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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2112

DESCRIPTION:

Wagner, Arthur

DATE:

03/12/86



2112

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0414

#718

Witnesses:

*Samuel Hayes*  
*Harry B. Brewster*

Counsel,

*McMullen*  
Filed *12th* day of *March* 188*6*

Pleads

*Guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*1*

*Arthur Wagner*

Grand Larceny 2nd degree  
[Sections 628, 631, Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Chas. B. Rosendo*

*[Signature]*

Foreman.

*March 11th 1886*

*Ordered & found of*  
*Grand Larceny*  
*Pen. 1 year.*

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The People  
vs.  
Author Wagner.

Court of general Sessions, Part I.

Before Judge Gildersleeve.

Friday, March 19, 1886.

Indictment for grand larceny.

Jeremiah Hayes sworn and examined. Where do you live? No. 104 West Houston Street. What is your business? Clerk. Do you know the defendant at the bar? Only to have seen him the night he took my coat. Do you remember the 8th day of March last? Yes sir. Did you own an overcoat that day? Yes sir. What was the value of that overcoat? When new, forty-five dollars. How long did you have it? A little over two years. Where did you have the coat? The coat was hanging up. Where, in what place? In Turn Hall, we were rolling a game of ten-pins in a private alley in 4th Street in this city. Did you see this man there? Yes sir. Did you see him do anything? No sir. My attention was called to the matter by a gentleman who saw him take it. Did you do anything in consequence of that? Nothing further than to go to the Station House. Did you have this man arrested? I did not but the gentleman who saw him take the coat arrested him. I did not miss my coat at all; the gentleman held the coat up and asked whose coat it was. I went to the Station House then. The first I saw of the prisoner was his talking to Mr Brewster the gentleman who saw him take the coat. Did Mr Brewster go to the Station House? Yes sir. And did you charge the defendant there with taking your overcoat? Yes sir. Did you ever know him before that night? No sir. Did you authorize him to take your coat? No.

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Henry D. Brewster sworn. Where do you live? 104 East 22nd Street. Do you remember the 8th of March last? Yes. Were you at Turn Hall? Yes. Did you see the prisoner? Yes. What time? About half past eight or a quarter of nine. Tell the Jury what called your attention to him and everything that you did. We were bowling a game of ten-pins together with some guests from out of town, another club and they had a few friends who were interested and came in the alley, it was our duty to see that they had the attention of our club. This man, the defendant, came in without any overcoat, he came inside the alley and walked where the gentlemen were standing keeping the score and right back of him was the rack containing the coats, he deliberately took off his hat and hung it up; when there was a little applause he turned, taking his hat and taking an overcoat he put it on his arm and left the alley. When outside the alley I approached him and told him he had taken a coat that did not belong to him. He said, Oh, I made a mistake, I have a coat hanging there, he went back with me, he had no coat hanging there. He says, I am known here by the proprietor of the place. I said, send for the proprietor; the proprietor said he had seen the man loitering about the place but never with an overcoat. I went to the Station House with him, Mr Hayes went along with me and he identified the coat as his property.

Cross Examined. I saw the defendant when he first came in the bowling alley, we were not in the saloon, we were in a private alley. I did not see him when he came into the saloon and do not know whether he had an overcoat or not.



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Author Wagner <sup>w</sup> sworn and examined in his own behalf testified: I am a waiter and have been in the city since the 19th of last month, I remember the night I was arrested when I had a coat on my arm, I did not intend to steal it at the time, I had a coat when I went in, I had been down on Second Avenue, corner of Houston Street in a place where they kept German papers to read, I went in to read some papers there and afterwards I was going to go home, I went up Fourth Street and went in a saloon down in the basement I was in there on Sunday night and so I called in on Monday night, I was looking at them playing pool and had a few glasses of beer and afterwards I went out in the water-closet. When I came in I had a cup of coffee and heard the bowling inside and I went in the bowling alley, I did not know it was private because it was in the saloon, I hung my hat up, I think this tall gentleman was bowling and after I thought it was about time to go out I took my hat and coat, I did not intend to steal the coat, I know I had a coat on my arm, I thought it was my own coat. The gentleman took hold of me and held me there, I said, my coat must be somewhere around, very likely I hung out in the water closet or saloon, I thought my coat was in the same place as my hat. This gentleman cannot say that he did not see me have a coat when I came in; it was a dark brown coat, I bought it second hand in Baltimore, I have never been arrested before. I had a few glasses of beer but I was not drunk, I remember perfectly what I did. I did not find my overcoat that night because they arrested me right away. I saw a good many people coming in the place.

The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty of petty larceny

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Testimony in the case

of  
Arthur Wagner

Filed March

1886.

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3<sup>d</sup> District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.of No. 104 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Jeremiah Hayesbeing duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 8 day of March 1886

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 night time

the following property, viz :

One account of thevalue of forty five dollars( \$ 45.00 )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 Arthur Wagner (name torn)from the fact that the deponent  
was informed by Henry S. Brewster  
of 104 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, who saw  
the defendant take and  
carry away the above described  
property, and for the further reason  
that the said property was found  
in the defendant's possession  
when arrested.Jeremiah Hayes

Sworn before me this

9 days of March 1886

Police Justice,

0420

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 31 years, occupation Henry D. Brewster  
Dept. of Clothing of No.  
104 East 62 Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Perceval H. Hayes  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 9 day of March 1888  
Henry D. Brewster  
W. A. Buck  
Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

3d District Police Court.

Arthur Wagner 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. Arthur Wagner

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 25 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Germany

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

Answer. 379 - 3rd Avenue New York

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Waiter

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 I took the coat by mistake.

Arthur Wagner,

Taken before me this

day of

1886

Police Justice.

0422

BAILED,  
 No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court 34 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

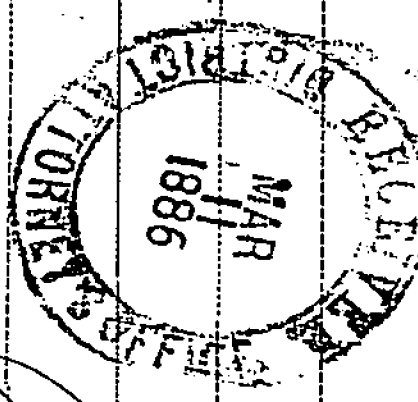
*Frederick H. Hays*  
*104 East 4th Street*  
*St. Louis, Mo.*  
*Arthur Wagner*

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offence \_\_\_\_\_

Dated *March 9* 188 *6*

*McLester* Magistrate  
*Heath* Officer  
*144* Precinct.

Witnesses *Henry S. Hays*  
 No. *104 East 4th* Street.



No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ *1000* to answer  
*Wm*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Arthur Wagner*

*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 *March 9* 188 *6* *Wm. Hays* 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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

0423

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Arthur Wagner*

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

*— Arthur Wagner —*

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

The said *Arthur Wagner,*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the *nineteen* day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six* —, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one parcel of the value of*

*Twenty five dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Jessie B. Bangs,*

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.

*Randolph B. Martin,*

*District Attorney*



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

2112

**DESCRIPTION:**

Wallach, Isaac

**DATE:**

03/09/86



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0425

Witnesses:

Isaac Thue  
Off Heirldere

Counsel,

Filed

day of March 1886

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Isaac Wallach

Grand Larceny, 2nd degree  
[Sections 628, 58 Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. B. Folscho

March 11/86

Foreman.

Glendon J. J.

Guilty & suspended.

W. J. J.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0426

3<sup>d</sup> District Police Court. Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

of No. 31 Pike Street,

John W. Schnepf

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 24 day of March 1886  
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 overcoat of the value  
of twenty seven dollars \$27.-

and one shawl cloak

of the value of eight dollars \$8.-

and all of the value of \$35.-

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 Richards M. L. W. (now here)

from the fact that the deponent  
admitted and confessed in open court  
in the presence of deponent that he  
the deponent did take and  
carry away the above described property.  
and for the further reason that the  
person Dicketa representing said property  
was found in the deponent's possession.

John W. Schnepf.

Sworn before me this

25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1886

Police Justice,

0427

**CORRECTION**



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2112

DESCRIPTION:

Wallach, Isaac

DATE:

03/09/86



2112



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0429

Witnesses:

Isaac True  
Off Heirldore

Counsel

Filed 9 day of March 1886

Pleaded

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

Isaac Wallach

Grand Larceny, 2nd degree  
[Sections 628, 68 Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. B. Froelich

March 11/86

Foreman.

Isaac True

Guilty - suspended.

Chas. B.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0430

Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

Isaac Kling

of No. 54 Chatham Street, aged 44 years,  
occupation, Merchant being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 13 day of February 1886 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 pair of gold Bracelets of  
the value of One hundred  
dollars

\$100-

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 Isaac Wallach

Deponent says that he gave said defendant  
the aforesaid property to melt and make  
over and in another style, and that said  
defendant agreed to return the  
same on February 20, 1886. Deponent  
says that said defendant acknowledged  
and confessed to deponent that he  
pledged said property at Simpsons  
loan office No 185 Chatham Street  
for the sum of thirty five dollars  
on February 13, 1886 immediately after  
said defendant receiving said  
property from deponent. Wherefore  
deponent charges said defendant

of  
before me, this  
1886 day  
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0431

with feloniously taking stealing  
and carrying away said property  
as aforesaid

Isaac Morris  
Sworn to before me  
this 4th day of Mch 1886  
Saml O. Bell Police Justice



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0432

Sec. 193-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK, ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Isaac Wallach

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 26 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Rumania

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

Answer. 288 Grand St 3 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Juror

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. ~~Isaac Wallach~~ I demand  
an examination. I am not  
guilty and waive further  
examination  
Isaac Wallach

Taken before me this

day of

Sept

188

David C. Wallach Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0433

Sec. 151.

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, Complainant on oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police  
Justices in and for the said City, by Isaac Klum

of No. 54 Chatham Street, that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

One pair of gold Bracelets

of the value of One hundred Dollars,  
the property of Complainant  
w as taken, stolen and carried away and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and  
believe, by F Wallay

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 First 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 4 day of March, 1886

David O'Reilly POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT, 1st DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Isaac Klum

vs.

Isaac Wallack

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated March 14  
1886

David O'Reilly Magistrate

Reisling v. O. 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 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at  
night.

David O'Reilly Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest,

Native of

Age,

Sex

Complexion,

Color

Profession,

Married

Single,

Read,

Write,

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0434

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court - 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Isaac Kline

Isaac Maltack

Offence Grand Larceny

Dated 11th - 1886

W O Reilly Magistrate

Henderson Officer.

William Sney Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

\$1000 to answer 62 P.M.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

\$1000 to answer 62 P.M.

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 Nov 6 1886 Samuel C. Kelly 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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0435

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Isaac Wallach*

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

*Isaac Wallach*

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

The said

*Isaac Wallach*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the *thirteenth* day of *February*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six* —, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*two parcels of the value of*

*fifty dollars each.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Isaac Thine,*

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.

*Randolph B. Martin,*

*District Attorney*



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2112

DESCRIPTION:

Walsh, Richard

DATE:

03/30/86



2112

Witnesses:

John W. Schuapp

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Counsel,

Filed 24 (day of) March 1886

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

RI

Richard Walsh

*John W. Schuapp*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Grand Larceny, 2nd degree  
[Sections 628, 68 Penal Code].

A True Bill.

Chas. B. Godwin

March 31/86.

Foreman.

Guilty

Pen! Two years.

0437

0438

3<sup>d</sup> District Police Court. Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

of No. 37 Pike Street, John W. Schuapp

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 24 day of March 1886

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 daytime

the following property, viz :

One overcoat of the value  
of twenty seven dollars \$27.-

and one shawl block

of the value of eight dollars \$8.-

and all of the value of \$35.-

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 Richard M. Malsby (now known)

from the fact that the deponent  
admitted and confessed in open court  
in the presence of deponent that he  
the deponent did take steal and  
carry away the above described property.  
and for the further reason that the  
same tickets representing said property  
was found in the deponent's possession

John W. Schuapp.

Sworn before me this

1886

Police Justice,



0439

Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss  
OF NEW YORK,

34 District Police Court.

*Richard Walsh* 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. *Richard Walsh*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *England*

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

Answer. *No house*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Newspaper boy*

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 guilty of the charge  
I did take said articles.*

*Richard Walsh*

Taken before me this

day of *August* 188*8*

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

0440

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court - 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John W. Schenck*  
31 Rite St.  
vs.

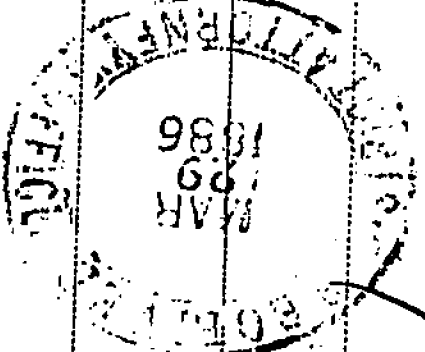
*Richard Walsh*

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Offence *Grand Larceny*

Dated *March 25* 188*6*

*Supl'y* Magistrate.  
*Walton* Officer.

Witnesses  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ *500* to answer *Grand Jury*

*Ann*

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

*Richard Walsh*  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Five* 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 *March 25* 188*6* *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188*6* \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188*6* \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

0441

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

Richard Walden

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

— Richard Walden —

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

The said Richard Walden,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the ~~fourteenth~~ day of ~~March~~, — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~nine~~ —, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

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Twenty seven dollars, and one  
dozen of the value of eight  
dollars.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

John N. Scheraga, —

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.

Richard J. Martinie,  
District Attorney



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

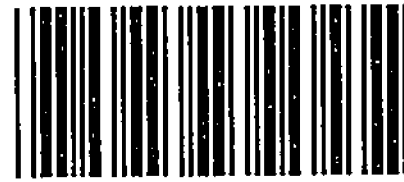
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DESCRIPTION:

Walsh, William

DATE:

03/09/86



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Witnesses:

Mary Higgins  
Off. Sec. Oregon

Counsel,

Filed

9 day of March 1886

Pleads,

Chiquich (11)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

William Walsh

Grand Larceny, Degree.  
(From the Person.)  
[Sections 528, 530, — Penal Code.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. B. Roberts

March 16/86 Foreman.

Heard G. May

Per: Doozyes.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0444

Police Court—2nd District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 118 Christopher Street, aged 29 years,  
occupation House Keeper being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 6th day of March 1886 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
person of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

One Satchell And Containing good and  
lawful money of the United States, Consisting  
of two bills or notes of the denomination And  
value of one dollar each, two Silver Coins  
of the denomination And value of one dollar  
each, and Silver Coins of different denominations  
And Value amounting to eighty Cents And  
one Handkerchief, Altogether of the value  
and amounting to six 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 William Maloh (now here)

under the following Circumstances: On  
said date about the hour of 8.30 o'clock  
p.m. deponent was walking along Hudson  
Street near Houston and carrying in  
her hands the afore-described property.  
When the said defendant approached  
deponent and snatched said property  
from her hands and ran away  
with the same. — Wherefore  
deponent charges said defendant with  
Larceny from the person.

Mary Higgins

Sworn to before me, this 6th day of March 1886

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

*2nd*

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

*William Walsh* 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

*William Walsh*

Question How old are you?

Answer

*19 years*

Question Where were you born?

Answer

*New York City*

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

Answer

*477 Carmine Street Ed about 8 months*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Moulding seals.*

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 -*

*William Walsh*

Taken before me this

day of *March* 188*8*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0446

BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

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Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W.

Offence Larceny from the person

Dated March 188

Magistrate

Officer

Precinct

Witnesses

No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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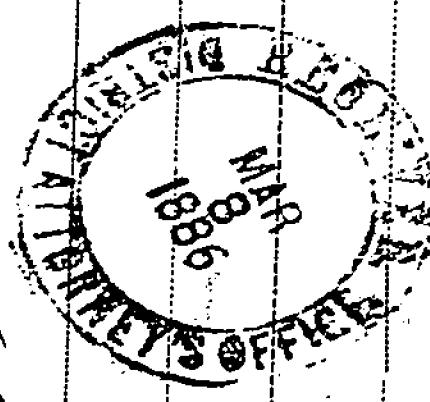
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It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 March 188 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0447

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*William Walsh*

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

*— William Walsh —*

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *first* degree, committed as follows:

The said

*William Walsh,*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *sixth* day of *march*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, in the *night* time of the said day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one rolled up of the value of one dollar, two United States Treasury notes of the denomination and value of one dollar each, two silver coins of the value of one dollar each, and divers other coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of the eighty cents, and one hundred and twenty of the value of twenty cents.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Mary Wagner,*  
on the person of the said *Mary Wagner,*  
then and there being found, from the person of the said *Mary Wagner,*  
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.

*Randolph B. Martin,*

*District Attorney*



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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Wannemacher, Adam

**DATE:**

03/29/86



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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Counsel, *H. H. H.*  
Filed *19* *May of March 1886*  
Pleads *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

*10. 1886*  
*44th*  
vs. *R*

*Adam Wannenmacher*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*Pr Apr 1886*  
*W. d. 1886 N. Y.*

A True Bill.

*By Geo. B. Rodick*  
*S. P. J. J. J. J.*

Foreman

*[Signature]*

Witnesses:

*Edw. G. G. G.*  
*Off. Sec. here*



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0450

Police Court 3rd District.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 57 1/2 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, aged 30 years,

occupation Manufacturer being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. aforesaid 17<sup>th</sup> Street

in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a warehouse for

the deposit and sale of furniture

and which was occupied by deponent as a warehouse

and in which there was at the time no human being, except deponent

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly opening

a door leading from the hallway

into said warehouse with intent

to commit a larceny therein

on the 27 day of January 1888 in the night time, and the

following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

A quantity of plush gas

furniture covering of the value

of about four hundred 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

Adam Warremaker now present & two other

persons one of whom has been indicted & convicted

for the reasons following, to wit:

that the warehouse

in question which had been previously locked

and secured was on the night in

question forced open and the aforesaid property

stolen and carried away. That after the

commission of the burglary the stolen property

was found in premises 573 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

whither it had been brought and sold by

three persons one of whom was since tried



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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And convicted of the charge against him. That the defendant now admits in Court that he was one of the three persons who committed the burglary, and who afterwards in company with the other two, sold it in Memphis 273 - East 3rd Street and deponent believes the same to be true.

Deponent further avers that he is informed by one Joseph Roller of 333 East 11th Street that the defendant admitted to him Joseph that he was present with the others and took part in the commission of the burglary and the disposition of the property stolen all of which deponent believes to be true.

Edward Felt

Sworn to before me this  
20th day of March 1886  
H. H. Felt Police Justice

Police Court \_\_\_\_\_ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Degree.

vs.

Burglary

Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses:

Committed in default of \$

Bail.

Bailed by

No.

Street.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198—200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

*Adam Wannemaker* 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.

*Adam Wannemaker*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*18 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*This City*

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

Answer.

*328 East 74 Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*I work in a soap factory*

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 guilty of the charge*  
*Adam Wannemaker*

Taken before me this

day of *March* 188*8*

*Wm. L. Smith*  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0453

BAILLED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Police Court

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

341 East 13th

Chas. Hammermaker

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Offence

Burglary

Dated March 20 188

Justice

Just. Leon

Witnesses

No. 338 East 11th

Street

No. Street

No. Street

No. Street

No. Street

No. Street

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

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 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 March 20 188 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.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0454

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Adam Wammacher*

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

*- Adam Wammacher -*

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

The said *Adam Wammacher*.

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

*- Edward F. Galt, -*

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

*Edward F. Galt, -*

in the said *warehouse*, 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.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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SECOND COUNT—

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

*Adam Wannenmacher* —  
of the CRIME OF *Grand* LARCENY *in the second degree* committed as follows :

The said *Adam Wannenmacher*,

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,

*one hundred yards of cloth*  
*furniture covering of the*  
*value of four dollars each*  
*yard.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Edward Ryott* —

in the *warehouse* of the said

*Edward Ryott* —

there situate, then and there being found, *in* the *warehouse* 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.

*Randolph B. Martin*

*District Attorney*

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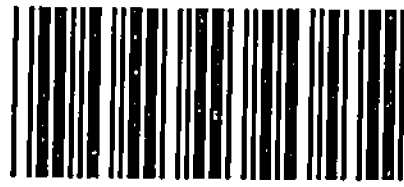
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Watson, Ceni Della

**DATE:**

03/30/86



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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Decker, Frank D.F.

DATE:

03/30/86



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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Vincent, Andrew

DATE:

03/30/86



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Witnesses:

Carl K. Schellberg

Chas. J. Paulsen

at \$500.00

28th W. M. 1886

Counsel

Filed 30 day of March 1886

Placed in the hands of

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Sam Della Watson

Frank J. Decker

and Andrew Vincent

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Chas. B. Brewster

Paul H. Nichols

Indictment returned by Grand Jury

4-18-86

There is no proof herein of  
fraud to sustain the charge of false  
statements, on the contrary, the fact  
is apparent that the representations  
of parent facts were not false, and  
not that a case could be made out  
on behalf of the people, & therefore  
no indictment is warranted for  
indictment.

W. J. March 1886

W. J. March 1886



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28th May 1886

Counsel *Chas. B. Beecher*

Filed 20 day of March 1886

Pleas *Admitted 31*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Gen. Della Watson*

*Frank J. Decker*

*Andrew Vincent*

[Sections 528 and 584, Penal Code].  
(False pretenses).  
LARCENY, 2nd degree

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*Chas. B. Beecher*

*Paul H. Tucker*

*Indictment returned*

*9-10*

Witnesses:

*Chas. Beecher*

*Frank J. Decker*

*ad. 11570*

*There is no proof herein of  
fraud to sustain the charge of false  
pretenses; on the contrary, the  
evidence is in favor of the  
defendants. That the representation  
of present facts were not false  
but that a case could be made out  
on behalf of the people & therefore  
recommend the dismissal of the  
indictment.*

*Wm. March 1886*

*Wm. March*

0461

Police Court—1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.  
of New York,

of No. 49 East 41 Street, aged 25 years,  
occupation Coachman being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 10th day of February 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 :

Good and lawful money  
of the United States  
amounting to One Thousand  
and Fifty 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 Civil Della Matern and Frank Becker  
and Vincent for the reasons following, to wit:

Deponent having read an  
advertisement in the paper  
known as the "New York World"  
asking for a man with a  
capital of One Thousand and  
Fifty Dollars to act as Treasurer  
for a Theatrical Company. De-  
ponent having answered the  
said advertisement received a  
note asking deponent to call  
at a house at 228 East 27th  
Street. Deponent went to said  
house and then met the said



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defendant who represented to deponent  
that she would appoint him as  
treasurer of a theatrical company  
known as the Comic Comedy Company.  
and give him a one-third interest  
in said company <sup>and a salary of \$15 per week</sup> for the sum of  
One Hundred and Fifty Dollars  
as per annexed agreement. Deponent  
believing said representation to be  
true, parted with said money paid  
to said defendant the same upon  
the representation she then and  
there made to deponent & namely  
that she was the Proprietor and  
Manager of said Company. Since  
deponent has parted with said  
money said defendant has failed  
to give any theatrical performance  
or to give deponent his appointment  
as Treasurer and deponent is  
informed by Officer Stedberg  
her present that said defendant  
is not the Proprietor or Manager  
of a theatrical Company.

Wherefore deponent charges  
the said defendant with making  
the said false representations with  
intent to defraud them of said  
money, and also with having received  
diverse other sums by fraud and  
prays she be apprehended  
and bound to answer the  
said Complaint.

Done to before me } Charles Hill  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March }  
1886

J. G. Kilburn

Police Justice



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This Agreement made and concluded this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of Feb/886 by and between  
Cerri D. Watson party of the first part  
of the City of New York State of New York  
and J. G. Heil — party of the second  
part of the City of New York — State  
of New York

Witnesseth —

That the above mentioned parties have  
this day entered into a partnership  
under the name and style of —  
"Cerri Comedy Company" for the purpose  
of giving entertainments before the  
public in different cities & towns  
of United States and Canada. The  
Party of the first part is to select  
and engage the entire company and  
hold full power to discharge such  
members as she may deem unworthy.  
To the interest of the company. And  
it is further agreed that the party of  
the first part is to select the cities —  
towns. route and dates for said company  
she shall also select the plan or style  
of performance to be given at said —  
entertainment. and it is further agreed  
that the party of the second part is  
to furnish one hundred and fifty dollars

for a Third interest in the receipt of  
Said Company - the money to be paid  
to the party of the first part on demand.  
An acknowledgement of payment is  
made in receipt accompanying the  
Contract. and it is further agreed that  
the party of the second part is to  
~~receive~~ receive a salary of fifty dollars  
dollars per week and all his expenses  
which salary he shall deduct from  
Receipts of Said Company when on  
road or enroute and it is further  
agreed that the party of the second part  
is to travel with <sup>and</sup> act as treasurer and  
Ticket Seller having full control of  
all money ~~taken~~ taken in by Said  
Company - keeping accurate account  
of all money received and all money  
paid out paying all bills expenses and  
salaries of Said Company after they have  
been endorsed by the party of the first part  
or her authorized agent. and on Wednesday  
of each week shall exhibit a full report  
of the weeks business when a balance  
shall be struck and the party of the  
first part shall receive two thirds and  
The party of the second part one third

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of the profits of the week, and the losses  
to be shared in the same proportion as  
the profits. and it is further agreed  
that the party of the second part may  
be giving (2) two weeks notice after the  
Party is on the road or route drawn out  
from the copartnership and on settlement  
of all bills and accounts be entitled to draw  
and retain from receipts of said company  
one hundred and fifty dollars the  
amount paid in as stock —

In witness whereof we have hereunto  
set our hands and affixed our seals  
on the day and in the year first above  
written

Witness

A Venant

Della Watson

J. Chas. Hoib



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to be shared in the same proportion as  
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be giving (2) two weeks notice after the  
Party is on the road or route drawn out  
from the co-partnership and on settlement  
of all bills and accounts be entitled to draw  
and retain from receipts of said company  
one hundred and fifty dollars the  
amount paid in as stock —

In witness whereof we have hereunto  
set our hands and affixed our seals  
on the day and in the year first above  
written.

Witness

A Ven Cent

Della Watson

J. Chas. Hoil

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City and County } ss.  
of New York

Charles Heil,  
the Complainant, being duly  
sworn and further examined  
saw - One Frank Decker  
and one Andrew Vincent  
were present when I paid  
the money to Della Watson.  
They both said that they  
were actors and were  
attached to the Company  
of Della Watson and were  
in her employment.  
Vincent signed the agreement  
as witness.

I was influenced by their  
statements in making with  
my money, believing they  
were actors in her Company  
as they represented and that  
therefore such Company must  
have an epitome. I  
believe and charge that they  
were parties to the larceny  
of my money as set forth  
in the foregoing affidavit  
Charles Heil

Sworn to before me this  
16th day of March 1886  
J. H. McElroy  
Declarant

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 44 years, occupation

Charles Heidelberg  
Police Officer of No. 1  
Police Court Office Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Charles Heil  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

16<sup>th</sup>  
March 1886 } John H. Hickney

J. Kilbuck  
Police Justice.



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Charles Still being duly sworn deposes  
and says.

I reside at 49 East 49th Street  
and am 25 years of age, and I am  
a coachman.

I have lived in New York  
for 3 years before that I lived in New York  
I came to the defendants house to buy  
an advertisement which I read in  
the world. That was on the 10th of February  
about 11 o'clock. I was then more than  
once on that day I saw the defendant  
Mrs Watson. I had a conversation  
with her, in pursuance of that conver-  
sation I came back again in the  
afternoon, at that time I paid her  
\$100.00. I paid her that as for the  
I was to be a partner in the Atlantic  
company and I signed a contract then  
that is the contract attached to complaint  
and I was told to come before I signed  
it. I read it myself. I understood  
what it contained when I signed it  
and Mrs Watson the defendant  
gave me a receipt for the money,  
after that she asked me to give her  
10 dollars for the expressman to take  
the baggage down to the ferry this  
was on the 11 or 12th of the month  
I gave her the money and she told me  
the baggage was to be sent to the

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Chris topher still living, and then on the  
13th of February I gave her \$39 dollars  
for salary in advance to pay the doctor  
And I gave her one dollar to buy a book  
and in the afternoon of the same  
day I gave her \$20 dollars more and  
Stengel's Casino Jersey City Light, I  
gave this money to the defendant Jerry  
He didn't give me any receipt for it.  
and when I asked him for the receipt  
he told me Mrs Watson had it.

I kept a memorandum of everything  
I paid out in a little book, and that was  
business to keep a memorandum of  
all I paid out. nobody told me to do  
it I did it for my interest. I paid the  
\$100 dollars as a 1/3 interest in the business  
as a partner, the \$20 dollars, I paid out  
of my pocket at the request of the  
defendant and she asked me to pay  
it out for her and she wanted pay back  
I went to Jersey City Light on the 13th at  
Stengel's Casino they showed me some  
posters in that place. and I saw pictures  
of the defendant Watson in windows  
in his block, I only walked two  
blocks and I saw about 10 pictures  
of the defendant Watson in the window  
I could read English, and the bills  
I saw there said there would be a  
show at Stengel's Opera House. that

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night. both the defendant Leaven and  
 Watson told me they wanted 20 dollars  
 for propenities for the stage and nothing  
 was said about it being for board.  
 And I paid \$2 dollars at the hotel for dinner  
 I paid the rent for the house the night  
 of the 13th. I was selling tickets in the box  
 office at the time I paid ten tickets  
 at the price of 25 cents and 95 cents  
 in all amounting to \$2.40 dollars  
 I did not mean it was raining I did not  
 know of a violin player being there  
 there was a violin player and a piano player  
 there was a solo vocal there that after  
 dinner on the stage, there were quaters  
 45 cents off. after I paid the tickets I  
 paid the money back to the leaders  
 of the show because the show didn't come  
 off. the reason the show didn't come off  
 was because a woman came there and  
 wanted \$200 for a license and Mrs  
 Watson said there was not so much  
 taken in and she would not pay it  
 and would not perform. I came back  
 to New York that night Mrs Watson;  
 and did not come back. I heard the  
 actors talking because they were not  
 paid Mrs Watson told the rest of the  
 company that she wanted \$225.00  
 dollars and she gave me a note and  
 she said she would pay me every cent



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I asked her for security when I signed the contract & she said I was a partner and showed me the contract, and I signed a receipt she would give me time to read it, they would not let me have it in their own possession to read. Mr. Forrest told me to put my name on it. This is the receipt I signed (showing a receipt).

I said if she would make a contract with me when I got my money from the bank and I would have the share out again and that she would get more action as there were not good enough. I accepted her note for the money, she asked me I tried to see the note she gave me for 150 dollars in Ed Watson's account, I didn't see Mrs. Watson for the money. I didn't see her this or four days after Mr. Jersey I saw her at 5th Street and spoke to her about 10 minutes and a week or ten days after that I saw her again. I don't know if I asked her for the money. She gave this account proceeding to try and get my money. I paid the money to Mrs. Watson I don't know if <sup>or when</sup> she received any of it, she asked me if I had the money and I said yes and if I was ready to sign the contract, and I said yes. and <sup>Vincent</sup> ~~she~~ signed it as a witness. Mr. Vincent was

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playing the large when I paid the money  
when I had the conversation with Mrs  
Watson the first time nobody was  
present but her.

Read next,

The first conversation I had with  
Mrs Watson she was alone and she  
told me that she had been with a  
company for several seasons and  
that Mrs Vincent, <sup>her wife</sup> Mr Forrest and Mr  
Gee before was a body named Fulton.  
She told me she had very good actors  
and a good advance agent named Johnson  
and she also made out first rate  
and always made money; this one night  
was the last and only one I engaged in  
her business, I saw the defendant Reed  
at the time I paid the money she said  
he was one of the actors and a nice  
man. He said he would be glad to  
see me in the company and that we  
would make out first rate and he  
paid me more money the last season  
and I paid out the money then in Mr  
Forrest and Vincent's presence. Vincent  
Watson Mr Forrest and another man  
were rehearsing on the stage in the after  
noon, they didn't sing on the stage, they  
didn't talk loud enough for me.

The trunks were to be left at the  
Jerryhouse and were not to go to

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Jersey City and were to go somewhere else.  
Vigilant & Frost invited me out to show me the pictures  
of the class.

I saw her oil painting of in  
her room in the house, and saw other  
pictures of her and saw them in the  
the windows in Jersey City.

I know to be sure she } Charles Heil  
his 19th day of April, 1888 }

Edna Jones



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Charles Merrillberg being duly sworn  
deposes and says

I am a Sergeant detective  
I have known the defendant for 5 months  
I know this place known as hotel, it is  
used as a summer garden and beer is  
served there, and there is a small stage.  
I know the Eric Comedy Company  
I have made investigations in regard  
to the company.

Q Did you know of the Eric Comedy Company  
before this?  
A I did.

There was never such a company  
the defendants called themselves  
such a company before the 10th of  
September. The defendants first used  
themselves the Eric Comedy Company  
on September 16th 1885 I went down  
at the house in my to know where they  
lived.

Q What did either or both of the defen-  
dants say to you in regard to the  
Eric Comedy Company about the 10th  
of September.

Objected to.

Q

I arrested these defendants, on this Com-  
plaint, I informed them that a

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warrant and another signed against  
them and they asked me what was  
the best way to fix <sup>up</sup> and I  
said fix it up in court.

Cross Examined.

I will swear that Shuglers  
opera house in Jersey Heights is not  
used as a theatrical place, <sup>in the winter</sup> I have been  
to Jersey City Heights <sup>six</sup> times, always  
in the summer. I was never engaged  
in the theatrical business, there is <sup>no</sup>  
tables and chairs on the floor in  
where musicians sit, I don't swear  
that there is not a curtain, I am not  
sure if there is a gallery there I don't  
think there is, the stage is three  
as big as the room, I saw no scenery  
there, there is a ticket office there.

Sworn to before me  
this 16th day of March 1886

Chas. H. H. H. H.

Per. J. J. J.

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City and County of New York, ss.

Charles Heie, the Complainant,  
duly sworn and further examined  
say: That the annexed Adver-  
tisement, Cut from the World  
Newspaper of February 7<sup>th</sup> 1886  
and marked "Exhibit A" is the  
first advertisement dependent  
answering and is the one which  
led to dependent introduction  
to the dependants in this case.

That by the advice  
of Officer Heidelberg dependent  
also answered the mentioned  
advertisement in the World  
Newspaper of March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886,  
hereto attached and marked  
Exhibit B, and received  
the letter in reply hereto  
attached and marked Exhibit  
C. That as directed in  
said letter dependent went  
to 1252 Third Avenue on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March instant  
and there and there found  
the dependant Becker and  
Andrew Vincent



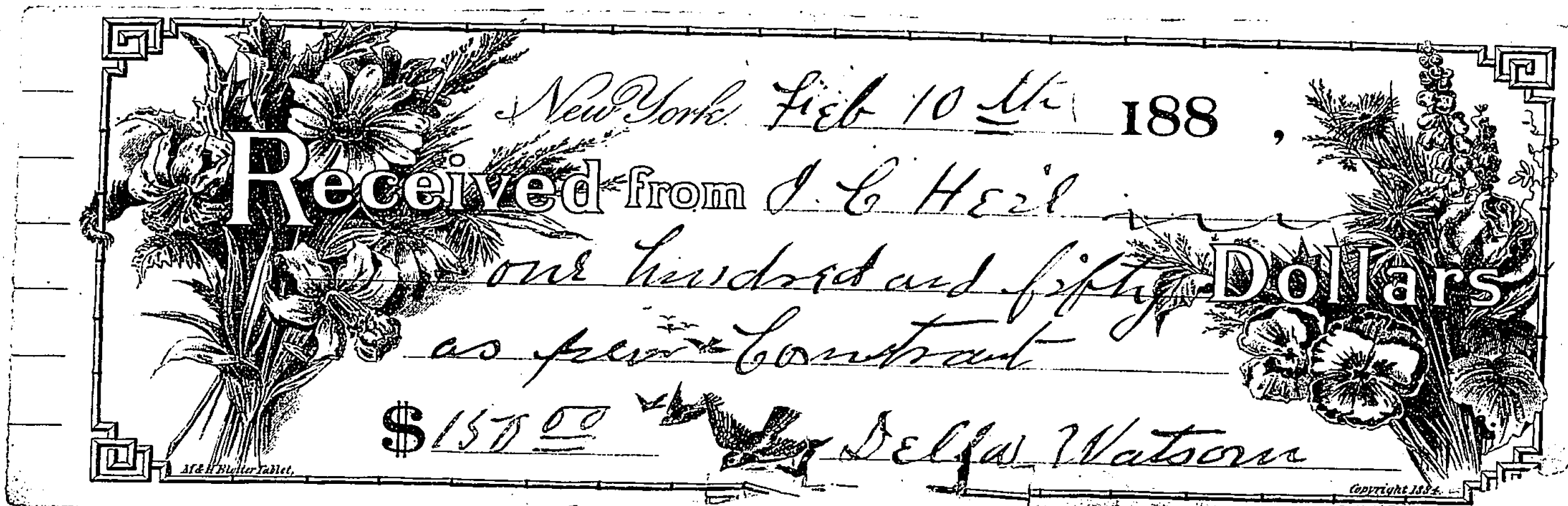
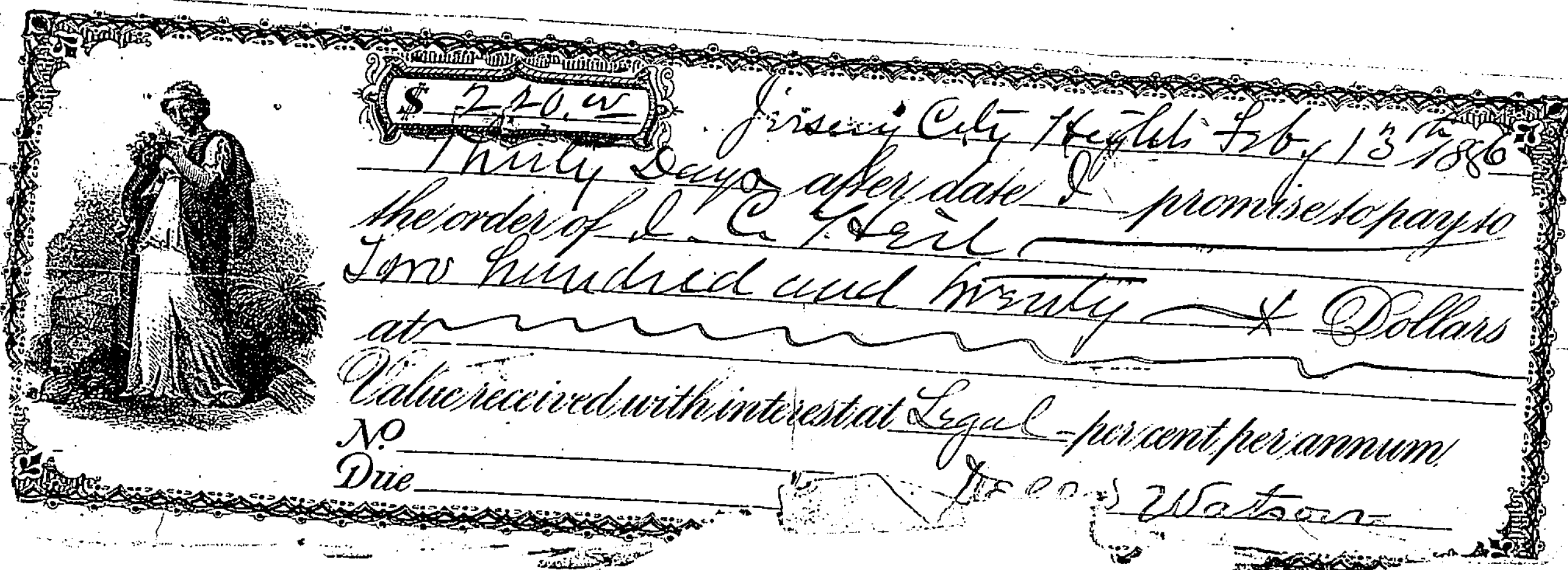
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Cross Examined  
 The letter came through the  
 mail to me. I cannot  
 identify the hand-writing. I  
 went to 1252 Third Avenue  
 about 10 o'clock P. M. I did not  
 then ask Vincent for my  
 money. Decker said to me  
 that we intended to go  
 with Mr. Vincent.  
 At the first conversation I  
 had with Mrs Watson the  
 defendant Decker was not  
 present. I came prepared to  
 pay the money the second time  
 and found Decker there.  
 What Decker said to me  
 influenced me to part with  
 my money as well as what  
 Mrs Watson said to me  
~~Decker & Vincent~~ I came the  
 second time prepared to pay  
 Mrs Watson her money and  
 see the boys. I had not  
 seen Decker or Vincent before  
 and first saw them when  
 I visited Mrs Watson the  
 second time and the money  
 Charles Heil

Answered before me at  
 1944 9th Ave. 1886  
 J. H. W. Watson, Jr.

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New York Mar 3 1886  
Dear Sir Call for Personal  
Interview tomorrow Thursday  
at Eleven 11 o'clock A.M.  
and I will explain the  
particulars of a case of  
Ticket Seller for Minstrel  
Company 100. Cash security  
Enquire for  
Manager Levitt  
1252 Third Ave  
N.Y.  
First Floor Right Left  
Exhibit C.



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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

District Police Court.

*Ceri Della Watson*

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Ceri Della Watson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *23 years 9 ages*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Iowa, U.S.*

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

Answer. *228 East 27 St. South (m)ts*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Am Actor*

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. By advice  
of Counsel I decline to make  
any further statement*  
*Ceri Della Watson*

Taken before me this *14*  
day of *March* 188*8*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

District Police Court.

*Frank J. Forest* 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. *Frank Forest Becker*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *34 years 9 age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Ohio*

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

Answer. *225 East 27 St. one month*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Actor*

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. By advice  
of Counsel I decline to make  
any further statement*  
*Frank J. Forest Becker*

Taken before me this

day of *March* 19*18*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 151.

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 *Charles Steel*

of No. *49 East 41* Street, that on the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *February*

188*6* at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

*Good and lawful money of the US*  
of the value of *One Hundred and fifty* Dollars,  
the property of *Complainant*  
w *as* taken, stolen, and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and  
believe by *Sam Della Proton, Frank*  
*Recker and Andrew Vincent*  
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 bod *of* of the said Defendant, and forthwith  
bring *them* before me, at the *1st* 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 *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 188*6*

*William* POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

*C. Della Proton*  
*of Andrew Vincent*

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated *1886*

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 *1886*

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at  
night.

*William* Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest,

Native of

Age,

Sex

Complexion,

Color

Profession,

Married

Single,

Read,

Write,



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*[Signature]*

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*



**MAN'S WORK**—Respectable day or week to wash, iron, 2d floor, rear of Post-Office.

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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*Exhibit A*

**TREASURER**—Wanted, energetic man to travel as treasurer of established theatrical company, by attractive lady star; experience unnecessary; fair salary; must have \$150 cash; no bonds; start immediately. Address Star Actress, World, uptown.

*Sub 7/86*



**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

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Feb 7/86

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Police Court First District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

Warren S. Pennell  
of No. Bank House Spring & Washington Streets, aged 36 years,  
occupation Real Estate Agent being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1885 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:

The sum of Two hundred and twenty dollars \$220.  
good and lawful money of the United States, con-  
sisting of bank bills of various denominations

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 Geni Della Watson from the fact

that deponent was induced by an advertisement  
in the New York Clipper of the date of October 17<sup>th</sup> 1885  
a copy of which is hereto attached to telegraph to  
the defendant to negotiate for the position of  
Treasurer & Partner in her defendant's thoroughly  
established Comedy Company. That deponent received  
in answer thereto a letter hereto annexed and  
made a part of this Complaint.

That relying upon the truth of the statement  
so made in the said letter, deponent left his home  
in Cleveland, Ohio, and came to New York City and  
visited the defendant at her house No 236 E. 27<sup>th</sup> St.  
City of New York on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1885 when  
and where he was asked by the defendant if he

Sworn to before me this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of  
October  
1885

Police Justice

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ORIGINAL

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was satisfied with the representations and statements in the letter which the defendant had received from her meaning defendant and referring to the letter hereto attached, defendant replied that he was satisfied to enter into a partnership if all the statements and representations contained in said letter was true. That defendant assured this defendant that everything therein contained was true and that as soon as defendant would pay to her One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.) and signed the partnership papers she would corroborate all the particulars and the representations contained in said letter and show to defendant all her contracts for the full season of thirty eight weeks. That defendant believing and relying on the truthfulness of the statements made by the defendant that she was a well known star actress and that she had an established reputation as a full acting company and that she had engagements at first class Opera Houses for thirty eight consecutive weeks at very desirable terms defendant signed the so called partnership papers and gave to the

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  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of  
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 188  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Dated 188  
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.  
Dated 188  
Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.

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Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

to answer

Sessions.



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defendant One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.) deponent then, asked to see the contracts the defendant had made with the first class, Opera Houses and the terms of the same to which defendant replied "you have not dined yet I suppose come <sup>and</sup> dine with me and then I will satisfy you that the statements in the letter are true and every thing is as I have represented." Deponent, defendant, Frank Decker, and a W. Decker, who defendant called "the old gentleman", <sup>went</sup> to have dinner, that immediately there after defendant asked deponent to go with her to a place on Twelfth Street, near Broadway stating that the party she was going to see was her lithographer and that there is a little bill due on some printing which we have got to have for our company and asked deponent for thirty dollars (\$30.) which said defendant agreed to repay upon her return home. That deponent gave her said sum of thirty dollars (\$30) and thereafter deponent went with defendant to her home where he asked defendant to return thirty dollars, she refused saying I will not draw any thing out of the company's

fund until you are paid Then old  
Mr. Decker spoke up and said "it is very  
important that we have your picture  
taken meaning the defendant as you are  
going to be one of the managers of the  
company defendant then turned to deponent  
and said "give me fifty dollars and  
Mr. Decker will get the work started  
I gave defendant forty dollars which  
she handed to Mr. Decker I went and  
had my picture taken which I gave  
to her to have lithographs cut I then  
left her house. That on Friday the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1885, I went to the litho-  
-graphers office on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, when I  
discovered that the thirty dollars the de-  
-fendant obtained from me was not  
paid to obtain any lithograph cuts for  
the supposed company, but was paid  
for an old debt defendant had con-  
-tracted. Deponent immediately went  
to the house of defendant and demanded  
to see the contracts for dates the defend-  
-ant had made with different Opera  
Houses and also at what place Mr  
Decker had paid the  
forty dollars obtained from defendant  
defendant said "you meaning deponent

are too fast entirely I run my own business and I have employed Mr. Decker as my manager and I don't propose to have him questioned by you at all" I then said to Mr. Decker who was present "you have forty dollars of my money what have you done with it" and demanded it from him. Decker said "you did not give me any money" and I am not going to give any account of it" defendant turned to me and said "if you are not satisfied with Mr. Decker you can make out his time and pay him off" defendant then refused to give defendant any information in regard to the dates or exhibit to him any contracts, as represented in said letter.

That on the following Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 1885, defendant called on defendant at his place of residence and stated that unless he paid for hauling the baggage, and the fares of the company on the road and the rent of the Opera House she would sue him for breaking the contract.

Wherefore defendant charges



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said defendant with stealing and  
carrying away the aforesaid prop-  
erty with the felonious intent to  
appropriate the same to her own  
use

Sworn to before

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October } Warren S Pennell

J. G. Deffly

Police Justice

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ORIGINAL

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This agreement made and concluded this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct 1885 by and between  
"Cini Della Watani" party of the first part of  
the city of New York state of New York and  
W. S. Small party of the second part  
of the city of Cleveland state of Ohio  
- Witnesseth viz -

That the above mentioned parties have this  
day entered into a copartnership under the  
name and style of the Cini Comedy Company  
for the purpose of giving entertainments before  
the public in different Cities and Towns of  
United States. The party of the first part  
agreeing to furnish the original comedy of  
"College Chums" The burlesque comedy of P. P. E. or  
The Dream's Daughter and The Dude Actor - The  
absurdity of "The furnished Rooms" The musical  
burletta of "Lucretia Borgia" The extravaganza  
of "Female Fortty" The farcial comic "Betsey  
and I are out" and her select "Repertoire of  
Specialties" and do all in her power for the  
success of the enterprise, and it is further agreed  
that the party of the first part is have the  
selection and engaging of the entire company  
with sole power to discharge such members as  
she may deem unworthy to the interest of the  
company and it is further agreed that the  
party of the first part is to select the play  
or style of performance to be given at each

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entertainment also select the Cities and  
Towns and route for said company and it  
is further agreed that the party of the second  
part is to furnish one hundred and fifty  
dollars as capital to purchase printing  
defray expenses and equip the company for  
the road or Tour. The money to be paid to the  
party of the first part and by her disbursed  
and it is further agreed that the party of the  
second part is to travel with and act as  
Treasurer and Ticket Seller for said company  
having entire charge and control of all  
funds taken in by said company, keeping  
accurate accounts of all money received  
and all money paid out paying all bills  
and expenses of said company after they  
have been endorsed by the party of the first  
part or her authorized agent. Paying all  
salaries or salary right which shall be  
known as Tuesday night of each week and on  
Wednesday of each week shall exhibit a  
full report of the weeks business when a  
balance shall be struck and each party to  
this copartnership shall have half or equal  
of the profits of the week, and it is further  
agreed that the party of the second part  
may by giving (2) Two full weeks notice  
after the company is on the road or



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survive draw out from this copartnership  
and on settlement of all bills and accounts  
be entitled to draw and retain ~~one~~  
Hundred and fifty Dollars the amount  
paid in as stock

In witness whereof we have hereunto  
set our hands and affixed our seals  
on the day and in the year first above  
written

Della Watson L.S.  
W S Perrell L.S.

Witness—  
Frank D. Decker

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**WANTED, MAN WITHOUT EXPERIENCE  
In the Show-business,**  
Willing to be taught and a worker. Must invest \$150  
for half-interest in thoroughly established comedy-com-  
pany, with young, attractive, well-known star-actress as  
partner, and travel as Treasurer. Must start immediately.  
If accepted. Finest Printing and Lithographs on the road.  
Time all filled. Address MISS K. C., care of CLIPPER.

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New York Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 1885  
Received of H. S. Prunell  
One Hundred and fifty — <sup>100</sup> Dollars  
on articles of copartnership

\$150<sup>00</sup>

Lella Watson



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HEADED BY THE PEERLESS REPRESENTATIVE AND QUEEN OF  
"FOLLIES SENSATIONAL PARISIENES."

The most Irresistible of all Soubrettes. A Faultless Figure and Handsome Face. The Embodiment of Grace  
Talent and Beauty.

Supported by the Popular  
Eccentric  
Character Comedian

M'LE CENI.

And carefully selected com-  
pany of Artists in a Repertoire  
of Burlesques, Comedies, Ex-  
travaganzas, Dramas, Etc.

Frank Decker.

N. Y. New York Oct 17th 1885.

Dear Sir

In reply to your telegraph thinking you mean business  
and are qualified for the position I give you the particulars  
relative to Adm. in Clipper address N.Y.

My company consists of 3 ladies  
including myself. My repertoire consists of popular songs &  
successes so I can change every night for a week if required.  
I make a specialty of the comedy of "College Chorus" my  
salary less expenses are down to bottom figure - my dates  
are made for 38 weeks over a year. I have played for the  
last five seasons a successful business & I get very decent  
terms. Playing only in first class Opera House as my company  
& show is strictly first class in every particular. I have been  
in the business since child hood am now 32 and unmarried.  
I tell you this is a matter of business & you will know I  
carry no incubus around the country & am in the  
business to make money & to add away time and I  
make every day count. I intend to do the business of  
my company myself so if you have had no experience  
yet you will require to carry out my duties. Your duties  
although light require strict attention to matters of  
business you would ask for me. I have fine original Picture  
printing New Special Colored Lithographs - 6, 3 & 9 sheet  
book. Block & Streamer Stamps. Souvenirs. Advertisers in  
various designs. 12 & 14 sheet hanging up - 3 sheet descriptive -  
Agent Blanks. Contracts. Advance Coupons. Check books. Camp  
Line set of Admission Tickets. Blocks. Cut. Electrotype & color  
my costumes are from Mme Doucet Paris. I have a mammoth  
oil painting of myself in character mounted in heavy  
gold frame for lobby. 1st Theatre. Frames of Photo

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In fact my equipment is second to none on the road - and is strictly first class & new - This is my 6<sup>th</sup> season as star with my own company -

I sell you a half interest in my company for \$150. the money to be invested you to travel with me and act as Financial manager - Treasurer & Ticket seller having entire charge of the funds of the company and at the end of each week settle with me giving me half of the profits keeping the other half yourself - you can draw out at any time by giving 2 weeks notice when you will receive back money invested during which time I can fill your place - a partnership contract embracing the above will be signed by us on your arrival in the city -

If the above meet with your approval telegraph me letting me know when you will be in City and it will be necessary for you to come on at once as your duties will begin immediately.

Telegraph if you accept & come on  
Very Respectfully

Miss Glen

236 - East 27<sup>th</sup> Street

New York City

N.Y.

Opea Treutle Oct 24<sup>th</sup>



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Sec. 198-200.

*First* District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

*Emi Della Watson* being duly examined before the under-  
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make a statement in relation to the charge against h *er*; that the statement is designed to  
enable h *er* if she see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h *er*  
that she is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h *er* waiver cannot be used  
against h *er* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Emi Della Watson*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Java*

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

Answer. *536 East 54th Street about 4 weeks.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *None.*

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 of the charge*  
*Emi Della Watson*

Taken before me this *25th*  
day of *April* 188*8*  
*J. J. Smith*  
Police Justice.



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Sec. 151.

*First*

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 *Warren C. Russell*

of No. *Bank House on Spring & Washington* Street, that on the *22* day of *Oct* 188*5* at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article, to wit:

*5 Good and Lawful Monies of the United States*

of the value of *Two Hundred & twenty* Dollars,  
the property of *Complainant*  
was taken, stolen, and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by *Bernie Della Watson*

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 bod *him* of the said Defendant and forthwith bring *him* before me, at the *27th* 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 *27th* day of *Oct* 188*5*  
*[Signature]* POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT. DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

*Adrian S. Remick*  
*Benie Della Watson*  
Warrant-Larceny.

Dated

*1 Oct 24-5*  
1885

Magistrate

Officer

The Defendant

*Benie Della Watson*  
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

Officer.

Dated

*Oct 28*  
1885

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest,

*30 AM.*

Native of

*MS.*

Age,

*27*

Sex

*Female*

Complexion,

Color

*31*

Profession,

*House*

Married

Single,

*do*

Read,

*do*

Write,

*do*

*286. C. 27. 84*

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BAILED,  
No. 1, by Charles A. Ferguson  
Residence 46 W. 28th St.  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
William J. Smith  
Bank of New York  
1 John Stella Walker  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated Oct 28 188 \_\_\_\_\_  
Offence False Pretences  
Magistrate Duffy  
Precinct \_\_\_\_\_  
Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
to answer 9.5  
Street Butler

According to the complaint 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 five 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 Oct 28 188 P. J. Duffy Police Justice.

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

Dated Oct 28 188 P. J. Duffy Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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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

*Rene Della Watson*

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

*Rene Della Watson*

of the CRIME OF *Grand* LARCENY in the second degree,  
committed as follows:

The said *Rene Della Watson*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid,  
on the *twenty second* day of *October*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to deprive and defraud one

*Warren D. Cornell*

of the property hereinafter mentioned, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to ap-  
propriate the same to *her* own use, did then and there feloniously, fraudulently  
and falsely pretend and represent to *the said Warren D.*

*Cornell,*

That *the said Rene Della Watson* was then  
a well known star actress of established reputation, that  
she was then the proprietor of a certain theatrical firm, *the said Rene Della Watson* and *the said Warren D. Cornell* were  
the then had a full acting company and had arranged for  
the performance of the said company at *the said Warren D. Cornell*  
theater for thirty eight consecutive weeks at very favorable  
terms. That *the said Warren D. Cornell* and *the said Rene Della Watson* were  
were strictly first class in every particular. That *the said*  
possessed all equipments and appointments necessary for  
the success and pecuniary advantage and profit of *the said*  
company, and had every facility and advantage necessary  
therefor, and that *the said* desired in good faith to sell a  
one half interest in *the said* business and enterprise.  
That *the said* was then indebted to a lithographer on *the said*  
street in *the said* city in the sum of thirty dollars, for work done and  
performed by him for and on behalf of *the said* company.  
That it was then necessary for *the said* *Warren D.*  
*Cornell* to have his picture taken and lithographed for use  
in behalf of *the said* *Rene Della Watson* and that the cost of the  
same would be forty dollars.



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And the said Warren D. Pennell

then and there believing the said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid by the said Rein Della Watson

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 Rein Della Watson, a sum of money, to wit: The sum of two hundred and twenty dollars in money, lawful money of the United States, and of the value of two hundred and twenty dollars, —

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

Warren D. Pennell,  
and the said Rein Della Watson, did then and there feloniously obtain the said sum of money.

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

Warren D. Pennell,  
from the possession of the said Warren D. Pennell,

by color and by aid of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations aforesaid, and with intent to deprive and defraud the said Warren D. Pennell,

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to her own use. **Whereas**, in truth and in fact, the said Rein Della Watson was not then a well known star actress of established reputation and was not then the proprietor of the said Rein Opera Co. and did not then have a full acting company and had not arranged for the performance of the said company at first class opera houses for during eight consecutive weeks at very desirable terms; and the said company and the performances by them were not strictly first class in every particular, and the said Rein Della Watson did not then possess all equipments and appointments necessary for the success and pecuniary advantage and profit of her said company.

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and did not have every facility and advantage necessary for her, and the said Rini Della Watson did not then derive in good faith to sell a one half interest in her said business and enterprise.

And whereas in truth and in fact the said Rini Della Watson was not then and there indebted to the said lithographer on Twenty Street near Broadway in the said sum of thirty dollars or in any sum whatever for any work done and performed by him for or on account or behalf of the said Rini Opera Company.

And whereas in truth and in fact it was not then necessary for the said Warren D. Pennell to have his picture taken and lithographed for use in behalf of the said Rini Opera Company, and the cost of so doing would not be thirty dollars,

And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid by the said Rini Della Watson to the said Warren D. Pennell, was and were, then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as then the said Rini Della Watson, at the time of making the same then and there well knew.

AND SO THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID do say: That the said Rini Della Watson, on the day and year first aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the manner and form aforesaid, and by the means aforesaid, with force and arms, she said sum of money

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

Warren D. Pennell,

then and there feloniously did STEAL, 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.

Randolph B. Martine

PETER B. GENEY, District Attorney.

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Bill entered

Witnesses:

Counsel,

Filed 4 day of Nov

1895

Pleads

William J.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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[Sections 528 and 531, Penal Code].  
(False pretenses).  
LABRENT, 2nd degree

Carroll D. D. Brown

Carroll D. D. Brown  
not for perjury

Carroll D. D. Brown

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Carroll D. D. Brown

Carroll D. D. Brown

Foreman.

J. Carter Jr.



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On an examination of the within case, while it is entirely probable that the complainant in this case was defrauded of his money, at the same time on a careful scrutiny of the testimony I am satisfied that no conviction of larceny by false pretense as alleged in the indictment, could be obtained on this state of facts. It is probable that an indictment for conspiracy might possibly be maintained.

It seems to me a waste of time to attempt to obtain a conviction. I, therefore, recommend that this indictment be dismissed.

*A. H. Purdy*  
*By: [unclear] & [unclear]*

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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

*Perin Della Watson,  
Franka D. S. Dedden  
and Andrew Vincent*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this Indictment, accuse  
*Perin Della Watson, Franka D. S. Dedden and Andrew Vincent* -  
of the CRIME OF *Fraud* LARCENY in the second degree,  
committed as follows:

The said *Perin Della Watson, Franka D. S. Dedden and Andrew Vincent*, each  
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *Tenth*  
day of *February*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*five*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to  
deprive and defraud *one Charles Weil* -

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

*one Charles Weil*.

That *the* *the* said *Perin Della Watson*  
was then the proprietor and manager of  
a theatrical combination and enterprise  
called *the "Perin Comedy Company"*, and  
that the said *Franka D. S. Dedden* and  
*Andrew Vincent* were then actors and members  
of the said *"Perin Comedy Company"*, and in  
the employ of the said *Perin Della Watson*  
as such; and that the said *Perin Della*  
*Watson* then desired in good faith to  
employ and engage the said *Charles Weil*  
as the Treasurer of the said *Company* at  
a salary of *forty* dollars per week over and  
above the *expenses* to be incurred by him  
in his capacity as such Treasurer, and that  
the said *Charles Weil* desired in good faith to sell  
to the said *Charles Weil* a one third interest  
in the *assets* of said *Company*. That the said  
*Company* was then well and thoroughly  
established and in a flourishing condition,  
and that a purchase of such a one third  
interest for one hundred and *twenty* dollars was  
a good and lucrative and judicious investment,  
and purchase and that such interest was worth  
*fully* one hundred and *twenty* dollars. -

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By color and by aid of which said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, the said *Rein Della Watson, Frank D. Deder and Andrew Vincent* did then and there feloniously obtain from the possession of the said *Charles Diet*,

*The sum of one hundred and fifty*  
*dollars in money, lawful money*  
*of the United States and of the*  
*value of one hundred and fifty*  
*dollars,*

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Charles*

*Diet* \_\_\_\_\_, with intent to deprive and defraud the said

*Charles Diet,*

of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof, and to appropriate the same to *their* own use.

Whereas, in truth and in fact, the said *Rein Della Watson* was not then the proprietor or manager of any theatrical combination or enterprise called the "*Rein Comedy Company*", and the said *Frank D. Deder* and *Andrew Vincent* were not then actors, nor members of the said "*Rein Comedy Company*", and were not in the employ of the said *Rein Della Watson* as such; and whereas in truth and in fact the said *Rein Della Watson* did not then derive in good faith the employ and wages the said *Charles Diet* as the Treasurer of the said *Company* at a salary of fifty dollars per week over and above the necessary expenses to be incurred by him in his capacity as such Treasurer, and did not further derive in good faith the sum of the said *Charles Diet* as one third interest in the receipts of said *Company*. And whereas in truth and in fact the said *Company* was not then well and lawfully established, and in a flourishing condition, and a purchase of such a one third interest for one hundred and fifty dollars was not a good, lucrative nor judicious investment and purchase, and such interest was not worth fifty one hundred and fifty dollars, nor any other sum.



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And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made as  
aforesaid by the said *Rein Della Watson, Frank D. E. Dedner and*  
~~to the said~~ *Andrew Vincent, to the said Charles Hild,* was and were  
then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as ~~they~~ the said *Rein*  
*Della Watson, Frank D. E. Dedner & Andrew Vincent,*  
at the time of making the same then and there well knew.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say : That the said *Rein Della*  
*Watson, Frank D. E. Dedner & Andrew Vincent,*  
the day and year first aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid; in the manner and form  
aforesaid, and by the means aforesaid, with force and arms, the said proper moneys, goods,  
chattels and personal property of the said *Charles Hild,*

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.

**RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,**

**District Attorney.**

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Webb, Charles

DATE:

03/09/86



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#67 *Edith Mearns*

Counsel,  
Filed 9 day of March 1886  
Pleads *Murder (11)*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*Charles H. Webb*  
Forgery in the Second Degree.  
(Sections 511 and 521, Penal Code.)  
(Indorsement, etc.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.  
Plead guilty.  
5 P. 5 years.  
A True Bill.  
*Chas. B. DeLoach*  
Foreman.

Witness,  
*H. J. Jones*  
*F. C. Grant*  
Received check herein described  
in the indictment.  
*F. C. Grant*  
March 16 1886



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

POLICE COURT, / DISTRICT.

William J. Jones

of No. 331 Pearl

Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 5 day of February 1886

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Charles St Webb

(now here) did with intent to cheat and defraud defendants employers Philip J. A. Harper & Partners feloniously forge the name of F. E. Grant said Webb's employer upon the check huto annexed dated February 1. 1886 drawn by B. J. Babbitt for the sum of Fifty one dollars and forty five cents payable to the order of said F. E. Grant said check being drawn upon the Chemical National Bank of New York

Wherefore defendant charges said Charles St Webb with forging the said endorsement on said check with the felonious intent to cheat and defraud said Philip J. A. Harper and Partners his employers where he is employed as Assistant Cashier and Francis E. Grant defendants employer

Wm J Jones

Sworn to before me  
this 6th day of Mch 1886  
Samuel C. Kelly Police Justice

Francis E. Grant of No 7 West  
42<sup>d</sup> Street aged 36 occupation  
Merchant being duly sworn  
says that he does business at No  
7 West- 42<sup>d</sup> Street and that the  
endorsement of F. E. Grant on the  
check hereto annexed drawn upon  
the Chemical National Bank of  
New York dated February 1<sup>st</sup> 1886 payable  
to the order of F. E. Grant <sup>for the sum of \$51<sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub></sup> and  
signed by B. J. Babbitt is a  
forgery the said endorsement not  
having been written by deponent  
or authorized by him.

Deponent further says that  
he is informed by William J. Jones  
that he paid Charles H. Webb  
the sum of \$51<sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub> on said check  
and said Webb acknowledged and  
confessed that he forged said  
endorsement and received  
said money as aforesaid

Francis E. Grant

Sworn to before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Mch 1886  
Samuel C. Kelly Police Justice

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Sec. 198—200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Charles O + Webb

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 42 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. 354 Boverly 2 mo

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Clerk

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~~  
I desire to say nothing  
Chas. H. Webb

Taken before me this

day of

Webb

1886

James J. Webb  
Police Justice.



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BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court-1 District.

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William J. Jones  
337 1st Ave  
1 Graham St N.Y.C.

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence Forgery

Dated March 6 1886

David A. Beatty Magistrate  
Chief of Police Officer,  
Detective Squad Precinct.

Witnesses Thomas E. Rand

No. 7 W 42nd St.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

\$2000 to answer by J.S.

James Wick

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 20 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 March 6 1886 David A. Beatty Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1886 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1886 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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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

Charles D. Wells

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

— Charles D. Wells —

of the CRIME OF FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Charles D. Wells,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- six, at the City and County aforesaid,  
having in his custody a certain instrument and writing, to wit: an  
order for the payment of money of  
the kind known as bank checks,  
which said bank checks — is as follows, that is to say:

No. 7561 New York, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1886  
The Chemical National Bank of N.Y.  
Pay to E. E. Fugate on Order,  
Fifty one <sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars,  
\$51 <sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub> E. E. Fugate, —

the said

Charles D. Wells, —

— afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year  
aforesaid, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, feloniously did forge,  
and cause and procure to be forged, and willingly act and assist in the forging on the  
— bank of the said bank checks  
a certain instrument and writing commonly called an endorsement which said forged  
instrument and writing, commonly called an endorsement is as follows: that is to say,

E. E. Fugate

with intent to defraud, 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

*Charles H. Wells*

of the CRIME OF FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Charles H. Wells*,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, having in *his* possession a certain instrument and writing, *to wit: an order for the*

*payment of money, of the kind known as Bank Checks, -*  
which said *Bank Check* is as follows,  
*that is to say:*

*No. 7561*

*New York City, N.Y. 1886*

*The Chemical National Bank of N.Y.*

*Pay to X.E. Bryant or Order,*

*Twenty one <sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars*

*\$51 <sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub>*

*R.D. Baldwin*

on the *Check* of which said *Bank Check* there was then and there written a certain forged instrument and writing, commonly called an *endorsement* of the said last-mentioned *Bank Check*, which said forged instrument and writing, commonly called an *endorsement* is as follows, that is to say:

*X.E. Bryant*

with force and arms, the said forged *endorsement* then and there feloniously did utter, dispose of and put off as true, with intent to defraud, *he* — the said *Charles H. Wells*, then and there well knowing the premises, and that the said *endorsement* was forged, 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.



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DESCRIPTION:

Weiss, Joseph

DATE:

03/24/86



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Witnesses:

Malie Brown

George Brown

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Counsel,  
Filed 24 day of March 1886  
Pleads Not guilty.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Joseph Weiss

Robbery, 1st degree.  
[Sections 224 and 225, Penal Code].

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Paul April

A True Bill.

Grady B. Siderichs  
Pr Apr 1/86 Foreman.

Mid requested.

For Cause shown

too strong a

civil contention for

this Court.

Attest  
Notary Public

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ORIGINAL

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3rd District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Malia Brown aged 19 years

of No. 86 Clinton Street,

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 10 day of March 1886

at the City of New York,

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

of deponent by means of false pretences in day time

the following property, viz :

One Ice Box of the value of twenty five dollars,  
one Sofa of the value of five dollars,  
and one Table of the value of five dollars,  
and good and lawful money of the issue  
of the United States to the amount and  
of the value of twelve dollars  
Said property being in all of the  
value of forty five dollars,

Sworn before me this

day of

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 Joseph Weiss (nowhere)

from the fact that on said day  
deponent paid to said defendant one  
hundred & twenty five dollars for  
personal property bought from him  
on the 9th day of March 1886 under  
the following circumstances,

That said Joseph represented to  
deponent that he is the owner of the Restaurant  
and Saloon, and the landlord of premises

POLICE JUSTICE,

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Depo<sup>nt</sup> is further informed by Mrs. Ursula Baumann who is the Land Lady of said premises, that the Rent was not paid by said defendant, and Depo<sup>nt</sup> was obliged to pay twenty four dollars to said Land

Hand Corp. After said money was paid to said  
defendant he <sup>immediately</sup> removed the within exhibits. See Ex-  
hibit 4. Sept. and defendant charges that said  
Weiss did feloniously make said  
false and fraudulent representation  
with the intent to steal defendants  
property and money and deprive the  
true owner of the use and benefit thereof.

Sworn to before me  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1886 } Chas. Brumm.

*Mrs. Hattie Lee Foster*

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, & C.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

28.

AFIDAVIT—Larceny.

Dated 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

WITNESSES:

DISPOSITION

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0524

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

George Bauman  
aged 52 years, occupation Housekeeper of No.

349 East 23rd Street, being duly sworn deposes and  
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Malie Brown  
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own  
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 17  
day of March 1888 Dr. L. A. S. S. S. S.

[Signature]  
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0525

Sec. 198-200.

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

*Joseph Weiss* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h-<sup>e</sup>s right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against h-<sup>e</sup>i; that the statement is designed to  
enable h-<sup>e</sup>i if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h-<sup>e</sup>i  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h-<sup>e</sup>i waiver cannot be used  
against h-<sup>e</sup>i on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Joseph W Weiss*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *26 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Austria*

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

Answer. *136 Rivington Street two days*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Restaurant*

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*

*Joseph Weiss*

Taken before me this

day of *May* 188*8*

*W. H. Little* Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0526

BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court - 3d District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.  
OF THE COMPLAINANT OF

*Joseph Weiss*  
Defendant

Offence \_\_\_\_\_

Dated *March 12* 188*6*

*Meeker* Magistrate

Witnesses  
*Mr. Morris* Precinct.  
*Mr. A. Duck* 230  
*the Prisoner*  
No. *96* Street,  
No. *707* Street,  
to answer *fine*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Joseph Weiss*  
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Seven* 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 *March 12* 188*6* *W. A. Wood* 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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0527

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*Joseph Weiss*

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

*Joseph Weiss* —

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

The said *Joseph Weiss*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the *Tenth* — day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six* —, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one ice box of the value of*  
*Twenty five dollars, one silver*  
*of the value of nine dollars,*  
*one table of the value of five*  
*dollars, and the sum of Twelve*  
*dollars in money, and of the*  
*value of Twelve dollars, —*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Mollie Adams.* —

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.

*Randolph B. Martinie,*  
*District Attorney*

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0528

#154 Chester Bros - 13

Counsel,  
Filed May of 1886  
Pleads

Grand Larceny, 2nd degree  
[Sections 628, 68 1 Penal Code].  
and for damages

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Joseph Weiss

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*R. B. Martine*

Foreman.

Witnesses:

Malie Tamm  
Gustave Tamm



0529

# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Joseph W. Davis*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *Joseph W. Davis* -

of the CRIME OF ROBBERY in the *First* degree, committed as follows:

The said *Joseph W. Davis*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *Tenth* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, in the *day* time of the said day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Mollie Brünner* in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

*one ice-box of the value of Twenty*  
*five dollars, one set of the value of*  
*nine dollars, one table of the value*  
*of nine dollars, and various other goods*  
*chattels and personal property (a more*  
*particular description thereof is to be*  
*found among aforesaid unknown), of*  
*the value of Twenty dollars, -*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Mollie Brünner*,  
from the person of the said *Mollie Brünner* against the will,  
and by violence to the person of the said *Mollie Brünner*,  
then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, (the

said *Joseph W. Davis* being then and  
there aided by an accomplice,  
actually present, whose name is to  
be found among 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.

*Randolph B. Martin,*  
*District Attorney*

0530

BOX:

213

FOLDER:

2112

DESCRIPTION:

Whalen, Mary

DATE:

03/09/86



2112

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0531

#173 J. H. Starn

Counsel,

Filed

9 day of March 1886

Pleads,

Indigently (11)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Mary Whalen

Grand Larceny, 2nd Degree.  
(From the Person.)  
[Sections 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Pleads P.R.

Pen 6 ms.

A True Bill.

Chas. B. Friedrich

Foreman.

Witnesses:

Johna Tucker

Off John Kiley



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0532

3 District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Johanna Fischer

of No. 202 Av. B. Street, New York

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 7 day of March 1886

at the Avenue B. near 15th St. City of New York,

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

the following property, viz :

one pocket book containing  
three dollars and fifty cents gold and  
lawful money of the value of three dollars  
and fifty cents (\$3.50.)

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 Mary Whalen

(now here) who was in company with a  
man to deponent unknown and jostled  
against deponent in the street, a few  
moments afterward deponent missed the  
said property and followed the  
defendant and accused her of the  
theft whereupon the defendant's companion  
returned the said property to deponent's  
basket.

Johanna Fischer

Sworn before me this

7 day of March

1886

Police Justice,

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0533

Sec. 198—200.

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss  
OF NEW YORK,

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Mary Whalen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*45 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

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

Answer.

*21 East Third St.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Housekeeper*

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.*

*Mary Whalen*

Taken before me this

day of March

1886

*W. J. Smith*

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0534

BAILED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

OF THE COMPLAINT OF

*Johnnie Jacke*

*202 Ave B*

*Mary Whaler*

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Dated

*March 7*

1886

*Conner*

Magistrate

*J. H. Kelly*

Officer

*17*

Precinct

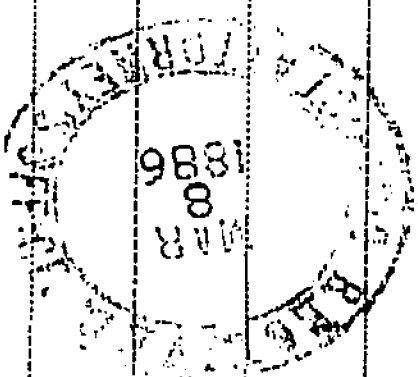
Witnesses

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street



No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street

\$ *500*

to answer

*can*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Mary Whaler*

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *five* 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 *March 7* 1886

*can*

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 he to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188

Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0535

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Mary Whalen

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

- Mary Whalen -

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said

Mary Whalen,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
- seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and eighty- six, in the day time of the said day, at the Ward, City and  
County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one pocket book of the value of  
fifty cents, and one United States  
Treasury note of the denomination  
and value of two dollars, one other  
United States Treasury note of the  
denomination and value of one  
dollar, and divers coins of a number,  
kind and description to that end  
fully aforesaid unknown, of the  
value of three dollars and fifty cents, -

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Johanna Fischer, -  
on the person of the said Johanna Fischer, -  
then and there being found, from the person of the said Johanna Fischer, -  
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.

Randolph Martin,

District Attorney.

0536

BOX:

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FOLDER:

2112

DESCRIPTION:

Whitney, Charles

DATE:

03/31/86



2112

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0537

216

Witnesses:

H. Alfred Freeman

Counsel,

Filed

May of March 1886

Pleads

Indignity Appeal

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

Charles E. Whitney

(12 cases)

May 4/86

Spied & acquitted

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Chas. B. Fosdick

Foreman.

May 4/86  
9.50

Grand Larceny, 2nd degree  
[Sections 628, 68 1 Penal Code].



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0538

City Prison April 27, 1886  
Mr Martine District Atty  
My Dear Sir

I was arrested on  
the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March. for a Crime  
which I did not Commit. I have  
been down for Court six times  
which the Plaintiff did not  
appear against me. I was on  
the Police Force. Resigned Dec 31-85  
I was the officer that arrested  
Chas H Cummings for Rape who  
is now serving twenty (20) years  
My wife and Child has no  
home and I am the only one  
they can look for. Please  
help me to get out to my  
Dear wife and Child once more  
as I have give my heart to God.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0539

and Prayed for him to  
Keep me from Drunk

hoping my name will be  
on the Calinder soon  
I remain Yours

Charles L. Whitney

P.S. The other Mr Mathews  
whom was arrested with me  
was discharged on Wednesday  
last. by Recorder Smyth

C. L. Whitney

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0540

**PART I.**

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE SECOND STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.  
If this Subpena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue  
Bring this Subpena 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.]

**S U B P E N A**

FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE

**Court of General Sessions of the Peace,**

**The People of the State of New York,**

To.....

of No..... Street.

GREETING :

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 day of ..... instant, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth, and give evidence in our behalf, against

.....  
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 April in the year of our Lord, 188 C.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, *District Attorney.*



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0541

Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

of No. 369 Third Avenue Street, aged 39 years,

occupation Manager being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 18 day of March 1886 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 musical Instrument known as a  
Mandolin of the value of Twenty  
five dollars. Two paper rolls  
of Music of the value of Two dollars  
all of the value of Twenty seven dollars  
the property of The Mechanical Organette Company  
in the care and charge of deponent who  
is Manager

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 Charles L. Whitney (now here)

That on or about said date said deponent came to store No 369 Third Avenue in said City and applied to deponent for the position of Agent for said Company. That deponent gave to said deponent a blank form of Bond to have signed for the security for the return of or or value thereof of said property. That said deponent took said Bond and left said store and returned in about one hour thereafter with said Bond written and made out but omitting to have a witness to sign the same. That deponent refused to give said deponent said

of  
deponent, this  
day  
1886  
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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property and said defendant then and there stated to deponent that if he would permit him to take said Musical Instrument he could <sup>induce</sup> ~~persuade~~ the witnesses ~~signature~~ Gordonman to purchase the same. Deponent further says that he previously informed defendant that it was the rule of his agents to report daily with said property, or the ~~money thereon~~. Deponent says that said defendant has not reported or returned said property to him. Wherefore deponent charges said defendant with feloniously taking stealing and carrying away said property as aforesaid.

A. C. Freeman

Sworn to before me  
This 27th day of Mch 1886  
John O'Reilly Police Justice

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0543

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

*Charles L Whitney* 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

*Charles L Whitney*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*29 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Long Island*

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

Answer.

*335 Graham Ave Bklyn 2 weeks*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

*Agent*

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*  
*Chas L. Whitney*

Taken before me this

*29*

day of

*Sept*  
188*8*

*David C. Hickey*  
Police Justice.



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0544

Police Court 1 404 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

2  
3  
4  
Offence

Dated Mch 27 1886

Magistrate  
J. O. Kelly  
To go to the hands of  
Police Officer  
Detective Sergeant

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

\$1000 to answer by S. S.

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 Mch 27 1886 Daniel C. Kelly Police Justice.

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

Dated 1886 Police Justice.

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

Dated 1886 Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0545

OFFICE OF  
THE MECHANICAL ORGUINETTE CO.,  
EAST SIDE BRANCH,  
No. 369 THIRD AVE, N. Y.

369. This Ave. April 6: 86

Judge Bedford  
Dofis.

Being notified verbally by your clerk to send physician's certificate to substantiate my letter to Mr Martine this a.m., I beg to say that it is impossible, as I never employed a physician for myself in my life.

The strain is the result of over-exertion in lifting heavy weights some years ago and whenever I take a cold I experience a more or less painful reminder.

Regarding the prosecution of Whitney, I have not the slightest reluctance in testifying but a perusal of the complaint will show that there is but little prospect of conviction in view of his sending back the goods.

If you determine to prosecute I will of course be on hand, but living in Jamaica as I do it was next to impossible this morning in my condition.

Respy

H. A. Freeman

**POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL**

0546

*CDM*



POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

0547

Tombs Prison  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 1886

L. J. Whitney Esq  
My Dear Sir  
Will you be so kind  
as to oblige my Dear  
Wife and Child, as to  
go and see District Atty  
Mantine to get my  
discharge, as there is  
no Complaint in the  
Case. if Not They will

POOR QUALITY  
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holds me for 60 days  
and when I get out  
I will do better.  
for I have asked  
god to forgive me.  
Please do this not  
for me but for my  
Dear Wife and Child.

From Your Friend  
Chas L. Whitney

P.S. it was Penn that  
did it but I will not  
commit no more after this  
C. L. W.

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District Attorney's Office.

*Part One*

PEOPLE

vs.

*Samuel Matthews*  
*vs. Whitney*



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MILLER'S  
LONG ISLAND CITY HOTEL.

Long Island City, N. Y., Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

Hon. Rudolph B. Martin

Sir,

I am Emb-

-man for Clement Mathews who case  
is called for Monday at 11 he is  
charged with two others who are  
con fined in the toms for Larceny  
I don't believe Mathews to be guilty  
for I have known him for 15 years  
I was formerly one of the partners of Insur  
Co. I will cheerfully if required go  
on the stand & testify as to his character  
I write this note for the purpose of urging  
you to dis pose of his case at once so  
that he will feel happy & be rid of  
it

Truly yours

Arthur Miller

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

New York,

April 12 1886

The People  
vs  
Clemence Mathews } G.L.

Let this case be tried  
at early day - some time  
this week R.B.M.  
To Mr Conner

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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

*Charles S. Whitman*

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

*Charles S. Whitman*

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

The said

*Charles S. Whitman*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the *eleventh* day of *March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine* — , at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one mandoline of the value of*  
*Twenty five dollars, and two*  
*rolls of paper music of the*  
*value of one dollar each roll.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of *one a certain*  
*corporation then and there*  
*known and designated as The*  
*Mechanical Organette Company,*  
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.

*Charles S. Whitman;*  
*Attorney*