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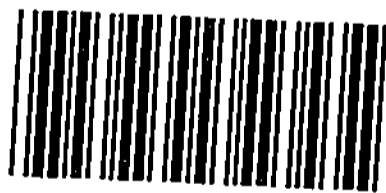
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DESCRIPTION:

Laurier, Frederick

DATE:

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Elizabet

Officer

Counsel,

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day of

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Pleads

Not guilty

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Fredrick Lamm

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Ind acquitted.

ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, ETC.  
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney

Since the appearance  
of the present case  
aggravated and

A True Bill.

J. M. W. W. W.

Foreman.

June 30th

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Egan

James J. W. W.

into the city.

after the trial of this

case. had been coming

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the present to which

the new evidence of

a person. So that

the case might be

probably, perhaps

as a witness.

who were present,

the evidence and

placed on the stand

and the facts being

on the stand the

presented. It appears

that the case has

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Police Court— 39 District.

City and County { ss.:  
of New York,

of No. 115 East 4th Street, aged 36 years,  
occupation stable man being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on 8 day of June 1885 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

Fredrick L. Lavery (now here),  
who wilfully and feloniously  
struck this deponent in  
the abdomen with a knife  
which the deponent then  
and there held in his hand

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 9 day  
of June 1885.

Wm. H. H. H. Police Justice.

J. L. L.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss

*Fredrick Laurier* 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 ~~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 ~~h~~ waiver cannot be used  
against ~~him~~ on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Fredrick Laurier*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Long Island City*

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

Answer. *227 Fifth Street 3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Freight*

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 but I  
do it in self defense.  
Fred Laurier*

Taken before me this

day of

1888

*W. H. M. J.*  
Police Justice.

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

*Fredrick Lacroix*  
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 *June 9* 1885 *W. H. H. H.* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

Bond renewed  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 1888

**BAILED,**

No. 1, by A

### *Residence*

*No. 2, by*

### *Residence*

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

***Residence***

~~Police Court~~

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

ON THE COMPLAINT OF *Dead*  
~~*Leopold E. G. G. G.*~~  
*113 East 4<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y.C.*  
*Frederick L. G. G.*

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Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Precinct

### Witnesses

No

No

Street.

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## Sessions

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New York

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. 1885

James Egan was a friend of  
mine and the same that died  
in St. Francis Hospital in this  
city Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1885.

He was the man stabbed in  
the case of the People vs  
Fred. W. Laurier

George Kirsch  
107 E 9 St  
New York

City  
Frank Kratz  
201 E 4 St  
New York  
City

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DR. M. J. B. MESSEMER,  
150 SECOND AVE., bet. 9th & 10th Sts.

OFFICE HOURS,  
8 to 9 A. M.  
12½ to 1½ } P. M.  
7 to 8 }

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June 9<sup>th</sup> 1885.

This is to certify that  
James Egan of 115 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
has been examined by me  
last evening. I found  
him suffering from a  
penetrating stab wound  
of the left side of the ab-  
domen and after prescribing  
for him advised that he  
be taken to Bellevue Hospital  
this morning, because peri-  
tonitis may develop and being  
of traumatic origin prove fatal.  
M. J. B. Messemmer M.D.  
— Corner, —

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St. Louis Hosp.  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> '83

To whom it may Concern I  
do hereby certify that  
James Eagen was  
attended during his  
stay here by me and  
that he died  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> '83 in his  
institution of Typhoid  
Fever

Respect  
Annot Spence M.D.  
House Phys.

He was admitted to  
Hospital Oct 11-83  
Dr. Spence

The Court of General Sessions of the peace  
in & for the City & County of New York in

The People of the State  
of New York — vs —  
vs

Frederick W. Laurier  
Def.

City & County ss:-  
of New York Louis Kohler being  
duly sworn, deposes & says that he  
is ~~22~~ 23 years of age; that he resides  
at No #428 East Ninth Street in the  
City of New York N.Y.; that he knows  
& is well acquainted with Frederick  
W. Laurier the defendant in the above  
entitled proceeding:~

That on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1885  
at or about the hour of 6.00 P.M. this  
deponent & the said defendant were  
standing on Ninth Street at the corner  
of Second Avenue in the aforesaid  
City engaged in conversation; that  
deponent was facing toward Third  
Avenue & defendant was facing Second  
Avenue hereinbefore mentioned; that  
said defendant had been sharpen-  
ing

a lead pencil with a small pen-knife, was still holding said penknife in his hand, as said defendant & this deponent stood talking as aforesaid.

That while so standing as aforesaid a person who ~~was~~ at that time, was unknown to this deponent, came from the direction of Third Avenue upon reaching the place where this deponent & said defendant were standing as aforesaid, did, without the slightest provocation, make a violent assault upon said defendant, attacking him said defendant from behind, that he threw defendant to the ground brutally but said defendant, about the head & body; that said defendant, in the struggle that ensued, managed to arise to his feet & tried to reason with said assailant, who refused to talk to, or allow said defendant to depart, and again, <sup>assaulted</sup> the defendant herein, striking defendant in the face, so that defendant fell against a railing behind him

said defendant; that said assailant immediately fell upon said defendant grasping him by the throat with one hand, and beat him said defendant about the head and face with the clenched fist of the other;

That said defendant was quite exhausted & could scarcely breathe by reason of said assailant choking him said defendant, as aforesaid.

That immediately after said assault this deponent learned that the name of assailant was James Eagen; that this deponent went with the defendant Laurier, directly after said assault, in search of a police officer, upon finding one informed him of the assault made upon him said Laurier as aforesaid requested said officer to arrest said Eagen;

That said Laurier pointed out said Eagen, to the said officer; that this deponent recognized & knew that said assailant & the said Eagen were one & the same person.

That this was about five or ten minutes after said assault; that said Eagen upon the attempt of said officer to arrest said Eagen; said Eagen stated that he had been stabbed and charged said Laurier with the same; whereupon said officer took both Eagen and Laurier to the Fourteenth Precinct Station house at Fifth Street in the aforesaid city of New York:~

That said defendant Laurier, was very badly cut and bruised about the face and body, by said Eagen:~

That the next morning June 9<sup>th</sup> 1885 both parties appeared before Justice Wolde at Essex Market Police Court; <sup>after examination</sup> and the said Eagen was held in the sum of \$300.00 bail for his appearance on the charge of assault on said Laurier; and the said Laurier was held in the sum of \$700.00 bail for his appearance on the charge made by said Eagen against him.

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of stabbing:~

That this deponent saw the entire transaction and knows that said Xavier was entirely unarmed, and did no more than was requisite to protect himself from an unprovoked assault made upon him by said Eagen:~

Given to before me this Louis Kohler  
21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1885

Wm. Emory

Notary Public,  
N.Y.C.

The Court of General Sessions of the peace  
in and for the City & County of New York

The People of the State  
of New York - Atty's

~ vs ~  
Frederick W. Laurier  
Def't.

City & County S.S.:  
of New York

Frederick W. Laurier  
being duly sworn, doth depose  
& say, that he is the defendant in  
the above entitled proceeding; that he  
resides at No. 227 East Fifth Street  
New York City; that he is entirely  
innocent of the charge made  
herein.

That if James Eagen was  
struck by deponent, it was done  
without premeditation, design  
or malice aforethought; and  
if so done was done only in  
self defence and to protect his  
person against an unprovoked  
assault then & there made upon  
him by said James Eagen the

Complainant herein:

That he had reason to apprehend that his life was in danger, or that he was in danger of serious bodily harm; and that he used no more force than was necessary to protect himself as aforesaid:

That he has been always ready and anxious to have this case tried; that he is liable to be called by the exigence of business from the city at any moment; that he cannot so leave without jeopardizing his business, besides which his personal pecuniary interests are materially injured by the fact that he is under indictment:

Given to before me this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1885

Frederick W. Lawrence

Wm. E. Morris

Notary Public,  
N.Y.C.

Complainant herein:

That he had reason to apprehend that his life was in danger, or that he was in danger of serious bodily harm; and that he used no more force than was necessary to protect himself as aforesaid:

That he has been always ready and anxious to have this case tried; that he is liable to be called by the exigencies of business from the city at any moment; that he cannot so leave without jeopardizing his bondsman, besides which his personal pecuniary interests are materially injured by the fact that he is under indictment:

Sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1880

Frederick W. Lawrence

Wm. E. Morris

Notary Public,  
N.Y.C.

The Court of the General Sessions  
of the peace in and for the  
City and County of New York:

The People of the State  
of New York.

Agst. Affs.  
Frederick W. Laurier  
Def.

Ex. 700 - John E. Egan for  
Court of General Sessions  
City and County of New York is a  
practising physician, and he is  
Senior House Physician at St. Francis  
Hospital located 202 609 Fifth Street  
New York City N.Y. That James Eagan  
entered the aforesaid Hospital on  
the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1880, suffering from  
Typhoid Fever, that said Eagan  
was under my immediate care  
& charge from said date up to the  
date of his death October 13<sup>th</sup> 1880  
at 6.30 P.M. & died of Typhoid Fever  
That said Eagan was not

suffering from any stab or cut  
that deponent examined the ab-  
domen carefully, daily & if there  
had been any such stab or cut  
deponent would have been sure  
by reason of such daily examina-  
tion to have found the same.

That no wound could  
have been the cause of his said  
death or have had any connection  
therewith.

Oswald & Co. Smith's } Annot. Spence M.D.  
12th day of December 1885 } J. Howe Phys.  
St. Francis Hosp.  
Deputy Public Assessor

The Court of General Sessions  
of the peace in for the City &  
County of New York.

The People of the State of  
New York - vs. - app

Frederick Ch. Laurier Defs

Affidavit of cause of  
death by Attending Physician

Edward Henry Hall

Atty for Defendant

#23 Chambers St.

New York

City

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
Sanitary Bureau, Vital Statistics.  
Office, 301 MOTT STREET.

Liber 92

No. 5735

New York, December 16<sup>th</sup> 1885

A TRANSCRIPT FROM THE RECORD OF DEATHS  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

NAME OF DECEASED			DATE OF DEATH			AGE OF DECEASED		
James Eagen			MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
			Oct	13	1885	35		
COLOR	CONDITION	OCCUPATION	BIRTHPLACE			HOW LONG RESIDENT IN CITY		
						YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
	single	Stabberman	New York City			Life		
PLACE OF DEATH			FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE			MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE		
St. Francis Hospital			Ireland			Ireland		
WARD			CAUSE OF DEATH			TIME FROM ATTACK TILL DEATH		
11			Typhoid Fever			YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
PLACE OF BURIAL			UNDERTAKER			MEDICAL ATTENDANT		
Calvary			Wagner Kipp			Amos Spruce		
						M. D.		

John T. Nagle, M.D.  
Deputy Registrar of Records.  
A True Copy,  
C. E. Glanville  
Chief Clerk

The Court of General Sessions of the peace  
in & for the City & County of New York: n

The People of the State  
of New York - Attys

vs

Frederick M. Laurier

Def't

City & County } ss:-  
of New York }

George Hirsch being  
duly sworn deposes & says, that  
he is 23 years of age, that he  
resides at No<sup>#</sup> 111 East Ninth Street  
in the City of New York N.Y. -

That he knew James Eagen  
the complainant in the above en-  
titled proceeding, was very intimate  
with said Eagen for about 4 years  
prior to his death. n

That on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct-  
ober 1885 the said Eagen was taken  
to St. Francis Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
in the said City of New York; that  
he remained at said hospital  
from that time till the day of  
his death October 13<sup>th</sup> 1885

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That this deponent attended  
the funeral of said James Eagen  
on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> 1885 that  
said Eagen was interred at  
Calvary Cemetery on Long Island  
N.Y.

George Hirsch

Sworn to before me this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1885

Wm. E. Hirsch

Notary Public  
N.Y. Co.

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The Court of the General Session  
of the peace in and for New York County

The People of the State of New  
York vs. *W. S. C.* *Plffs*

Fredrick St. Laurier Defs

Affidavit, Deafth  
Certificate re- An Motion  
to dismiss Action

Edward Whiting Hall

Attorney for Defs  
#23 Chambers St

New York  
City

To be filed

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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

*Frederick Saurier*

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

*Frederick Saurier*

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Frederick Saurier*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*Eight* day of *June*, — in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five*, with force of arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *James Egan*, —  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault  
and *in* the said *James Egan* —  
with a certain *knife* —

which the said *Frederick Saurier*, —  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and  
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound

with intent *in* the said *James Egan*, —  
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the statute  
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of  
New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT:

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

*Frederick Saurier*

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

The said *Frederick Saurier*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the  
year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and  
upon the body of one *James Egan*, —  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make an assault, and *in* the said

*James Egan*, —  
with a certain *knife* —

which *he* the said *Frederick Saurier*, —  
in *his* — right hand then and there had and held, the same being an  
*instrument* likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and  
there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully beat, strike, stab, cut and wound,  
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.

*Samuel B. Martin*

*District Attorney*

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Lebner, Herman

**DATE:**

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Witnesses :

Moses Dunda

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Counsel,

Filed

day of

1885

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Herman Leber

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*[Signature]*  
Foreman.  
*[Signature]*  
Clerk.  
*[Signature]*  
Clerk.

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Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

of No. 10, Seven Street, aged 54 years,  
 occupation Saddler being duly sworn  
 deposes and says, that on the 2 day of June 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:

ten gold coins, each of the denomination of twenty marks  
ten gold coins, each of the denomination of ten marks  
Good and lawful money of the German Empire  
and of the value of thirty-three dollars and four cents

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 German Heber, (now here) for the reason  
that about the hour of 10 P.M. on the above date  
deponent placed the above described property in a wallet  
and placed it under his pillow; that immediately  
thereafter deponent and the defendant went to bed.  
that about the hour of 4 A.M. on the following morning  
deponent awoke and discovered that defendant  
had gone away and that the above described property  
had been taken.

Deponent further says that he has been informed by  
Harry Goldstein of No 10 Essex St. that the defendant  
acknowledge and confessed to the officer by whom he was  
placed under arrest in his presence and hearing, that he  
had taken the property, and returned the same to the  
said officer.

Sworn to before me, this day  
 of June 1885

Police Justice.

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Deposited further says that the defendant has acknowledged and confessed to him that he took the money at the time above mentioned -

Sworn to before me this 22nd day of June 1885

John George Foster

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 1885 Police Justice.

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

Dated 1885 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 1885 Police Justice.

Police Court, District.	Offence—LARCENY.
THE PEOPLE, &c., on the complaint of	
1.	
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Dated 1885	Magistrate.
	Officer.
	Clerk.
Witnesses,	
No. Street,	
No. Street,	
No. Street,	
\$ to answer Sessions.	

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 22 years, occupation Lawyer of No. 10 Broadway

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Moses Dmida

and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own

knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

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John J. Egan  
Police Justice.

Joseph Dmida

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, - } ss.

2 District Police Court.

Norman Lebner 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. Norman Lebner

Question. How old are you?

Answer. Forty-eight Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Russia - Poland

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

Answer. 10 Essex St. About one week

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Plazer

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 partner of the Complainant and took the money.

Norman Lebner  
made

Taken before me this 5

day of June

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John J. Brown  
Police Justice.

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

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 June 5 188 5 John J. Hoffman Police Justice.

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

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

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

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

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Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

10 Essex St  
Norman Helmer

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Offence David Harman

Dated June 5 1885  
John Gorman Magistrate.  
John Harman Officer.  
9 Precinct.

Witnesses Louis Goldstein  
No. 10 Essex Street.  
Jacob M. Meier  
No. 10 Essex Street.

No. Street.  
\$ 500 to answer Jail Sessions.

Paul  
Clare

BAILED,

No. 1, by  
Residence Street.

No. 2, by  
Residence Street.

No. 3, by  
Residence Street.

No. 4, by  
Residence Street.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*Herman Selmer*

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

*Herman Selmer*

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

The said *Herman Selmer*,

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

*six gold coins of the German  
Empire, each being of the de-  
nomination of twenty marks,  
and of the value of five dollars  
each, and two other gold coins  
of the German Empire, each being  
of the denomination of ten  
marks, and of the value of  
two dollars and fifty cents each,*  
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Moses Dunder,*

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:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Leroy, Joseph

**DATE:**

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Witnesses:

Jas. Cavanagh  
Off. Jas. McNary 29 Oct.

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Counsel,

Filed 29 Oct of June 1885

Pleas

Imprisonment (30)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R.

Joseph Leroy

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

J. M. Murley  
July 9/85

Foreman.

Pleas Guilty

Amos R. J.

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Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York,

I, James Carranagh  
 of No. Box Broadway, E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, aged 18 years,  
 occupation clerk for Brooks Bros Clothing being duly sworn  
 deposes and says, that on the 15 day of June 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:

Two diagonal Cutaway Coats  
of the value of forty-five dollars.

the property of Brooks Bros Clothing of Box Broadway, E. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
in the care and custody 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 Henry (now here) from the fact,  
that about the hour of 9.30 P.M. on the above date,  
deponent saw the defendant take the above described  
property from a table in the above mentioned store,  
wrap it up in an overcoat which he carried  
on his arm in such a manner as to conceal it,  
and immediately thereafter leave the store with  
above described property in his possession.

Deponent further says that he is informed by James Rand an employee in Brooks Bros that he  
warned the defendant after he had left the store, that  
he saw him coming with the property in his possession  
and saw him drop the same on the street.

James Carranagh

Sworn to before me this 15 day  
 of June 1885

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Daniel Rambaud*  
aged *24* years, occupation *clerk* of No.

*Brookline 120th St* Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *James Carranagh*

and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this *15* day of *June* 188*8* } *Daniel Rambaud*

*P. G. Duffy*  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

*Joseph Leroy* 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. *Joseph Leroy*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *Twenty-four years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *At East 41st. About two years & seven months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Book-binder*

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 Leroy*

Taken before me this *15*

day of *March*

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Police Justice.

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

.....  
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 June 15 188 5 W. G. Sleppy Police Justice.

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

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

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

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

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Police Court-- District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*James Lavanagh*  
*6 Broadway 7121 St*  
*Brooklyn*  
*Joseph Henry*

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Offence *Grand Larceny*

BAILED,

No. 1, by  
Residence Street.

No. 2, by  
Residence Street.

No. 3, by  
Residence Street.

No. 4, by  
Residence Street.

Dated *June 15* 188 *5*  
*Watry G. Duffy* Magistrate.  
*James H. Bay* Officer.  
*26* Precinct.

Witnesses *Edward P. Sankland*  
No. *121 1/2 St* Street.  
*1885*  
No. *121 1/2 St* Street.

No. *570* Street.  
\$ *100* to answer Sessions.

*Q*

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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

*George J. Searcy*

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

*George J. Searcy*

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

The said

*George J. Searcy*

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

*two coats of the value of*

*twenty three dollars each,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *John E. Crocker,*

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. Mathie*  
District Attorney

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**DATE:**

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Witnesses:

Anton Lessmann

425 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.

Dr. Mrs. H. Krause

829 E. 14

Emil Unged

1040 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Mary Brown

195 Delaney St.

Officer Patrick English

13<sup>th</sup> Prec.

Counsel,

Filed

day of

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Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Phanna Lessmann

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.  
Madison Co. Ky. Circuitry, Bryer  
and C. Tammes for trial.

A True Bill.

AM Martine

Foreman

Oct. 16, 1885

Tried and acquitted

[Section 1832, Penal Code]

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STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

3 District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c., IN COMPLAINT OF

Anton Lissman

vs. Johanna Lissman

BEFORE HON.

John J. Gorman

POLICE JUSTICE.

May 20

1885

APPEARANCES:

For the People,

For the Defence,

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The People vs  
Anton Lisoman  
Johanna Lisoman

3d District Police Court

Examination before Justice Gorman  
(May 20 1885)

Anton Lisoman, the complainant, being duly  
sworn deposes and says

Examined by Justice Gorman

Q - at the time that you boarded with  
this lady when, as you claim you  
were sick, did you see any evidence  
of poison about the house at that  
time?

A I did not see

Q So you know that you were sick  
from poison at that time?

A I was sick, but what it came  
from I could not tell.

Q Did you confer with a doctor at  
that time?

A No.

Q How long was it ago?

A About a year and three quarters  
- it might be a month longer.

2 Do you know anything about the supposed poisoning of your brother other than you have testified to?

A - She says she made two different statements to Justice ———

Objected to by the Law

2- What did she say to you at that time?

A She told me he came home on Thursday evening - that was after he died she told me. She told me she thought he died because he drank too much. Then she told as soon as she can she will open business.

2 Do you know anything concerning the poisoning of your brother other than you have testified to?

A I cannot say anything more than I have said already. I recognize the paper shown me as my testimony given before the coroner, and I now swear that it is true.

Sworn to before me this  
day of May 1885

Police Justice

Mary Brown, being duly sworn deposes  
and says

Examined by Justice Gorman

Q You have given testimony before the  
Coroner. Do you know anything <sup>more</sup> than  
you have testified to before the  
Coroner in relation to this case?

A No Sir.

Q Are you familiar with Mr. Leiseman's  
house?

A No Sir, I went in, but it was  
before he died.

Q How soon before he died?

A I was in there three weeks before he  
died.

Q Was your testimony before the Coroner  
read to you?

A Yes Sir.

Q Was it true?

A Yes Sir.

(Testimony identified)

Q Cross Examined by Mr. Levy

Q You live in that house?

A Yes Sir.

3 Q Has this province a good reputation

there?

A. Yes Sir

Q Did she ever make any threats against her husband that you know of?

A No! Not that I know of.

Q So far as you know was she in the habit of fighting with him?

A Not as I know of

Q Lived peaceably?

A Yes Sir.

Q And happily?

A Yes Sir.

### Recalled

By Judge Forman

Q - Do you think you ever saw Paris Green brought into the house?

A No, Sir - until he was dead - I seen some on the walls and wood work

Q - Never saw any before that?

A No Sir.

Q - Do you know anything about it other than you have testified?

A No Sir

Q - Do you recollect the night before

his death?

A - I do not know anything about it.  
I only know Thursday morning

Q - The morning of his death?

A - No Sir, the day before

Q - Do you know what time Mr. Lisman came home the night before his death?

A - No Sir. I did not see

Q - Did you see him the evening when he came home, or the day before his death?

A - No Sir

Q - When did you go in?

A - She called me about half past one on Monday and after 2 o'clock he died.

Q - What did she say?

A - She came into my house and told me her husband was very sick and she wanted me to come in. When I went in she said she would like to have him taken to the Hospital.

Q - Did you ever know Mrs. Lisman to buy Paris Green or buy anything for killing rats or bugs?

A - No Sir

2 - Do you know anything about the matter other than what you have testified?

A - No Sir.

Sworn to before me this  
day of May 1885

Police Justice

Martha Ellguth being duly sworn deposes and says. I have already been sworn and have testified before the Coroner. My testimony has been read to me and I signed it, and it is true.

2 - Do you know anything additional to what you have sworn to before the coroner in relation to the death of Mr Leisoman?

A - No, Sir

Sworn to before me this  
day of May 1885

Police Justice

George Hinge, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says.

Examined by Justice Gorman.

Q - In your testimony before the Coroner you said that Mrs. Lissman had threatened something against her husband and Mrs. Schultz?

A - She said if she would catch her husband and Mrs. Schultz together she was going to get away with both of them and it did not make any difference what would become happen to her.

Q What do you mean by getting away with both of them?

A - Because she was jealous of Mrs. Schultz.

Q - What did you understand by getting away with them?

A - Threatened the lives of both of them.

Q - If she caught her husband with Mrs. Schultz that she threatened to take their lives?

A - Yes; that is it.

Q Do you know anything about the  
business of Mr. Lissman and his

brother about a year and a half ago?  
 objected to as immature

A I do not know.

Q Do you know of your own knowledge how Mr Lisoman came to his death?

A I do not know because I was not together with these people?

Q Was the testimony you gave before the coroner read to you - and is it true?

A I do not know because I did not hear. I do not know whether it was read to me or not.

The testimony of the witness as recastaken before the coroner was read to the witness. He corrected the record of his address so as to read "I live at 113 East Fourth Street"

Cross Examined by Mr. Levy

Q You lived in the house with the Lisomans?

A - I did.

Q How long ago?

A In April 1884

Q - Do you not know as a fact that

There was considerable discussion - that Mrs Lisoman complained of her husband's intimacy with Mrs. Schultz?  
 A - No.

Q - When Mrs Lisoman said that if she caught Mr Lisoman and Mrs Schultz together she would get away with them what words did she say - what words did she use?

A - The words she used were that if she found her husband with Mrs Schultz she would get away with both of them, and she did not care what became of her - that was the language she used.

Q - When she said that was she excited?

A - No.

Q - When she used that language did you believe she was capable of doing it.

A - Yes - from her appearance and her action at the time.

Sworn to before me this 22 day of May 1885

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Police Justice

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Deputy Coroner Justin Herold, being duly sworn deposes and says:-

Examined by Justice Gorman

Q After a person has taken into the stomach a sufficient quantity of Paris Green to produce death - how long after would death ensue provided

A No antidote was taken:-

A From six to twenty four hours

Q - What would be the cause of prolonging the time

A The amount

Q The quantity taken?

A Yes.

Q What quantity did you find when you made the autopsy?

A I found enough to cause death in less than 24 hours. He probably took a large quantity of Paris Green - if a large quantity is taken there is vomiting - then a smaller amount remains

Q What would be the effect of water - copious draughts of water

10 A - No effect -

2 - The substance you found in the body was Paris Green was it?

A - Certainly

2 - Paris Green and Arsenite of copper is that the same poison that they use for poisoning rats vermin etc?

A - No; that is arsenous acid

2 - What was it you found in the stomach?

A - Paris Green - The odor is peculiar to Paris Green there is nothing else that will give that odor.

Gross Examined by Mr Levy

2 - Is it not common for ignorant people to use Paris Green as well as other substances for killing rats?

A - I do not know.

2 - You have heard of such cases have you not?

A - Not used in the state of Paris Green. It may be mixed with something else

2 - Mixed with water?

A - No with some other substance

2 - Often used and mixed with other substances as common rat

person?

A - Very seldom

By Justice Gorman

Q - You are familiar with Paris Green such as painters use? and druggists?

A - Yes.

Q - That is what you found?

A - Yes, sir. There is no other thing that will give the color and odor of Paris Green, but Paris Green.

Q - And that is sold by painters and druggists?

A - Yes Sir.

Q - No law restricting its sale so far as you know.

A - I do not know.

Sworn to before me this  
day of May 1895.

Police Justice

Ernest Mitchell, being duly sworn before,  
and says: - I testified before the  
Coroner. I recognize my signature.

to my testimony; that testimony is true.  
 Q. Do you know anything additional  
 in relation to the death of Mr.  
 Lissman other than what you have  
 testified to?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any threats made  
 by Mrs Lissman against Mr Lissman  
 in your presence?

A. No.

Q. - When did you last visit Mrs.  
 Lissman's house previous to the  
 death of Mr Lissman?

A. - Five or six weeks.

Sworn to before me this  
 Day of May 1885

Police Justice

Emil Mager, being duly sworn deposes  
 and says: I signed my testimony  
 taken before the Coroner. It was  
 read to me and it is true.

Q. You say you called on Mrs  
 Lissman on the Tuesday before.

Mr Lissman died?

A Yes, Sir

Q - What other conversation did you have with her other than you have testified to before the Coroner if any?

A No, I do not know anything more about it

Q - What did you understand her to mean by a change in her household?

A - She says to me - I wanted to buy her furniture

Justice Gorman - Q - I only want to know what she said other than that he has testified to - What did he understand her to mean by saying something would happen?

A I did not understand anything about that - I took that for a joke

Q - Then did you think that she was joking when she said her husband would take his own life?

A I did not go this place a great many times. I could not tell whether she said it in fun or in earnest

Q Do you know anything about the cause of the death of Mr. Lissman other than what you have testified to?

A No

Q What was the conversation that you had with Mrs Lissman's <sup>brother</sup> other than what you have testified to?

A I could not say exactly what happened. I do not know whether I met Mr Lissman's brother on Monday.

Q You have testified that you saw Mr Lissman's brother on Monday after Mr Lissman died. Did Mr Lissman's brother tell you that you would have to go before the Coroner?

A That is right

Q Why did he say that?

A - Because she told me a couple of days previous I would want to buy furniture and then right

after that Mr Lissman died

Q Who told him he would want to buy furniture.

A Mrs. Lissman

2. Had you any conversation with Mr. Lisman other than what you have testified to?

A. She told me she was downhearted because her husband was drinking and had threatened to take his own life. I told her he would not do it and I went with her to a saloon to see whether we could find him.

Sworn to before me this  
day of May 1885

Police Justice

Mary Schnelly being duly sworn  
deposes and says: I identify the  
record of my testimony taken before  
the Coroner. It was read to me  
and it is true.

2. Do you know anything more about  
the death of Mr. Lisman other  
than you have sworn to before the  
Coroner?

A. I do not know anything more.

The last time I saw him was on the  
26th of February

Q - Was any threat made by Mrs.  
Lissoman in your presence against  
her husband's life?

A - No.

Shown to before me this  
day of May 1885

Police Justice

Dr. Krause recalled, and  
examined by Justice Gorman

Q - When were you first called to attend  
Mr. Lissoman?

A - I first visited him on the morning  
of the 8th of May, the present month  
at 11 A.M.

Q - By whom were you called?

A - By Mrs. Lissoman

Q - What did she say when she  
called on you?

A - She said her husband was  
very sick - vomiting all night  
and asked me to come as

as soon as I could.

Q Did she say she had given him any treatment?

A No Sir - She said that he was on a spree for five days.

Q - Did she say any other thing?

A No Sir

Q Did you ask her if she had prescribed anything for him?

A - I do not think I did because I promised to come up and see him about 11 o'clock.

Q Did you prescribe medicine for him?

A - I did - ipecacuanha and veratrum album.

Q Did you tell her where to get it?

A - I made it myself then.

Q Did you administer it to him?

A - I told her to administer it.

Q You did not see her give it to him?

A No Sir

Q Did you make any diagnosis of the case?

A I did

Q - What was the diagnosis?

A - The result of an extended spree  
it was alcoholism, diarrhoea and  
vomiting

Q - You made no other diagnosis  
except that you were told that  
he had been on a spree?

A - No Sir

Q - And you did not look any  
further?

A - No Sir

Q - That was the end of the  
diagnosis?

A - Yes, Sir - he having the  
appearance of it

Q - What effect did you intend  
to produce by the prescription  
you gave for him at the time of  
your visit?

A - To stop the diarrhoea and  
vomiting

Q - Was it an antidote for arsenical  
poisoning?

A - No Sir

Q - If he had been poisoned with  
Paris Green that would not have  
been an antidote?

A - No Sir

Q - Did you feel his pulse or take his temperature?

A - I felt his pulse - I did not take his temperature

Q - You felt his pulse and took the word of his wife and on that you made your diagnosis?

A - Well sir I did not think of anything else

Q - When he was vomiting did you notice that what was thrown up was of the appearance of tea and milk?

A - Yes, Sir

Q - Did you notice his raising anything that had the appearance of Paris Green?

A - No, Sir

Q - If there had been would you have noticed it?

A - Certainly

Q - It was 11 o'clock when you ~~was~~ called in on Thursday?

A - About that time - It may be a little before or after

Q - He died that day?

A - As I heard, I have not seen

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him since.

2- Suppose a person have sufficient Paris Green in the stomach to produce death, nothing having been given to counteract it, how long would it take for death to ensue?

A It may be one or two hours, or it may be more than that - it would vary in different persons

2- It would be possible for death to occur in six hours?

A I do not know of any such case. They generally die before that - in an hour or two

Cross examined by Mr Levy

2- Do you know what time of the day it was when Mrs Lirman called on you?

A It was about 9 o'clock

2- And it was only two hours after that he died?

A About two hours after

By Justice Gorman

2- What I want to find out is this - when

Paris Green is taken into the stomach in sufficient quantity to produce death and no antidote is given - the time it would take to produce death?

A It is different in different individuals. It depends a great deal upon the patient himself - on the contents of the stomach. It may be taken in large doses and thrown off right away.

Q - If the patient had been suffering from Paris Green poisoning at the time you called at 11 o' clock and you saw vomiting, would you have known it?

A Yes sir. He would have thrown up Paris Green. I should have seen it. I should have seen Paris Green.

Q He did not throw up Paris Green?

A No sir.

Q When you saw the contents of the stomach thrown up that you say was like tea and milk mixed, what did you believe it was?

A From the contents of the stomach  
it seemed water mixed with gall.  
Q If Paris Green was in the stomach  
it was after you left?

A That is what I think

Q After 11 o'clock?

A He must have taken it after I  
left

Q Was the Patient Herman Lissman able  
physically to at that time to leave - to  
go out of the house or to get up?

A Yes. He got up out of bed while  
I was there

Q He was able to go around the room?

A Yes Sir. He got out of bed while  
I was there then he went back  
to bed and threw up.

Q There can be no doubt in your  
mind that if Paris Green was in  
his stomach when you were there you  
would have known it?

A I would have known it if he  
threw it up. I saw him once  
only

Q I understand that you are of the

opinion that death might ensue within an hour from the time that Paris Green was taken into the stomach?

A - It might possibly

Q - In some conditions of the stomach it is possible for death to ensue in an hour from Paris Green - an hour after it has been taken into the stomach and no antidote given?

A - Yes, Sir.

Q What certificate did you give to the Board of Health, or to the Undertaker as to the cause of death?

A - Alcoholism, Diarrhoea and Vomiting

Q Without stating the cause?

A - Nothing further because I had no other diagnosis made at 11 O'clock the only time I saw her

Amalia Act  
known to before me this  
day of May 1885

Police Justice

Amelia Schermann being duly sworn  
deposes and says.. I recognize my signature  
to the minutes of my testimony read to me  
as taken before the Coroner. That  
testimony given by me is true.

Q - Do you know of Mrs Lisoman's having  
any Paris Green in the house previous  
to the 7th of May?

A - No Sir; I never knew she had it

Q - Did you ever see her have it, or  
know of it?

A - No Sir; never knew of her having  
it

Q Have you any further knowledge of  
this matter other than what you have  
sworn to in this affidavit?

A - No Sir; that is all I know

Q - Do you know that recently Mrs.  
Lisoman threatened her husband  
with death?

A - No Sir - I never knew that they  
lived unhappily in any way. They  
lived happily until that week of the  
spree.

Q What has been her reputation?

A Very Quiet - not interfering with anybody or speaking to anybody.

Q Do you know of his being in the water closet?

A He was in the water closet at 5'0' clock, vomiting - He was there all night you may say.

Q Do you know of Mrs. Lissman's buying any medicine, or any poison at any time?

A No Sir, she told the doctor to give him some. He came to give some.

Q Do you know anything more of the matter in relation to the death of Mr. Lissman, or the conduct of his wife than you have already sworn to here?

A No Sir.

Sworn to before me this

day of May 1885

Police Justice.

Justice Gorman - Mrs Lissman, the defendant will be held without bail.

The People vs.  
 Johanna Lessmann. } Murder

## List of Witnesses

Anton Lessmann	<del>525 E. 12 St.</del> 4 St.
Louisa Weiss	195 Delancey St.
Emil Unger	1540 - 1 Ave.
Dr. J. Heyold	83 E. 7 St.
George Kring	113 E. 43 St.
✓ Dr. W. H. Krause	329 E. 14 St.
Mary Brown	195 Delancey St.
Martha Ellguth	268 Broome St.
Akos Windt	192 Allen St.
Ernst Whistel	423 East 15 St.
Amelia Schenermann	195 Delancey St.
Mary Schultze 313 Broome	<del>66 Street</del> St.
Mrs. Rohrbach 415	<del>East</del> East 12 St.
Off. McAuley	13
" English	13
Mrs. Kutz	40 Wooster St.

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COURT OF COMMONS

The People, &c.

vs.

Johanna Lesserman

OFFENCE

HAROLD E. MARTIN  
District Attorney

List of  
Witnesses

Murder

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## STATE OF NEW YORK,

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

## AN INQUISITION.

Taken at the

No. 11

Chatham

Street, in the

11th

Ward of the City of

New York, in the County of New York, this 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> day of

May

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

M. J. B. MESSEMER, Coroner,

before

of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of

Isaac Leserman

now lying dead at

Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of

Six, good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and sworn or affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner the said

Isaac Leserman came to his death, do upon their Oaths and Affirmations say, That the said

Isaac Leserman came to his death by

Poisoning and we believe at 195

Delancey St on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1895. We believe

the poison had been administered to him

by some hands other than his own and

suspicion rests strongly on his widow

Isabella Leserman and we recommend

the case to a further hearing

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors as well as the **CORONER**, have to this Inquisition set our hands and seals on the day and place aforesaid.

## JURORS.

L. G. Galloway  
 J. H. Kramer  
 John H. King  
 J. P. E. Goodman  
 J. Rosenberg  
 N. J. Levy

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227. Third Ave

1893<sup>th</sup> Ave215 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave275 E 10<sup>th</sup> St1953<sup>rd</sup> Ave

M. J. B. Mesmer  
 Coroner

CORONER, [S. S.]

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## TESTIMONY.

Anton Lesegnam, being sworn  
 to, I reside at #34-  
 E. 7th St. and am a brother  
 of deceased. My brother and  
 his wife quarrelled continually.  
 My brother is the third husband  
~~she had~~ she had. She was  
 divorced from two of them I think.  
 I do not know positively if the  
 first husband died or not.  
~~She wanted to be divorced~~ She said  
 in my presence when I boarded  
 with them about a year and a half  
 ago that if my brother did not  
 leave her something dreadful  
 would happen. She was very jealous  
 and acted like a crazy woman  
 at times. She would lie under  
 the bed and cover herself with  
 old rags. I think my brother  
 has been foully dealt with  
 at the hands of my sister in  
 law, because he was a  
 strong healthy man who  
 died so suddenly under  
 suspicious circumstances.  
 The doctor who granted a certificate  
 death only saw my brother two hours before his  
 death!

Anton Lesegnam

Sworn to before me  
 this 20th day of May 1885  
 John Gorman

Police Justice

Sworn to before me,

this

9th

day of

May

1885

My J. J. Merseman

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

Mary Brown being called said that on May 7th she heard loud talking in the apartment of the Leberman's but did not understand what they were saying, I never heard Mrs Leberman threaten her husband I heard her scold him, she called me about 1.30. P.M. May 7th and I saw him vomiting and purging green stuff like dark green, then Mrs Leberman seemed to feel bad and wanted the Officer sent for my mother went to the Station House for one, he had asked for a drink of water and Mr Leberman gave it to him and he then put his arms around her neck kissed her and said "what is life in America" I had not seen Mr Leberman for three weeks prior to his death, as far as I know Mr & Mrs Leberman lived happy together

Mary Brown

Taken before me

this 16 day of

May 1885

CORONER.

John Leberman  
 sworn to before me  
 this 16 day of May 1885  
 J. P. Leberman

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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Martha Ellguth living in my house  
 I reside at 208 Duane St I  
 know the deceased about a  
 year. through a countryman  
 of mine, about a year ago  
 he called on my wife frequently  
 he came to my house on  
 Tuesday before his death. he  
 was in a lounge sleeping  
 soundly after a drink,  
 I said to him Herman why  
 don't you go home it was  
 the 9th. I'll but he said  
 he would not go as he had  
 spent between it and 19th  
 in two days and did not  
 want to go, he staid in  
 the house all night and in  
 the morning he said to me  
 that he had better throw  
 himself into the water, I  
 wondered how him to rescue him  
 in but did not pay much  
 attention, he told me that  
 he would go to East Canada  
 and obtain a situation, he  
 returned to me the same  
 morning and said he had

Taken before me

this day of

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W. J. Wersam M.D. CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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not go to Castle Linden  
his wife came and took  
him home, I did not see  
him again since his wife  
told me that she had spent  
all his savings for a year  
and, I never heard his wife  
any threats towards deceased.  
As far as I know they lived  
happy only that he would  
go in Spain occasionally  
and spend his money.

Wm. J. Coyne

Anton Leeman being recalled said  
that he had wrote a letter to  
Coroner Meenan regarding the  
death of deceased German Leeman.  
I am not positive that his  
wife caused his death but  
only suspicion, she always  
quarrelled with my brother  
my brother was the wife's third  
husband, she has one child in Dublin  
his second husband was divorced  
on account of frequent quarrels  
it was proved at the time of

Taken before me

this 16 day of May 1885

Wm. J. Meenan

CORONER.

Given & before me this  
16 day of May 1885  
John J. Meenan  
Justice of the Peace

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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divorce that she married a  
 different man every day. I  
 lived with my brother and  
 his wife about half a year  
 and then once have hold  
 of each other by the collars  
 and also so they strike  
 each other once, they quarrelled  
 continually, when I would  
 go out with my brother his  
 wife would always suspect  
 us of going after her man  
 she was not an habitual  
 drunkard, I heard her say  
 in my presence that if things  
 do not go on better something  
 would happen, when I was  
 stopping with them I was taken  
 with vomiting for about a  
 week and my brother also,  
 I don't know what caused  
 the vomiting, I was not present  
 at my brother's last illness  
 but was told the Sunday  
 evening of his death, I did  
 not know my sister-in-law's first  
 husband but did her second, I  
 only heard of her divorce from

Taken before me

 this day of  
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 J. B. Merson

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

outside parties I was not present in, except, it was wanted in Dublin but I don't know in whose favor it was I have been in New York 2 1/2 years and lived with my brother about half a year have just lived with them since, I do not think I was the cause of their trouble together, and when I left their house I was not unfriendly with Mrs. Leemann I never heard her say anything with regard to judging my brother

Anton Leemann.

George Hinge Living Amman says. I reside at No 113 East 13th Street and am a wood turner. I lived with deceased Anton Leemann from Autumn 1883 until April 1884 and heard them quarrel frequently and came to blows on account of jealousy Christmas a year and half ago. The wife was jealous of a woman named

Taken before me

this

day of May 1885

Wm. J. Messersmith CORONER.

Shown to before Justice  
City of New York 1885  
Anton Leemann  
Witness

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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Schultz, Mrs. Legman had said if she saw her husband & Mrs. Schultz together it would not make much difference if both were dead, Legman was a solid and good man I had nothing recently as I was on bad terms with Mrs. Legman but not with the husband,

George Hinx. Turner:

William Henry Kinn M.D. Surgeon  
 I reside at 329. ~~the~~ East 14th  
 On May 17th about 9 AM Mrs. Legman called on me to see her husband which I did two hours after the symptoms were that of alcoholism from a dose of 5 days, I was not present at the autopsy, I was not told of anything about this case, the patient told me he was suffering from the effects of drinking, he vomited yellow like tea and milk, I remained in the house about 5 minutes

Taken before me

this 16 day of

May 1885

W. B. Mendenhall M.D.

CORONER.

Copy of above written &  
 sworn to by May 1885  
 John W. Mendenhall

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

he vomited and pursued me while I was in the house, I now believe that Lasserman died of Paris Green poisoning, I never saw Lasserman before that day. when Mrs Lasserman called at my house she was not excited, I have been a practicing Physician 14 years

W. H. Krauss M.D.

~~Expert Witness being sworn says. I reside at No. 420 East 10th St. I knew the deceased about 4 years. On May 1st Mr. Hager went to Mrs Lasserman to find out her address as he wanted to purchase some furniture. Mr Hager told me that Mrs Lasserman told him that if he waited a few days that she would have some to sell.~~

Taken before me

this 16 day of

May 1885

W. H. Krauss M.D.

CORONER.

Sworn to before me this  
16 day of May 1885  
John J. Lasserman  
Relicante.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

Alfred. Wildt. being sworn says  
 I reside at No. 147 Allen St. I  
 knew the deceased since the  
 Monday before his death. I  
 saw him every day until  
 he died. I saw them fighting  
 together on Wednesday May 11th  
 about 8.15 P.M. in the corner  
 of Christie and Stanton st.  
 He ran into Christie st  
 and she after him. I went  
 on my way. I saw him Monday  
 before I had 9. I saw him come  
 to where I live and asked  
 for a cup of coffee. She came  
 after him the evening next the  
 back door and she went  
 away. He went away before  
 he did he told me his wife  
 was after him the whole time  
 he did not know whether  
 he lost the money or his  
 wife took it from him, on  
 Thursday he came again &  
 on Thursday also he was  
 not drunk on Friday bet.  
 I and I saw his wife come  
 to the restaurant and said

Taken before me

this day of

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 J. B. Merceur ~~was~~ CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

to the proprietor my husband  
is dead, we asked what  
cause it she said he came  
home before noon and was  
sitting and died in her  
arms.

Attest Witness

I Gust Huet being sworn says.  
I reside at 428 East 10th Street  
and know the deceased about  
four years. Mrs. Lesserman told  
me that if she should find  
Mr. Schuch and Lesserman  
together she would throw  
poison on them this was  
said to me about 3 years  
ago. Mrs. Lesserman said that  
if I done what her husband  
had done it would bring him  
to the gallows. the charge against  
me was that I had done  
something to my child.

Emst Witschel

Taken before me

this 16 day of May 1885  
R. B. Marshall  
CORONER.

Sharon H. Huet  
20 E. 10th St. May 1885

John Huet  
John Huet

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

Emil Unger. Being sworn says.  
 I reside at 1540. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and am  
 a painter. I knew the deceased  
 and his wife about 4 years.  
 I wished to buy some furniture  
 but did not know where to buy  
 it but I went to Mrs. Lessmann  
 on the Tuesday before his death  
 that he is the husband of the  
 woman she said that ~~she~~ he  
 need not purchase any furniture  
 as ~~for~~ they would ~~be~~ a  
 change in her household and  
 something would happen in a  
 few days, and that her husband  
 would take his own life and  
 then there would be a good  
 chance to purchase the furniture  
 she did not say in what manner  
 he would take his life, they  
 always seemed to act pleasantly  
 together, she did not say that he  
 would take his own life but  
 only that he would do so. I went  
 to the house on Saturday after his  
 death where he died, I said he  
 has died suddenly and saw Mr. Pindt  
 but did not know him for three

Taken before me

this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

May 1885

J. B. Merser

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

weeks prior to that time I saw  
Mr Lessman's brother the Monday  
after Lessman's died and he told  
me that I would have to go  
before the Coroner which I did  
and gave my statement.

Emil Unger

Emilia Scheuermann being an orphan I  
resided at 195 Delancey St and was familiar  
with that house, I knew the  
deceased and his wife about a  
year, I never heard and quarrelled  
until Monday & Tuesday I saw  
only on Tuesday Morning he was  
found asleep in the north closet  
in the yard about 5 PM I  
saw her swimming in the closet.  
I never heard him threaten  
to take his life, I did not see  
him on Friday May 4th but when  
I heard of his death I saw  
him on Saturday following, Mrs  
Lessman had purchased new furniture  
about the latter part of March  
and then had her ~~own~~ furniture  
to call Amelia Scheuermann

Taken before me

this 11 day of May 1885

Wm B Messer

CORONER.

21st May at 11 AM 1885  
John J. Messer Coroner

Witness before me  
John J. Messer Coroner

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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Mary Schultze living person says.  
 I reside at No. 66 Stanton Street.  
 have been married 17 years. I know  
 the deceased Herman Lesserman  
 about 10 years. Knew him in  
 Berlin Germany, and in this  
 city about about the same  
 time, as they came over about  
 a month before I did, I knew  
 the prisoner Mrs Lesserman in the  
 old country we where always  
 friendly and when I came here  
 I met Mr & Mrs Lesserman at  
 the Hoboken Dock and we lived  
 together in the same house, about  
 a month after we lived in the  
 same house together but after a  
 while a quarrel arose and we  
 separated, I last saw Mr Lesserman  
 in February 1885 at a funeral  
 of my sister-in-law

Mrs M. Schultze.

Taken before me

this 18 day of May 1885

J. B. Mason

CORONER.

Witness to above in this  
 city day of May 1885-  
 J. B. Mason  
 Collector

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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Max Rohrbach being sworn says:  
 I reside at 514 East 12<sup>th</sup> and  
 knew the deceased from 1865 to  
 1870 in Germany and I then  
 saw him in this city in the  
 year 1873, last Christmas and  
 the one before that I saw him  
 four or five times I knew his  
 wife since last January having  
 seen her in the Exchange Hotel  
 on May 8<sup>th</sup> when I came from  
 work I found a letter addressed to  
 me in my room I asked him  
 what he was doing, he said  
 he was seeking employment  
 my wife went for a print  
 of hers and he then told her  
 that he had trouble with his  
 wife, he said he came home  
 Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and that his  
 wife had upbraided him and  
 he wanted to get other employment  
 I told him to go home he did  
 so, at 10 AM Thursday he came  
 to my shop and said my wife  
 had raised other trouble and that  
 she wanted to sell my other  
 effects I went to see her and saw nothing

Taken before me

this 16 day of May 1885  
 R. J. Messersmith

CORONER.

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TESTIMONY.

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Further of him he was perfectly  
down in my opinion in relation to  
left me

Given to before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1885  
J. W. Brown

Deputy Coroner

Taken before me

this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1885  
J. W. Brown

CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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Johanna Leffman being sworn says  
 I reside at 195 Delancey Street  
 the deceased Herman Leffman  
 was my husband. On May 5th  
 Mr. Kaper came to me about 4 P.M.  
 and said that he wanted to  
 purchase some furniture he said  
 he wanted to buy it of Mr.  
 Mitchell. I did not know where  
 Mr. Mitchell lived but he  
 said he wanted to buy Mr.  
 Mitchell's furniture, I said to  
 Mr. Kaper that my husband had  
 been on a spree and that he  
 intended to look for employment  
 in any place as he was through  
 out of it <sup>meaning work</sup> he came home on May 7th  
 about 7:30 P.M. and I went out  
 I returned at 9 P.M. and found  
 him lying on the lounge. He  
 remained in the house until  
 he died. I asked him if he  
 wanted to go to bed, he did  
 not. I went to bed about  
 10 P.M. at 4 the following morning  
 he came to bed and was expecting  
 I said I will go for the Doctor  
 he said Yes for I don't feel

Taken before me

this 11 day of May 1885

My Commission  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

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well I went for a Doctor, the  
vomiting became greenish when  
I had gone for the doctor. I saw  
the green vomit at 9 AM, he  
waited until about a quarter of  
an hour before his death I had  
given him water about 10 times  
altogether

James Labrecque

Taken before me

this

day of

May 188

Wm. M. M. M.

CORONER.

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## CORONER'S OFFICE.

## TESTIMONY.

Dr. Justin Harold, being sworn says:-  
 I made an autopsy on the body  
 of the deceased, Herman Lissmann,  
 with the following result, 24 hrs.  
 after death; decomposition slight;  
 thorax opened, lungs and pleurae  
 normal; heart enlarged, spleen  
 normal; liver slightly enlarged, con-  
 taining a recent hemorrhagic in-  
 farction in left lobe, under sur-  
 face; kidneys, slightly congested;  
 stomach distended with fluid & so-  
 lid food, walls of stomach,  
 softened & thickened, in some  
 portions, more so than others,  
 distinct particles of Paris green  
 adherent to mucous membrane  
 of stomach especially in softened  
 portions of mucous membrane,  
 fluids of stomach mixed with the  
 Paris Green also, fluids of a green-  
 ish colour; hemorrhagic puncta  
 in different portions of stomach,  
 intestines near pyloric orifice,  
 present the same features as  
 mucous membrane of stomach  
 contents of stomach & intestines  
 give off a garlicy odour, deat  
<sup>Taken before me</sup> <sup>my</sup> opinion was caused

this 9 day of May 1884  
 J. J. Meserum  
 CORONER.

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CORONER'S OFFICE.

TESTIMONY.

by a question, from gastro-enteritis the result of a surgical point of view, by Paris Green (arsenite of copper).

Dr. Justin M. Wood

Sworn to before me this  
20th day of May 1885

John H. Woodman

Public Justice

Taken before me

this

20th day of

May

1885

Wm. H. Merseman

CORONER.

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TESTIMONY.

M. D., being sworn says I have made examination of the body of now lying dead at and from such examination and history of the case, I am of opinion that the cause of death was

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MEMORANDA.

AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE. When Reported.
33 Years. - Months. - Days.	Germany	195 Delancey St.	May 9/85
<p>Varincher betw. Ridge &amp; Attorney St.          3 1/2 years in this country          Married          Mr. Chi Chen</p>			

Mrs. Louise Weiss  
 195 Delancey St.  
 Custom House  
 42 E. 12th St.  
 Emil Wagner  
 1870. 11th Ave.  
 De Harwood  
 Former Officer  
 George H. H.  
 113 E. 43rd St.  
 W. J. H. H.  
 329 E. 14th St.  
 Grace Brown  
 195 Delancey

M. J. B. M.

No. 434

Ind. Date 1885

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Norman Deasman

whereby it is found that he  
 came to his Death by

Dislocation

from

White - contusion

following

Police Officer (Hawley)

quest taken on the

May 1885

one

M. J. B. MESSEMER, CORONER.

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MEMORANDA.

AGE.	Years. - Months - Days.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE. When Reported.
33	3 1/2 years in the country	Germany	Bellevue Ridge & Attorney Dr.	May 9/01

Mrs. Louise Weiss  
195 Delaware St.  
Anton Lessmann  
425 E 12th St.  
Emil Muegel  
1340 1/2 St. Ave.  
Dr. Herold  
Coroner's Office  
George Henge  
113 E. 4th St.  
W. A. Hauser  
329 E. 14th St.  
Grace Brown  
195 Delaware

M. J. B. M.

No. 434

Ind. Ex. 1885

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Herman Lessmann

whereby it is found that he  
died of his Death by

Exhaustion

from

Exhaustion - Intestinal

following

Parasitic Worms

request taken on the

13th May 1885

May

fore

M. J. B. MESSEMER, Coroner.

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Coroner's Office,

13 & 15 Chatham St.

New York, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1885

The following letter was  
received by Coroner  
Messmer this morning  
at his residence c/o. 150  
Second Avenue (by mail)

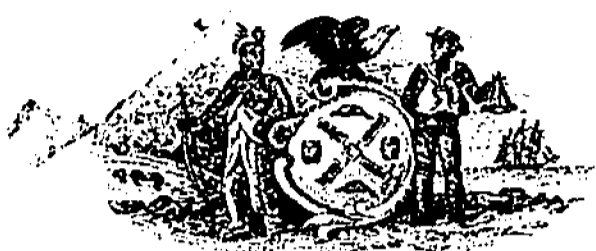
New York, May 8 / 85  
Coroner M. J. B. Messmer

Dear Doctor:

I would respectfully  
request that you examine into  
the cause of death of my  
brother Herman Lessman  
who died at his residence  
c/o. 195 Delancey St. under  
suspicious circumstances.  
I do not think he died a  
natural death.

Respectfully Yours  
Anton Lessman  
425 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St.

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Coroner's Office,

13 & 15 Chatham St.

New York, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1885.

Capt. Kelly  
18<sup>th</sup> Police Prec.

Dear Sir:

Anton Lesman  
of 425 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St. reported  
to me this morning by mail  
that his brother Herman  
Lesman had died under  
suspicious circumstances  
at 195 Delancey St. On  
making an autopsy with  
my Deputy I find his  
stomach and intestines  
coated with Paris Green.

As the brother of deceased  
accuses Johanna Lesman  
the wife of deceased of having  
caused his death I would  
suggest the propriety of placing

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her under Police surveillance  
until tomorrow morning  
at her residence, when  
her brother in law Anton  
Lessoan of 425 E. 12<sup>th</sup>.  
H. can be sent for to  
make a charge against her  
before a Police Magis-  
trate.

Will you please  
notify him to appear  
at the Police Court  
tomorrow morning

Yours Respectfully  
R. J. B. Messersmith  
Crown

150-2-Dr.

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Coroner's Office,

13 & 15 Chatham St.

New York, May 9, 1885.

Captain Petty,  
13th Police Precinct.

Dear Sir:

Please have  
an officer stationed in the  
apartments of Mrs. Johanna  
Lissmann No. 195  
Delancey St. between Attorney  
& Ridge Sts. top floor and  
guard Mrs. Lissmann  
until I can further state  
in the case.

Respectfully yours

W. B. Meserve, Jr.

(  
Coroner  
100-2 Ave

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

POLICE COURT—

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DISTRICT.

of No. 425 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, being duly sworn, deposes andsays that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1885at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Johann Lissman

(nowhere) did unlawfully and feloniously  
deliberately and designly effect the death of  
Herman Lissman, by administering Paris  
Green to him,

Depovent is informed by <sup>Dr</sup> William  
Henry Strause, of N<sup>o</sup> 329 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street,  
that at the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1885, he was called upon to visit Herman  
Strause, at his residence at N<sup>o</sup> 195 Delancey  
Street. That he at the hour of 11 o'clock  
of the same day saw said Herman  
at his residence, and found him  
suffering from Colicium, that he  
prescribed Medicine for him, that at that  
time he saw no symptoms of poison  
on said Herman.

Depovent is further informed  
by Mary Brown of N<sup>o</sup> 195 Delancey Street  
that at the hour of 2 o'clock and 10 minutes  
in the afternoon of said day she was  
present in the rooms of Herman Lissman  
and that she saw said Herman while  
that before he died she saw him spit  
green substance,

Depovent is further informed  
by <sup>Dr</sup> Austin Herald, Deputy Coroner, residing  
at N<sup>o</sup> 83 7<sup>th</sup> Street, that he in his official  
Capacity examined the Stomach of said  
Herman Lissman, that he found Paris

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Green is not sufficient to kill,  
 Dependent has reason to believe that said  
 Johanna did designedly and deliberately  
 administer said Poison to said Herman  
 for the reason, that said Herman and  
 said Hannah who were married to  
 each other were living unhappily  
 together, and were allways quarrelling  
 and fighting each other.

Dependent prays that said  
 Johanna may be committed for  
 examination, and for the purpose  
 to obtain further evidence

Sworn to before me this  
 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1885

Anton Lepmann

John Gorman Police Justice

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated

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Magistrate:

Officer:

Witness,

Disposition,

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Mary Brown*  
aged *20* years, occupation *Maids* of No.  
*195 Delaney* Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

1885

*John Freeman*  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 24 years, occupation Deputy Coroner of No. 83 4th Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of

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May 11 5 Justin Lieberman U. D.  
John Horner  
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*William Henry Kraus.*  
aged 44 years, occupation doctor of No.

329 East 14 Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Arthur S. Kraus*

and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 11 day of May 1895 *W. H. Kraus*

*John S. Kraus*  
Police Justice.

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

guilty thereof, I order that ~~she~~ <sup>will not</sup> be held to answer the same and ~~she~~ <sup>will not</sup> 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 ~~she~~  
~~give such bail~~ <sup>be legally discharged</sup>

Dated May 20 1885 John J. Connor Police Justice.

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

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

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

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

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BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

Street.

No. 2, by

Residence

Street.

No. 3, by

Residence

Street.

No. 4, by

Residence

Street.

No. 38  
Police Court

3 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Arthur W. Lissman  
425 E. 12th St.

1. Johann Lissman

2.

3.

4.

Offence: *Harassment*

Dated

May 11

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Magistrate.

*McClary & English*

Officer.

*McClary*  
Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street,

*Corn to and*

*General Session*

Street

to answer

*J.B. Messinger M.D. Cor.*  
*Corn for Ex. William Bell*

MAY 12 1885

## Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Johanna Dersmann*

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

*Johanna Dersmann*of the CRIME OF *Murder in the first degree,* —

committed as follows:

The said *Johanna Dersmann,*

late of the *First* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *seventh* day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in and upon one *Johanna Dersmann*, then and there being, feloniously, wilfully and of her malice aforethought, did make an assault, and a dangerous assault, to wit: *knowing* against a certain deadly weapon called *revolver* *gun*, then and there feloniously, wilfully and of her malice aforethought did give and administer unto the said *Johanna Dersmann*, with intent that she should take and swallow down the same into her body (the said *Johanna Dersmann* then and there well knowing the said *revolver* *gun* to be a

deadly poison), and the said nurse  
 again so again and administered  
 into him by the said Johann  
 Sessmann, the the said Sessmann  
 Sessmann did then and there take  
 and swallow down into his body,  
 by reason and by means of which  
 said taking and swallowing down  
 the said nurse again into his body  
 as aforesaid, the the said Sessmann  
 Sessmann then and there became  
 and was mortally sick and dis-  
 tempered in his body, of which  
 said mortal sickness and dis-  
 temper the said Sessmann Sessmann from  
 the said tenth day of May in  
 the year aforesaid, until the said  
 day of May, in the same year  
 aforesaid, at the Ward, City and  
 County aforesaid, did languish  
 and languishing did live, on which  
 said eighth day of May in the  
 year aforesaid, at the Ward, City  
 and County aforesaid, the the said  
 Sessmann Sessmann of the said  
 mortal sickness and dis-  
 temper as aforesaid occasioned, died.

And so the said Johann Sessmann  
 said do say, that the the said  
 Johann Sessmann, from the

said Hermann Goetzmann, in manner  
 and form and by the means de-  
 scribed, intelligently, feloniously and  
 of her malice aforethought did  
 kill and murder; 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:**

Loftus, Philip

**DATE:**

06/04/85



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

1811

DESCRIPTION:

Giles, William

DATE:

06/04/85



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No 32.

*K.A.K.*

Witnesses:

*Patrick Westcott*

*Officer Peter Carter*

*H. D. Cook*

Counsel,

Filed

4 day of

June 1885

Pleas,

*Chattel Mortgage*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B

*Philip Loftus*

B

*William G. Giles*

*H. D.*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

*July 10/83 District Attorney.*

*Filed & accepted*

A True Bill.

*A. M. Kirby*

Foreman

*July 10 - at 3 P.M.*

*Advised by 8 Central*

*at 10<sup>th</sup> July '85.*

[Section] Penal Code]

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Police Court—First District.City and County } ss.:  
of New York, }of House of Detention  
occupation SailorPatrick WestcottStreet, aged 32 years,

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1885 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Philip Loftus  
and William J. Giles (both now here) that said  
 Loftus struck deponent a blow on the face  
 with his fist knocking him down and while  
 down wilfully and maliciously cut and stabbed  
 deponent three times on the head and hand  
 with a knife then and there held in the hand  
 of said Loftus Deponent further says that at  
 said time said Giles called out to said  
 Loftus look out and said Loftus moved  
 away from deponent when said Giles  
 wilfully and maliciously pointed aimed  
 and discharged a pistol loaded with  
 powder and ball at deponent in  
 premises No 45 Oliver Street in said  
 City

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
 any justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
 for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 30 day  
 of May 1885.

Pat Westcott

Samuel C. Russell Police Justice.

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

POLICE COURT,

5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT.

Peter Carter

of the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police

Sworn, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the night of the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1885

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, at about the hour of 12.

45. a M. on said date deponent was standing on the corner of Oliver <sup>and</sup> Oak Streets in said City when he heard the cry of "Murder <sup>and</sup> Police" and deponent ran towards where the cry came from and when deponent was about 20 feet from premises No 45 Oliver Street he heard a pistol discharged in said premises. That deponent went in said premises and found William Giles (now here) with the pistol now here shown in his possession which deponent took from him.

That deponent found Patrick Westcott the within named Complainant in the basement of said premises and he said Westcott was bleeding profusely. That deponent took said said Giles <sup>and</sup> Westcott to the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Station House and said Westcott complained and made a charge against said Giles for discharging a pistol at him and at the same time stating that another person struck him with his fist and stabbed him with a knife. Deponent says that at the time he entered said premises he saw Philip Loftus who was arrested thereafter and identified by Complainant as the man that assaulted him as charged in the annexed affidavit and complaint. Deponent further says that previous to taking said Giles to the Station House he handed said

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deponent. The names now here shown

Deponent further says that said Complainant is a necessary and material witness for the prosecution and that he is a sailor and has no home and asks that <sup>he said Westbrook give</sup> surety for his appearance to testify

Deponent says that said Westbrook expresses a wish and desire to be sent to the House of Detention that he may appear against said defendants

S sworn to before me Peter Carter  
this 30 day of May 1885  
Daniel C. Reilly Police Justice

POLICE COURT— DISTRICT—

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

Disposition

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Police Department of the City of New York,

Precinct No. ....

New York, July 7 1885

District Attorney

Dear Sir,  
I have been detained here at house  
of detention for about 6 weeks.  
I am detained as witness against  
Giles for felonious assault upon  
me. Will you please bring <sup>me</sup> forward  
as soon as can be.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
C. Westcott  
Capt.

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Complaining witness -  
Cop 4m - by - Mr. Mayo -

It was about a quarter to one o'clock in the morning when I returned home with Loftus. We had been drinking some but I was not under the influence of liquor. We came in the same saloon I was in. We drank together & went home together. Loftus shut the door and asked me for a piece of tobacco & I had some plug tobacco & gave it to him & he asked me for my knife to cut it with & I gave it to him. Before we went home he promised to treat when we got there & I asked him if he was going to keep his word & he said it was too late. I told him he ought to be a man & keep his word and he then struck me on the jaw with his fist - his left fist & he had the

Knife in his right hand. I fell  
 down when he struck me and he  
 came towards me & I got hold of  
 his legs & he came partially on top of  
 me and struck me with the knife,  
 Blade open first on the forehead and then on the  
 back of the head. I couldn't say  
 whether it was open or closed at  
 the time. I received those marks &  
~~the~~ now have on my face in the  
 scuffle. I saw <sup>Mrs</sup> Giles there at the  
 door with her son. She did not  
 scream. I heard the defendant Giles  
 tell Loftis to look out and then he  
 fired the revolver, a shot, at me.  
 He was about 6 or 7 feet away  
 from me at the time. I saw him  
 aim the revolver at me. I was  
 down & he pointed it down. My  
 face was in the direction of  
 Giles & Loftis was between us.  
 The shot he fired didn't hit me.  
 Giles was in his under clothing.

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Peter Carter an officer of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Precinct Police. Sworn testified as  
follows. on

Cross-Exam by - our cross

I was standing on the corner of  
Oliver & Oak St. about 12.45  
at night - this night in question  
& my attention was attracted  
to these premises by the reporting  
a shot fired & I heard a scream  
of "murder! watch! Police! I was  
about half a block away. The  
scream seemed like that of a  
female. I went to Mrs. Giles'  
house & seen her there on the  
threshold of the door and I saw  
the defendant Giles there with  
one foot in the hall-way and  
one foot in the parlor-door  
threshold with a revolver in his  
hand & undressed. I took it

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from him - I said "give that one"  
 & took it from his hand. I did not  
 ask him whether he had fired  
 a shot. I then went in the back  
 part of the house & was followed  
 by Giles <sup>& the crowd</sup> to a back parlor & there  
 was nobody in the room. & she  
 said that Westcott was down-stairs  
 & I said I wouldn't go down until  
 I got a light & I got one & went  
 down-stairs. I don't know who gave  
 me the light. There was a large  
 crowd there & went in the cellar  
 and found this complainant there.  
 Giles followed me to the basement  
 & I told him to get on his clothes  
 & come to the station-house  
 with me. Loftus had left & was  
 subsequently arrested by a brother  
 Officer. <sup>I don't remember whether or not</sup> Giles was ~~not~~ asked  
 why he fired the shot, at the Station-  
 House. The complainant had some  
 liquor in at the time of the



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The People

to  
Loftus & Giles

Filed June 4/11

Printed at Boston by  
Loftus & Giles. Published  
in June 1891  
No. 1000 - 1000

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St. Bernard's

328 West Fourteenth Street.

New York, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Hon Mr. Martine  
District Attorney N.Y.

Dear Sir.

There is a young man  
under indictment for a shooting  
case, in whose behalf I would  
desire to address you a few words.

His name is W<sup>m</sup> Giles and  
he lives at No. 245 Oliver St.  
His father died some time ago

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As far as the crime for which he is indicted is concerned, he is most assuredly innocent as will appear on the trial.

I write to you these words that they may if possible lend some favorable aspect to his character, and perhaps be the means of gaining for him some of your kindly indulgence.

With reference to myself and to my pre-

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and since then he has taken  
charge of the father's business  
to support his mother and her  
orphan children.

I know him very intimately  
for the past <sup>years</sup> ~~ten~~ and knowing  
him in the capacity of a  
priest I feel that my  
knowledge of him is a certain  
one. He has always been a  
good boy, an excellent son  
and an exemplary Christian.

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- Assumption in thus addressing  
you I need only say that  
my friend and your friend  
Judge E. White will vouch for  
me

Thanking you in anticipation  
I beg to subscribe myself.

Yours truly,

William A. Farrell

To the

Hon. Mr. Martineau,

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Sec. 198—200

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss

District Police Court.

*William Giles*

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 J Giles*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*18 7/8 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Brooklyn N.Y.*

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

Answer.

*45 Olm St 10 years*

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 Wm J Giles*

Taken before me this

*30*

day of

*May*

*1885*

*Sandy C. Smith*  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss  
OF NEW YORK,

*Philip Loftus* 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

*Philip Loftus*

Question. How old are you?

Answer

*21 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*New York*

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

Answer.

*8 Duane St 3 weeks*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

*I work for William J. Gibbs*

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**Philip Loftus*

Taken before me this

*30*

day of

*May*188*5**Samuel C. McCall* Police Justice.

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

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 June 1<sup>st</sup> 1885

Samuel C. Ruff Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named William J. Giles & Philip to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 1 June 1885

Samuel C. Ruff Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Police Court

368 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Patrick Westcott  
16. St.

1 Philip Loftus

2 William Gibbs

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Dated May 30 188

P. A. Reilly Magistrate.

Peter Carter Officer.

4 Precinct.

Witnesses Complainant committed  
to the House of Detention

on default of \$300 to appear

No. Peter Carter Street

4th Precinct Police

No. 1 Bailed Street.

\$2000 to answer General Sessions.

No 2 Committed

No 1 Bailed

\$2500 to appear June 1. 188

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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

Philip Solfer and  
William J. Fidler

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment,  
accuse Philip Solfer and William J. Fidler,

of the CRIME OF Assault in the first degree,

committed as follows:

The said Philip Solfer and William  
J. Fidler, each

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York afore-  
said, on the thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,  
in and upon one Patrick Westcott,  
deliberately did make an assault and  
threw the said Patrick Westcott into  
a certain deadly and dangerous weapon,  
to wit: into a certain knife which  
the said Philip Solfer and William  
J. Fidler in their hands drew  
and there held and held, in and upon  
the head and hand of him the said  
Patrick Westcott, drew and there wil-  
fully and deliberately did strike,  
slay, cut and wound, and to, at and  
against the said Patrick Westcott,  
a certain pistol, drew and there charged  
and loaded with gunpowder and  
lead, which the said Philip Solfer

and William of Tipton in both their  
 hands and there had and  
 held, the said loaded rifle being  
 then and there a deadly and dangerous  
 weapon, then and there willfully and  
 feloniously did shoot off and dis-  
 charge, with intent to kill the said  
 Patrick W. Tipton, then and there  
 willfully and feloniously to kill, -  
 against the form of the Statute  
 in such case made and provided,  
 and against the peace of the County  
 of the State of New York and their  
 dignity.

Randolph B. Hartman,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Lynch, John

DATE:

06/23/85



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Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed 23 day of June 1888  
Pleaded Not guilty

THE PEOPLE  
vs. John Lynch  
is Complainant  
against John Lynch  
Charge Larceny 2nd degree  
[Section 628, 68 Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Wm. Murphy  
July 9/88  
Foreman.  
Wm. Murphy  
July 11/88  
S.P. 3 years.

Witnesses:  
James R. Harris  
Henry H. Hensley  
Clark Police

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Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

*James R. Norris*  
 of *North West Corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue* Street, aged *42* years,  
 occupation *agent* being duly sworn  
 deposes and says, that on the *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* 188*5* 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 Consisting of sixteen  
 bills or notes of the denomination and  
 value of two dollars each and silver coins  
 of divers denominations and value amounting  
 to nine dollars; altogether amounting  
 to one hundred and sixty nine  
 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 *John Lynch (now here)* for

*the following reasons, to wit: On said  
 date, about the hour of 8 o'clock in  
 the forenoon deponent had the afore-  
 described property in his pants pocket  
 which was lying on a chair at the  
 foot of the bed on the second floor  
 of said premises. That deponent missed  
 said property as having been stolen about  
 a half an hour afterwards from said  
 pants pocket. That there was no person  
 in said room with deponent from the time  
 he missed said property till he missed  
 the same except the said deponent  
 and for the further reason said deponent*

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day

Police Notice.

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admits to defendant in the presence of <sup>Officer</sup> Henry  
Harrick of the Park Police to having stolen  
said property from defendant

Wherefore defendant charges  
said defendant with the larceny of  
said property -

Sworn to before me  
5th day of June 1885 J. B. Norris  
J. B. Norris  
Police Justice

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been  
committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named  
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 1885  
Police Justice

I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
Dated 1885  
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 1885  
Police Justice

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.

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Dated

1885

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

to answer

Sessions.

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Cy - Count 9.15.  
of Murray

James R. Morris being cross examined  
I am a sales man,  
I am not a memorist man  
I met the defendant in 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park,  
he was sitting on a seat.  
I did not go up to him to speak to him,  
he told me he had been without food  
and waiting for some time,  
I gave him some money to get food,  
this was about 11 1/2 o'clock at night  
time, he came back when he had  
something to eat, and he brought  
me a flask of Whisky,  
he was gone about 1/2 hour  
I was sitting in the same place  
smoking when he came back  
I consented to take him home to my  
Room, and we went there  
we went to bed and went to sleep,  
we got up about 9 1/2 o'clock in  
the morning, I gave him some  
money to get breakfast, he returned  
and he went out for ten cents worth  
of Whisky for me and a Newspaper,  
I then went to sleep again,  
when I awoke, I discovered  
the complainant was gone, and  
my money stolen

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I had a Silver Watch & Silver Chain  
in my pocket,

I had not a cent left when he  
left.

I have been in the park before  
that night but not before that night  
for two months before that night.

Sworn to before Me this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1865 J. R. Norris  
John Korman  
Police Justice

City & County  
of New York 355

John Lynch the  
defendant being duly sworn says  
I was sitting in the Park between  
1 & 2 o'clock in the evening  
the Complainant came along  
and sat on the same bench  
with me. He told me it was  
a nice evening. He took out a  
flask of Whisky from his pocket  
and asked me to open it, and I  
told him I could not. I did  
open the bottle, he ask me what

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I was doing I told him nothing  
that I have to stay in the Park  
all night, he then asked me to  
go home and sleep with him  
I went home with him

When we were in the Room he  
placed his arm around me and  
kissed me he told me 'I was  
a nice Boy; to stay with him  
all the while

We went to bed, and both  
went to sleep,

he placed my penis in his mouth  
and sucked it

he done that 5 times

In the morning we went to the  
Cafe of 9<sup>th</sup> Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
we had two milk punches  
from there we went to the Solar  
Place Restaurant and took  
Breakfast from there we went  
to the House again, he took  
off his clothes and lay on the bed,  
and I lay on the bed, and he  
again 'took' my penis in his mouth  
I got up again he fell asleep  
his pants fell I took his pants  
from one chair to another

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a quantity of Silver full and and  
Bills are top I looked at it  
for a minute and did not know  
what to do, I then took the  
Money and left.

I gave the Money in payment  
for my service and for the  
use he made of me

Sworn to before me this } John Lynch  
10th day of June 1885

John Horman }  
Police Justice

City-Captain  
of New York

Henry Herrlich aged 36 years  
of the Park Police being duly sworn says  
I know the Campplander James R. Worin  
I have frequently seen the Campplander  
in Washington Park & in Madison  
Park and in Union Square sitting  
on Benches in Company of Boys  
having his hand on the legs of Boys  
in the Night Time, from 8 to 12 o'clock  
Sworn to before me

this 10th day of June 1885 } Henry Herrlich  
John Horman }  
Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK,

Second District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. John Lynch

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 15 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York City

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

Answer. 83 Christopher Street Ed one week

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Printer

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  
but with no intent to steal, I took it in payment  
for a change of the same suit  
John Lynch

Taken before me this

day of

1885

Police Justice.

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

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 June 10 1885 John J. Hoffman Police Justice.

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

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

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

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

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Police Court

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*James R. Morris*  
*North West Co 12 73rd St*  
*John Lynch*  
1  
2  
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4  
Office of the District Attorney

BAILED,

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

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

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

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

Dated *June 8* 188 *5*

*German* Magistrate.

*Henry Herrlich* Officer.

*10th Precinct* Precinct.

Witnesses *Henry Herrlich*  
No. *179 Macdougall* Street.

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

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

*June 9. 9 12 am*  
*10 9 am*

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*John Sugden*

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

*John Sugden*

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

The said

*John Sugden,*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid on the *Twenty-fifth* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*three*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*sixteen* Promissory Notes for the payment of money, the same being then and there due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as *United States Treasury Notes*, of the denomination of *ten* dollars, and of the value of *ten* dollars each,

*sixteen* Promissory Notes, for the payment of money, the same being then and there due and unsatisfied, and of the kind known as *Bank Notes*, of the denomination of *ten* dollars and of the value of *ten* dollars each,

*and silver coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury of aforesaid unknown, of the value of nine dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*James R. Morris*

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 B. Martine*  
District Attorney

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

1811

DESCRIPTION:

Lynch, Martin

DATE:

06/29/85



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Witnesses:

Chas. J. Jannette

Off. Tho. Coughlin

27 Oct

Now the affiant's accompanying this indictment it appears that the complainant cannot be found. The People has made repeated efforts to find him. I therefore recommend his discharge upon his own recognizance.

July 22/85

W. Davis

Dr. ant. totally

7p 261  
J. W. Brubaker

Counsel,

Filed day of June

Pleads Intelligently (P)

1885

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*P*  
Martin Lynch

ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, ETC.  
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Seely vs. P.  
Discharged by Court

A True Bill.

*R. B. Martine*

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Camp 13th  
Camp 13th

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Police Court—18 District.

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

of No. 10 Washington Charles Jamtler  
Street, aged 56 years,  
occupation Laborer being duly sworn  
deposes and says, that on 16 day of June 1885 at the City of New  
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

Martin Lynch (now here) who did wilfully  
and maliciously cut and stab deponent on  
the head with the blade of a pocket knife  
then and there held in his hand causing a  
painful wound said assault was committed  
and threw a glass tumbler at deponent striking  
deponent in the right eye

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be ~~apprehended and~~ bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 17 day  
of June 1885.

Charles X Jamtler  
Mark

Samuel C. Kelly Police Justice.

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Sec. 198—200

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Martin Lynch*

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.

*31 Washington St. 2 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Laborer*

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*

*Martin <sup>his</sup> Lynch*  
*mark*

Taken before me this

Day of

*June*

1885

*James J. Kelly* Police Justice.

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

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 17 June 1885

Samuel C. Bull Police Justice.

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

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

Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Police Justice.

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Police Court-- First District. 629

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles Lammter  
10 Washington St  
1 Martin Lipich  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Offence Felonious  
Assault

BAILED,

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

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

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

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

Dated 17 June 1885  
Daniel O'Reilly Magistrate.  
Thomas Coughlin Officer.  
27 Precinct.

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

\$ 1000 to answer 9 Sessions.

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*affidavit wanted*

**PART 1.**

THE COURT-ROOM IS IN THE SECOND STORY, AND FRONTING THE PARK.  
If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.  
Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the Officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.  
[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

SUBPOENA *Not Found*

FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE

Court of General Sessions of the Peace.

The People of the State of New York,

To *Charles Tammler*  
of No. *10* *Washington* Street,

*C*

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 *22* day of *July* instant, at the hour of ten in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth and give evidence in our behalf, against

*Martin Lynch*

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 *July*, in the year of our Lord 1885

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, *District Attorney.*

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Court of General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Martin Lynch

City and County of New York, ss.:

sworn, deposes and says: I reside at No.

Street, in the City of New York. I am a subpoena server in the

office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New York. On the

of July 1885, I called at

the alleged residence of

the complainant herein, to serve him with the annexed subpoena, and was informed by

several tenants of that the house that said Charles Sumner had been disposed and that they the said tenants had not heard of or seen them since. I have made diligent search among the neighbors but could gain no further information of the said Charles Sumner.

Sworn to before me, this 22 day

of

1885

Rudolph L. Scharf  
Com. of Deeds

John J. Carroll  
Subpoena Server.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS,

The People, &c.

VS.

*Walter Lynch*

OFFENCE

RANDOLPH D. HARTMAN  
District Attorney,

0543

# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*Martin Suggs*

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

*Martin Suggs*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Martin Suggs*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the  
*nineteenth* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five*, with force of arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Charles Samtler*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault  
and *in* the said *Charles Samtler*  
with a certain *knife and also with a certain*  
*glass tumbler*  
which the said *Martin Suggs*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, ~~the same being a deadly and~~  
~~dangerous weapon~~, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound,  
~~the same being such means and~~  
~~force as were likely to produce the~~  
~~death of the said Charles Samtler,~~  
with intent *in* the said *Charles Samtler*,  
thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the statute  
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of  
New York and their dignity.

## SECOND COUNT:

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said  
*Martin Suggs*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Martin Suggs*,

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the  
year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and  
upon the body of one *Charles Samtler*,  
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and  
wrongfully make an assault, and *in* the said *Charles Samtler*,  
with a certain *knife and also with a*  
*certain glass tumbler*  
which *he* the said *Martin Suggs*  
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being  
~~likely to produce grievous bodily harm~~, then and  
there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully beat, strike, stab, cut and wound,  
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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THIRD COUNT--

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

*- Martin Snyder -*  
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Martin Snyder,*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of one *Charles Samtler,*

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make an assault, and ~~him~~ the said *Charles Samtler,*

in and upon the *head* of ~~him~~ the said *Charles Samtler,* did then and there feloniously, wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, ~~cut,~~ bruise and wound, and did thereby then and there feloniously, wilfully and wrongfully inflict upon ~~him~~ the said *Charles Samtler,* grievous bodily harm, to the great damage of the said *Charles Samtler,* 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.**