

"AN EYE FOR AN EYE" BY G. S. DARROW

The Story of a Condemned Man's Last Night on Earth.

(Jim Jackson, who has been condemned to death for killing his wife, asks his old friend, Hank Cleary, to visit him in his cell, and they talk over the crime.

Jim, who was born in Chicago, went out on the rockyards strike, was blacklisted and found difficulty in getting a job. When he finally secured work he married and bought furniture on the installment plan.

"When I made up my mind to quit the railroad I looked round for something else to do. It was kind of hard times just then and a good many men were out of work and I couldn't find anything that suited me.

"I went down to Water street and bought a load of potatoes and went to work. I haven't time to tell you all about my peddlin'; anyhow it ain't much to do with the case, not much more'n any of the rest.

"Peddlin' is kind of hard work. You've got to get up before daylight and go down and get your potatoes and veg'ibles and things, then you have to drive all over and ask every one to buy, and most people won't take anything from you 'cause you're a peddler and they're afraid you'll cheat 'em.

everything else is, even water, but it's all right if you don't know or think anything about it. And of course, half of the year it's awful hot drivin' round the streets and the other half it's awful cold, and sometimes it rains and snows and you get all wet and cold, and it dries before the consumption, but then there's lots of poor people has consumption.

"Once in a while I used to take the kid along with me when I was sellin' things, and he always liked to go, but if it commenced to rain or turned cold I had to go back with him, and then he always got tired before night.

"I think mebbe I made about as much peddlin' as I did on the railroad, but not any more, after I paid for my horse feed and the rent of the barn and gettin' the wagon and harness fixed once in a while.

"This horse wa'n't much good but I managed to use him in my business. The boys would holler at me and ask me if I was goin' to the bone-yard or the renderin'-plant, and once or twice one of the humane-officers stopped me and came pretty near takin' it away and killin' it, but nobody ever saw me abusin' it, and I fed it all I could afford.

"Well, I can't tell you all about my peddlin', it ain't worth while, and I must go on and tell you about how it happened. It was on the 26th day of November, you remember the day.

"I hadn't been peddlin' very long until an inspector asked me for my license and I showed it to him, and he said that it wa'n't any good, that I couldn't use Goldstein's license; that it was just for him, and that I must stop peddlin' until I went down to the City Hall and paid twenty-five dollars for another one.

"I didn't know where to get the twenty-five dollars; anyhow I don't see why any one should have to pay a license for peddlin'; nobody but poor people peddles and it's hard enough to get along without payin' a license.

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