

Mona West.

Sydney is deeply perturbed concerning the mysterious disappearances of three propossessing young women, the finding of whom has so far completely baffled the whole police force. Peculiar, two have the christian name of Mona, and two the surname of Drury. Miss Mona Gladys Drury has been missing since Monday from her home at Parramatta; Miss Rose Drury, from her home in Liverpool St., Sydney, since Friday; and Miss Mona West four weeks. Twenty-eight days have passed, and the police and friends of Mona West, the young Goulburn girl, who has mysteriously disappeared from the residence of her uncle, Dr. Acland O'Hara, in Bayswater Road, Darlinghurst, know no more about the circumstances surrounding her departure, or where she is located, than when they started out on their search. The affair is a dark mystery, no matter from which point it is viewed. Scores of well-meaning persons have told stories suggesting that they had seen the girl in various places in the city and suburbs at different times on different days; but up to the present they have not borne fruit, and, what is more, there does not appear to be any likelihood of their being productive of good results. One by one the different theories advanced have been exploded until Sergeant Macintosh, of the Clarence-street Police Station, who was placed in charge of the investigation by Superintendent Sherwood, has practically returned to the starting point. The terrible theory is put forward that this fine girl and perhaps the others, have been snatched for the white slave traffic, and if so, no vengeance too great can be meted out to those responsible. Even here in Kempsey Miss West's disappearance is a subject of painful concern, for she is exceedingly well known to many, including Dr. and Mrs. MacInnes, Mr. Emery, and others who have lived in Goulburn to which town the young lady belonged.