

RIVALS FOR DAISY MONTAGUE.

Jealousy the Cause of the Triple Tragedy in London.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Much excitement has been caused in music hall circles by the shooting early this morning of Miss Daisy Montague, a well-known dancer at the Empire Theatre, and the gentleman, who was escorting her to her home in Regent's Square, Gray's Inn Road. The police investigation into the shooting has revealed the fact that the murderer, who, after fatally shooting Miss Montague and her escort, committed suicide by shooting himself, was named Leo Percy. He was an electrician.

The shooting was prompted by jealousy. Percy had been engaged to marry Miss Montague, but a short time ago the latter broke off the engagement, having, it appears, formed a friendship with the man whom Percy shot this morning. Percy brooded over his disappointment, and attributed Miss Montague's action in breaking the engagement to the fact that the man who had supplanted him in her affections had more money than he had, his rival being a wealthy tradesman named Samuel Garcia.

Last night, after the Empire Theatre was closed, Percy, who was watching Miss Montague, saw her meet Garcia and start for home with him. Percy followed them, and when a quiet street was reached he hastened his steps and came up close behind them. Without uttering a word he drew a revolver and fired several shots at them, all of which took effect. A constable heard the shots and ran in the direction whence the sound came. When he arrived he found Miss Montague and Garcia lying on the sidewalk with blood pouring from their wounds, while beside them lay Percy dead, he having shot himself through the head.

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