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Witnesses:

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

[Section 628, and 631, Penal Code]  
(False Pretenses)  
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THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Richard Allen*

[Section 528, and 581, Penal Code]  
(False Pretenses)

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Court of General Sessions

The People

vs.  
Richard Allen

Indictment:

Grand Jurors 2d cl.  
528 & 531 F. C.

for having on the 13th of March,  
1889, by means of false representa-  
tions obtained from Sarah Van  
Linger and appropriated to his  
own use the sum of \$450

Ownership and false representa-  
tion:

Miss Sarah Van Linger,

Falsely of representation:  
George W. Harris  
Miss Fanny King.



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Sarah Vann Dinger, 259 West 38th.  
Street, Boarding house. Unmarried.  
The defendant came to my house  
as a boarder in or about the last  
week of January, 1889. He did  
not bring any trunk with him,  
representing that he had left it  
with his former boarding house  
lady, Mrs. Fanny King, in 239 East  
88th Street, because he did not want  
her to know that he intended to  
leave her altogether, she being a  
~~relative~~ very intimate friend of  
his family. I afterwards ascertained  
that he had no trunk at Mrs. King's  
house and that he had been a  
stranger to him before he came to  
my house. About three or four  
weeks after he came to my house,  
he proposed to marry me, and I  
replied that in as much as he  
was a comparative stranger  
to me, I should first have to be well  
informed about his family and  
his past life, before I could answer  
his proposition. He suggested that  
we should go together to Philadelphia  
and see his mother and two sisters.



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On or about the 4th of March, 1889, he proposed the 14th of March, 1889, as the day of our departure for Philadelphia. While in my house, the defendant conducted himself always properly, so that he gained my confidence. Already in the first week of his stay in my house, he spoke of his intentions of settling himself <sup>up</sup> in the machine business with a friend of his in the fall and mentioned this subject quite frequently afterwards to me and to the other boarders in the house. In the first week of March, 1889, he stated to me that he had an opportunity to go into partnership with <sup>an attorney</sup> a machinist in this city, who had a good shop and was willing to sell him a share in the same. On or about the 8th of March, 1889, he asked me for my opinion on the subject, but I told him, that not being a machinist, I could do nothing more than to advise him to make all the necessary inquiries.



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before entering into the partnership. He also mentioned his ample resources to obtain the \$1400 which he would have to pay for his share in the business. Subsequently thereto on or before the 9th of March, 1889, the defendant brought Mr. Harrison, the alleged prospective partner, to my house, where he talked about business with him. He introduced ~~me~~ to him as the gentleman ~~with~~ whom he intended to go into partnership. On the 8th of March, 1889, he showed me a telegram which he had received on the same day, and purported to have been sent from his Philadelphia friend, who, he had alleged, had money belonging to him. It stated that \$950 would be sent to him on the same day and the balance of \$450 on Saturday, the 16th of March, 1889. On or about the 9th of March, 1889, he informed me that he had concluded to accept Mr. Harrison's proposition and be-



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come his partner. On the 12th of March, 1889, he said to me that next day he would go over to Brooklyn to collect between \$300 and \$400, which were coming to him from parties living there, and ~~also \$125~~ would also collect \$115 from said Mrs. King which she owed him. On the 19th of March, 1889, he left at 6 A.M. and returned at half past 10 <sup>or 11</sup> o'clock. I was at the time putting his room in order. He stated to me that he could not get the money Mrs. King and parties in Brooklyn owed him, before Saturday next, and that this failure to get his money would deprive him of the chance to get into the partnership with said Harrison, as the money was to be paid at 11 A.M. sharp on said day. He sighed, if he could only get the <sup>his</sup> money, because if he had it not by 11 o'clock the chance of his life might be gone etc. etc., intimating to me to loan him the \$450 until Saturday next. Delivering his



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aforesaid statements to be true and relying upon them, I offered ~~advance~~ <sup>advance</sup> him the \$450 until Saturday next, but stated that I could <sup>not</sup> get it from the bank before the afternoon. He replied that he must have it until eleven o'clock, or it would be of no use ~~for~~ to him. I finally consented to go to the bank at once, and he, after cautioning me not to tell my sister anything about the matter, said he would meet me at the bank. I drew \$450 from the Franklin's Savings Bank, at the corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> and "Eighth" Avenue, in four \$100 and one \$50 bills. About ten minutes later he met me in front of the bank, and I handed the money over to him; saying that he should ~~reimburse himself~~ keep in mind that every dollar of the said sum has caused me a pain and that I surely must have it back by Saturday next. I wished



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him success in his enterprise,  
and he left me to sign the con-  
tract in some down town  
lawyer's office. In the evening  
he informed me that the business  
had been settled and the money  
he got from me, deposited in  
the Westside Bank, cor. of 34th  
St. & 8th Avenue. On Saturday  
following I asked him for  
the return of my money and  
he replied that he had collected  
the money coming to him from  
the forward parties and had  
deposited it in the Chatham  
Trust Bank, and that, when  
he went to the said bank to draw  
the money, it was already  
closed. On Sunday afternoon  
I was to go with him to said  
Mrs. King, but he did not come  
home until next morning  
at six o'clock. His conduct  
irritated I gave him the \$450  
had charged in such a manner  
that my suspicions were  
aroused and on Sunday  
evening I reported the same

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at the Station House. On Monday morning he promised to get me the money during the day, but he failed to show up at the house. In the evening I went with detective Roberts to Mrs. King's house, where he arrived at about 10 o'clock. He admitted that he had the money from me and turned over to Park of the dry goods Savings Bank over to me, in which were credited to him \$250. on the 15th of March 1889 and an entry of a draught of \$125. on the 16th of March, 1889. I ascertained from Mr. Harrison that he had never come to any definite agreement with the defendant, that no meeting had been arranged with him on the 13th of March, 1889, for the purpose of signing the contract, and that he never entered into a contract with him. I also ascertained from Mrs. King that she never had owed him any money.



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George W. Harris, 403 West 35th Street, Machinist. In March, 1889, I made the acquaintance of the defendant herein. He came to my shop, at 528 West 35th St. to grind some tools for one of my customers. About the 6th of March, 1889, he stated to me that he intended to go into the machine business and would like to buy an interest in one. As he had a little money which he could invest therein, I told him that he could have such a chance in my own business by furnishing the capital which we would need for carrying out the orders he could procure. He represented himself as being able to procure any amount of money needed in the business from a Philadelphia friend and that through his many acquaintances he could obtain a great many orders. I told him that we would need from \$500 to \$1000 to start with. On the 8th or 9th of March 1889, he came to my



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place, showed me a telegram purporting to have been sent by his Philadelphia friend, and at the same time he showed me a roll of bills ~~of which~~ <sup>representing the same or amounting to \$700</sup> ~~representing the same or amounting to \$700~~. I never had an understanding with him that our agreement was to be made on March, the 13th, 1889, at 11 A.M., that he should there pay \$1400, and that our negotiations should be at an end, if the negotiations would not be closed on said day and hour. Two days after he had shown me the said money, he met me in a <sup>latter</sup> beer saloon <sup>at about five o'clock P.M.</sup> and informed me that he had been in Philadelphia and that he had got <sup>orders</sup> for three moulding machines. He had a new hat and new suit of clothes on. He promised to call on me the next day for the purpose of concluding our contract, but he did not come, and thereafter



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I did not see him again,  
until he was brought up  
in the Court of General Sessions.  
He was always drunk after he got the money.

Harry King, 239 East 81st  
Street, Janitress. The defendant  
had hired a furnished room  
from me from November,  
1888 until about the end of  
January, 1889. I never borrow-  
ed any money from him,  
and on the 13th of March, 1889,  
nor at any time before or  
thereafter did I not owe him  
a cent.

Something about what which  
he ~~was~~ told for perfect form  
for reintroducing.

On the day he said he was going  
to Bklyn to collect money he  
was drunk in bed at all times.

He was drunk at her home the following day  
he was to pay the money  
Saturday night he was at Mrs King's.



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THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs.

*Richard Allen*

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated

June 14, 1888

*Edward Cook*

Deputy Assistant.



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For the District Attorney.

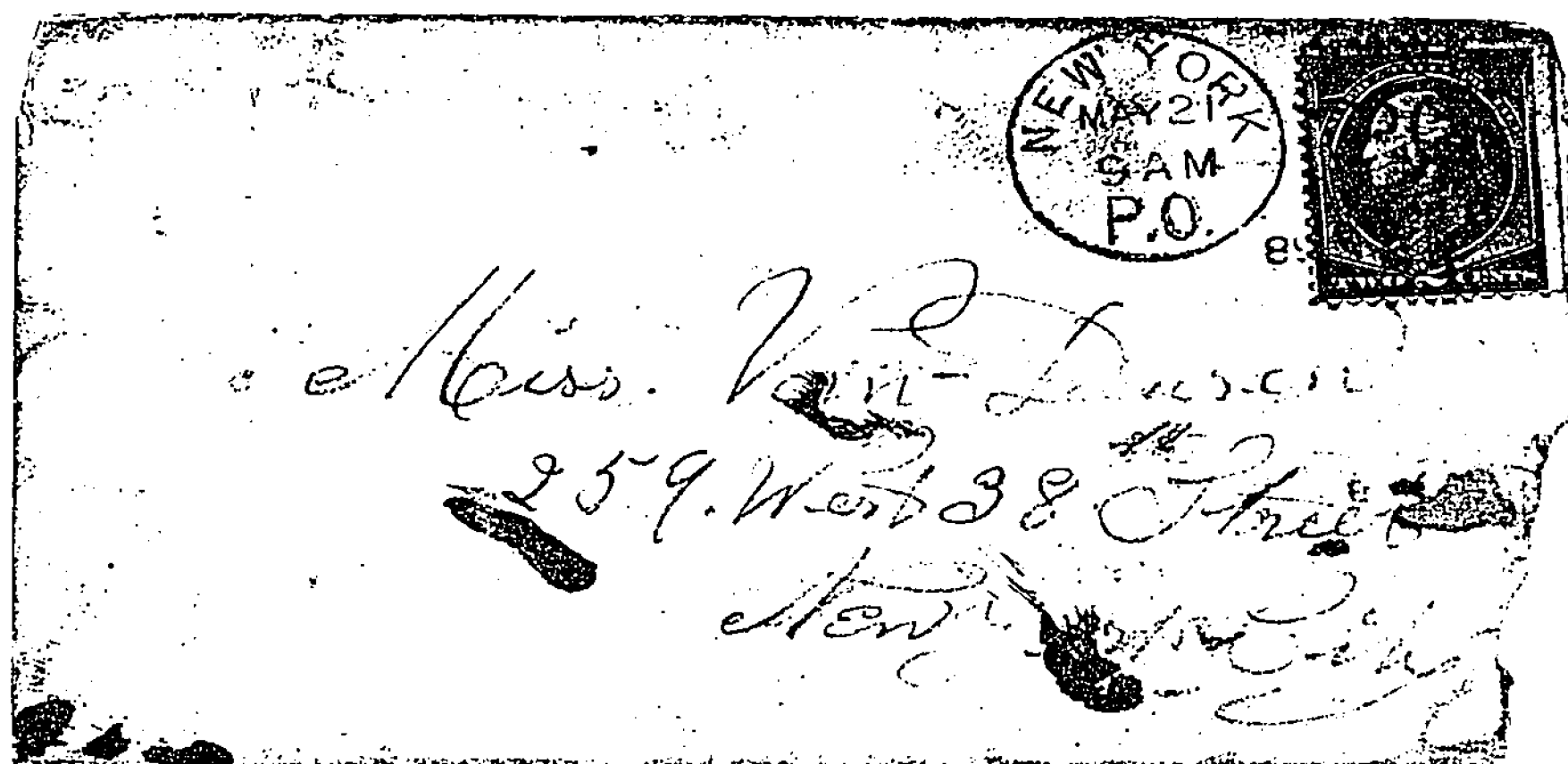
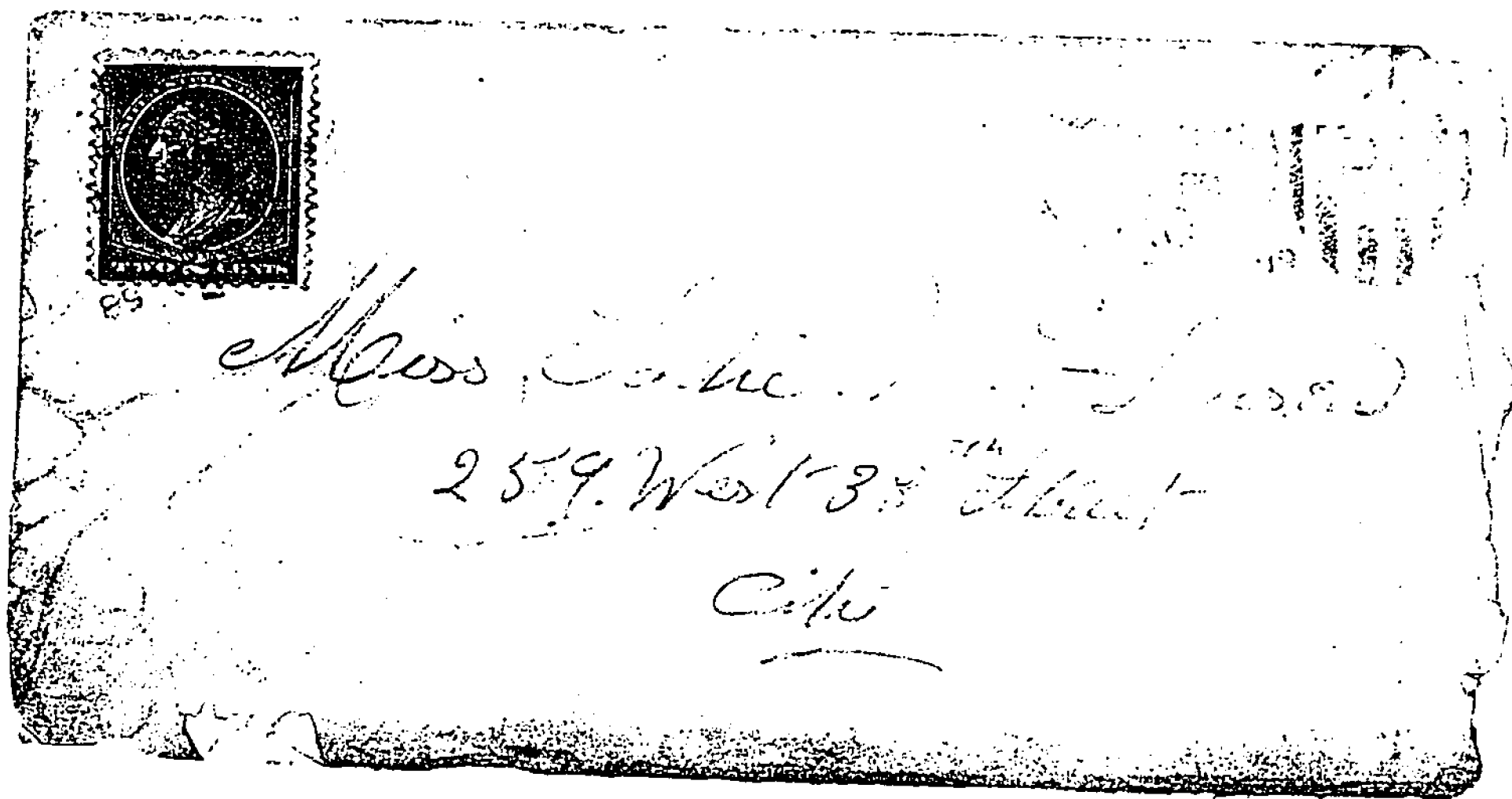
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*Edward G. Cook*

Deputy Assistant.



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Miss Van Dusen

If I don't receive  
a message by 6 P.M. I shall suppose  
that you and I are bitter enemies.  
No the End.

I remain yours

Respectfully

Richard Allen

P.S. Please tell of this as I have

~~the~~  
my Plans all made on they account  
and you can be assured.

R. Allen.



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Miss Benson

Tuesday Sept 11/90

My dear Mr. Dwyer

I hope you will be  
able to answer me in time  
here. I have been very  
hardly ever since I was  
Pearlburg that I tried to clear  
and now are the Obed my love was  
kind to me and was to be my  
wife you have robbed me of my  
life by my death and have turned  
the few friends that I had in  
the City against me. Some are also  
determined to Rob - me of my  
children and my life. I have  
no more Rob - them of all  
their future happiness. I have  
are determined to kill me  
to prison. I want me as a man  
and to Rob and what much more



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future life. Just for some cursed  
Jealousy and Revenge. all for a few  
penny dollars. That I could very  
easily earn and pay you Back.  
don't think now ~~that~~ that  
I expect any mercy from you  
for I have found never meet  
Hewden than Barrowes. and when  
I am to come to trial I shall have  
no lawyer to defend me as  
you have turned him against  
me. I have made up my mind  
to take the consequences.

It seems your object is to Re-  
vile and ruin the whole future  
life. In all my commitment  
here and all the disgrace that  
you have brought on me and  
all the humiliation I had to  
endure. I can safely say that I have  
never said anything against your  
character or any one connected  
with you.



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Chas. J.

And I solemnly swear before my  
Maker. that I will put before  
the Public our Relations and  
Intimacy which I wish to remain  
secret. and I will put before the  
Public how you are made than one  
person has come into my room  
where I slept and was in my View  
Bed. and with my arms around you  
and also your arms around me  
all hours of the night and yet  
you were the last thing to go  
down to Court and were never  
like happened and mine away.  
If you want a letter I will  
give it to you and all you  
want of it. if you think I have  
told against you. I will let  
the Public know some of your  
sins and also the faults of others  
that are in that house. and true  
Stories from your own lips.  
I also ~~more~~ that I will read in



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each paper has this affair  
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letter in the paper the printed  
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length of the road to your  
other friends that this one  
of them I will have  
your and your sister's photo-  
graphs in the Price Gazette  
Now Mrs. Van Lusen  
you can take them  
in this affair go down and  
withhold the charge.  
and give me one of the  
one that is the name  
of what is the name  
as you have never take a  
dollar for according to <sup>this</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~any~~  
to the other I will have you



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Every dollar with interest and  
if you wish it I will  
come near you until I have  
your Debt and then I will take  
you to my mother and leave

myself to your Debt as I ~~for~~  
Represented and then if you  
are satisfied I will marry  
you and spend my whole life  
to make you happy. for you  
know it is in me to do it

If you don't do this I swear before  
the high heavens that I will cut  
up and every thing to the letter  
Mrs. Van-Deusen don't think this  
is a Joke threat for no one but  
God knows how many fleppers and are cut out for my sins

my life and days. That these  
lines have cost me and if I  
should die in Prison  
God will hold you as my

motherless and the curse of  
my mother would follow  
you to your grave.

Now I demand you again  
think well of this listen to  
nothing to what other people  
say for they balked you once  
in your happiness don't let  
them do it again. it takes in  
your power to make a good  
man of me still or a Rascal  
and are cut out for my sins



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are making great pit what you  
can look over them and give a  
chance to Reckman / Marshall again  
because I shall be lost and will  
certainly become hardened. If I  
have to go to Prison.

I will sign any paper that  
will bind me to any contract  
but I will never give the  
address of my mother. until  
the day when I can walk through  
her door. a good and clear  
historic name. Eddie don't trouble  
me <sup>that</sup> you as I loved you for God  
only knows what would be the  
consequences in the future.



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That Mrs King owed him \$115  
That he had ~~proper~~ arranged to pay to pay the money at 11 am on the  
That " " " " it into the bank. day  
" " " " report in West Side Bank -  
That <sup>us</sup> had had away. & to be a partner <sup>with</sup> Wm G. Harris.

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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

*Richard Allen*

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

*Richard Allen*

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

The said *Richard Allen*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *thirteenth*  
day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty-*nine*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, with intent to  
deprive and defraud *one Sarah Van Duzer*

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

That *one James Henry Allen* owned in the  
said *Richard Allen* the sum of one hundred  
and *thirteen* dollars; that he had made  
arrangements to enter into a partnership  
with *one William H. Harris* for the purpose  
and operating a machine shop, and then  
needed to raise the sum of *thirteen*  
hundred dollars for the purposes of said  
partnership, and had arranged to



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deposit the said sum of fourteen hundred  
dollars to the joint account of himself  
and the said William H. Harris, in the  
West Side Bank, at eleven o'clock in the  
morning of the said day, and for the  
purpose of such partnership.

And the said Sarah Van Duzer

then and <sup>there</sup> ~~then~~ believing the said false and fraudulent pretenses and representations so made  
as aforesaid by the said Richard Allen

and being deceived thereby, was induced, by reason of the false and fraudulent pretenses and  
representations so made as aforesaid, to deliver, and did then and there deliver to the said  
Richard Allen, the sum of four hundred  
and fifty dollars in money, lawful  
money of the United States of America,  
and of the value of four hundred and  
fifty dollars,

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said Sarah  
Van Duzer.

And the said Richard Allen  
did then and there feloniously receive and obtain the said proper moneys, goods, chattels, and  
personal property, from the possession of the said Sarah Van Duzer,  
by color and by aid of the false and fraudulent pretenses and representations aforesaid, with  
intent to deprive and defraud the said Sarah Van Duzer,

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

Whereas, in truth and in fact, the said Fanny King did  
not then and there deliver to the said Richard  
Allen the sum of one hundred and  
fifty dollars; and the said Richard

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Allen had not made arrangements to enter into a partnership with the said William H. Harris for the purchase and operating a machine shop, and did not then need to raise the sum of fourteen hundred dollars for the purposes of such partnership, and had not arranged to deposit the said sum of fourteen hundred dollars to the joint account of himself and the said William H. Harris in the West Side Bank, at eleven o'clock in the morning of the said day, or for the purposes of such partnership.

And Whereas, in truth and in fact, the pretenses and representations so made as aforesaid by the said Richard Allen to the said Sarah Van Duzer was and were then and there in all respects utterly false and untrue, as she the said Richard Allen at the time of making the same then and there well knew

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.