

# DEAD SECRET

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Between Lovers in Their Last  
Long Sleep.

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Murder and Suicide in a  
Bathhouse,

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For Which No Cause Can Be  
Assigned.

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Key Removed.

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Seacliff, L. I., Oct. 18.—The dead bodies of Miss Mary Duff and her betrothed husband, Ellett L. Titus, of Brooklyn, were found late last night in a bathhouse belonging to Peter Duff, the young lady's father.

Titus and Miss Duff had left the Duff residence between 8 and 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, saying they were going for a short walk. Since that time nothing could be learned of their whereabouts.

Lying on her back on the floor, her hands carefully folded on her breast, her dress neatly and tidily arranged, lay the body of Miss Duff, her face bloodstained and ghastly, and a bullet wound in her temple. Titus was found in a corner with a bullet in his body.

The walls and floor of the bathroom were covered with blood. After viewing the bodies the Coroner adjourned the inquest until Tuesday evening.

When, where, or how the dreadful idea which culminated in the tragedy crept into the dead man's brain will never be known.

The door of the bathhouse 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 wretched 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 28. Mr. Titus was a Southerner, and his mother lives in Florida. He has resided in Brooklyn with an aunt. He has spent a great deal of time in the family of Mr. Duff, and has been betrothed to Miss Mary several years.

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