said hotel by taking fifteen grains of strychnine or arsenic, and died from the effects of said poison at 6:30 o'clock a.m., on the 14th day of January, 1903, and that we have this day been shown by F. L. Bates, of Memphis, Tennessee, a small tintype picture, together with a photograph, and we say that said tintype picture and photograph are the same and perfect pictures or likenesses in each and every feature of the said D. E. George, the only difference being that George, or whomsoever he was, was older at the time of his death than when the pictures were taken, "B. B. BROWN. (Signed)

"S. S. Dumont. "Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 22d day of January, 1903.

(Signed) "GUY S. MANOTT,

"My commission expires October 22d, 1906."

Compare this with a photostatic reproduction shown below and in the next column of the affidavit that was in Mr. Bates' possession.

This comparison of the original with that given in Mr. Bates' book, as reproduced above, shows that there has been added to the published affidavit these clauses: "in said hotel by taking fifteen grains of strychnine or arsenic, and died from the effects of said poison at 6:30 o'clock a.m. on the 14th day of." The original written affidavit merely says "taking poison." Now look again at the photograph of the affidavit, as taken by Bates, in the space at the left of the signatures of B. B. Brown and S. S. Dumont and compare with that in Mr. Bates' book. In the written affidavit it states, "George declaring on his deathbed that he was John Wilkes Booth," but the Bates' book does not repeat this line. The original statement as given by Brown and Dumont ended with the word "taken." Brown and Dumont then signed, and the notary finished his part of the statement and stamped it. Notice the ink spread in the words "on" and "John" when written over the sealwhich shows that the addition was made sometime after the original statement was written. The remainder of the sentence after "George declaring—" had to be written



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Above—The original affidavit given Bates by Brown and Dumont with the sentence added. "George declaring on his deathbed that he was John Wilkes Booth." At the left is a full-size reproduction of "on" and "John" showing how the ink spread when these words were written over the seal sometime after the original was signed and notarized.

in another hand the level of those already considered. Mr. Bates says, "Being a constant attendant at the theaters at El Reno, Enid, Oklahoma City, and Guthrie in the early part of