

fessed this soft impeachment. Apparently this incident is given merely as part of BOWLING's "record," and has no direct bearing upon the manner in which he enlivened Mount Sterling. But between these two tragedies he had forcibly abducted the daughter of one of his neighbors, keeping the parents quiet with a revolver, and taken a train with her for Cincinnati, escaping the vengeance of his enraged townsmen, who boarded the train to kill him, by secreting himself until they had departed. They were waiting for the Cincinnati train at a junction when the riot arose in which BOWLING felt that honor compelled him to take part, even to the neglect of his elopement. He wasted so much time killing and wounding Marshals and bystanders that the partner of his flight went back in disgust to her hotel with the view of ultimately rejoining her parents.

The local color of this amazing story is unmistakable. Only where the breath of nature blows over the blue grass can a spirit of riot so breezy and so boundless be found. It seems a pity to waste BOWLING's powers on Deputy Marshals. What could he not do if turned loose with a magazine rifle and a demijohn in the Soudan or set down in Tipperary with a shooting license from Mr. PARNELL? A farmer's daughter, too, is an unworthy victim for BOWLING's blandishments. A man with such talents for wholesale homicide ought to be as ambitious in love as in war. He should have abducted Mr. WATTERSON'S star-eyed Goddess of Reform.

#### THE HISTORY OF A CRIME.

Kentucky is given to complicated and unintelligible crimes. Nevertheless we have seldom encountered even in the annals of Kentucky crime a criminal so kaleidoscopic and bewildering as Mr. A. M. BOWLING, sometime Town Marshal of Farmers, Rowan County, Ky., and at present an inmate of a jail at Mount Sterling, Ky. A special dispatch to the Louisville *Courier-Journal* appropriately bestows upon mankind its first knowledge of this versatile malefactor.

In the first place, or possibly in the second or third place, two Deputy Marshals arrested one BOYD for being drunk. Thereupon one A. M. BOWLING, a friend of BOYD's, also drunk, threatened the Deputy Marshals with a pistol and secured the release of his friend. BOWLING and BOYD went to the station, and the Marshals, reinforced by a posse of citizens, made another attempt to arrest them. BOWLING killed one of the Marshals, wounded a bystander, and shot twice at a second bystander who was running away, but who returned with a pistol in time to intimidate BOWLING, who was then in act to shoot a third bystander, and to secure his arrest.

This is comparatively simple. Thus far BOWLING has appeared merely as the perpetrator of one murder and two assaults with intent to kill, one of them resulting in a serious wounding. The complication begins when the reporter undertakes to explain the presence of the chief pillar of public order in the town of Farmers radiating oaths and lead in the town of Mount Sterling. In his capacity of Town Marshal BOWLING had had occasion to convey a prisoner from one station to another, and had delivered his prisoner in a dying condition and "riddled with bullets," which the prisoner accused BOWLING of having injected into him, and BOWLING appears to have con-