

H. H. Howard, alias Holmes, has been clearly established here as that of a native of this State, Herman W. Mudgett. His wife, in an interview, during which she was first made acquainted with the true character of her husband, gives much interesting information regarding his early life. She is living here quietly with her fifteen-year-old son, and is supporting herself by dress-making. She says she married Mudgett in Loudon, this State, more than sixteen years ago, and that for a time he taught school in Gilmanton and Alton. Afterward he studied medicine at Burlington, Vermont, and later in the Michigan University, during which time she resided with her father in Loudon.

She finally joined him at Ann Arbor, but returned to Loudon. She lost all trace of the man after he visited her in 1888, and told her he was going to Chicago on business, until he came to her home about two weeks ago. He only remained a few hours, when he left for Boston, promising to come soon again.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—H. H. Holmes, the life-insurance swindler now under arrest in Philadelphia, is charged with being the cause of the mysterious disappearance of a third woman during his operations in Chicago. That person is Miss Kate Durkee, and she is said to have had considerable property. A year ago creditors of Holmes made a desperate effort to find out who and where Miss Durkee was. It was supposed at that time that she was an accomplice of Holmes's, and that property illegally obtained was being transferred in her name. Suddenly Kate Durkee dropped from sight, and, like the Williams sisters, has left no trace behind.

George B. Chamberlin, proprietor of a mercantile agency, who represents a number of Holmes's creditors, believes Miss Durkee was murdered.

"Kate Durkee" was the name signed to a mortgage on some real estate of considerable value. The mortgage was turned over to Chamberlin for the benefit of creditors. Shortly after the mortgage was given to Holmes, at his request, to have a clerical error corrected, but the document was never returned. At this time the Misses Williams disappeared, and a search for the giver of the mortgage failed to disclose any such person, although Holmes had given several references. Investigation showed that these people had met a dark woman, "who had been introduced as Miss Kate Durkee," but they did not know her personally.

#### HUNTING UP HOLMES'S RECORD

##### Victims of His Operations All Over the Country Making Themselves Known.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 21.—Benton T. Lyman came here from Chicago last February and placed on record a deed from a person named Bond to Lyman for 100 feet front on Rush and Second Streets. Bond got title by deed from Minnie R. Williams, executed before a notary whose name was said to be Holmes. On this property Lyman began the erection of a three-story stone building.

At that time O. C. Pratt, who is now known to be H. H. Howard, alias Holmes, in custody in Philadelphia for conspiracy to defraud a life-insurance company, appeared on the scene and was introduced by Lyman as superintendent of the work. Pratt left town a few days later, with many creditors searching for him. Lyman had sold one lot to a Fort Worth man, who, fearing his title had been clouded by Pratt's acts in connection with liens on the property, began to investigate. He found that Minnie R. Williams had been working for a typewriting concern in Chicago, known as Allen & Co. She wrote late in 1893 to her sister, Miss Annie Williams of Midlothian, Texas, to come to Chicago, saying that she was going to be married and go to Europe. The sister, who was a teacher in the Midlothian Academy, at once packed up and left for Chicago, leaving orders to forward her trunk in a week. No word ever came from either sister. Chicago was the last place in which Minnie Williams was seen. When Pratt ran away, creditors attached the property, but the court appointed a receiver, who has been searching for Lyman, but without success.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 21.—The confession of H. H. Holmes, made at Philadelphia yesterday, contains one statement that he was a student here, and that the corpse that he used in his last case was procured from this city. Inquiry at the two medical colleges in the city shows that no one of that name has ever been connected with them. No one in them at present admits any knowledge of him.

KANKAKEE, Ill., Nov. 21.—H. H. Holmes, the insurance swindler, in his partial confession to the detectives who were taking him from Boston to Philadelphia, said that he was supporting his father and mother in this city. Most diligent inquiry here has failed to disclose any one who will acknowledge Holmes as a kinsman. But B. F. Pitezel, Holmes's accomplice and supposed victim, has a brother, John Pitezel, who lives near Kankakee.

FRANKLIN, Ind., Nov. 21.—Howard, alias Holmes, is well known here. He married Miss Georgie Yoke a year ago. Her mother lives here, but would say nothing about her affairs. She had not heard anything of the insurance case until yesterday. Her daughter, Mrs. Howard, is now, she says, in Montreal, Canada. In a letter received from her Monday she said nothing of the present difficulties. They were married in Denver, Col. Howard and his wife visited here in October and then announced that they would shortly sail for Germany to spend the winter. Mrs. Yoke, the mother of the wife, would say nothing of the crime.

TILTON, N. H., Nov. 21.—The identity of