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VICE-LAND MURDER

HORRIBLE KILLING IN HAYMARKET

Police tonight are investigating the murder of Mr Hubert Walpole, a bank

clerk, which took place this evening in the Haymarket, an area which is

notorious for its number of prostitutes.

Mr. Walpole and a friend had gone to the Haymarket to look for girls. They

were talking to two women in the street when Mr. Walpole was killed.

What happened was an elderly gentleman came up behind Mr. Walpole and his lady friend. The old man had a pin in his hand. The prostitute with Mr Walpole smiled when she saw him and said something like, 'Oh, it's Big Ben!' Mr. Walpole turned to see what was happening and by accident -the pin went into his hand. 'Oh my God!' cried out the old gentleman. He pulled the pin out of Mr. Walpole's hand and stuck it into the woman's right hand. Mr. Walpole fell to the ground and the elderly gentleman disappeared into the crowd. The whole thing was over in two or three seconds.

Mr. Walpole lay on the ground, his legs moving convulsively.

His friend tried to help him, but in seconds he was dead.

Meanwhile the woman who had been with Mr. Walpole ran away.

The police later found the pin on the ground. A laboratory analysis has shown that it was poisoned with curare, a poison used by Indians in the Amazon for hunting. Small quantities of curare can cause paralysis or even death. Doctors last night confirmed that Mr. Walpole had died of curare poisoning.

Meanwhile the search is continuing for the woman who was with Mr. Walpole. Other prostitutes in the area say that they have seen her many times picking up men in the Haymarket, but none of them know her name. She is aged about 35, is about five foot seven inches tall, and is blonde. At the time of the murder the woman was wearing a most peculiar silver ornament : a cross with each of the arms of the same length, but each arm bent to the left at an angle of 90 degrees.