Presentation of Jack the Ripper

Monday, Oct. 30th, 2017
7pm - 9pm
The Cro Club - 226 Condon Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14207

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Drinks Available
Halloween Costumes are Welcome

Come join Michael Hawley, Author and Lecturer, and Brian Young, Historian and Researcher, for a Lecture and Book Signing on Jack the Ripper!

Autographed Books by the Author will be available!
Brian Young was as a member of an expert panel of researchers discussing the Whitechapel murders on four Rippercast podcasts, and has published articles in Ripperologist magazine.
Michael Hawley presented his findings on both sides of the Atlantic.
The Legend Hunter episode will air in March 2018.

Being edited; expect completion in a few months.
Nonfiction

Historical Fiction/Mystery
Thriller
-Western New York Backdrop

THE RIPPER’S HAUNTS

Michael L. Hawley

The Ripper’s Hellbroth

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Is He Tumblety's Man Friday?

English Detectives Prosecuting Inquiries in This City.

The Mysterious Man Who Figured in the Doctor's American Career,

And Later Went With Him to Europe—A Shadow That Never Left His Master's Side.

It has been known for some days past that detectives have been quietly tracing the career in this city of Dr. Francis Tumblety, one of the suspects under surveillance by the English authorities, and who was recently followed across the ocean by Scotland Yards men.

From information which leaked out yesterday around Police Head-quarters, the inquiries presented here are not so much in reference to Tumblety himself as to a companion, who attracted almost as much attention.

As the doctor, both on account of oddity of character and the shadow-like persistence with which he followed his employer.

The investigation in this city is understood to be under the direction of English officials now in New York, and based upon certain information received.
Even Star Trek!
Autumn 1888

The discovery of Catherine Eddowes' body
The slums of London – A rough life of misery
Casual prostitutes murdered just off the beaten path of the main thoroughfares where they worked. Better explanation than the formation of a pentagram.
Mary (Polly) Ann Nichols, Aug 31, 1888
Annie Chapman, Sep 8, Outdoors, Uterus taken
Elizabeth Stride, Sep 30, Outdoors, interrupted
Catherine Eddowes,
Sep 30, Outdoors, Uterus and Kidney taken
Mary Ann Nichols, Aug 31, Outdoors, Uterus taken

Annie Chapman, Sep 8, Outdoors, Uterus taken

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Mary Kelly, Nov 9, Indoors, hours with body, displayed on bed, Heart taken. Was she a victim of the Whitechapel Fiend?
Entering Mitre Square today – The location of Catherine Eddowes’ body was found
25th April, 1900

Dear Bob,

I keep on hearing the police have caught the thief; they went for me just yet. I have bungled when they look to clever and talk about being on the right tack. But the sight of another express gives me real life. I am down on where we and I thank you to keep them till I do get back up. I want to come back the last job was. I gave the lady a time to depart. Now can they catch me? How can they catch me? I love my work and want to start again. Even she can hear of me with my cunning little games. I cannot think of the proper end story in a gingerbread bottle as the last job. I want with but it won’t think like glue and I can’t use it. But suit is set enough I hope for me. The next job is I do shall clip the lady I ears off and send to the

Yours truly

Jack the Ripper

Don’t mind me giving the ladies a

From hell

My dear,

For I rendered half the

Klime, John from now on, women,

framed it from to the piece

tied and all it was on the side.

I may and you the best very next.

Take it out if you only quite 1 wish

Said mine you can

Mother love.
Ripperology - Decades of Research
Western New York
Connection

IS THIS THE BUTCHER?

Another Arrest in Connection with the
Whitechapel Murders.

CLAIMS TO BE A NEW YORK DOCTOR.

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A WHITECHAPEL SUSPECT.

Dr. Tumblety, Once a Banisher
of Pimples in Boston.

A Peculiar Genius Who Has Been the
Wonder of Several Cities—Blue Nose,
New Yorker and Bostonian by Turns
The Latest “Guess” of the London
Police.

One of the Whitechapel murder suspects is
a curious character known as Dr. Tumblety,
who 15 years or more ago was considered an
eccentric person of Boston. He was seen
quite frequently on the streets and never
without attracting attention. He did not live
here permanently for any great length of
time, but was a frequent sojourner, and sub-
sequently took up his residence in New York.
When the London police arrested him the
other day on suspicion of being the murderer
he said that he belonged in New York. The
police found that they could not get enough
evidence against him to hold him for trial,
but they succeeded in getting some sort of a
charge, sufficient to hold him under one of

FRANCIS TUMBLETY, M. D.

A SKETCH OF AN EVENTFUL CAREER,
WITH LETTERS FROM
Prof. Hammond, M. D., Gen. Sherman, The Late Prof. Wil-
lard Parker, M. D., Dr. Cyrus Edson, Dr. M. L. Holbrook,
Rev. Dr. Drury, The Renowned Cape, Dobie, Alex.
Hudson, Prof. S. B. Morse, Inventor Magnetic
Telegraph, Dr. W. J. Lamarre, Henry Clews,
Dr. E. P. Miller, Dr. C. P. Ryan, Dr. A.
Wyman, A. L. Ashman

PRINT OF BROOKLYN EAGLE BOOK AND FOR PRINTING DEPT.
Jack the Ripper Suspect Dr. Francis Tumblety buried in Rochester, New York, Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery
Dr. Francis Tumblety

In February 1993, retired Suffolk Constabulary police officer and crime historian Stewart Evans discovered an important piece of evidence that was hidden for decades. Amongst other letters, Evans acquired a private letter from a book dealer written by the chief inspector of Scotland Yard’s Special Branch division at the time of the murders. The letter was dated 1913 and was addressed to a well-known British journalist, who had previously written a letter to the retired chief inspector asking about the twenty-five-year-old murder case. Not only did the chief inspector name the journalist who likely coined the killer’s nickname of Jack the Ripper but he also gave the name of a suspect that he—a man who was inside Scotland Yard’s inner circle—considered as “a very likely one”:

Chief Inspector of Special Branch in 1888 John G. Littlechild
"I never heard of a Dr D. in connection with the Whitechapel murders but amongst the suspects, and to my mind a very likely one, was a Dr. T. (which sounds much like D.) He was an American quack named Tumblety and was at one time a frequent visitor to London and on these occasions constantly brought under the notice of police, there being a large dossier concerning him at Scotland Yard. Although a 'Sycopathia Sexualis' subject he was not known as a 'Sadist' (which the murderer unquestionably was) but his feelings toward women were remarkable and bitter in the extreme, a fact on record. Tumblety was arrested at the time of the murders in connection with unnatural offences and charged at Marlborough Street, remanded on bail, jumped his bail, and got away to Boulogne. He shortly left Boulogne and was never heard of afterwards. It was believed he committed suicide but certain it is that from this time the 'Ripper' murders came to an end."
Serious Ripper Suspect at the Peak of the Murders

A total of three Scotland Yard officials named Tumblety as a Whitechapel murder suspect AFTER the Nov 9, 1888, murder of Mary Kelly, even though publically they were silent.

Chief Inspector John G. Littlechild

Asst Commissioner at Scotland Yard Robert Anderson

San Francisco Chief of Police Patrick Crowley

Brooklyn Police Patrick Superintendent Campbell

Inspector First Class CID Walter Andrews
Nov 7, 1888 - Tumblety **placed into custody for gross indecency**, followed by **remand hearing** in front of Police Court Magistrate Hannay, then released on bail

**Before Nov 7, 1888** - Tumblety arrested on suspicion for the Whitechapel murders.

Nov 9, 1888 - Last Murder (Mary Kelly)

Nov 14, 1888 - Tumblety’s **committal hearing** committed. - OFFERED BAIL -

Nov 17, 1888 - Story breaks, **NY World rptr**

Nov 16, 1888 - Tumblety posts bail; He’s free

Nov 19, 1888 - Grand Jury returned a “True Bill”; evidence to indict. **Motive for flight**.

Nov 20, 1888 - Trial date postponed to December 10th. Tumblety requested £260 1s. 6d. from his New York bank.

**Briefly: The Tumblety Timeline**

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Tumblety was in Boulogne no later than November 23, 1888. Tumblety was...

**FIRST SEEN IN FRANCE**
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**LAST SEEN IN FRANCE**
- 'He [Tumblety] was last seen in Havre’ (New York World, Dec 3, 1888)

*SS La Bretagne* left Havre at 12 noon on November 24, 1888, for New York
...and the murders stopped.

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There were suspicions that Jack the Ripper was an American who had anatomical knowledge, plus…

**Eyewitness account** of an event occurring on Friday morning, the morning of the Kelly murder matching Tumblety:

‘On Saturday afternoon a gentleman engaged in business in the vicinity of the murder gave what is the only approach to a possible clue that has yet been brought to light. He states that he was walking through Mitre square at about ten minutes past ten on Friday morning, **when a tall, well dressed man**, carrying a parcel under his arm, and rushing along in a very excited manner, ran plump into him. **The man's face was covered with blood splashes, and his collar and shirt were also bloodstained. The gentleman did not at the time know anything of the murder.**’ (Daily News (U.K.), 12 Nov, 1888)
Suspicion 2: Tumblety, an American medical professional, and harvesting the uterus

London is as much excited as one would imagine. Scores of arrests have been made and hundreds of theories formed. An American doctor named Twomblety is now held because he is an erratic character, and because one theory is that some American medical institution wants specimens of the female uterus, which it happens that Jack the Ripper often takes from the bodies of his victims. It has been thought that Jack is a Greek sailor who...
Tumblety had a uterus collection in 1861!

Colonel C. A. Dunham, a well-known lawyer who lives near Fairview, N.J., was intimately acquainted with Twumblety for many years...
At length it was whispered about that he was an adventurer. One day my lieutenant-colonel and myself accepted the the (sic) 'doctor's' invitation to a late dinner - symposium, he called it - at his rooms. ...
Then he invited us into his office where he illustrated his lecture, so to speak. One side of this room was entirely occupied with cases, outwardly resembling wardrobes. When the doors were opened quite a museum was revealed--tiers of shelves with glass jars and cases, some round and others square, filled with all sorts of anatomical specimens. The 'doctor' placed on a table a dozen or more jars containing, as he said, the matrices of every class of women. Nearly a half of one of these cases was occupied exclusively with these specimens... Rochester Dem. and Rep., 3 Dec, 1888
Tumblety had a reason to own an anatomical collection at that exact time and for the very crowd he was ‘illustrating his lecture’ to. His dinner-symposium was for the officers of the General.

He did not own a medical diploma, thus lied about his background as a surgeon, but if he became accepted as a surgeon by the U.S. Army, he just bypassed this.
Another Western New York Connection
Tumblety gave similar medical lectures in Buffalo, New York, just after he left Washington near the same time he gave the lecture in the capital!

Buffalo Courier, May 31, 1914
One particular week that will ever remain notable in local history was in July, 1863. ...In fact quite an intimacy sprang up between him [John Wilkes Booth] and a Dr. Tumblety – or Tumulty. He drove around selling cure-alls for everything, giving lectures with Thespian emphasis. He frequently located himself on the Terrace, where he would draw big crowds by distributing bags of flour.

Anatomical specimens were part of any medical lecture.
He loved to show off his anatomical collection
In the same year and just a month before Tumblety left for the capital, he was exhibiting images of anatomical specimens outside his New York office!

Vanity Fair, August 31, 1861
A CASE FOR THE POLICE – IF POSSIBLE

...But if one quack is thus happily thwarted in his attempts to outrage decency and insult the public, why should another be quietly suffered to hang out his disgusting banners in our very midst? In a central part of Broadway – we forget the exact Spot, there are so many there to confuse the eye – the passers by are daily outraged by the exhibition of certain anatomical pictures, which look as if they might once have formed part of the collection of a lunatic confined in a leper hospital... He is generally accompanies by a large greyhound – a well-bred animal, but wearing a dejected look, as if ashamed of the company into which it has fallen. The man’s name is TUMBLETY...
Francis Tumblety is the ONLY suspect who can be connected to each organ taken by Jack the Ripper, the **uterus**, **kidney**, and **heart**.

Surprisingly, in the **very same year of the murders** (January 1888)...

**THE UBIQUITOUS TUMBLETY**

Dr. Francis Tumblety, who was arrested in London recently on suspicion of being implicated in the Whitechapel murder; (sic) was in Toronto for a few days in January last. ...While here he informed a reporter of **THE MAIL** that he (the doctor) was suffering from a **kidney** and **heart** disease, and that he was **constantly in dread of sudden death**. (The Mail, Nov 23, 1888)
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After he died, his personal inventory showed he had these items plus two cheap, or imitation, set rings.
The most often reported reason why Scotland Yard suspected Tumblety of being Jack the Ripper was because of his unusual hatred of women, corroborating Littlechild.

“...but his feelings toward women were remarkable and bitter in the extreme, a fact on record.” (Littlechild, 1913)
“He never failed to warn his correspondent [young Lyons] against lewd women, and in doing it used the most shocking language.”
-Grey River Argus, Feb 25, 1889

“He thought all women were impostors . . .
-New York World, Dec 5, 1888

Non-newspaper Source

Tumblety’s own words in a private letter to boyfriend Henry Hall Caine (1874):

-In morals and obscenity they are far below those of our most degraded prostitutes. Their [Chinese] women are bought and sold, for the usual purposes and they are used to decoy youths of the most tender age, into these dens, for the purpose of exhibiting their nude and disgusting person to the hitherto innocent youths of the cities.
Tumblety even published his threat to young, available women in his 1866 autobiography!
Tumblety had a killing air, Though curing was his professional trade, Rosy of cheek, and glossy of hair, Dangerous man to widow or maid. . . Excerpt from a poem out of a St. John newspaper, the Albion.

His threat against women in St. John was noticed enough to be reported:
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*About the time that the war broke out, in 1860 or 1861, Dr. Tumblety made his appearance at St. John. . . After a while the more intelligent people got their eyes open to the fact that he was a charlatan, and pretty soon afterward stories began to go round about his *indecorus (sic) treatment of some of his lady patients.*

- *Boston Herald, November 25, 1888*
Tumblety’s misogynistic **ANGER** against his young, available female patients was even noticed in England 15 years later ...as reported by a journalist who had no idea of his misogynist reputation:

**Liverpool Leader, January 9, 1875**

There comes to us a tale of a decent woman from the Isle of Man who sought his advice respecting a bad leg. He told her it was due to the immorality of her parents, but would cure it for 3 pounds. **This she declined,** whereon he [Tumblety] ordered her to get out legs and all or else he would kick her out! **Other women young and unmarried**, have fled in alarm from his premises, and say **his language and conduct suggested danger**.
Tumblety traveled with surgical knives in the 1880s

Richard S. Norris stated in sworn testimony in 1905 that Tumblety introduced himself to him at a performance at the St. Charles Theatre during Mardis Gras, February 1881. Tumblety asked him to write a letter for him and invited him up to his room at the St. Charles Hotel. He accepted, and while in Tumblety’s room...

“He then opened a large trunk (but in the meantime ordered some more ale) and he pulled out a velvet chest which had, I judge, four – three or four medals on each side – they looked to me like gold medals. He told me they were awarded to him by the English Government.”
Jack the Ripper likely used a surgical knife

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“Throw that away”, and he handed me a cigar, saying it was bad to smoke cigarettes. He said the trouble with young men are those cigarettes, and those confounded Street Walkers.

He said, if he had his way they would all be disemboweled.”
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Why? This devout Catholic, who lacked remorse, was doing it for himself. He was attempting to earn his way into Heaven because of sins he had committed in the past.
The expert evaluation of the personality profile and motive of Jack the Ripper matches Francis Tumblety.
The realities of a ruthless serial killer. Warning: The following slide are graphic images of two of the victims during the 1888 Autumn of Terror.
Any Questions?