

HARRIS TO BE EXAMINED

**MRS. POTTS BELIEVES THAT HE
KILLED HER DAUGHTER.**

**SHE WILL TELL HER STORY TO-DAY TO
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NICOLL, WHO
HAS DECIDED ON MAKING AN OF-
FICIAL INVESTIGATION.**

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., March 22.—District Attorney Nicoll of New-York City has decided to investigate the case of the death of Mary Helen Potts-Harris, the beautiful young girl who died at the fashionable boarding school in that city from alleged morphine poisoning. Mrs. Potts, the mother of the dead girl, has been summoned to attend the investigation, which will begin to-morrow.

Mrs. Potts was seen this afternoon relative to Harris's denial published to-day. She refused positively to speak about that portion of the case in which he refers to the criminal operations performed upon her daughter by her brother-in-law, Dr. Treverton of Scranton. She said that that was a side issue and had no bearing on the case. What she wanted to know was whether her daughter had been murdered by her husband.

"At the time of the inquest," she said, "I was summoned to New-York to give my side of the case. I went to Dr. Peabody, one of the Coroner's jurors, and asked him to use his influence to bring in a verdict that Mamie's death was caused by heart disease, accelerated by the morphine pills prescribed by her husband. Instead of doing this the jury rendered a verdict that my daughter's death was due entirely to morphine poisoning.

"Dr. Peabody suspected that it was a case of murder, and made his suspicions known to President McLean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, where Harris was a student. President McLean wrote to me and asked me to make an affidavit of what I knew about the case. I did so, and I suppose the President gave the information to the District Attorney. Had I been consulted I would not have allowed the sad affair to be placed in the prosecutor's hands.

"Harris denies my statement that he received a letter from a young society woman offering him her heart and hand, but I was present when he read such a letter to my daughter. Mamie was never jealous of her husband, but reposed the greatest confidence in him.

"I believe that Harris substituted the pill that caused my daughter's death, and I am certain that he prearranged the whole thing. Harris once told me after I had heard of the secret marriage that he wished the marriage had never taken place, as he desired to be free again.

"Mrs. Harris, Carl's mother, told me not long ago that shortly after she was married her husband told her that he was tired of her, and I believe Mamie's husband had the same weakness that his father had. Carl's father, so Mr. Potts says, is now in an inebriate asylum."

Mrs. Potts is anxious, now that the whole thing has come to light, that Harris shall be prosecuted. She says that she has any amount of evidence concerning his bad character, and she says further that the young medical student's mother has told her repeatedly that Carl's word could never be relied upon.

WHAT DR. McLANE SAYS.

**HE TELLS HOW HE CAME TO MAKE MRS.
POTTS'S AFFIDAVITS PUBLIC.**

President James W. McLane, M. D., of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, said to a Times reporter yesterday that at a meeting of the Faculty of the college Friday evening, young Mr. Harris, the student who prescribed the morphine and quinine capsules for Miss Potts, was suspended. This was done, Dr. McLane said, because of certain affidavits that he had received from the girl's mother and from her uncle, Dr. Treverton of Scranton, Penn. The substance of these affidavits, he said, was published in yesterday's Times. The charges they contained were of so serious a nature that the Faculty thought it prejudicial to the morality of the college to permit Mr. Harris to continue his studies.

"My attention was first called to the case," said President McLane, "by a letter from Mrs. Potts to me some time after her daughter's death. It made very serious charges against Harris, so serious, in fact, that I hardly believed them. The letter was written in a somewhat incoherent manner, leading me to think that perhaps the woman's mind was affected. Then I wrote her to make a straightforward affidavit and forward it to me, which she did, and upon applying to Dr. Treverton of Scranton I obtained another that corroborated the story of Harris's criminal operation upon the young woman.

"When these affidavits were secured they were laid before the Faculty. We did not feel authorized to hold a court of inquiry, preferring to leave that to the courts; and in order to get it properly before the legal authorities I sent the facts that I had obtained to the District Attorney a few days ago. I have satisfied myself that Dr. Treverton, the girl's uncle, is a reputable physician of twenty years' practice in Scranton, whose word cannot be questioned."

President McLane was asked if he gave the affidavits to a newspaper for publication. He did not answer this question categorically, and the answer which he did make created the impression in the mind of the questioner that he preferred not to answer it. He was informed by the reporter that Mrs. Potts had censured him seriously for making the matter of her affidavit public property by giving it to a newspaper. He replied that he had written to Mrs. Potts asking her if she would remove the restrictions she had imposed as to the privacy of her letters, and that she had replied in the affirmative. He said that subsequently Mr. Potts, the father of the dead girl, called upon him at his home and told him that he might do as he pleased with the letters he had received from Mrs. Potts.

Mr. Harris was found yesterday in his room at his grandfather's house. He had not yet received any communication from the District Attorney, but he expected to hear from him on Monday. The news that Mrs. Potts had given President McLane permission to use the affidavits containing the story of her daughter's misfortunes confirmed Mr. Harris's suspicions, he said, that the poor woman's mind was affected. He was at a loss to account for Dr. Treverton's persistent persecution of him. He thought that the physician had formed the opinion that he was a man of means and that he was laboring under that error when he sent him a bill for \$500 for services rendered Mrs. Harris. Instead of having money enough to pay the bill, even if he had been inclined, he had not, he said, a cent in the world, but was entirely dependent upon the kindness of his grandfather, Dr. McCready, who paid his tuition at the college and gave him a home.

Mr. Harris said that he had received the news of his suspension from the college Friday night, and upon learning that President McLane wanted an official investigation had given himself up to the District Attorney.

Dr. Treverton and Mrs. Potts, the authors of the serious charges against Mr. Harris, were sent for yesterday by the District Attorney, and will arrive in the city to-day. If they repeat the charges contained in their affidavits, Mr. Harris will probably be placed under arrest. His aunt, Miss McCready, is prepared to furnish his bail.

A BRACE OF MILK PIRATES.

The worst pirates in the milk line that have yet been discovered were arraigned before Justice Divver, in the Harlem Police Court, yesterday. They were Edward Carroll and Sarsfield Ryan, who have been managing a prosperous up-town milk route for some six months.

They never bothered about buying the milk which they dished out to their customers, but adopted the sweetly simple plan of driving around town in the gray of the morning and transferring the contents of the cans that had been deposited at the doors of sleeping grocers to the cans in their own wagon. Then they would start on their route and whoop gleefully as they measured off pints and quarts of their booty to prompt-paying housekeepers.

Policeman Fitzsimmons of the East Eighty-eighth Street station discovered them at their little game yesterday morning after they had stolen fourteen cans and removed them from temptation's way. They were held for examination on twelve charges of larceny preferred by as many victims.