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PLOT THICKENS

**BODY OF JOHN WILKES BOOTH
WAS NOT INTERRED.**

**Man Buried at Baltimore Had Brown
Hair, and the Government Knew
That It Was a Substitute.**

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WASHINGTON, June 3.—Basil Moxley, veteran doorkeeper at Ford's Opera House, after a silence of years, informs the world that the body buried in Greenmount cemetery, Baltimore, was not that of the assassin, but that of another man forwarded to Baltimore by the government at the solicitation of the Booth family and their friends. Mr. Moxley is the sole survivor of the men who acted as pall-bearers at what he now terms a mock funeral, and he has deemed the time ripe to tell the facts in this strange disclosure.

"I knew Booth well," said Mr. Moxley, "and conversed with him only a short time before the affair in Washington. I am the only one of the pall-bearers left. The man who was brought to Baltimore did not resemble Booth. He had brown hair, while Booth's was jet black. There was also a difference in their general appearance."

JOSEPH JEFFERSON

**Confirms the Story About Mr. Bates
and the Picture.**

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BUZZARD'S BAY, June 3.—Joseph Jefferson confirms the report that F. L. Bates came to see him in Memphis, Tenn., about six weeks ago, and that Bates showed him a tintype which he (Bates) said was John Wilkes Booth. Mr. Jefferson, when first shown the picture, said he could not remember of ever having met the man. When Bates told him it was a picture of Booth, Mr. Jefferson admitted that the picture bore a resemblance to the Booth family, and, further, that it might be a picture of Booth if the latter had lived.

The picture was of a man about 55 years of age. It was badly disfigured and was evidently not taken recently.

Bates Scrap Book