

# Murder case gets even more complicated

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tor and thereafter retired to her hometown for some recuperation.

Two other factors gave credence to local suspicion that Schafer was murdered because she knew too much about Lowe and Love. When Love was called to testify in court what she knew about the murder, she was vigorously protected by Lowe, who kept objecting when questions about her life seemed to be getting too personal.

Equally important was the fact that Schafer's blouse was ripped open. It was said by someone who knew her that she kept an important letter tucked into the blouse.

It was a murder case that had everything — too many investigators,

including the Pinkertons from Chicago, a healthy reward, two trials and no convictions and enough debris in its wake to cause whispering in Bedford for a long time.

A little postscript. Jim McDonald evidently wanted to spend some time in prison. After his acquittal he was arrested for an entirely different crime, escaped from Lawrence County's brand new jail and eventually spent time at the state prison in Jeffersonville.

Eva Love left Indiana to teach in another state, and attorney Lowe sued A.C. Voris, president of the bank, for libel. At the trial, venued to Paoli in 1906, Love testified that

her visit to the Indianapolis doctor was because of injuries suffered in a fall.

The *Evening World* said of the outcome, both parties were vindicated. The newspaper added, "The trial, however, in its larger significance, was a victory for Mr. Lowe, as it is proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Miss Love is a virgin . . ."