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**An Ohio Horror.**

The people of Montgomery and Preble Counties are enjoying a horror of the Lucretia Borgia type; and as we happen to personally know all the parties concerned, we are more than usually interested in the developments. A family residing near Germantown, named Henne, consisting of a father, a son and a daughter, were poisoned, almost fatally, by means of arsenic secretly deposited in the coffee-pot. From circumstances, leaving but little reason for doubt, suspicion rested upon an old woman named Earhart, about 70 years of age, who, with her son Michael, was arrested, and placed under bond. Michael was married to a daughter of Henne; and if the Henne family had died, all the property would have gone to Earhart.

Since this affair occurred, facts have come to light creating the belief that this old woman has been carrying on a system of poisoning extending over a period of twenty years. Strange symptoms attending many deaths in families where she was in attendance, or had access, are remembered to have borne such a remarkable similarity, that it is believed she poisoned them all. The Earhart family formerly resided near West Alexandria, in Preble County, and the husband was one of the most respectable men in that community. He died suddenly and mysteriously, some eighteen years ago, and it is now thought that he was poisoned. It is asserted that the first wife of Michael Earhart, mentioned above, was also poisoned, and that his child shared the same fate. Martin Foutz, married to a daughter of Mrs. Earhart, died a similar death several years ago, while the old woman was staying in the family. Since the commencement of the exposures, Foutz became fully convinced that this was the fact, which so operated upon his mind, that he went into the woods and blew out his brains with a rifle. The alleged victims of this female fiend were to have been disinterred, and the contents of the stomachs analyzed; but we have not yet heard the result.

Something near twenty-five years ago, a large barn on a farm adjoining the Earhart place, belonging to a brother of Mrs. Earhart, was burned, with all its contents. It was at first believed to have been set on fire, either purposely or accidentally, by some boys from town, who were on the farm for the purpose of stealing fruit or melons; then suspicion rested upon a hard case in the neighborhood, who held a grudge against the owner of the barn; but now, from circumstances which at the time did not attract much attention, it is believed that this same woman burned her brother's barn.

If all or half be true that is charged, this old fiend is a fit companion, in devilish malignity, for the Bender family.

## Sarah Earhart

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