

DREADFUL TRAGEDY.

Maid and Lover Dead in a Bath House—The Man Slew the Girl and Then Killed Himself.

Sea Cliff, L. I., Oct. 18.—The dead bodies of Miss Mary Duff and of her betrothed husband, Ellett L. Titus, of Brooklyn, were found late last night in a bath house belonging to Peter Duff, the young lady's father. Late on Tuesday evening the members of Mr. Duff's family were in the village looking for Mr. Titus, who, they said, had called at his house in the evening and went out early, saying he would he return in a few minutes, but up to a late hour he had not returned. He did not put in an appearance on Wednesday, and inquiries were made for him in the neighborhood, but nothing could be learned of the missing man. Last evening the Duff family, becoming seriously alarmed by the long absence of Titus, disclosed a fact that had been hitherto kept secret, namely, that when Mr. Titus left the house Tuesday evening his betrothed, Miss Duff, was with him, and that both Titus and Miss Duff were missing.

The local police began a thorough search for the couple. Titus and Miss Duff had left the Duff residence between 8 and 9 o'clock, saying they were going for a short walk.

Late yesterday afternoon the police and E. F. Floyd-Jones, Miss Duff's brother-in-law, decided to go through all the bath houses on the beach. They went to Mr. Duff's house to procure the keys, but could not find them. Then they went down to the beach and broke open the bath house doors, one after another. In the third bath house entered a horrible sight was disclosed. 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' body was found in a corner with a bullet in his brain. The walls and floor of the bath room were covered with blood.

Coroner Duryea was immediately sent for. He empaneled a jury and viewed the bodies. The dead couple were then carried to the Duff residence. After viewing the bodies Coroner Duryea adjourned the inquest until next 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.