VAUGHAN James - Charge of Poisoning

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Charge of Poisoning.

Husband Found Not Guilty, LONDON, Feb 17

James Vaughan, local preacher, of the Forest of Dean, who has been married for 30 years, was charged at the Monmouth Assizes this week with having tried to poison his wife. He is alleged to have carried on an intrigue with Mrs. Pinchin, a war widow, who lives next door to him and his wife. It is said that he promised to marry her if his wife died. Mrs. Vaughan in evidence, said that she saw her husband pour a colourless liquid into her tea. After drinking it she felt as if she was "being ripped up by a lot of dogs." Counsel for the defence, in cross examining her, suggested that she put the sulphuric acid in the teacup and placed sulphuric in her husband's pocket.

Following the judge's summing up strongly in favour of the prisoner today, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Vaughan was discharged.

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