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THE REMAINS

Very great curiosity prevails as to the disposition to be made of the remains of Booth, but it seems the authorities are not inclined to give his wretched carcass the honor of meeting the public gaze, and it will probably be deposited in whatever place promises the most utter obscurity for them.

Yesterday a photographic view of the body was taken before it was removed from the Monitor.

It was then placed in an ordinary gray army blanket, in which it was sewed up. A plain casket shaped box, measuring six feet by two, had been previously made in the joiners' shop for the remains, but this was not used.

THE IDENTIFICATION AND AUTOPSY OF BOOTH

The legal identification of the body of Booth, the assassin, took place, and an autopsy of the body was had. The shaving off the mustache, the out-cropping of the beard, the untidy and disordered appearance of the body had so changed the assassin's looks that his stage and street acquaintances would hardly have recognized the corpse as that of J. Wilkes Booth. There were a plenty of evidences to establish his identity, however, amongst which was the testimony of a surgeon who once removed a tumor from Booth's neck. The wound, when partially well, broke out again, and, on finally healing, left a peculiar ridgy scar, which was easily recognized by the surgeon.

An autopsy was held by Surgeon General Barnes, who reports that death was caused by a ball from a pistol. It appeared that the spinal column was about half cut in two by the bullet about the third or fourth joint from the top of the vertebrae.

Booth's identity and the cause of his death having been established, we suppose that nothing was left for the Government but to put his carcass out of sight, and we presume the place of his interment will not be made known.

Booth had in his possession, a diary, in which he had noted events of each day since the assassination of Mr. Lincoln. The diary is in possession of the War Department. He had also a Spencer carbine, a seven-shooter, a revolver, a pocket pistol

and a knife. The latter is supposed to be the one with which he stabbed Major Rathbone. His clothing was of dark blue, not Confederate gray, as has been stated. His leg was bandaged where it was broken, Harrold says by his spur catching in the flag festooning in the President's box, and tripping in his leap upon the stage. He suffered excruciating pain from this wound, the splintered end of the bone piercing the flesh.