJECT OF LILUSTRATION.]

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A woman, described as Florence Hooker, a native of Bath, is lying in a Chepatow hospital with a serious wound in her throat received within about twenty-four hours of going to the altax. In the same institution lies the man she married, suffering from a similar injury.

The couple went through the marriage occurrency in Bath on January 15, and went to Chepatow the following day. They were apparently quite happy when they hired a taxicab in the evening for a moonlight drive to St. Arvans, a secluded spot about two miles eway. The taxicab driver was dismissed outside the village church gates, with the intimation that he would not be further required. Within a short period some men in the village reading-room heard the sound of screams, and running to the spot found the woman lying on the ground. She had a wound in her throat, from which blood was flowing profusely. It had grown quite dask at the time, and nothing could be seen of the man.

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The woman was removed to the police station and thence to hospital, and search was made for the man. He was found about midnight, similarly wounded, in a field and removed to the same hospital. It is considered doubtful whether he will recover, but he is being watched by the police. A child is believed to have witnessed the attack and to have clung to the woman in the hope of, protecting her.

The couple are said to have become acquainted about six years ago. The mean corresponded with the woman regularly while he was in India. Since he was demobilized, just before last Christmas, he has lived in Chepstow, but paid frequent visits to Bath.

BRUTAL CRIME. CHELSEA LANDLADY MURDERED IN A BREE CELLAR.

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The manageress of a Chelses public-house, in which she lived alone, was found in the cellar early on Sunday morning in circumstances which suggested that she had been murdered.

While on mis beat at 12.40 a.m. a policeman saw a thin wisp of smoke coming from a grating in front of the Cross Keys public-house in Lawrence-street, Cheyne-walk, within a ctone's throw of Chelses Old Church. The Cross Keys is a large, gloomy building of the Barly Georgiam period. The policeman fisshed his lamp down the grating and saw that the cellar was full of smoke. He raised the alarm of fire.

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A few minutes later the Cholese fire brigade arrived and firemen entered the building. Smoke was coming from steps at the back of the saloon bar which led down to a calar. The fremen who entered at first noticed what they thought was a bundle of burning rags in the middle of the cellar floor. On dozer examination the bundle turned out to be the dead body of a woman fully clothed. Her clothes were smouldering, and sprinkled over and around her on the floor were small heaps of sawdust. Her legs were covered with sacking, which was also smouldering.

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Doctors were sent for. The body was still warm when they arrived, and artificial respiration was tried, but without success.

It was then discovered that death was caused not by burns but from wounds. There were wounds about the body and the head, and the medical opinion was that they were of such a serious nature that they could not have been masteted by the woman herself, nor could they have been caused by falling down the cellar steps. The woman was identified as Mrs. Francis Buxtom. She was of middle age, and was the manageress of the Cross Keys.

At 10 o'clock the previous night she had closed the bars and said good-night to her customers. Mrs. Barford, who lives in some tenement buildings opposite, informed a reporter that she was one of the last to leave.

The hosters seemed in the best of spirits. As far as Mrs. Barford knows, only her usual customers were in the bar at closing time. Two men were playing dominoes, and they left at about the same time as Mrs. Barford.

WOMAN'S TWO PETS.

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Mrs. Buxton, it was said, was never at any time communicative. As a landlady she was very popular with her customers. It was her practice after the bars were closed and her assistants had left to lock up and have supper in a little room off the bar. She had few friends, but two great pets—a black cat and a small. Pomeranian dog. The remains of her supper were found in this room on Sunday morning.

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At Christmas time, according to neighbours, Mrs. Buxton was robbed of some joweller. Her customers often told her that it was dangerous for her to live alone in the building. She always said that she had no feer, but after the Christmas robbery she apparently bought a revolver.

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What happened between 10 o'clock on Saturday night and 12.40 Sunday morning? Mresuxton did not go to bed, but she had had het supper. The construction of the building would render it say for anyone to conceal himself inside before the closing of the house. It is not clear if anything of value was taken away, but money was left in the till. Mrs. Buxton is stated by customers to have been in possession of a certain amount of jewellery, but the police were not able, on Sanday night, to say if this had been touched.

AN EASY HIDING-PLACE.

The cellar in which the body was found is reached by a spiral staircase of about fifteen steps from the saleon bar. There are four bars—the two public bars faing the front of the public-house and the private and saleon bars, the entrances to which are in a side alley.

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Owing to the position of the stairway at the entrance to the saleon bar it would be quite feasible for anyone to gain entrances to the upstairs rooms without being observed, but as far as is known, no one remained in the bars (For continuation of "Our Illustrations"

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