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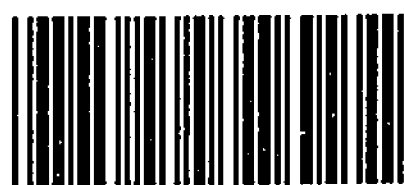
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Bissell, Champion

**DATE:**

01/31/89



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Witnesses:

W. J. Cooper

I have been ready to try the  
little case on their capital the  
witnesses at a distance  
have been unable to see even the  
evidence

I do not think that the  
witnesses are right to say  
that the defendant is a  
clerk in the law firm  
of 1857 John W. Goff

I cannot be certain  
instructing the defendant  
against the evidence of the  
witnesses of the defendant

Counsel, *W. J. Cooper*  
Filed *31* day of *January* 188*9*  
Pleads *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

*Def'ts Ex 15*

*Dec 7/92*

*W. J. Cooper*

*Champion Bissell*

*See list of witnesses*

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

*March 1/93 District Attorney*

*Mar 1/93*

*Bill & discharged*

**A True Bill**

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Exchange for

*L 100 0 0*

*Dec 1887*

*100 0 0* after Sight of this **First**  
of Exchange (Second unpaid) pay to the Order of

*one hundred pounds sterling*  
Value received and charge the same to account of  
To *John Lee Hill*

No. *52* *100 0 0*

Exchange for

*L 100 0 0*

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*Dec 5/92 wcy*  
*1887*

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Court of *General Sessions*

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

The People of the State of New York,  
against

*Champion Russell*

On *plea* for the Misdemeanor of

*Petty Larceny*

I, the undersigned *Champion Russell* the above-named Defendant, hereby retain, employ and authorize WILLIAM F. HOWE and ABRAHAM H. HUMMEL, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, to appear for me, on my behalf and in my place and stead, in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Sessions of the Peace, and Courts of Special Sessions, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, in the above-entitled action, and the matter of the information, complaint and indictment now pending against me in the said Court of *General Sessions* for the Misdemeanor of *Petty Larceny*

I do hereby expressly authorize my said Attorneys, or either of them, to appear for me in said Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Sessions of the Peace and Courts of Special Sessions as my duly authorized Attorney and Attorneys for that purpose, and to plead for me not guilty to said information, complaint and indictment, and to appear for me on the trial thereof in the said Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Sessions and Special Sessions, and to proceed with the trial thereof in the said Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions and Special Sessions, in my place and stead, and in my absence on the trial of the said information, complaint and indictment, and I hereby expressly waive my right to be personally present at said trial.

Dated this *31*<sup>st</sup> day of *January* 188 *9*

*Champion Russell*



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STATE OF NEW YORK, )  
City and County of New York, ) ss.:

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine before me personally appeared the within-named Champion Russell known to me, and to me known to be the individual described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and described.

*Superior*  
*Notary Public*  
*my co.*

Court of

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
against

*Champion Russell*

MISDEMEANOR.

AUTHORITY TO APPEAR WITH WAIVER

[Sections 297 and 356, Code of Criminal Procedure].

HOWE & HUMMEL,

Attorneys for Defendant,

87 & 89 Centre Street,

NEW YORK CITY.

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Depos Exhibit 6 for Identification  
Memorandum.  
A. C. B. Ry.

39 BROADWAY,

New York, Oct 2 1888

CHAMPION BISSELL,  
INVESTMENT SECURITIES  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
LAW AND COLLECTION

Depos of 30<sup>th</sup> at hand. Your place of business is somewhat remote, and you would probably want to borrow on an endorsed note, which would cause some considerable labor in investigating the standing of your endorser and yourself. If you write me, stating (1) your endorser, (2) the time and place.

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where ~~where~~ the note is to be payable,  
enclosing \$5 inquiry fee, and guaranteeing  
me \$20 more when loan is effected, I will  
do my best for you, and see no difficulty if  
the reports of both you and your endorser are  
satisfactory. I am at my office from 10  
to 3 every day.

Yours truly  
B. Spill



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N. Y. General Sessions.

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The People, :  
vs. :  
Champion Russell : Petit Larceny.  
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Please take notice that on Friday, the 19th day of July, 1889, we shall move this Honorable Court in Part I thereof at 11 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Hon. Justice Rufus B. Cowing, that the bail herein be reduced or that a day be fixed for trial, or that the defendant be discharged, and for such other and further relief in the premises as to the Court shall seem just.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1889 .

Howe & Hummel,

Defendant's Attorneys,

87 & 89 Center St., New York City.

To Hon. John R. Fellows,

District Attorney.

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N. Y. General Sessions.

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The People,

vs.

Champion Russell,  
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City, County & State of New York, ss:

Reginald S. Durrant being duly sworn, deposes  
and says:-

I am managing clerk in the office of Messrs.  
Howe & Samuel, the attorneys for the above named defend-  
ant, and have had the conduct of the defence herein.

That said defendant was last fall arrested  
on a charge of petit larceny of the sum of \$15. by false  
pretences, and held in \$1000. bail.

That said defendant, in lieu of bail, deposited  
\$1000. in money with the Comptroller of the City of  
New York, in whose hands said sum of \$1,000. still  
remains.

That over seven terms have elapsed since the  
indictment of the defendant.

That defendant's case has been on the calendar  
three times, but has not been tried.

That defendant has always been ready and anxious  
for trial, in order to clear his character of the stain  
of being under indictment, and has incurred great ex-  
pense in subpoenaing witnesses.

That the retention of the sum of \$1000. as  
bail herein by the control works great hardship to the

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defendant.

Sworn to before me this  
18th day of July, 1889.

Reynald L. Leman

William Smith  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.



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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
STATE AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

..... being duly  
sworn, says that he resides at No. .... Street, in the City of  
New York; that he is ..... years of age; that on the ..... day of  
18....., at Number ..... in the City of  
New York, he served the within ..... on  
the ..... by leaving a copy thereof with .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of

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N. D. General Sessions

The People vs

Plaintiff,

against

Champion Brissell

Defendant.

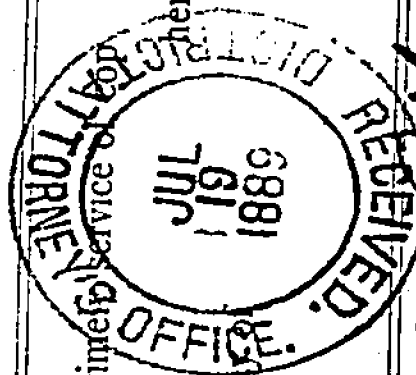
Notice of Motion  
& Affidavit

HOWE & HUMMEL,

Attorneys for Defendant

87 & 89 CENTRE ST., New York City.

Due and time of service of copy of the within  
this ..... day of ..... hereby admitted  
18..... Attorney.



To Mr. Geo. A. Fellows

Dial City

City of NY

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Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 88

Mr. Roberts  
Dear Sir  
Can you let us know  
Mr. Cooper Present  
address the Complaint  
in Champion Russell  
case we cannot find  
him at the address  
he gave call on Mr  
Foster Asst District Atty  
and let him know  
Breed & Putnam  
Let say 300 Mulberry

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**PRY.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE SECOND STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.

If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.

Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the Officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.

[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

## SUBPOENA

FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE

Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

The People of the State of New York.

To *William J. Cooper*

of No. *170 East 113th* street.

WE COMMAND YOU, That all business and excuses ceasing, you *appear* in your proper person, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the City and County of New York at the Sessions Building, in the Park of the said City on the *4th* day of *January* instant, at the hour of *10 o'clock* in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth and give evidence in our behalf against

*Marquies Bissel*  
in a case of Felony, whereof *he* stands indicted. And this you are not to omit, under the penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

WITNESS, Hon. FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder of our said City, at the City Hall in our said City, the first Monday of *January* in the year of our Lord 1888.

*John R. Fellows*, District Attorney.

*Not found  
Defendant  
Mother of  
would have  
street  
GREETING:  
to the County  
of New York*



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Notary Public,  
N. Y. Co.

Deft. - Ac 17  
Dec 7/92  
W. C. J. 1

Sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Subpoena, of which the within is a copy, upon \_\_\_\_\_

being duly sworn, deposes and says he \_\_\_\_\_

State of New York, { ss.:  
City and County of New York, }

If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his Assistants.

Attorney's Office.

If ill when served, please send timely word to the District

state this early to the District Attorney, in the Court.

If inconvenient to remain, and you prefer another day,

Office about it, and you may save time.

Should the case not be called on for trial, and no reason

assigned in Court, please inquire in the District Attorney's

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The People &c

vs

Champion Bissell



Please take notice  
that the Plaintiffs above named require  
the defendant to produce upon the trial  
of this action a certain letter written by  
one William J. Cropper to the defendant  
or to an address entitled "Assistance 118  
World" on or about the 22<sup>d</sup> or 23<sup>d</sup> of July  
1888 and in failure to so produce the  
same secondary evidence of its contents  
will be introduced.

Dated March 12<sup>th</sup> 1889

Yours &c

John H. Fellows

District Attorney

To Messrs Hane & Hummel

Attorneys for Defendant

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Court of General Sessions

The People vs

vs

Champion Bissell

Justice to Justice

J R Hallam

Detached Attorney

We attach one volume of the  
a copy of within history  
Dated March 10, 1887.

Howe & Co  
Attorneys for Defendant

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Drotsky Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1888

**B**USINESS, WHEN confidential, extricated from  
financial difficulties, finally, as World, to the

To the Editor of the World  
Dear Sir:

I have answered the  
enclosed "Ad." in Sunday's World  
+ to my surprise I received  
this enclosed note as a answer  
coming without a doubt from  
this Bissell you recently exposed  
in your paper.

By reading his note you will  
at once see in what New  
Business<sup>in</sup> his engaged now.  
You see I am not reading  
the World every day  
for nothing.

at first I concluded to tell  
him what I thought of him

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but after a second consideration I think it better to turn him over to the well known Peoples Guardian the world  
I do not desire to have my name in print. but if I can be of any service to the world provided I am not mistaken you can find me at  
1527 Broadway  
Stone  
Brooklyn  
N.Y.

I remain  
very respectfully  
M. B.

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Depot Schlicht für Inden I. f. d.   
A. G. B.   
Ref.

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE  
vs.

C. Bissell

Serve notice to produce  
letter written by William  
J. Cooper on or about  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of July  
1888 to  
"Assistance 118 - World"  
and on default secondary  
evidence will be introduced.



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Bill of Exchange

Drawn to order

Complains of Mr. Cooper

~~received~~ 10

2 affd to Joseph F. Russell

~~10~~ 10

3 10

Indemnity of 10

24 10

25 10

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

Champion Dissell.

Charles D. Sumner

Clerk 57<sup>th</sup> St. Police Court.

Send for Mr. Sumner  
just upon putting this case  
on calendar, as he knows  
of the whereabouts of the complainant  
in Washington -

Apr. 2/85

M. Davis.

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

~~Edgar~~  
~~Wingo~~

City Editor World  
for World "clipping"  
latter part of July  
1888 exposing  
Confidence game  
of James L. Ray

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~~Dec 18~~

~~Dec 7/95~~

~~Dec 11~~

Hon. John F. Hellows;

Dear Sir;

I received a subpoena yesterday the 15<sup>th</sup> to appear on the 11<sup>th</sup> as a witness against Champion Gissell. I am perfectly willing to testify in your behalf in said case but find it impossible to do so when I received the subpoena 24 hours later than the time set for the case. The subpoena was delivered to my Mother at 170 East 115<sup>th</sup> St. and by her mailed to me. If you will be kind enough to inform me how the case was disposed of and when I am wanted, I will certainly appear.



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H. Krosse is & believed the assistant  
district attorney in the case.

Respectfully

H. P. Cooper.

Flanders

Morris County  
New Jersey.

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Mr. Krosser is a friend of the assistant  
district attorney in the case.

Respectfully

H. P. Cooper.

Stander

Harold County  
New Jersey.

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District Attorney's Office.

List of Victims  
PEOPLE

vs.

Champion Bissell  
Web 19 - Part 2

William J. Cropper

Flanders H. J.

Dillworth Chvate

1287 9<sup>th</sup> Ave

in N. Y. State Office

Officers Creed & Purland  
C. O.

Cashier Brown Bros.  
Charles B. Brown

Bankers 61 Wall St

Carlisle Drexel & Co.

Broas & Wall St.

Got to about 10:30

400 Bleeker St

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New York General Sessions.

-----x  
The People, etc.,  
                    -against-  
Champion Bissell,  
-----x

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on the annexed affidavits, and upon all the proceedings herein, we shall move this Honorable Court before one of the Justices thereof at the opening of the said Court on Wednesday, the 14th day of May, 1890, for a dismissal of the indictment herein, on the ground of want of prosecution for the reasons stated in the annexed affidavits, and for such further and other relief as may be just.

Yours etc.,

Howe G. Furnell,

Defendant's Attorneys.

To Hon. John B. Fellews, Esq.,

District Attorney.



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New York General Sessions.

-----X  
The People, etc.,  
-against-  
Champion Bissell,  
-----X  
: Indorsement.  
: Power Larceny.

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Yours etc.,

Howe G. Hummel,

Defendant's Attorneys.

To Hon. John R. Mallow, Esq.,

District Attorney.

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6-Letter of Approval

7-Letter of Mr. B.

8-Affidavit of Birth

9-App for Certificate of Birth

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MACKIE, WILLIS & CO.,  
39, SEETHING LANE.

# Letter of Credit.

No. 233

LONDON, E.C. July 9 1888

FOR £100 0 0

In favour of Wm John Cooper, N.Y.

We hereby authorize you to draw upon us any drafts you may require at ~~30~~ 60, 90 or ~~120~~ days sight, up to, but not exceeding, the sum of One Hundred Pounds —, each draft to be endorsed upon the back of this letter of credit, and duly advised by letter when issued.

This letter of credit to be in force for 12 months from the above date.

Repld Cit 2

Dec 5/92  
WAT

Mackie Willis & Co.

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CHAMPION BISSELL,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
39 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.  
(Office, No. 24.)

PRACTISES IN ALL THE COURTS OF THIS STATE, AND UNITED STATES COURTS. LOANS ON MORTGAGES.

New York,

Depot 4  
Dec 5/92  
Well  
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Dear Sir:

Yours of is at hand. I am prepared to furnish to you without delay, Bills of Exchange (Drafts) on London Bankers, for any amount, 100 Pounds Sterling or over, at whatever dates you desire. The commission for issuing you the said Drafts is 3 per cent., reckoning the pound sterling at \$5; thus 100 pounds sterling representing \$500 calls for \$15.00 commission. On Drafts 500 pounds or over, 2 per cent. commission.

These Bills of Exchange when due, you will be expected to cover; the manner of which will be duly explained from this office. A register is kept of all transactions; and parties are notified in season of their obligations.

This office does not require collateral on this method of accommodation, nor are you required to issue your own note. Your liability is limited to your own responsibility, on the Bills of Exchange of which you have ALL the benefit, and the SOLE benefit; and your total expenditure consists in the moderate commission paid through this office to the London Bankers for the use of the credits so liberally granted by them.

Many ambitious and deserving men have been greatly assisted during several years past by this safe and inexpensive method; and our liberal correspondents in London (the World's Financial Centre) authorize us to extend its benefits to every deserving applicant.

With parties, whether in New York or any other place in the United States, who wish to borrow smaller sums (loans less than \$100 not entertained) on chattel mortgages, viz: Furniture, Machinery, Patents, Live Stock, &c, this office deals as follows: The applicant is required to take a Life Policy in the *Home Provident Co. of Liberty St* New York, for at least \$1,000, which costs him or her, \$11.81, and if the Loan is \$1,000 the Policy to be for \$2,000, &c. This Policy to be assigned to us when the Loan is made, as additional collateral, and as a means of locating the party while the loan is pending.

Nobody's record, and securities can be investigated without considerable expense, and this preliminary method is adopted as the one best calculated to guard us against irresponsible people who are perpetually wanting to borrow money on insufficient or already mortgaged collaterals.

Our rates on all loans are six per cent. per annum. There are no extras, no commissions, no bonuses.

The subscriber transacts a Law and Collection business in the various legitimate branches of the Profession, having been a member of the Bar since 1861. Meritorious cases are sometimes taken, when desired, on contingent fees.

Respectfully,

C. Bissell



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City & County of New York, S.S.  
Eugene Hammett being duly  
sworn says he resides at Wood-  
bridge New Jersey, and does  
business at 239 1/2 Broadway in  
the City of New York at the Office  
of Sprague Electric Motor Co.  
that he was in the office of  
Champion Bissell 39 Broadway  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1888  
and heard a conversation between  
said Bissell and William John  
Cooper that said Cooper re-  
quested said Bissell to issue  
him, Cooper, a 90 day draft  
on a London Firm, of which the  
Commissioner for acceptance by said  
Firm was to be \$15, that Cooper  
asked Bissell if he would refund  
\$12 if the draft should be returned  
before 3 P.M. the same day, that  
Bissell said "no, and that if  
Cooper could not use the draft  
he had better not take it!!  
that Cooper then said, "How  
much will you return me today  
for the Draft and Bissell

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Exhibit 6  
Mr. Bissell

replied, "if returned today  
before 3 P.M.; and nothing  
at all if you do not return  
it today!" and Cooper said  
very well, "I'll take it. Cooper  
also said, 'Mr. Bissell, can  
I send any one here for infor-  
mation as to this Draft?'"  
and Bissell replied "Certainly,  
I will explain the matter to  
anybody whom you send." That  
afterward said Cooper received  
the draft and went away,  
I was before me  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August  
July 1888.

Harwin F. Fiske  
Notary Public  
City & Co. of N. York

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Court of General Sessions

The People

vs.  
Champion Rissel

William J. Cooper, Standen,  
Morris County, state of New Jersey. Bulky  
Dealer. On the 26th of July, 1888,  
I resided in New York City and carried  
on a produce business at 110th Street  
and Lexington Avenue. On the 22<sup>d</sup> of  
July, 1888, I saw in the "N. Y. World"  
the advertisement posted on my  
affidavit sworn to in the Police Court.  
I answered to said advertisement  
on the same day, and on the 24th  
of July, 1888, I received the letter an-  
nixed hereto and marked Exhibit 1.  
On the 25th of July, 1888, I called on  
the defendant at his office No. 39  
Broadway, and, after showing him  
the said letter, I informed him that  
I desired to borrow \$500. He gave  
me to understand that he would  
procure the said sum for me, pro-  
vided I would insure my life  
for \$1000 in the Home Insurance

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Company and give him a mortgage on my furniture. I neither accepted nor declined his proposition, ~~at~~ once, but waited until the next morning for making up my mind. On the 26th of July, 1888, I again called at his office and informed him that I could not accept his proposition, referring him to an article in the N. Y. World exposing the confidence game of one James Flagg which consisted ~~at~~ ~~the same~~ in a transaction identical to the one proposed to me by the defendant. He replied that he had advised James Flagg on the same morning to bring a suit for damages against the N. Y. World. After some conversation, the defendant asked me whether I would not take out a Letter of Credit from Mackie, Willis & Co., of 39 Rothering Lane, London, because I could draw upon it by Bills of Exchange, and because it would require no security from me. In answer to my question whether any of the said Bills of Exchange



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could be placed here in New York, the defendant replied that I could get them discounted at any bank or broker in this city or could buy a bill of goods with them etc.; that only a few days before a man got such a bill of exchange from him, that he offered it to a furniture man in payment for a quantity of furniture, that it was accepted after the said dealer had inquired of the defendant whether the bill was good, and that the furniture was sold and delivered to said man. I inquired for the name of the said furniture dealer, but the defendant would not divulge it, because he did not like to send too many people to said dealer. Thereupon I asked him whether he would return me the \$15 commission, if I should not be able to place the draft here in New York, and he replied, he would. Upon the strength of this promise and believing the defendant's representation as to the negotiable character of the said draft to be true, I accepted the



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said Letter of Credit with the 7 Bills of Exchange and paid the defendant \$15 commission for it. The defendant gave me the Letter of Credit annexed to the Police Court papers and marked Exhibit 2, and also the two Bills of Exchange already filled out by him. (Exhibit 3) After leaving the defendant, I immediately went to a number of banking houses on Broad and Wall Streets, and in all of them I was informed that the said Letter of Credit was worthless. I also went to the Shillit Hunning Co. at Prince Street and South Fifth Street to see whether they would accept the bill of exchange in payment for a business wagon, which I desired to buy. They sent the bill of exchange with the Letter of Credit to their bank, and the reply was: No good! I then went back to the defendant and demanded the return of my \$15, but he refused to give me more than \$7.50 which I declined. Immediately thereafter I went to the City Editor of the N.Y.

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World" who requested me to call again the next morning. When I left the "World" office, the defendant passed by. To attract his attention, I tapped him on the shoulder. I informed him that I had set the "World" on his tracks, and he requested me to call the next day at his office. When I came there, he submitted the affidavit to me, which is marked Exhibit H and is annexed hereto. I refused to sign it. While we were speaking together, a knock was heard at the door. The defendant requested me to step in an adjoining room from where a little later he called me out again and, in the presence of Mr. Choate who had entered in the meanwhile, the defendant asked me, whether I had not told him that I had not been at the World's office and that I was sorry for having committed an assault upon him. I denied having made any such statement. The subsequent conversation with the defendant was carried on by Mr. Choate, with whom I left defendant's office. We went

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together to the banking houses of Brown Bros., Knauth, Mackay & Kitchie, and Drexel, Morgan & Co., by all of whom we were informed that the said Letter of Credit had no value whatever, that it was a swindle on its face, that the firm Mackie, Willis & Co. was not known and had no rating whatever.

William O. Choate, 1287 North Avenue. Journalist. At the instance of the "N.Y. World" I went to defendant's office on the 27th of July, 1888, to investigate his business. He told me that the Bills of Exchange given by him to complainant herein would be honored by any banking house in this city. I thereupon went with the complainant to Knauth, Mackay & Kitchie, Brown Bros., Drexel, Morgan & Co. and another bank, where I was informed that the said Letter of Credit and Bills of Exchange had no commercial value whatever; that the scheme was unknown in

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the banking world, and had no  
commercial standing.



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CHAMPION BISSELL,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
39 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.  
(Office, No. 34.)

PRACTISES IN ALL THE COURTS OF THIS STATE, AND UNITED STATES COURTS. LOANS ON MORTGAGES.

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These Bills of Exchange when due, you will be expected to cover; the manner of which will be duly explained from this office. A register is kept of all transactions; and parties are notified in season of their obligations.

This office does not require collateral on this method of accommodation, nor are you required to issue your own note. Your liability is limited to your own responsibility, on the Bills of Exchange of which you have ALL the benefit, and the SOLE benefit; and your total expenditure consists in the moderate commission paid through this office to the London Bankers for the use of the credits so liberally granted by them.

Many ambitious and deserving men have been greatly assisted during several years past by this safe and inexpensive method; and our liberal correspondents in London (the World's Financial Centre) authorize us to extend its benefits to every deserving applicant.

With parties, whether in New York or any other place in the United States, who wish to borrow smaller sums (loans less than \$100 not entertained) on chattel mortgages, viz: Furniture, Machinery, Patents, Live Stock, &c, this office deals as follows: The applicant is required to take a Life Policy in the *Home Provident* Co. No 89 New York, for at least \$1,000, which costs him or her, \$11.81, and if the Loan is \$1,000 the Policy to be for \$2,000, &c. This Policy to be assigned to us when the Loan is made, as additional collateral, and as a means of locating the party while the loan is pending.

Nobody's record, and securities can be investigated without considerable expense, and this preliminary method is adopted as the one best calculated to guard us against irresponsible people who are perpetually wanting to borrow money on insufficient or already mortgaged collaterals.

Our rates on all loans are six per cent. per annum. There are no extras, no commissions, no bonuses.

The subscriber transacts a Law and Collection business in the various legitimate branches of the Profession, having been a member of the Bar since 1861. Meritorious cases are sometimes taken, when desired, on contingent fees.

Respectfully,

C. Bissell



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 See 6/9/01  
 W. H. W.

City & County of New York, S. S.  
 William J. Cooper being duly  
 sworn says he resides in the City  
 of New York, that on or about the  
 24<sup>th</sup> day of July he held a conver-  
 sation with C. Bissell relative to  
 Deft. Cooper procuring the acceptance of Charles  
 Willis & Co. of London England of his  
 Cooper's, 90 day Draft on them for  
 the sum of One Hundred Pounds  
 Sterling; that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July  
 he requested said Bissell to pre-  
 pare such a Draft, deponent  
 paying \$15.00 Commission therefor  
 upon the condition that deponent  
 might return said Draft on said  
 day, and receive back the sum of  
 \$7<sup>50</sup> therefor; and that on the after-  
 noon of said day said Bissell  
 tendered deponent the sum of \$7<sup>50</sup>  
 for the return of said Draft which  
 deponent declined to receive, saying  
 that he preferred to make trouble  
 for said Bissell.  
 Sworn to before me  
 this day of July 1888.

Defendant's Exhibit & Identification A. C. B. Jones

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*1889*  
COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs,

*Champion Dismel*

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

*January 23* 1889  
*Edward G. Gossie*  
Deputy Assistant



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New York General Sessions.

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The People, etc., :  
-against- : Misdemeanor.  
Champion Bissell, : Petty Larceny.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on the annexed affidavits, and upon all the proceedings herein, we shall move this Honorable Court before one of the Justices thereof at the opening of the said Court on Wednesday, the 14th day of May, 1890, for a dismissal of the indictment herein, on the ground of want of prosecution for the reasons stated in the annexed affidavits, and for such further and other relief as may be just.

Yours etc.,

Howe & Hummel,

Defendant's Attorneys.

To Hon. John R. fellows, Esq.,

District Attorney.

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

\_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_

C. H. A M P I O N B I S S E L L .

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

C. H. A M P I O N B I S S E L L .

being duly sworn says he has read the depositions of William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate on which the indictment herein is based. That the deposition of said Cooper is wholly false as to all of its allegations; viz that the defendant represented to him, Cooper, that the Drawing Credits which defendant opened for those parties who paid the commissions on them, were saleable and negotiable to Banks and Bankers in general; and also as to each and all of its allegations that the defendant used false representations to induce said Cooper to pay the commission on a Drawing Credit.

Deponent states the facts to be as follows: Said Cooper called upon deponent, and asked deponent what the price would be for the use of the acceptance of London parties for the sum of One Hundred Pounds. Deponent said Fifteen Dollars; and stated to said Cooper the name of the London parties and advised Cooper to find out whether he could use the credits before paying the said commission. On the next day Cooper returned, and said he could use such a credit for One Hundred Pounds, but since he might be disappointed he would like the privilege of returning said credit at a price; and such a price, namely, Seven Dollars and fifty cents was then and there agreed upon between said Cooper and deponent. Deponent then delivered to said Cooper the authority to draw on the London Parties for the sum of One Hundred Pounds signed by said Parties, and the Drafts in blank and Cooper paid deponent the sum of Fifteen Dollars commission therefor.

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Deponent did not then, nor at any time, state to said Cooper that any Bank or Banking House would buy such Drafts from him; nor that such Drafts were readily negotiable nor any words to any such effect. Deponent did state to said Cooper that the majority of borrowers could not use such Drafts, because it was necessary that the Drawers of the same should be in good financial standing, that the acceptance was  
5 wholly accommodation, and that there being no Bills of Lading attached to the Drafts, buyers of English Drafts did not regard them as desirable. Deponent stated to Cooper that, he Deponent knew where parties in good financial standing had sold such Drafts to Bankers, but it would be useless for Cooper to go to said Bankers because these Bankers did not know Cooper. Deponent did not state to Cooper that he had issued £20,000 of these Credits during one year; nor did Deponent make any representations whatever to Cooper touching the financial standing of  
6 the London parties who were to accept the Drafts; but on the contrary deponent stated to Cooper that in case he Cooper used the Draft, he must provide for its payment when due, and Cooper said he would do so. Deponent says that on the same day of this transaction, Cooper returned and demanded back the Fifteen Dollars, and deponent tendered him Seven Dollars 50-100, saying to Cooper that he deponent would do just what he agreed to do. That on the next morning thereafter Cooper returned again, and said "Mr. Bissell you are right and I was wrong in  
7 complaining, I will take the Seven Dollars 50-100; and you can give me credit for the other Seven Dollars 50-100 if I want another draft this year." Deponent said to Cooper that this was sensible and proper, and began to prepare an agreement in writing when Dilworth Choate came into the office, and said to Cooper "Don't you take anything but the Fifteen Dollars; if Bissell won't give them to you, come along with me, and I'll get you the Fifteen Dollars." And thereupon Cooper and said Dilworth Choate went away together; after said Choate had asked deponent to give him the name of some Banker who had bought a Draft on the  
8 London Parties; issued from deponent's office.

Deponent states that Cooper well knew and admitted to deponent



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the terms of the contract made between him and deponent, and Cooper would have settled with deponent amicably and in good faith on the morning of the 27th day of July, 1888, had not Dilworth Choate said to Cooper that he would get the whole Fifteen Dollars for Cooper if Cooper would make charges against deponent.

9 Deponent further states that as to the affidavit of Dilworth Choate on which the indictment herein is based, it is false by reason of suppression of the truth, in this respect as follows, on the morning of July 27th, 1888, said Choate asked deponent to give him the name of any Banker who had bought a Draft similar to the Draft then in the possession of Cooper. Deponent stated to said Choate that Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne, Bankers at Number 5 South William Street, New York City, bought such a Draft a few weeks prior to that date. No mention  
10 is made of this Banking House in Choate's affidavit.

Deponent further states that the reason why he waived examination before the Police Magistrate was that he was advised by his Counsel to do so, because deponent was arrested late on Saturday, July 28, 1888, and deprived of all access to his papers; and when brought before the Magistrate on Monday, <sup>July 30th</sup> Counsel stated it to deponent as his belief that ~~the false and defamatory articles~~ <sup>misleading statements</sup> published by the aforesaid Dilworth Choate on Sunday and Monday mornings, July 29th and 30th, <sup>touching Deponent</sup> would have so  
11 influenced the mind of the Magistrate as to render it useless to make any statements in defence, other than a declaration of innocence. Deponent said to said Choate on July 30th, while deponent was before the desk of the Magistrate, "Choate, why do you attack a respectable citizen in this way; a man who is innocent of what is charged against him?" And Choate then said to deponent, "Mr. Bissell, I don't care a damn whether you are innocent or guilty, all I am looking after is matter for my paper."

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*Sworn to before me  
this 16th day of April 1890  
Guthrie J. McKelvin  
Commissioner of Beards  
for New York County*

*Champion Bissell*

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Court of General Sessions  
The People of the State of New York }  
vs  
Champion Bissell }  
City & County of New York, S. S.

Champion Bissell being duly sworn says, that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1888 he issued to James L. Hunt of the City of New York at the instance and request of said Hunt a Drawing Credit for the sum of Sixty five Pounds Sterling at 90 days sight on the firm of Mackie Willis and Company, 39 Seething Lane, London England, and said Hunt thereupon executed his Drafts on said Mackie Willis & Company for the sum of Sixty five Pounds at 90 days sight, and took the same to the Banking Firm of Knauth, Machod and Kuhne, 205 South William Street New York, and returned on the same day and exhibited to deponent the check of the said Knauth, Machod and Kuhne for the sum of Three Hundred and fourteen <sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars (\$314 <sup>60</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) which, said Hunt stated to deponent was the sum which he obtained from them for said Drafts, and after the maturity of said Drafts said Hunt stated

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to sponser that he paid said  
Draft to Knauth, Stachod and  
Kuhve in the City of New York.

Champion Bissell

sworn to before me  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890

Albert J. McGlam

Commissioner of deeds,  
New York County.

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

*Percival Knauth*

being duly sworn says he is a member of the Banking House of Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne, doing business at Number 5 South William Street, New York City; that on the 17th day of May, 1888, the said Banking House bought a Draft or Bill of Exchange drawn by J. L. Hunt on Mackie Willis & Co., 39 Seething Lane, London, England, for the sum of Sixty-five

2 Pounds sterling, at 90 days sight; and that said Draft was paid ~~at~~ *not* maturity. *in London but was paid by the endorser in New York*

Sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup>

day of April 1890.

*Percival Knauth*

*Robt H Eschenbach*

*Notary Public*

*Kings Co, cert to filed in N.Y. Co*



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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

— vs. —

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

WILLIAM E. KINZEY,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has on several occasions since the year 1887, procured from Champion Bissell, defendant herein the privilege of drawing Time Drafts or Bills of Exchange on parties in London, England, designated by said Bissell; that said Bissell never stated to deponent that such Drafts could be sold to any Bank or Banker. Deponent says said Drafts were always accepted on presentation, and he has always provided for their payment at maturity.

Sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1890.

Albert J. Appell  
Notary Public  
New York Co

W E Kinzey  
(Manager of Department  
of Adams & Co)



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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

— vs. —

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

ELLIS H. ROBERTS,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has known Champion Bissell, Defendant herein during the last forty-two years, that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is and has always  
2 been good, and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate has not affected deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this

14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890.

*Ellis H. Roberts*

*Marvin W. Graham (Assistant Treasurer  
Notary Public (no 3) of the United States in  
City, County and State of N.Y. New York)*

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

CHARLES H. DARROW,

being duly sworn, says he transacts a bindery business in the City of New York, that he has known the defendant Champion Bissell during the past 20 years, and has had large business, and monetary dealings with said Bissell, and has always found said Bissell to be truthful and honorable, and that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is and has been good during the period of deponent's acquaintance with him, and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate <sup>has</sup> ~~have~~ not affected deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this

14 day of April 1890.

Charles H. Darrow  
William H. Lusk (Darrow & Gregory  
Notary Public Kings Co. N.Y. Read St  
N.Y.)  
Certf filed in New York Co

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

ISAAC L. PEET, M. D.,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has known Champion Bissell, defendant herein, during the past fifteen or twenty years, that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is good; and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William Cooper and Dilworth Choate has not changed deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890.

George W. Oakley  
Notary Public  
N.Y. Co

Isaac Lewis Peet  
(Head of the New York  
Institution for the Deaf  
and Dumb)

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

HENRY C. MERRY,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has known Champion Bissell, defendant herein during the past fifteen years, that he has had business transactions with said Bissell repeatedly during that period, and has always found him truthful and honorable, that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is good, and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate have not affected deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this

14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890.

Wm H Secor

Notary Public N.Y.C.

*Henry C. Merry*

(Manager Department

American Art Association

23<sup>rd</sup> St N.Y.)

Court of General  
Sessions

The People

vs

Champion Bissell

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Affidavits on Motion  
to dismiss Indictments

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

..... being duly  
sworn, says that he resides at No. .... Street, in the City of  
New York; that he is ..... years of age; that on the ..... day of .....  
1890, at Number ..... in the City of  
New York, he served the within ..... on .....  
the ..... by leaving a copy thereof with .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of ..... 1890. }

*M. H. General Sessions*

*The People &c.*

Plaintiff,

against

*Champion Bissell*

Defendant.

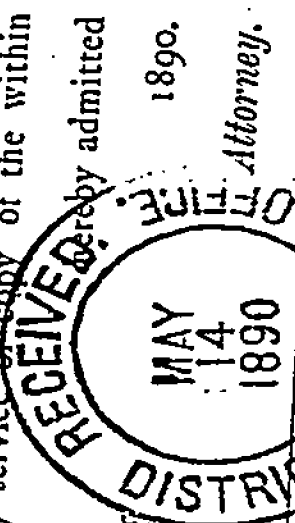
*Notice of Motion.*

**HOWE & HUMMEL,**

*Attorneys for defendant.*

87 & 89 CENTRE ST., New York City.

Due and timely service of copy of the within  
this ..... day of ..... 1890.  
by admitted  
Attorney.



*John A. ...*

*Michael Kelly*

*City of New York*

*Jan 31/89*

*July 19/89*

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N. Y. General Sessions.

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The People,

vs.

Champion Bissell

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: Petit Larceny.  
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Please take notice that on Friday, the 19th day of July, 1889, we shall move this Honorable Court in Part I thereof at 11 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Hon. Justice Rufus B. Cowing, that the bail herein be reduced or that a day be fixed for trial, or that the defendant be discharged, and for such other and further relief in the premises as to the Court shall seem just.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1889 .

Howe & Hummel,

Defendant's Attorneys,

87 & 89 Center St., New York City.

To Hon. John R. Fellows,

District Attorney.

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N. Y. General Sessions.

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The People,

vs.

Champion Bissell,  
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City, County & State of New York, ss:

Reginald S. Durrant being duly sworn, deposes  
and says:-

I am managing clerk in the office of Messrs.  
Howe & Hummel, the attorneys for the above named defend-  
ant, and have had the conduct of the defence herein.

That said defendant was last fall arrested  
on a charge of petitlarceny of the sum of \$15. by false  
pretences, and held in \$1000. bail.

That said defendant, in lieu of bail, deposited  
\$1000. in money with the Comptroller of the City of  
New York, in whose hands said sum of \$1,000. still  
remains.

That over seven terms have elapsed since the  
indictment of the defendant.

That defendant's case has been on the calendar  
three times, but has not been tried.

That defendant has always been ready and anxious  
for trial, in order to clear his character of the stain  
of being under indictment, and has incurred great ex-  
pense in subpoenaing witnesses.

That the retention of the sum of \$1000. as  
bail herein by the <sup>Comptroller</sup> ~~control~~ works great hardship to the

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defendant.

Sworn to before me this  
18th day of July, 1889.

*Reynolds Symant*

*William Smith  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.*



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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
STATE AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

..... being duly  
sworn, says that he resides at No. .... Street, in the City of  
New York; that he is ..... years of age; that on the ..... day of  
18 ....., at Number ..... in the City of  
New York, he served the within ..... on .....  
the ..... by leaving a copy thereof with .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of

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N. D. General Sessions

The People of

Plaintiff,

against  
Champion Russell

Defendant.

Notice of Motion  
and Affidavit

HOWE & HUMMEL,

Attorneys for

87 & 89 CENTRE ST., New York City.

Due and timely service of copy of the within

Notice of Motion - hereby admitted

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 18 89

Attorney.

To John R. Nelson

Protestant

per

I have been ready  
to try the within  
case on three separate  
occasions, but on  
each occasion have  
been unable to secure  
the complainant.  
I do not think that  
the complainant will  
to my larger number  
and I consider that the  
defendant may be so  
closed in his own mind  
July 19/89

John W. Weyoff  
Clerk of the Court



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Police Court—

District: .

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No.

170 East 113<sup>rd</sup>

Street, aged

21 years,

occupation

Produce dealer

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the

26

day of

July

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at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

of deponent, in the day time, the following property viz:

Good and lawful money of  
the United States of the value  
of Fifteen dollars.

the property of deponent

and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by

Champion Bissell for

the reason, to wit: that on said  
day this deponent had negotiations  
with the defendant, whereby the  
defendant was to loan to this  
deponent the sum of Five hundred  
dollars. That the defendant explained to deponent  
a scheme whereby said money could  
be realized upon this deponent paying  
to the defendant the sum Fifteen  
dollars. The defendant agreed to  
give to deponent a letter of credit  
drawn upon Mackie, Millis and Co  
39 Seething Lane London, England  
for the sum of One hundred pounds

Sworn to before me, this  
day  
of  
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Police Justice.

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Sterling, lawful money of England payable ninety days sight. The defendant did then and there represent to deponent that the said firm upon which said letter of credit was given was perfectly responsible and well known in mercantile circles and that any draft drawn upon said firm was readily negotiable <sup>in this city</sup> and that the sum called for in said letter of credit could be easily realized or goods purchased <sup>in this city</sup> and a draft drawn upon said letter could be used in payment and accepted as soon as the responsibility of said firm were known. That deponent believing said representations to be true and relying thereon did pay to the defendant the said sum of Fifteen dollars and the defendant issued the annexed letter of credit and drew the annexed draft. That deponent has made diligent efforts to negotiate said draft and has been unable to do so and has been informed by persons to whom deponent has presented the same for negotiation that said letter of credit and said draft has no commercial value and that the same was worthless.

Wherefore deponent charges said defendant with taking, stealing and carrying away said property from defendant by reason of the said representation herein above stated and prays that the defendant be arrested and dealt with as the law directs.

Sworn to before me }  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1888 }  
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W. J. Cooper.

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STATE OF NEW YORK.  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss:POLICE COURT, 1 DISTRICT.Dilworth Choateof No. 31 Park Row. (Ward office) Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1888at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he presented the

annexed letter of credit issued by Mackie, Willie and Co. 39 Leadenhall Lane London, England and the annexed draft drawn in pursuance thereof to a number of bankers and brokers in the City of New York to negotiate the same and has been informed by each and all of such persons that the said letter of credit and draft had no commercial value and were worthless for the purpose of realizing the amount called for therein.

Sworn to before  
me this 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1888 }

Dilworth Choate

Dilworth Choate  
Police Justice

Depos Exhibit 10 for Identification - June 10/90



POLICE COURT.....DISTRICT.

City and County of New York, ss.:

THE PEOPLE,

U.S.

*On Complaint of.*

For

Champion Russell

After being informed of my rights under the law, I hereby waive a trial, by Jury, on this complaint, and demand a trial at the COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York.

*Dated.*

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*Police Justice.*



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Sec. 198-200.

1<sup>st</sup> District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Champion Russell* being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is *his* right to make a statement in relation to the charge against *him*; that the statement is designed to enable *him* if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against *him*, that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that *his* waiver cannot be used against *him* on the trial.

Question. What is your name.

Answer. *Champion Russell*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *58 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street. 4 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Attorney and Counsel at law*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. *I am not guilty*

*Champion Russell*

Taken before me this *28*

day of *July*

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Police Justice.

*J. J. [Signature]*

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Sec. 151.

1<sup>st</sup> District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss *In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County*  
*of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York:*

Whereas, Complaint on oath has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police  
Justices in and for the said City, by *William J. Cooper*

of No. *170 E. 113<sup>th</sup>* Street, that on the *26* day of *July*  
188*8* at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit :

*Good and lawful money of the*  
*United States*

of the value of *Twenty* Dollars,  
the property of *William J. Cooper*  
was taken, stolen, and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and  
believe, by *Champion Russell*

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to  
answer the said complaint.

These are, Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said  
Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and every of you, to apprehend the body of the said Defendant and forthwith  
bring *him* before me, at the *1<sup>st</sup>* DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence  
or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to  
be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this *28* day of *July* 188*8*  
*J. P. [Signature]* POLICE JUSTICE.

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POLICE COURT. DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated

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Magistrate

Officer

The Defendant  
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer  
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-  
tained in this Warrant.

Officer.

Dated

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This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at  
night.

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

## REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, \_\_\_\_\_

Native, of \_\_\_\_\_

Age, \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Complexion, \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_

Profession, \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_

Single, \_\_\_\_\_

Read, \_\_\_\_\_

Write, \_\_\_\_\_

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

Defendant  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 10 Hundred Dollars,.....and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated July 30 1888 A. B. Smith Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named.....  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated.....188..... Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named.....  
.....guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated.....188..... Police Justice.



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No. 3, by

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No. 4, by

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Police Court

District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William L. Cooper  
East 113 St  
Champion Russell

Flinders

Dated

July 28

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Magistrate.

Creed & Ruland

Precinct.

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

C. H. A M P I O N B I S S E L L .

39 Broadway

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

C. H. A M P I O N B I S S E L L .

being duly sworn says he has read the depositions of William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate on which the indictment herein is based. That the deposition of said Cooper is wholly false as to all of its allegations, *viz* that the defendant represented to him, Cooper, that the Drawing Credits *2* which defendant opened for those parties who paid the commissions on them, were saleable and negotiable to Banks and Bankers in general; and also as to each and all of its allegations that the defendant used false representations to induce said Cooper to pay the commission on a Drawing Credit.

Deponent states the facts to be as follows: Said Cooper called upon deponent, and asked deponent what the price would be for the use of the acceptance of London parties for the sum of One Hundred Pounds. Deponent said Fifteen Dollars; and stated to said Cooper the *3* name of the London parties and advised Cooper to find out whether he could use the credits before paying the said commission. On the next day Cooper returned, and said he could use such a credit for One Hundred Pounds, but since he might be disappointed he would like the privilege of returning said credit at a price; and such a price, namely, Seven Dollars and fifty cents was then and there agreed upon between said Cooper and deponent. Deponent then delivered to said Cooper the au- *4* thority to draw on the London Parties for the sum of One Hundred Pounds signed by said Parties, and the Drafts in blank, and Cooper paid deponent the sum of Fifteen Dollars commission therefor.

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Deponent did not then, nor at any time, state to said Cooper that any Bank or Banking House would buy such Drafts from him; nor that such Drafts were readily negotiable nor any words to any such effect. Deponent did state to said Cooper that the majority of borrowers could not use such Drafts, because it was necessary that the Drawers of the same should be in good financial standing, that the acceptance was  
5 wholly accommodation, and that there being no Bills of Lading attached to the Drafts, buyers of English Drafts did not regard them as desirable. Deponent stated to Cooper that, he Deponent knew where parties in good financial standing had sold such Drafts to Bankers, but it would be useless for Cooper to go to said Bankers because these Bankers did not know Cooper. Deponent did not state to Cooper that he had issued £20,000 of these Credits during one year; nor did Deponent make any representations whatever to Cooper touching the financial standing of  
6 the London parties who were to accept the Drafts; but on the contrary deponent stated to Cooper that in case he Cooper used the Draft, he must provide for its payment when due, and Cooper said he would do so.

Deponent says that on the same day of this transaction, Cooper returned and demanded back the Fifteen Dollars, and deponent tendered him Seven Dollars 50-100, saying to Cooper that he deponent would do just what he agreed to do. That on the next morning thereafter Cooper returned again, and said "Mr. Bissell you are right and I was wrong in  
7 complaining, I will take the Seven Dollars 50-100; and you can give me credit for the other Seven Dollars 50-100 if I want another draft this year." Deponent said to Cooper that this was sensible and proper, and began to prepare an agreement in writing when Dilworth Choate came into the office, and said to Cooper "Don't you take anything but the Fifteen Dollars; if Bissell won't give them to you, come along with me, and I'll get you the Fifteen Dollars." And thereupon Cooper and said Dilworth Choate went away together; after said Choate had asked deponent to give him the name of some Banker who had bought a Draft on the  
8 London Parties; issued from deponent's office.

Deponent states that Cooper well knew and admitted to deponent



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the terms of the contract made between him and deponent, and Cooper would have settled with deponent amicably and in good faith on the morning of the 27th day of July, 1888, had not Dilworth Choate said to Cooper that he would get the whole Fifteen Dollars for Cooper if Cooper would make charges against deponent.

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Deponent further states that as to the affidavit of Dilworth Choate on which the indictment herein is based, it is false by reason of suppression of the truth, in this respect as follows, on the morning of July 27th, 1888, said Choate asked deponent to give him the name of any Banker who had bought a Draft similar to the Draft then in the possession of Cooper. Deponent stated to said Choate that Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne, Bankers at Number 5 South William Street, New York City, bought such a Draft a few weeks prior to that date. No mention is made of this Banking House in Choate's affidavit.

*See their following affidavit.*

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Deponent further states that the reason why he waived examination before the Police Magistrate was that he was advised by his Counsel to do so, because deponent was arrested late on Saturday, July 28, 1888, and deprived of all access to his papers; and when brought before the Magistrate on Monday, <sup>July 30</sup> Counsel stated it to deponent as his belief that the ~~false and defamatory articles~~ <sup>*misleading statements*</sup> published by the aforesaid Dilworth Choate on Sunday and Monday mornings, July 29th and 30th, <sup>*touching said deponent*</sup> would have so

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influenced the mind of the Magistrate as to render it useless to make any statements in defence, other than a declaration of innocence. Deponent said to said Choate on July 30th, while deponent was before the desk of the Magistrate, "Choate, why do you attack a respectable citizen in this way; a man who is innocent of what is charged against him?" And Choate then said to deponent, "Mr. Bissell, I don't care a damn whether you are innocent or guilty, all I am looking after is matter for my paper."

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*Sworn to before me  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890  
Gilbert Peckham.*

*Commissioner of Deeds  
My County.*

*Champion Bissell*



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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

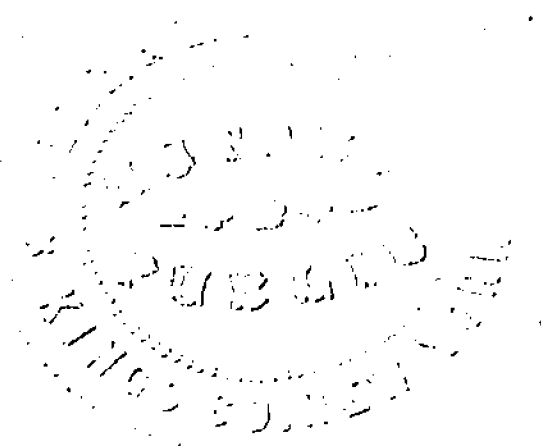
CHARLES H. DARROW,

being duly sworn, says he transacts a bindery business in the City of New York, that he has known the defendant Champion Bissell during the past 20 years, and has had large business, and monetary dealings with said Bissell, and has always found said Bissell to be truthful and honorable, and that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is and has been good during the period of deponent's acquaintance with him, and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate <sup>has</sup> not affected deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this

14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890.

William H. Lusk  
Notary Public Kings Co. N.Y.  
cert. filed in New York Co.



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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_  
CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

ISAAC L. PEET, *L.D.*,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has known Champion Bissell, defendant herein, during the past fifteen or twenty years, that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is good; and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William Cooper and Dilworth Choate has not changed deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this

15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890

George W. Oakley  
Notary Public (3)  
New York County

Isaac Lewis Peet

(Head of the New York  
Institution for the Deaf &  
Dumb)

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

HENRY C. MERRY,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has known Champion Bissell, defendant herein during the past fifteen years, that he has had business transactions with said Bissell repeatedly during that period, and has always found him truthful and honorable, that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is good, and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate <sup>has</sup> not affected deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890.

*J. H. Secor*

Notary Public N.Y.C. 23<sup>d</sup> St.

*Henry C. Merry*  
(Manager of department  
American Art Association)

Court of General  
Sessions -

The People

vs

Champion Bissell

affiants on motion  
to dismiss indictment

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

..... being duly  
sworn, says that he resides at No. .... Street, in the City of  
New York; that he is ..... years of age; that on the ..... day of .....  
1890, at Number ..... in the City of  
New York, he served the within ..... on .....  
the ..... by leaving a copy thereof with .....

Sworn to before me this  
day of ..... 1890. }

*J. M. General Sessions*

*The People vs.*

Plaintiff,

*Champion Russell*

against

Defendant.

*Notice of Motion*

**HOWE & HUMMEL,**

Attorneys for Defendant.

87 & 89 CENTRE ST., New York City.

service of copy of the within

*Notice of Motion* is hereby admitted

this 12 day of May 1890.

*Wm. F. Tallent*

Attorney.

*Wm. F. Tallent*  
*Per Bond*

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Bount of General Sessions

The People of the State of New York

vs  
Champion Bissell

City and Bount of New York, S.S.

Champion Bissell being  
duly sworn says that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1888 he issued to James K  
Hunt <sup>of the City of New York</sup> at the instance and request  
of said Hunt a Drawing Credit for  
the sum of Sixty five Pounds Sterling  
at 90 days sight on the firm of Mackie  
Willis and Company, 39 Seething Lane,  
London England, and said Hunt there-  
upon executed his Drafts on said Mackie  
Willis and Company for the sum of Sixty  
five Pounds at 90 days sight, and  
took the same to the Banking Firm of  
Knauth Bachod and Kuhne No 5  
South William Street New York, and  
returned on the same day and exhibited  
to deponent the Check of the said  
Knauth Bachod and Kuhne for the sum  
of Three Hundred and fourteen Dollars  
<sup>60</sup>100 (\$314 <sup>60</sup>) which said Hunt stated  
to deponent was the sum for which  
he obtained from them for said Draft,

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and after the maturity of said Draft  
said Hunt stated to Depoent  
that he paid said Draft to Knauth  
Kachod and Kuhne in the City of  
New York.

Champion Bissell

Sworn to before me  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1890

Gilbert H. Hain.

Commissioner of Deeds.

N.Y. County.

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

*Percival Knauth*

being duly sworn says he is a member of the Banking House of Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne, doing business at Number 5 South William Street, New York City; that on the 17th day of May, 1888, the said Banking House bought a Draft or Bill of Exchange drawn by J. L. Hunt on Mackie Willis & Co., 39 Seething Lane, London, England, for the sum of Sixty-five Pounds sterling, at 90 days sight; and that said Draft was paid <sup>not</sup> ~~at~~ maturity. *in London; but was paid by the*

Sworn to before me this *14* day of *April* 1890. *enduser in New York*

*Robt. H. Schumacher* *Percival Knauth*  
*Notary Public*  
*Kings Co., Cal. filed N.Y.C.*



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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

CHAMPION BISSELL.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

WILLIAM E. KINZEY,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has on several occasions since the year 1887, procured from Champion Bissell, defendant herein the privilege of drawing Time Drafts or Bills of Exchange on parties in London, England, designated by said Bissell; that said Bissell never stated to deponent that such Drafts could be sold to any Bank or Banker. Deponent says said Drafts were always accepted on presentation, and he has always provided for their payment at maturity.

Sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1890.

Albert J. Appell  
Notary Public

W. E. Kinzey.

Manager of  
a Department of  
New York County (Adams & Co.)

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Fol. 1 COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

vs.

C. H A M P I O N B I S S E L L .

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

ELLIS H. ROBERTS,

being duly sworn says he resides in the City of New York, that he has known Champion Bissell, Defendant herein during the last forty-two years, that said Bissell's reputation for truth and veracity is and has always been good, and that the arrest of said Bissell consequent upon the charges made against him by William J. Cooper and Dilworth Choate has not affected deponent's good estimation of said Bissell.

Sworn to before me this

14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1890.

Ellis H. Roberts.  
Assistant Treasurer of the  
United States in New-  
York.

Notary Public (No. 3)  
City & Co. of N.Y.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
AGAINST

*Champion Birrell*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

*Champion Birrell*

of the CRIME OF *Petit* LARCENY,  
committed as follows:

The said *Champion Birrell*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *26th*  
day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*eight*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to  
deprive and defraud *one William John Rogers*

of the proper moneys, goods chattels and personal property hereinafter mentioned, and of  
the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to *his* own use, did then and  
there feloniously, fraudulently and falsely pretend and represent to *the said*  
*William John Rogers*

That *the said Champion Birrell* was then  
engaged in conducting a system of obtaining  
money, and of procuring pecuniary assistance  
for those who might apply to him thereof, and  
that by this method he obtained for persons of  
good character, and for a small commission  
money by means of letters of credit drawn  
on *the said firm* Messrs. *Wills and Company*  
of London England, *against* which drafts by the  
persons whose favor the same were made, were  
easily negotiable in the City of New York; that the  
said *firm of Messrs Wills and Company* was a  
responsible firm and well known in financial and

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commercial circles in said city, and drafts drawn upon them in favor of any person holding their letters of credit could be discounted at any bank or money office in said city.

That a certain person, to wit, in the name and requires following to Mr. "Machine, Willis & Co.; 39 South Main Street, City of Chicago, No. 222 Denison, E.C. July 9 1888 \$ or \$100.00 In favor of William Cooper, Esq. - We hereby authorize you to draw upon us any drafts you may require at 90 days sight, up to but not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds - each draft to be endorsed upon the back of this letter of credit, and dated and signed by letter when issued, this letter of credit to be in force for 12 months from the above date. Machine, Willis & Co.," which he then and there produced and offered to give to the said William John Cooper in consideration of the sum of fifteen dollars, and his personal promise to pay the same when due, was then and there a good and valid letter of credit of the value of five hundred dollars. That said sum of five hundred dollars was the commission of the said Champion Birrell in said transaction. That said drafts which he the said John Cooper might draw against the said letter of credit were And the said said drafts could be in said city and could be discounted at any bank or money office there, or used in the purchase of goods at any place there, and the said William John Cooper then and there believing the said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid by the said Champion Birrell -

and being deceived thereby, was induced, by reason of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid, to deliver, and did then and there deliver to the said

Champion Birrell, the sum of fifteen dollars in money, lawful money of the United States and of the value of fifteen dollars,

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said William

Cooper

And the said Champion Birrell

did then and there feloniously receive and obtain the said proper moneys, goods, chattels, and personal property, from the possession of the said William John

Cooper

by color and by aid of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations aforesaid, with intent to deprive and defraud the said William John Cooper

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to his own use

Whereas, in truth and in fact, the said Champion Birrell was, nor then engaged in conducting a system of lending money and of procuring pecuniary assistance for those who were unable to pay their debts, and he did not by his aforesaid method obtain for persons of good character, without security, and for a small commission advances of money by means of letters of credit drawn by said John of Machine, Willis and Company, and drafts against such letters of credit by the person in whose favor the same were made, were now



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easily negotiable in said city, and said firm was not a responsible firm and was not well known in financial or commercial circles in said city, and drafts drawn upon them in favor of any person holding their letters of credit could not be discounted at any bank or other office in said city.

And whereas, truth and in fact the said paper instrument which the said Champion Brisell as as aforesaid then and there produced and offered to give to the said William John Cooper in consideration of the sum of fifteen dollars and his personal promise to pay the same when due, and which the said William John Cooper did then and there take, accept and purchase of the said Champion Brisell for and consideration, was not then and there a good and valid letter of credit, and was of no value whatsoever, and any drafts which the said William John Cooper might draw against the said letter of credit were not easily negotiable in said city and could not be discounted at any bank or other office there, or used in the purchase of goods at any place there.

And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid by the said Champion Brisell to the said William John Cooper was and were then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as the said Champion Brisell at the time of making the same then and there well knew

And so the Grand Jury Aforesaid, do say that the said Champion Brisell in the manner and form aforesaid, by the means aforesaid, the said proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said William John Cooper then and there feloniously did STEAL, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the said people.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

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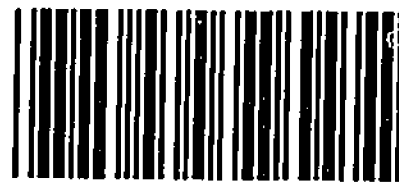
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Booth, Walter

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Counsel, *2/*  
Filed *day of January 1889*  
Pleads, *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

*No. 168 1/179 23.*  
*P*  
*Walter Booth*

*Grand Larceny Second degree.*  
[Sections 528, 531 - , Penal Code].

JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

*W. S. 179 179 5.*

A True Bill.

*W. S. 179 179 5.*  
Foreman.

*W. S. 179 179 5.*  
*pleading guilty*  
*W. S. 179 179 5.*

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Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York, }of No. 226 West 29th Street, aged 37 years,  
occupation Artist being duly sworndeposes and says, that on the 19th day of January 1888 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, in the day time, the following property viz:

one satchel  
containing a quantity of jewelry and  
a small red watch, a pair of  
bracelets, a photograph of deponent's  
husband, and other property of the  
value of about three hundred dollars  
\$300

the property of deponent

and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,  
and carried away by Walter Booth, now here,  
under the following circumstances, Deponent  
took the defendant to her apartment  
on said date for the purpose of  
giving him charity, and the defendant  
then and there seized the said  
property and ran off with it, and  
deponent ran after him and could  
not then catch him. Deponent saw  
the defendant on January 26 in Rensselaer  
Avenue and caused his arrest, and  
now avers that he is dead, with  
according to law.

Riddick + More  
sworn

Suborn to before me, this 27 dayof January 1888

W. M. Matthews  
Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

*Walter D. Smith* being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him ☒; that the statement is designed to enable him ☒ if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his ☒ waiver cannot be used against him ☒ on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

*Walter D. Smith*

Taken before me this

day of *January*

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Police Justice.

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

Walter D. York

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars,..... and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Jan 27 1889

J. M. Pluterson Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named.....

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated.....188

Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated.....188

Police Justice.

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Police Court---

District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Riddick More*  
*226 Ward 29*  
*Walter Booth*

*Saucy*  
*felony*  
Offence

BAILED,

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No. 2, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 3, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

No. 4, by .....

Residence ..... Street.

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Dated *Jan 27* 188 *9*

*Patterson* Magistrate.

*Roberts* Officer.

*20* Precinct.

Witnesses *Thos. A. Taylor*

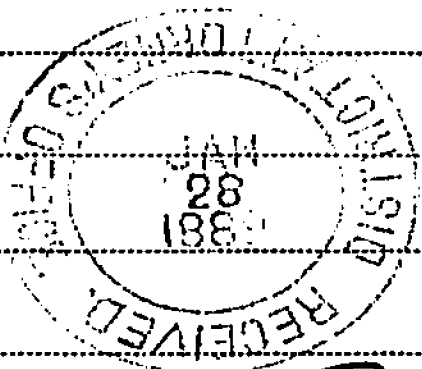
No. *128 West 27<sup>th</sup>* Street.

No. .... Street.

No. .... Street.

\$ *1500.* to answer *S. S.*

*Comd.*



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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Walter Booth

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Walter Booth

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE second DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Walter Booth

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eighty hundred and eighty-nine, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one watch of the value of thirty dollars, two bracelets of the value of fifteen dollars each one photograph of the value of one dollar one satchel of the value of one dollar divers articles of jewelry, of a number and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of one hundred dollars, divers articles of personal property of a number and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of one hundred dollars, of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Riddick More

then and there being found, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

John R. Fellows  
District Attorney.



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**DESCRIPTION:**

Boyle, Bernard

**DATE:**

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WITNESSES:

*Frederic B. Ryerson*

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Counsel,

Filed

day of

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Pleads

*Charged July 19*

THE PEOPLE,

*Transferred to the Court of Special Sessions for trial and final disposition.*

*May 23 1893*

*Bernard Boyle*

VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW  
(Selling on Sunday, Etc.)  
[Ill. Rev. Stat. (7th Edition), page 1893, Sec. 21 and page 1893, Sec. 6.]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

*District Attorney.*

*off Oct 3am -*

A TRUE BILL.

*Thos. O'Donoghue*

*Foreman.*

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, PART 3

(1708)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

INDICTMENT

For

*Bernard Boyle*

To

M *Hugh Dolan* 36

No. *516* *8<sup>th</sup>* Ave Street

The indictment against the above-named defendant, for whose appearance you are bound, has been placed upon the Calendar for *Trial* at the Court of GENERAL SESSIONS of the Peace, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House in the Park of the said City, on the *16* day of *May* instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

If the defendant is not produced at that time, your bond will be forfeited.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

*District Attorney.*

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Court of General S

OF THE CITY AND CO

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW

against

*Bernard Boyle*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by

*Bernard Boyle*

of the CRIME OF SELLING INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND WINES AND  
AGE ON SUNDAY, committed as follows:

The said

*Bernard Boyle*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*twenty-seventh* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid,  
the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, with  
force and arms, certain intoxicating liquors and certain wines, to wit: One gill of wine,  
one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial,  
one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer,  
and one gill of a certain intoxicating liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,  
unlawfully did sell as a beverage to one

*Ira B. Ryerson*

and to certain other persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,  
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of  
the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT—

And the Grand Jury aforesaid by this indictment further accuse the said

*Bernard Boyle*

of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG  
AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said

*Bernard Boyle*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year  
aforesaid, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as  
Sunday, being then and there in charge of and having the control of a certain place  
there situate, which was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and  
spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County  
aforesaid, the said place so licensed as aforesaid unlawfully did not close and keep  
closed, and on the said day the said place so licensed as aforesaid unlawfully did then  
and there open, and cause and procure, and suffer and permit, to be open, and to remain  
open, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the  
peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.



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**BOX:**

335

**FOLDER:**

3174

**DESCRIPTION:**

Boylston, Herman

**DATE:**

01/11/89



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Witnesses;

Isaac R. Gordin

Ben. Meyer

Advised Daniel S. Gordin 21 P.

Adm. X. Gordin

I have examined  
all the witnesses in  
the case and I  
do not think that  
on the testimony elicited  
a conviction can be  
obtained, so therefore  
recommended that the  
defendant be discharged  
on his own recognizance  
with \$5000

W. J. Gordin

I suppose after about a week  
-ation  
Per 2 Dec. 21 P. Gordin  
Defendant

688.

A. H. P.

Counsel,

Filed 11 day of May 1889.

Pleads, Guilty

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
Herman Baylston  
Burglary in the Third degree.  
[Section 498506528 and 537]

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Jan. 22. 1889 W.D.

A True Bill.  
Per Indict 21/89  
Per Indict 21/89

W. J. Gordin

Foreman.

See Report of N. Y. S. P. C. O.  
for information about defendant  
filed with these papers, if lost,  
notify the Society at once.

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General  
Court of Special Sessions

The People vs  
Isaac R. Jacobs  
vs  
John Connors

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR  
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
TO CHILDREN.

100 EAST 23D STREET,

New York, January 4 1889

CASE NO. 39625 OFFICER Layton 21<sup>st</sup> Prec  
DATE OF ARREST January 2/89  
CHARGE Burglary  
AGE OF CHILD 12 years  
RELIGION Catholic  
FATHER Dead  
MOTHER Ellen  
RESIDENCE 707 E 38<sup>th</sup> St

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SOCIETY SHOWS THAT ~~there is~~  
no record that boy was ever arrested before, he  
attends school, but his associations are  
bad, mother is respectable

All which is respectfully submitted,

Miss O'Brien  
President

To  
Hon. Wm. C. Cady

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*Committee of General donors*

*The People's Aid*

*James R. Jacobs*

*John C. Conover*

*Wm. H. H. H.*

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Report of the New York Society  
for the Prevention of Cruelty  
to Children.

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,  
*President, &c.,*

100 East 23d Street,  
NEW YORK CITY.



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City & County of New York

Isaac R. Jacobs

being cases Examined says  
I know nothing about how  
this Bursary was accounted.

Isaac R. Jacobs

Catharine Mills. being gross  
Examined says

I saw ~~Carmichael~~ in the Window.  
I did not see the defendant  
Bolton at or near the  
Window, and if he was  
there I would have seen  
him —

Defendant Mills.

Abraham Benni Benni says  
Examined says I am 11  
years old. I don't go

known to before me  
6 day of June 1889  
John J. Morrissey  
Notary Public

known to before me  
6 day of June 1889  
John J. Morrissey  
Notary Public

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to Sunday School I go  
to public ~~State~~ School  
I know the defendant Balston  
I remember when the window  
was broken. I saw Cannon  
there, I did not see him  
go through the window  
the window was broken  
about 7 1/2 or 8 o'clock  
I know it was about 7 1/2 o'clock  
because I saw a clock in  
the Butcher's shop, and about  
5 minutes later the window  
was broken.

I saw Cannon about  
3 feet away from the window  
he was standing by the Coal  
Box the Coal Box is about  
3 feet from the window,  
I did not see Cannon  
do anything  
Balston was standing close to  
the window I saw a few  
packs of Tobacco lying in the  
gutter, I saw Balston take  
things from the store  
he took the Tobacco from the  
window and ran to the store  
with it

Abraham Meyers

shown to before me  
day of January 1889  
John Henry  
Pittsfield

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CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

POLICE COURT, 4 DISTRICT.

Isaac R. Jacobs

of No. 335 Bleeker Street, aged 32 years,  
occupation Speculator being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the 6 day of January 1889

at the City of New York in the County of New York, deponent is informed  
by Abraham Meyer of No 573 3rd Avenue  
that Herman Bogertson (read here) is one  
of the unknown persons mentioned in  
deponent (annexed Complaint) of January 3  
1889 and that he is one of the persons  
who stole part of the property mentioned  
in said Complaint

Isaac R. Jacobs

Sworn to before me, this

of

1889

day

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 5 DISTRICT.

Abraham Meyer

of No. 573 3rd Avenue Street, aged 11 years,

occupation Schoolboy being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the 2 day of January 1889

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he saw when the  
Burglar was committed at No 217 East  
38th Street, and deponent saw Herman  
Baylston (now here) take some Tobacco  
from the Window and run away  
with the same.

Abie Meyer.

Sworn to before me, this

of January

1889

6 day

Henry H. Munnice  
Justice.



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Police Court— District: 4

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

Jean R Jacobs

of No. 335 Hudson

Street, aged 32 years,

occupation Speculator,

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 217 East 38 Street, 21 Ward

in the City and County aforesaid the said being a 8 story brick building

the first floor and which was occupied by deponent as a Cigar &amp; Stationery Store,

and in which there was at the time a human being, by name

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly breaking the glass in the Shaw Window,

on the 2 day of January 1889 in the day time, and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

a quantity of Cigarette Tobacco, of the value of about two dollars

the property of deponent

and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid BURGLARY was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen and carried away by

John Carraro (known here)

and several others not arrested, and whose names are unknown to deponent

for the reasons following, to wit: Deponent at the hour of about

5 o'clock left said store when said window was in good condition and said property was in said store

Deponent is informed by Catherine Melle of No. 217 East 38 Street that about the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening she heard the breaking of glass, and that she was in front of said store and that she saw

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said defendant partly in the window that  
she seized him and pulled him out of the  
window, she held him and caused his  
arrest.

Shrout to before me this  
3rd day of June 1889 Isaac R. Jacobs  
Police Justice:

Dated 1889 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated 1889 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 1889 Police Justice.

of the City of New York, until he give such bail.  
Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of

committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

1.  
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Dated 1889  
Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses.

No. Street,

No. Street,

No. Street,

to answer General Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Catherine Muller

aged 42 years, occupation Housekeeper of No.

217 East 38 Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Isaac R. Jacobs  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 3  
day of December 1888

Isaac R. Jacobs

Isaac R. Jacobs  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

Herman Baylston being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him; that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Herman Baylston

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 18 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. 215 East 38 Street 18 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Driver

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. I am not guilty

Herman Baylston

Taken before me this

6

day of February

1889

John J. McManis

Police Justice.



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Sec. 100-900.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK } ss.

4 District Police Court

*John Connors* being duly examined before the under-  
signed according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to  
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used  
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

Taken before me this

day of

1889

Police Justice

*John Connors*

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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

Defendant  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Ten Hundred Dollars,.....and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated January 3 1889 Joseph J. ... Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named Herman Baylson  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated January 6 1889 Joseph J. ... Police Justice.

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named.....

Herman Baylson  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Ten Hundred Dollars,.....and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated January 6 1889 Joseph J. ... Police Justice.

Mr. Funes for

*No. 1, by*

## References

No. 2, by

### *Residences*

No 28, 9 by

***Residence***

*No. 4, by*

*Residence*

**District.**

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Isaac R Jacobs,

1335 D. Black

1 ~~John Carson~~

2 Herman Bayliss

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**Dated**

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**Magistrate.**

**Officer.**

Precinct.

**Witnesses**

No

~~Street.~~

Street,

Street.

See Report of N. Y. S. P. C. O.  
for information about defendant  
filed with these papers. If lost,  
notify the Society at once.

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**Grand Jury Room.**

PEOPLE

PS.

*Herman Boylston*

*A. Theiple*

*I was standing  
west wall - western  
about 1 - hearing  
day.*

*I saw Boylston  
put his arm into  
hooker window  
+ take about 8 perhaps  
of tobacco + came  
back - both stable  
west door to the  
place.*



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North Hill.

217 E 3rd St

At 7 o'clock we  
went out of back  
of house went down  
along row windows  
back of store. Came  
by half way - the window  
I pulled in and had  
him arrested.

Sid was Boylston.  
around there at all

3 officers when  
I left for character

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30th January 8

To all whom it may  
concern I have known  
Mrs Conner there last 3  
years as a tenant of ours  
and her son I know her  
to be a honest hard  
working woman and  
for the Igr I know  
Nothing bad of him  
I never heard of him  
Doing a bad act

J. J. Gray 207-34  
J. J. Conner

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New York.  
Jan 8. to 1889

Sir.  
I have known Mrs Connors  
for the past three years and never  
knew her son to do a dishonest  
act. my wife can say the same

I am  
John Burke  
209 E 38 st  
City

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38<sup>th</sup> January 8

I know Miss Connors for  
last 3 years and being hard  
decent working woman and  
knowed Johnny being an  
honest boy. And never knew  
anything wrong about him  
before.

If required their can be  
more witnesses got if required  
because he is a honest and a  
obedient boy.

John Dimond  
105 East 38<sup>th</sup> St.



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I know Mrs Cornors  
and her boy for the  
last 3 years and never  
knew the boy to do a  
~~thing~~ but not my wife  
can say the same thing.  
Yours  
Electric

20th Feb 1904

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*John Ramona and Herman Crofton*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

*John Ramona and Herman Crofton*

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Ramona and Herman Crofton*, both \_\_\_\_\_

late of the *Twenty-first* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *second* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *nine*, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *shop* of one

*Grace A. Jacobs*, \_\_\_\_\_

feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

*Grace A. Jacobs*, \_\_\_\_\_

in the said *shop* then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment further accuse the said

*John Thomas and Herman Bonfante*

of the CRIME OF  *Petit*  LARCENY, \_\_\_\_\_ committed as follows:

The said *John Thomas and Herman Bonfante* \_\_\_\_\_

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the *night* time of the said day, with force and arms,

*a quantity of sundry articles  
of the value of Two dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *James B. Jacobs*,

in the *shop* of the said *James B. Jacobs* \_\_\_\_\_

there situate, then and there being found, *in* the *shop* aforesaid, then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

*John Thomas  
Herman Bonfante*

Witnesses;

Isaac R. Jacobs

A. Meyer

Wm. Daniel Layton 21P

Wm. Flood

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Composed

Filed

Pleads,

day of

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

~~John R. Fellows~~

and

Herman Boylston

Burglary in the Third degree.

Section 498, 506, 528, 553, 574

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Bill dismissed  
against  
A True Bill.

Bill found  
against H. Boylston

Foreman.

Bill found  
against Herman  
Boylston

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Herman Raftan*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

*Herman Raftan*

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Herman Raftan*

late of the *Second* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *second* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *shop* of one

*Isaac B. Jacobs,*

feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

*Isaac B. Jacobs,*

in the said *shop* then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.



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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment further accuse the said

\_\_\_\_\_ *Herman Bonfalon* \_\_\_\_\_  
of the CRIME OF *SEX* LARCENY, \_\_\_\_\_ committed as follows:

The said *Herman Bonfalon*, \_\_\_\_\_

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,  
at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the *night* time of the said day, with force and arms,

*a quantity of sundry articles of*  
*the value of two dollars,* \_\_\_\_\_

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Isaac B. Jacobs*,

in the *shop* of the said *Isaac B. Jacobs*, \_\_\_\_\_

there situate, then and there being found, *in the shop* aforesaid, then and there  
feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

*John A. Jones*  
*Attorney*

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**Court of General Sessions of the Peace**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Herman Baughman*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

*Herman Baughman*

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Herman Baughman*

late of the *Fifth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *second* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *shop* of one

*Isaac D. Geder*

feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

*Isaac D. Geder*

in the said *shop* then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment further accuse the said

\_\_\_\_\_ *Herman Bonfante* \_\_\_\_\_

of the CRIME OF *Ex. LARCENY*, \_\_\_\_\_ committed as follows:

The said *Herman Bonfante*, \_\_\_\_\_

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,  
at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the *night* time of the said day, with force and arms,

*a quantity of smoking tobacco of*  
*the value of two dollars,* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Grace A. Jacobs*,

in the *shop* of the said *Grace A. Jacobs*, \_\_\_\_\_

there situate, then and there being found, *in* the *shop* aforesaid, then and there  
feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and  
provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

*John A. Keller*  
*Attorney*