

# FAITHFUL EVEN UNTO DEATH.

## THE SWEETHEARTS DIED TOGETHER.

**The Sad Ending of Two Lovers' Lives—  
Miss Duff Died from Taking Chloroform  
for a Headache and Her Sweetheart,  
Young Titus, Shoots Himself to End His  
Overwhelming Grief**

BEACLIFF, Long Island, Oct. 18.—The dead bodies of Miss Mary Duff and her betrothed, Elett Titus, of Brooklyn, were found late last night in a bath house on the beach belonging to Peter Duff, the young lady's father. Titus had called to see Miss Duff Tuesday evening but was missed from the house early under circumstances that caused the family to search for him. The next morning it was discovered that Miss Duff had not occupied her room the previous night. The search for the couple was fruitless until last night when the bath houses were examined. The latter are merely frame cabins large enough for one person to use as a dressing room and had been locked and abandoned for the season. The keys of the bath houses could not be found so they were broken open. In one of them the couple was found. Miss Duff was lying on her back on the floor, her hands carefully folded on her breast, her dress neatly and tidily arranged, her face bloodstained and a bullet wound in her temple. Titus' body was found in a corner with a bullet in his brain. The walls and floor of the bath room were covered with blood.

No explanation of the tragedy can be given. The door of the bath house in which the bodies were found was locked and the key removed from the lock. The neat and tidy way in which everything about his victim was arranged shows that after shooting the girl, the murderer, before taking his own life, must have paused long enough to compose his victim for her last long sleep.

So far as is known there was not even the slightest shadow between the dead couple and had they lived they would have been married next spring. Miss Duff was about 23 years old. Mr. Titus was a Southerner whose mother lives in Florida. He has resided in Clinton street, Brooklyn, with an uncle. He spent a great deal of time in the family of Mr. Duff and has been betrothed to Miss Mary several years.

### The True Explanation of the Tragedy.

BEACLIFF, L. I., Oct. 18.—Edward P. Floyd-Jones, Miss Duff's brother-in-law, reports that the result of the autopsy was such as to show that she died from the effects of chloroform administered by Titus, but it was thought without murderous intention. It is now remembered that Titus had a small bottle of chloroform with him the day previous and offered Miss Duff a small quantity to allay a severe headache. It is believed that he again prescribed the same yesterday in a larger quantity, while they were out for a walk, and the drug causing her death, Titus shot himself. The blood on Miss Duff's face and clothing proved to have come from Titus' wounds. No bullet wound was found in Miss Duff's temple, as given out in the first report.

Titus was the son of the late Col. Henry Titus, founder of Titusville, Fla. His mother, who is one of the Hockins, family, well known in Southern social circles, is still living at Titusville. At her death young Elett Titus would have been heir to a fortune.