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# TOWN IS TERRORIZED BY A "DEVIL IN BLACK"

## Mysterious Giant Figure Keeps Georgetown, Del., Guessing—Appears at Night Before Women and Children. Superstitious Say It Can't Be Harmed by Bullets.

GEORGETOWN, Del., April 28.—More than seven feet in height and swathed in a long black cloak, closely wrapped around its face, a new mystery has been exciting some parts of Georgetown, where it has followed women and young girls and jumped out from behind trees at them.

The "Devil in Black," as it is called, first appeared several nights ago, when a dozen or so persons saw it during the course of the evening. From behind a tree it jumped at Mrs. William Cardy and sent her screaming with fright into a neighbor's house, while a daughter of Joseph Carnel also was chased by the mysterious stranger until she fell almost fainting into Fred Rust's grocery store.

The men of the neighborhood, informed of the affair, led by William

Curly, ran across fields, jumped fence and through back yards, with the "devil" hot a few yards ahead of them. But while crossing the big ditch known as the Savannah, the figure completely disappeared and, despite search, could not be found.

Again it was seen by several young girls and last night it made its appearance and was seen closely by Mrs. Carn Josephs, who heard a noise as she passed her woodshed. She turned to look and distinctly saw the "devil" walk out of the shed and after her.

Almost fainting with fear she ran screaming into the house, while her husband ran into the yard with his gun and fired at the tall figure, which was plainly distinguished at the woodshed. In a second it was gone with no trace of injury from the gun. Many superstitious declare that bullets cannot hit it, but some of the more determined men declare it is the work of a practical joker and expect to put a load of shot into it at their first opportunity.

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