

# A MONTPELIER LOVE TRAGEDY.

**Miss Brewster Shoots Miss Wheeler,  
Through Jealousy, and Then  
Herself—One Dies.**

MONTPELIER, Vt., May 29.—Miss Mildred Brewster, eighteen years old, the daughter of a wealthy farmer of Huntington, to-day shot Miss Annie Wheeler, of whom she is alleged to have been jealous, inflicting wounds, from which she died.

After shooting Miss Wheeler the Brewster girl turned the revolver on herself, and fired a bullet into her right ear, inflicting a serious and possibly fatal wound.

Both young women, who are well known and popular, were in love with John Wheeler of this place. Although this young man bears the same name as the victim of Miss Brewster's jealousy, there is no blood relation between them.

For a long time Wheeler has been paying attention to Miss Wheeler. A short time ago Miss Brewster, in spite of her social position, prompted by ambition, left her father's home and came to this city to earn a living and engaged board at the home of John Wheeler. After a while, it is asserted, signs of affection on her part toward Wheeler were noticed. Miss Wheeler learned of the infatuation of Miss Brewster, but paid no attention to it.

Matters came to a climax yesterday when Miss Brewster learned that Wheeler was to take his betrothed to Barre to attend the Decoration Day exercises to-day. Early this morning the Brewster girl went to Miss Wheeler's boarding place, and, on going to the latter's room, said emphatically that Miss Wheeler must give up her lover. She said she had a prior claim to his affections, and warned Miss Wheeler that if she did not give him up she would kill her.

Miss Brewster waited until Miss Wheeler left the house. They were seen walking together afterward. As they were passing along a by-path which leads to the boarding house whence Miss Wheeler was going, Miss Brewster suddenly drew a revolver and fired a shot almost point blank into the side of Miss Wheeler's head. As her victim fell, the Brewster girl pointed the revolver at the right side of her own head and discharged it. The sounds of the shots were heard by the Wheeler family, and John Wheeler and others, hurrying along the path, came upon the two girls, who were lying unconscious with blood pouring from their wounds. They were taken to the Heaton Hospital as soon as aid could be summoned, and at noon time both were still alive, though no hope was given for the recovery of either.

The Wheeler girl died at the hospital at about 4 o'clock this afternoon. At that time Miss Brewster was sinking rapidly, and her death is but a matter of a few hours.

John Wheeler was much affected by the tragedy, and, while averse to talking about it, he said to-day that, although he knew something of Miss Brewster's feeling, he had persistently refused to give it the least attention, as he was in love with Miss Wheeler and was engaged to marry her. He also said that he had heard that Miss Brewster had threatened to kill both Miss Wheeler and himself, but had never taken the threat seriously.

## **Betrayed by His Appetite.**

Mounted Policeman McCarty forgot to make his horse fast yesterday after he took him to the stable, and the animal dashed to the meadows and indulged himself with a roll. After spending half an hour in futile attempts to recapture him, McCarty accepted the advice of a bystander and tempted the horse with a peck of oats. The ruse was successful, and the horse followed the grain to captivity.