

Worrell's manner of travel. No misplaced cunning of an old and skillful detector could long keep him from the track of the prisoner.

The circuit attorney was embarrassed by the first step after the homicide. He tells you that at first he thought the body was hid in "a strange place," but on mature reflection he concludes that it was the best hiding spot; and the reason he gives is that no sane man would ever think of looking for it at such a place! For this happy suggestion he is perhaps in some small measure indebted to the witnesses who swear that they never dreamed of searching for the body in the place they found it. You know, jurors, that the body in point of fact was not hid from the eyes of any man traveling eastward on that road. The evidence of Mr. Hutchinson puts this matter beyond controversy. The body was left in full view and the snow that fell afterwards made its covering. But if this, the middle of a public road, was so excellent a spot in which to hide a dead body, pray tell me why the saddle was carried a half a mile in the thicket and secreted?

*Mr. Gale.* In a tree-top.

*Mr. Wright.* There is no such evidence as that, and it is wrong in you to attempt to break the force of an argument by manufacturing testimony. The State has proved no such fact and the illegal effort to supply it by suggestion of counsel, concedes the force of the argument. He feels pressed by it, and the pressure is great enough to prompt him to an impropriety. But why was the saddle of Worrell carried away and concealed in a thicket? A saddle unknown, without mark, without anything to distinguish it from another saddle, and the saddle of Gordon, the bridle of Gordon, each peculiarly and strikingly marked, each capable of easy and certain identification, carefully kept and conspicuously exposed? Can that be explained by another impropriety? Why hide an unknown saddle in a thicket, and then mount the horse of a dead man, and ride him, seen of all men, on a public thoroughfare, down the identical road up which Gordon just previously traveled? And such a horse! Remarkable in every way, courting observation by the style of his