

ALL DOUBT DISPELLED.

A CHAIN OF EVIDENCE TIGHTLY CLINCHED IN THE GAINS MURDER.

A New Witness Appears, the Victim's Blood-Stained Clothing Identified and a Hand-Saw Used in the Butchery Found.

CONVICTION OF WILSON AND HIS ACCOM- PLICE ASSURED.

The Detectives Finish Their Work and Prepare Their Case for the Verdict of the Coro- ner's Jury.

The chain of evidence which Chief of Detectives Kelly and his admirable staff have woven around George H. Wilson and Hannah Mary Tabbs, who are charged with the murder of Wakefield Gains, was completed yesterday, and but little will be done by the authorities until next Monday. Although the search for the missing head and limbs has as yet proved unavailing, it is claimed that their recovery is not absolutely necessary to fill out the case against the prisoners, as the developments of yesterday were of such a character as to fully establish the identity of the dismembered trunk found in Totham's Creek, near Eddington, just one week ago by Elias Hibbs.

After several ineffectual efforts by the detectives to ascertain how the clothes which had been worn by Gains on the day of the murder were disposed of, it was learned yesterday that Hattie Armstrong, a young colored girl, living at No. 1635 Richard street, had pledged them at a pawn shop. Detectives Miller and Tate were detailed to bring the girl to the Central Station, where she was interviewed by Chief Kelly. She stated that at 2 o'clock on the day of the butchery Mrs. Tabbs called her into the house and asked her to take a large bundle, which was tied up and lying in a corner, to Reuben Cohen's pawn shop, at Seventeenth and Bainbridge streets.

Mrs. Tabbs told her that she was greatly in need of money and desired to realize \$2 on the contents of the parcel. Without questioning her, the girl went to the broker's establishment and received an advance of \$1.50. She returned to Mrs. Tabbs, gave her the money and was rewarded with twenty-five cents. Before leaving, the witness glanced casually around the kitchen and remarked the unusual appearance of the room. The carpet had been taken from the floor, a wash board and several tubs were standing near and had evidently been recently used for washing purposes. The order which usually prevailed in the apartment had departed and nearly everything in it was disarranged.

The bundle was next sent for and when examined was found to contain an overcoat, two sack coats, one pair of brown and one pair of blue pantaloons and a blue vest. Blood stains were found in several places on the latter two garments, and unmistakable marks of the life-giving fluid were noticed on the paper in which they had been taken to the pawnbroker's. In addition to this the paper, when compared, was found to be similar to that found in Totham's creek and in which the dismembered trunk was wrapped.

They Completed the Chain.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wells, with whom Gains boarded at No. 257 Schell street, were summoned to the Central Station to ascertain, if possible, to whom the clothing belonged. Each piece was examined separately, and finally the two women exclaimed that the goods belonged to the murdered man. They further stated that when he left the house on the eventful Wednesday morning he wore the overcoat, one of the sack coats, and the blue waistcoat and trousers. The old green chair, with which the fatal blow was struck, was also removed from Mrs. Tabbs' house and taken to the Central Station, where it will remain until the case is brought for trial, when it will be used as evidence against the murderer and his accessory.

Other Material Testimony

was developed yesterday which will connect Wilson with the crime. In the morning Detectives Miller and Tate searched the house of Mrs. Martha Wallace, Wilson's aunt, and with whom he resided. During his three months' stay at the place the prisoner occupied the third floor of the dwelling, and it was in that part of the house that the officers devoted their energies. In the bottom of an old trunk, which was secreted under a bedstead, was found some of the clothing belonging to Wilson. Among the articles was a pair of well-worn pantaloons, covered with blood from the knees down. While searching around under the bed, the detectives discovered an old hand-saw, the blade of which was twelve inches in length and the handle covered with blood. In several of the teeth were found small particles of what is thought to be human flesh.

In the same room the officials also secured a small quantity of twine similar to that described by Wilson which he used in tying the bundles containing the head, legs and arms which he threw into the Schuylkill river from the Callowhill street bridge. Messrs. Matthews & Lee, who employed Wilson, stated that the latter secured two balls of the cord on the day previous to or on the day when the murder was committed. No trace of the cleaver which was described by Mrs. Tabbs in her confession could be found, although Mrs. Wallace stated that one which she had around the house had disappeared.