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DESCRIPTION:

Islar, John

DATE:

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Witnesses:

*Catherine Daly*

*Off the way, 4th Prec*

Counsel,

Filed

10 day of Sept 1886

Pleads

*Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*R*

*John Solar*

KEEPING A HOUSE OF ILL FAME, ETC.

(Sections 322 and 386, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

*1912 Ben H. ...*

A True Bill.

*Walter Maclean*

Foreman

*Jacob ...*

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POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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New York City

Mrs. Elizabeth C. ...

73 ... St.

Mrs. Margaret ...

77 ... St.

Mrs. Michael ...

79 ... St.

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien

79 ... St.

Mrs. Mary ...

74 ... St.

Mrs. Susan ...

81 ... St.

Mrs. Thomas ...

193 ... St.

Mrs. William D. ...

70 ... St.

Mr. Thomas Lawler

Mr. Martin ...

Sergt. W. ...

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List of witnesses  
in the  
John Jones  
Case

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St James' Church  
25 Oliver St  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup>/86.

Hon Fredk Smith,  
Hon Dear Sir:

If not improper, I wish to acquaint you regarding the case of John Islar on the Calendar for to-day. - The principal witness is Mrs Catherine Daly - who will be easily made nervous & frightened by appearing on the stand. She is a very decent woman endeavoring in a bad locality to bring her children up properly. She has come to

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me, as also did her husband several times, to get advice what to do regarding the vile hole ~~at~~ next door to her kept by this said John Selar. - She will tell the truth (if she does not get confused) and is acting from no motive of malice - but simply to protect her children from the abominable language & sights with which eyes and ears are mightily offended. Her children can hear the language in their home, as in summer their windows must be left open -

If this den is broken up, it will frighten others with which this place abounds and also tend to make the police do better work

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in suppressing them. - Pardon my  
intrusion; but Mrs Daly came to me  
last evg very much in fear of the  
Ordeal before her - and likewise  
of the storm of persecution with  
which the other party threaten  
her.

Yours with much esteem  
John Kear  
Pastor

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Sec. 323, Penal Code.

15<sup>th</sup>

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Catharine Daly*  
of No. *76 Oliver* Street, in said City, being duly sworn says,  
that at the premises known as Number *74 Oliver* Street,  
in the City and County of New York, on the *14* day of *August* 188*6* and on divers  
other days and times, between that day and the day of making this complaint

did unlawfully keep and maintain and yet continue to keep and maintain *an assignation*  
*house* and did then, and on the said other days and times, there unlawfully procure  
and permit as well men as women of evil name and fame and of dishonest conversation to visit, frequent and come  
together for unlawful sexual intercourse, and for the purpose of prostitution and lewdness, and then and on the said  
other days and times, unlawfully and wilfully did permit and yet continues to permit said men and women of evil  
name and fame there to be and remain ~~drinking, dancing, fighting,~~ disturbing the peace, whoring and misbehaving  
themselves, whereby the peace, comfort and decency of persons inhabiting and residing in the neighborhood, and  
there passing is habitually disturbed, in violation of the statute in such case made and provided

Deponent therefore prays, that the said *John Isler*  
and all vile, disorderly and improper persons found upon the premises, occupied by said

*John Isler*  
may be apprehended and dealt with the law in such cases made and provided may direct.

Sworn to before me, this *15* day  
of *August* 188*6*  
*[Signature]*  
Police Justice.  
*Catharine Daly*  
*[Signature]*

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Sec. 198-200

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

*John Isler* 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. *John Isler*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *27 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *Carlstadt New Jersey 13 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Water lease politician*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty I demand a trial by jury*  
*John Isler*

Taken before me this

day of

*1897*  
*[Signature]*

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.

17<sup>th</sup> 206 -  
20<sup>th</sup> 206 slip.

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Police Court - / District.

THE PEOPLE, &c,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*Catherine Daly*

*76 Olney St.*

*John Dolan*

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

*Offence*  
*Receiving*  
*Stolen Goods*

Dated *Aug 13* 188

*Ed Shalvey* Magistrate.  
Officer.

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

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

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

\$ *500* to answer *Genl Dep*

*No 48*

*Come*

I have examined the above named \_\_\_\_\_ 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 *August 20* 188 *6* *Police Justice.*

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

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

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

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

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The People  
vs.  
John Islar.

Court of General Sessions, Part I.  
Before Recorder Smythe.

September 13, 1886.

Indictment for keeping a house of ill fame.

Richard F. McGann sworn and examined. I am a sergeant connected with the 4th precinct Police force of this city, I know the premises 74 Oliver Street, on the 14th of last month they were occupied by John and William Islar; after I obtained a warrant for the arrest of this house I went with a number of officers to the place about ten o'clock Saturday evening, there were six or eight couples in little rooms partitioned off, there were four couples cohabiting together when we went in there and the other parties were either drinking or in a state of intoxication at the time, I think it was fourteen prisoners we got altogether. I think there was six or seven women and a number of men there.

Cross Examined. The prisoner was in charge of the premises, I asked him if the proprietor was in and he stated that he was the proprietor, I never saw him before I have seen his brother, his brother has been arrested from there for robbery, I cannot give the date but Officer Lawler made the arrest four or five weeks previous to the arrest of the prisoner, I do not know whether the prisoner's brother is a married man or not, I do not know the owner of these premises but I know that Mr Tierney is the agent. The reputation of this place is very bad, it is a resort for prostitutes.

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Catherine Daley sworn. I live in 76 Oliver Street, next door to the premises spoken of by the previous witness, I know that it is a resort of fallen women prostitutes off the street soliciting men at my door night after night since the first of May; they take men into that house; it is an annoyance and a disturbance to me because my husband is a hard working man, he is twenty-nine years in two situations. Men go upstairs and get kicked down stairs and we have to get out of bed at night, we hear rows and fights, I have a family of nine children all but one live at home and she is house-keeping for a clergyman, I have seen the defendant receive seventy-five cents at the door, somebody paid him money, I could not tell whether it was a man or a woman. I have seen the defendant occasionally from the first of May up to the time of the arrest.

Cross Examined. I saw him and his brother there since the first of May but they were there before that, I could not tell you whether his brother is a married man or not.

Margaret O'Brien sworn. I live at 79 Oliver Street and know that 74 is a lodging house, I have seen women go in and out of there, I think it has the reputation of being a house of prostitution.

Thomas Lawler sworn. I am an officer of the 4th precinct and know 74 Oliver Street to be the lowest kind of a house of prostitution.

Martin Kehoe sworn. I am an officer of the 4th precinct and know the reputation of 74 Oliver St. It is a very low house of prostitution occupied by the

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prisoner at the bar, I have arrested women for soliciting men and saw them bring men in there different hours of the night, I have been in there once or twice to quell disturbances, I have seen the defendant admit men and women there at different hours of the night; there have been quite a number of people arrested from that house for disorderly conduct.

John Islar sworn and examined in his own behalf, testified: My business is a polisher of watch cases for the American Watch Co. in Bond Street, I am twenty-two years old, I am not the proprietor of 74 Oliver Street but my brother William is, I could not tell where he is at present, I saw him in New York about two weeks ago, he came to see me in the jail, the rent of the premises is paid to Mr. Tierney, the agent, I paid him the rent for a while while my brother was gone, I do not know the character of the house, men and women come in there as man and wife, my brother was a married man and had his wife there, but she was not there during his absence, she had gone to Jersey. I received money from the people that occupied the house and with that money paid the rent during the absence of my brother, I had been in charge of that house.

James Tierney sworn. I am the agent of 74 Oliver Street and the owner is Mr. Ayers, 4 McDougal St. The brother of the prisoner paid the rent for a week or two and this prisoner paid the rent only a few weeks, he took charge of the place during his brother's absence.

The Jury rendered a verdict of guilty.

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Testimony in the  
case of  
John Baker

filed

Sept. 1886.

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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 Edgar*

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

*John Edgar*

(Section 323,  
Penal Code.)

of the CRIME OF KEEPING AND MAINTAINING A COMMON BAWDY HOUSE AND HOUSE OF ILL FAME, committed as follows:

The said *John Edgar,*

late of the *South* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *fourteenth* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine* and on divers other days and times as well before as afterwards, to the day of the taking of this inquisition, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain common bawdy house and house of ill fame, unlawfully and wickedly did keep and maintain; and in the said house divers evil-disposed persons, as well men as women, and common prostitutes, on the days and times aforesaid, as well in the night as in the day, there unlawfully and wickedly did receive and entertain; and in which said house the said evil-disposed persons and common prostitutes, by the consent and procurement of the said

*John Edgar,*

on the days and times aforesaid, there did commit whoredom and fornication; whereby divers unlawful assemblies, disturbances and lewd offences on the days and times aforesaid, as well in the night as in the day, were there committed and perpetrated; to the great damage and common nuisance of all the good people of the said State there inhabiting and residing, in manifest destruction and subversion of, and against good morals and good manners, 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

*John Edgar*

(Section 385,  
Penal Code.)

of the CRIME OF MAINTAINING A PUBLIC NUISANCE, committed as follows:

The said *John Edgar,*

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the *fourteenth* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

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and eighty-~~two~~, — and on divers other days and times between the said day and the day of the taking of this inquisition, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, unlawfully did keep and maintain a certain common, ill governed house, and in ~~this~~ said house, for ~~his~~ own lucre and gain, certain persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, as well men as women, of evil name and fame and dishonest conversation, to frequent and come together then and on said other days and times, there unlawfully and wilfully did cause and procure, and the said men and women in said house, at unlawful times, as well in the night as in the day, then and on said other days and times there to be and remain, tippling, drinking, gaming, cursing, swearing, quarreling, making great noises and otherwise misbehaving themselves, unlawfully and wilfully did permit and suffer, to the great annoyance, injury and danger of the comfort and repose of a great number of persons, good citizens of our said State there residing, and passing and re-passing, to the common nuisance of the said citizens, 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.

THIRD COUNT.—

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

*John Edgar* —

(Section 822,  
Penal Code.)

of the CRIME OF KEEPING A DISORDERLY HOUSE, committed as follows:

The said *John Edgar*,

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the ~~fourteenth~~ day of ~~August~~, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~six~~, and on divers other days and times between the said day and the day of the taking of this inquisition, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, unlawfully did keep a certain ill-governed and disorderly house, the same being a place of public resort, and in the said house and place of public resort, for ~~his~~ own lucre and gain, certain persons, as well men as women, of evil name and fame, and of dishonest conversation, to frequent and come together, then and on the said other days and times, there unlawfully and wilfully did cause and procure, and the said men and women, in ~~his~~ said house, at unlawful times, as well in the night as in the day, then and on the said other days and times, there to be and remain, drinking, tippling, gambling, rioting, disturbing the peace, whoring and misbehaving themselves, unlawfully and wilfully, did permit, and yet continues to permit, by reason whereof the peace, comfort and decency of the neighborhood around and about the said house were, and yet are, habitually disturbed, 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.