

AN ACTOR ARRESTED FOR LOOKING LIKE BOOTH

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A very singular arrest was made on Wednesday evening; one that at first caused no little excitement, but upon examination was the cause of considerable mirth and laughter. About 9 o'clock, a soldier, in breathless haste and nervous anxiety, rushed into the Central police station and told Secretary Scott that he had just seen the infamous murderer J. Wilkes Booth, on Clark street, in company with Mr. Pratt, of McVicker's Theatre. Mr. Scott at first laughed at the idea, but the soldier was positive. He said that he had once, while Booth was playing an engagement at McVickers, been an attache at the theatre, and that he knew Booth very well and was positive that he had just seen him. Mr. Scott at once asked the soldier why he had not killed him on the spot, when the soldier answered that he would have done so but he was unarmed. Still doubting, Mr. Scott went in search of the parties and soon found Mr. Pratt and the supposed villain, Booth, in a restaurant on Clark street. The companion of Mr. Pratt looked very much like the picture of the infamous assassin, which Mr. Scott had in his possession, and he exactly answered the description which the soldier had given of him. Mr. Scott requested Mr. Pratt to come over with him to the central station, as he wished to see him, and also asked him to invite his friend to accompany them. When the three arrived at the station the stranger was informed that he was under arrest as the assassin of Mr. Lincoln. Had a thunderbolt from heaven struck him the accused could not have been more surprised. He had no difficulty, however, in convincing the officials that they were mistaken, and that he, the supposed Booth, was none other than Mr. J.F. Nagle, the accomplished leading actor at McVicker's theatre. Notwithstanding the innocence of the accused, so determined were the officials to punish all men who resembled Booth, they declared that they would and actually did bring him to his beer, when a general good time was enjoyed by all parties.