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## HOLMES ENTERS A PLEA OF GUILTY

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It Is Surmised that He Has Given the Authorities a Clue to the Pitzel Children's Whereabouts.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—Herman Mudgetts, alias H. H. Holmes, who was on trial charged with conspiring to defraud the Fidelity Mutual Life Association of \$10,000 by producing a dead body and representing it to be the corpse of Benjamin F. Pitzel, to-day withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. At the request of District Attorney Graham and the prisoner's counsel, Judge Hare deferred sentence.

The plea of guilty was entered a short time after the court convened. Holmes was immediately taken to the private office of the District Attorney, where he remained more than two hours, under the searching examination of Mr. Graham, Chief of Detectives Miller, and Thomas W. Barlow, private counsel for the prosecution, who sought to wring from him a solution of the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Pitzel's three children, and, if possible, the true story of his crime.

Chief of Detectives Miller was asked whether Holmes had divulged anything new in regard to the whereabouts of Pitzel's three children. He hesitated and was apparently about to answer in the affirmative, when he stopped.

"Well," he remarked, "I don't like to say anything until Mr. Graham has given it out himself. You needn't be alarmed; you will get all that takes place."

"We understand that Holmes has told you where the three children are, but you are uncertain whether he is telling the truth or not. Is that about it?" was asked. "That's just it. You have hit the nail on the head," responded the Chief.

Mr. Graham, when questioned as to whether he had anything to give out to the newspapers, replied: "There is absolutely nothing—there will be nothing."

Holmes was transferred to the County Prison.

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