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BOX:

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FOLDER:

4457

DESCRIPTION:

Kammerer, John L.

DATE:

07/07/92



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Witnesses:

Officer Larkin B. P. Act

*Conrad Hammer
667-9AA*

By A. Ch. [Signature]

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Counsel, *Alter (a)*

Filed *7* day of *July* 189*7*
Pleads, *Not Guilty*

THE PEOPLE
vs
John E. Hammer
Gran. Larceny, *Second Degree*,
[Sections 528, 587, Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

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A TRUE BILL.

Conrad Hammer
Foreman.

*July 7/97
Pleads Guilty
H. P. [Signature]*

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John Andrews
arrested August 10
1889 charged with
stealing \$9.00 from
his employer, George
Carl of 402 E. 10. He
was convicted in
Special Session Aug 13
1889, and sentenced to 3
Months in Penitentiary by
Judge Duffie

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Police Court— District.

(1885)

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss.

of No. 669 Third Avenue Street, aged 22 years,
occupation Painter being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 13 day of April 1892 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

Good and lawful Money of the United States of the amount and value of fifteen dollars two gold rings of the value of five dollars and one suit of clothes of the value of twenty one dollars all of the value of Forty one 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 P. Kammerer
from the fact that deponent left the defendant in charge of a cigar store ~~no for~~ ~~the~~ ~~store~~ ~~was~~ ~~owned~~ ~~by~~ ~~him~~ ~~and~~ ~~deponent~~ ~~went~~ ~~to~~ ~~his~~ ~~supper~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~above~~ ~~address~~ ~~and~~ ~~when~~ ~~deponent~~ ~~went~~ ~~to~~ ~~supper~~ ~~his~~ ~~property~~ ~~was~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~ ~~rear~~ ~~room~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~cigar~~ ~~store~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~wardrobe~~ ~~and~~ ~~about~~ ~~an~~ ~~hour~~ ~~thereafter~~ ~~deponent~~ ~~returned~~ ~~to~~ ~~said~~ ~~store~~ ~~the~~ ~~defendant~~ ~~had~~ ~~left~~ ~~and~~ ~~his~~ ~~property~~ ~~was~~ ~~missing~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~defendant~~ ~~had~~ ~~left~~ ~~his~~ ~~old~~ ~~clothes~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~rear~~ ~~room~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~store~~ ~~wherefore~~ ~~deponent~~ ~~thinks~~ ~~that~~ ~~his~~ ~~defendant~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~approached~~ ~~and~~ ~~dealt~~ ~~with~~ ~~according~~ ~~to~~ ~~law~~

Conrad Kammerer

Sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____ 1892
of _____
Charles W. ...
Police Justice.

0655

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

John L. Kammer 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 L. Kammer

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

26 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

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

Answer.

406 E 10th Street 8 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Longshoreman

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.

Can't Not testify

John L. Kammer

Taken before me this 1st day of [illegible] 19[illegible] Police Justice.

0656

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

Defendant

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same, and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *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, *July 2* 189 *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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86th W + 37
Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

General Kammerer
John C. Kammerer
Offense: Lawfully taken

BAILED,

No. 1, by
Residence Street.

No. 2, by
Residence Street.

No. 3, by
Residence Street.

No. 4, by
Residence Street.

Dated, 189
Cantor Magistrate.
Miche Cantor Officer.
13 Precinct.

Witnesses
No. Street.

4 July 29 1891
No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 50.00 to answer

Committee of
Money



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CORRECTION

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Sec. 151.

1847

Police Court 9 District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York:

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices for the City of New York, by John Kummerer of No. 607 North Ave Street, that on the 13 day of April 1899, at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article, to wit:

Gold and Lawful Money of the United States two
gold rings one pair of clothes all

of the value of Forty One Dollars,
the property of John Kummerer
was taken, stolen and carried away, and as the said Complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by John Kummerer

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

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

Dated at the City of New York, this 30th day of June 1899

Charles A. Sinton 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

Defendant

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

Dated, *July 2* 189 *W. H. Coffey* Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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80th (W) + 3 9
Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Genral Kammerer
vs
John C. Kammerer
Offense: Law sum below

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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.

Dated, 189
Carter Magistrate.
Miche Carter Officer.
13 Precinct.

Witnesses
No. Street.

4 July 2 9 11
No. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 500 to answer

Cammiller
money



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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

John L. Kammerer

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this
indictment, accuse *John L. Kammerer*

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

The said *John L. Kammerer*

late of the City of New York in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *13th* day of
April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*two*
at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *day* — time of said day,
divers promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of
the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury
aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *fifteen*

dollars; divers other promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and un-
satisfied (and of the kind known as Bank Notes), of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury
aforesaid unknown, for the payment of and of the value of *fifteen*

dollars; divers United States Silver Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury
aforesaid unknown, of the value of *fifteen*

dollars; divers United States Gold Certificates, of a number and denomination to the Grand Jury
aforesaid unknown, of the value of *fifteen*

dollars; divers coins of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of
the value of *fifteen dollars, two-finger-rings of the*

value of three dollars each, one coat of the
value of ten dollars, one vest of the value
of five dollars, and one pair of trousers
of the value of six dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Conrad Kammerer*,
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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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Karrer, John G.

DATE:

07/19/92



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206 McShane

Counsel,
Filed 19 day of July 1892
Pleads, For Guilty

Grand Larceny, Second Degree,
(Sections 229, 230, Penal Code.)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John S. Kanner
(vs. case)

De LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

[Signature]

Foreman.
Pleaded guilty on
another indictment
and sentenced.

Witnesses:
Hate Stracy
26 m. 19
App. Fred
Com. Offic.

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District Attorney's Office.

People
v
Ferdinand Katz

Search warrants
issued & given to
officers Ahl &
Kemel 14th Precinct
July 8/92
J. Masarik

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CORRECTION

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Karrer, John G.

DATE:

07/19/92



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206 McMillan

Counsel,

Filed 19 day of July 1892
Pleads, For Guilty

Grand Larceny, Second Degree, (Sections 228, 229, Pennl Code)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John S. Xaver
(3 cases)

DR LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

[Signature]

Foreman.

Pleaded guilty on
another indictment
and sentenced.

Witnesses:

Hate Steady
26 M. 19
Off Fuel
Can Offer

0669

Police Court 2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss:

Anna Louisa Banner

of No. 274 West 19th Street, aged 23 years,

occupation Housekeeper or about being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 15 day of June 1892 at the City of New York,

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

one violin of the value of about thirty dollars and a cornet of the value of about seventy five dollars, all of the value of about one hundred and five dollars.

\$ 105

the property of deponents husband, and in deponents care

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 George Karrer, who signs his name John G. Karrer, (now here) The defendant had access to said property by means of his having a room in the house No 274 West 19th Street where said property was kept in a trunk in the hall. Deponent is informed by Detective Edward Freel now here, that the defendant admitted to him on July 12 1892 that he, deponent had stolen said property, and deponent gave information on what said property was recovered from pawnbroker, and the said property is now here in court.

Anna Louisa Banner

Sworn to before me this 19 day

of 1892
Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edward C. Freese

aged _____ years, occupation *Detective* of No. _____

300 Mulberry Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Anna Louise Kramer*

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

Sworn to before me, this *19* day of *July*, 189*2* } *Edward C. Freese*

A. J. White
Police Justice.

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(1885)
Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

George Karver 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 to 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. George Karver

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 23 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. U.S.

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

Answer. 5 N. 8th Avenue

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Cook

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.
John G. Harvan.

Taken before me this 13 day of April 1889.
[Signature]
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

Joseph Karra

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, *July 13* 189*2* *A. J. White* Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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Police Court, 2

District. 855

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Anna Louisa Banner
274 N. 191
vs.
George Karren

Offense, *larceny*
felony

BAILED,

No. 1, by.....

Residence..... Street.

No. 2, by.....

Residence..... Street.

No. 3, by.....

Residence..... Street.

No. 4, by.....

Residence..... Street.

Dated, *July 13* 1892

White Magistrate.
Reed & Reed Officer.
C O Precinct.

Witnesses *Callahan & McLean*

No..... Street.

No..... Street.

No..... Street.

Wm Co G. S to answer



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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 G. Karver

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

John G. Karver

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

The said

John G. Karver

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one violin of the value of thirty dollars, and one cornet of the value of seventy five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Guy Banner

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.

De Lancey Nicoll
District Attorney.

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Witnesses:

James Adams

*App. Feal
Cen. Appal*

*Subpoena
Central office
detectives &
comptol*

205 McCallister

Counsel,

Filed *19* day of *July* 189 *2*
Pleads, *Not Guilty*

23 THE PEOPLE

524 vs. *A*
crk

*John G. Harren
Co. Clerk*

Deputy, Grand Larceny, [Sections 228, 229, Penal Code.]

DR LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Donaldson

*Part 2 - July 20/92
Pleads Guilty*

*SP 2 70 770 2002
July 20/92*

Foreman.

202

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Police Court 2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss:

Kate Healey

of No. 26 - West 19th Street, aged 33 years,
occupation Dressmaker being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 2 day of June 1892 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 :

A black silk dress valued
at forty dollars and good
and lawful money of the United
States amounting to Five dollars
a wrapper, a skirt and a Cape and Dohlmans
all valued at forty five 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 George Karrer

for the reasons following to wit:
The defendant was in deponent's employ
and she gave the defendant a Five
dollar bill to insert an advertisement
in the "New York Herald" he paid forty
cents for one insertion of said advertisement
and did not return. after defendant
left deponent's premises she missed
the said silk dress and other property
Deponent is informed by Lizzie Ayers
of No 274 - W-19th Street that the defendant
gave her a Pawn ticket representing
a silk dress - Deponent further says that
she in company with Officer Freel of the

Sworn to before me this

1892
Notary Public

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Central office visited the Pawn Shop ~~represented~~
represented by said pawn ticket and there
saw the dress represented by said Pawn
ticket and fully identified said dress
as her property and that the same had
been stolen from her possession
deponent charges defendant with Larceny
and prays that he be apprehended and
dealt with according to law

Kate Healy

Sworn to before me this 28th day of June 1892
by *[Signature]*
Judge Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

1877.

Lizzie Ayers

aged 23 years, occupation Housekeeper of No.

274 - W - 19th Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Kate Healy

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

Sworn to before me, this 28
day of June 1892

Mrs. Lizzie Ayers

Thos. H. Brady
Police Justice.

0679

(1835)

Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *George Kaver*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *23 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *MS*

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

Answer. *524 8th Street*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Cook*

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*

John G. Kavan

Taken before me this *13*
day of *April* 189*7*
[Signature]
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, July 12 189 2 [Signature] Police Justice.

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

Dated,..... 189..... Police Justice.

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

Dated,..... 189..... Police Justice.

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216 n (162) 836
Police Court, [redacted] Dist.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Kate Healey
26 M 19
vs.
George Karner

Offense, Larceny

Dated, 189

Magistrate.

Freel + Kush Officer.

C.O. Precinct.

Witnesses

Lizzie Ayers

No. 274 - n - 19th Street.

Officer Freel

No. C.O. Street.

No. Street.

\$ 1000 to answer [signature]

of [signature] after [signature]

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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Sec. 151.

Police Court 2 District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York:

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices for the City of New York, by Kate Healey of No. 26-N-19 Street, that on the 2 day of June

1892 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

A silk dress and good and lawful money of the United States

all of the value of forty five Dollars, the property of Complainant was taken, stolen and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by George Karrer

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

These are Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and every of you, to apprehend the body of the said Defendant and forthwith bring him before me, at the 2 DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 28 day of June 1892
John H. Brady POLICE JUSTICE.

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Des Karet, 23. W. 524. 8. Am

The within named

having been brought before me under this Warrant, is committed for examination to the WARDEN and KEEPER of the City Prison of the City of New York.

Dated 188

..... *Police Justice.*

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Warrant-Larceny.

vs.

Dated 188

Magistrate

Officer.

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

Officer.

Dated 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

..... *Police Justice.*

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John G. Karrer

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

John G. Karrer

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

The said

John G. Karrer,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 25th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one banjo of the value of thirty dollars, one coat of the value of twenty-five dollars, one valise of the value of ten dollars, and one razor of the value of two dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Thomas W. Adams

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

De Lancey Nicoll
District Attorney

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207 Mc. Calland

Counsel,

Filed

19 day of

July 1892

Pleads,

for *Quilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John S. Karver

(cases)

Grand Larceny, Second Degree. [Sections 883, 884 Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Edward R. Foreman

Readed guilty on another indictment and returned.

Witnesses

James G. ...

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*Off. Trial
Clerk*

0686

Police Court 2nd District. Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss: Thomas Adams

of No. 27 1/2 West 10th Street, aged 20 years,

occupation Salesman being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 25 day of June 1897 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

One Pair of the value of about
Seventy Dollars one double breasted
Coat and a Tazo and the value all
of the value of about Seventy Dollars

the property of Deponant

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 J. Karver

(now here) from the fact that deponent
missed said property from his deponents
room at the above described address.
And deponant is informed by Detective
Edward Freck of the Central Office that
the deponant admitted and confessed
to him that Freck that he had stolen
said property and returned the same on
the 26th between 26th & 27th St. New York
deponant went with said Officer to said New
York Office and seen said John J. Karver and identified
said John J. Karver as a person of the property taken
stolen and carried away as aforesaid
Thomas Adams

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25 day of June 1897.
Justice of the Peace

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

1877.

aged 31 years, occupation Edward Free of No. Police Officer
Central Office Street, being duly sworn, deposes and
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Thomas Adams
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 12 day of July 1897 } Edward C. Free
[Signature]
[Signature] Police Justice.

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(1885)

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. George Karer

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 23 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. U.S.

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

Answer. 524 M Ave.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Cook.

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
John G. Karer

Taken before me this 12
day of July 1897
[Signature]
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 Defendant

James White 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, May 12 1892 A. J. White Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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207- 856
Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Adams
274 7th Ave. New York City
John R. Moore
Offense: [unclear]

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

Dated, July 12, 1892
White Magistrate.
Kuch & Fuel Officer.
Precinct.
Witnesses Carter Officer

No. Street.
No. Street.
No. Street.



\$ 500 to answer
B. C. [unclear]

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 G. Karrer

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

John G. Karrer of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE second DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

John G. Karrer

late 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 ninety-two, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one dress of the value of forty dollars, one wrapper of the value of five dollars, one skirt of the value of ten dollars, one cape of the value of five dollars, one dolman of the value of ten dollars, and the sum of four dollars and sixty cents in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of four dollars and sixty cents of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Kate Healy

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.

De Lancey Nicoll District Attorney

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

4457

DESCRIPTION:

Katz, Ferdinand

DATE:

07/08/92



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Called Miss Moore
38 Second St
New York City

John Am. Merritt

53 8th Ave

John Am. Merritt
New York City

Sumner

Simon Merritt
53 8th Ave

Offices Cota will
+ Wm. Kames
+ Henry McGee + Em. Myers
NY - present

+ Ferdinand T. Grand
14 West

The items upon whose testimony the
indictment was framed are very
mainly the identification of deft
from view of his good character &
recommends the disbarment of the
indictment
July 26, 97

John Am. Merritt
53 8th Ave

102 3rd July 97

Counsel. Beach & Fennell

Filed, 8 day of July 1897.

Pleas, Not Guilty (14)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.
(Section 550, Penal Code.)

Ferdinand Katz
Part 2 - July 26, 97.
The Mother of Defendant
Attorney Substant
Francis Lacey Nicoll,
District Attorney.

Case 2 July 26, 97 1897.

A TRUE BILL.

John Am. Merritt

Foreman.

See People v. Piccoli et al
Indictment filed July 7, 1897
(over)

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District Attorney's Office. ¹⁰⁰⁰

People
v
Ferdinand Katz

Search warrant
issued & given to
officers Ahl &
Kemel 14th Precinct
July 8/92

J. J. [Signature]

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Ferdinand Katz

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

Ferdinand Katz —

of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *Ferdinand Katz*,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty eighth* day of *June*, — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*two*, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one hundred and five pounds of lead pipe of the value of twenty cents each pound, and two faucets of the value of two dollars each,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Amelia R. Fass*, by *Anthony Piccoli, Joshua Shomar, Rudis Kahann, Francis Gelligan*, and — by — certain *other* persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said

Amelia R. Fass —

unlawfully and unjustly did feloniously receive and have; the said

Ferdinand Katz —

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously stolen, taken and carried 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Kelly, Edward

DATE:

07/11/92



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Witnesses:

Wm Schmale

18 Feb

Counsel,

Filed 11 day of *July* 1892

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B

Edward Kelly

June 13

VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW.
(Selling without license.)
(Ill. Rev. Stat. (7th Edition), page 191, § 13, and
of 1883, Chap. 310, § 5.)

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

James M. Foreman.

*James M. Foreman.
de May 10-92*

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Edward Kelly

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

Edward Kelly
of the CRIME OF SELLING STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS AND WINES WITHOUT A LICENSE, committed as follows:

(III. Revised Statutes, 7th edition, page 1901, Sec. 13.)

The said *Edward Kelly*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty-eighth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*one*, at the City and County aforesaid, certain strong and spirituous liquors, and certain wines, to wit: One gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell, in quantity less than five gallons at a time, to

certain *other* persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, without having a license therefor, as required by law, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of New York.

(Laws of 1889, chapter 810, Sec. 5.)

SECOND COUNT—

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

Edward Kelly
of the CRIME OF SELLING STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, ALES, WINE AND BEER, WITHOUT A LICENSE, to be drank upon the premises, committed as follows:

The said *Edward Kelly*

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, and at the premises there situate, known as number

one, Irving Place

certain strong and spirituous liquors, and certain ales, wines and beer, to wit: one gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell to

one George H. Schmoll and to
certain *other* persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, to be drank upon the premises aforesaid, without having a license therefor, as required by law, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Kelly, George

DATE:

07/13/92



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Witnesses:
offr. Bryan
H.P.

Counsel,

Filed, 13 day of July 1892

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B
George Kelly

James H. 93

VIOLATION OF THE EXCISE LAW.
(Illegal Sales without License.)
[Chap. 401, Laws of 1892, § 31.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL.

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Edmundson

Foreman.

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 Kelly

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

George Kelly

of the CRIME OF SELLING STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINE, ALE AND BEER, IN QUANTITIES LESS THAN FIVE GALLONS AT A TIME, WITHOUT HAVING A LICENSE THEREFOR, committed as follows:

The said

George Kelly

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *eightth* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*two*, at the City and County aforesaid, certain strong and spirituous liquors, and certain wine, ale and beer, to wit: one gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell, in quantities less than five gallons at a time, to

certain *other* persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, without having a license granted to him in pursuance of any law of this State permitting him to sell either strong or spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of New York.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

Daniel Dugan and

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FOLDER:

4457

DESCRIPTION:

Kelly, John

DATE:

07/13/92



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

4457

DESCRIPTION:

Allen, William

DATE:

07/13/92



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Witnesses:

Alvinsor Kaufman

402 E. 33.

Off Malone

21st P.

St. B. Brown

11th St

M

Lead to attempt
Buy 3 Day and
sentenced to 10 yrs
under the name of
William Warden

July 1892

under the name of
William Warden

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Counsel,

Filed 13 day of July 1892

Pleas Not Guilty

THE PEOPLE

16 S. 33.

310 Labon vs.

John Kelly

18th St

William Allen

By LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

Forgery in the Third Degree,
Section 498, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

A TRUE BILL.

James E. Brown

July 1892

Foreman.

Butts plead guilty

Butts 3rd deg

Butts 22nd

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Copy of Baptismal Record of
St. Josephs Church Jersey
City N. J.

Joseph Kennedy son of Martha's
Kennedy & Mary Clarey was
born Feb. 7. 1876 and baptized
Feb. 20th 1876.

The Sponsors were Patrick Ryan &
Mary Brady.

Priest officiating Rev. Father Esart
- John W. W. Stalco

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Police Court— of District.

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

of No. 407 East 33 Street, aged 20 years,

occupation Cigar Manufacture being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 570 First Avenue Street, 21 Ward

in the City and County aforesaid the said being a six story brick

building and which was occupied by deponent as a cigar factory and on the ground floor as a saloon and in which there was at the time a human being, by name

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly breaking open

the iron gratings leading into the cellar and going from the cellar into the store by breaking open a mud or iron door leading from the street into the store.

on the 5th day of July 1892 in the day time, and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

Four hundred and fifty dollars of the United States of the Government and value of \$500.00 (credits)

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

John Kelly and William Miller, both men here while acting in concert and another man, not arrested. That on the 5th day of July deponent securely locked and fastened the doors and windows leading into the said premises that the said money was in the premises in an automatic weighing machine. That deponent about the hour of 9 o'clock P.M. on said date saw that the door had been entered and called the officer, went into the premises and

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found the defendant there. That defendant found that the weighing machine had been broken open and the said sum of money, which was all in pennies, taken from it. That different lead pipes in the store had been cut and piled up on the floor. Therefore defendant charges the defendant with the said violation, with unlawfully entering the premises, as aforesaid and feloniously taking, stealing and carrying away the said property, and says that they be dealt with according to law.

Signed before me } Alexander Kaufmann.
 this 9th day of July 1892 }

[Signature]
 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 he committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated _____ 188____ Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named _____ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereof 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.

Police Court, _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 on the complaint of _____

vs.

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Offence—BURGLARY.

Dated _____ 188____

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses, _____

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

to answer General Sessions.

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Sec. 198-200

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss.

John Kelly 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 Kelly*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *17 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New Jersey*

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

Answer. *6708 East 75th Ave. one year*

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*

John Kelly

Taken before me this 9 day of May 1889
J. P. [Signature]
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss.

William Allen 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 Allen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *18 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York State*

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

Answer. *Saratoga N.Y. 18 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Shoemaker*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty*

William Allen

Taken before me this *18th* day of *July* 188*7*
J. W. Wick
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.....

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

Dated..... *July 9* 18 *92* Police Justice.

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

Dated..... 18 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..... 18 Police Justice.

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Police Court--- 4 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Alexander Campbell
John Kelly
Mr. Allen
Offence *Carrying arms*

Dated *July 9* 18*91*
Wilbert Magistrate.
Malone Officer.
21 Precinct.

Witnesses.....
No. Street.
No. Street.

No. Street.
No. Street.
\$ *1000*
Comm
July 12



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

John Kelly
and
William Allen

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

John Kelly and William Allen

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

The said

John Kelly and William Allen, both

late of the *21st* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the

eight day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*two* in the *day* - time of the same day, at the

Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit, the *building* of

one *Alexander Kaufmann*

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

Kaufmann in the said *building*

then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to ~~steal~~, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the

People of the State of New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT—

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

John Kelly and William Allen

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

The said *John Kelly and William Allen, both*

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

*sixty-one coins of the United States
of the kind called cents, of the value of
one cent each, and three hundred
pounds of lead pipe of the
value of ten cents each found*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Alexander Kaufmann*

in the *building* of the said *Alexander Kaufmann*

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

De Lancey Nicoll
District Attorney

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THIRD COUNT:

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
John Kelly and William Allen
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said *John Kelly and William Allen, both*

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

of the goods, chattels and personal property of

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen from the said

unlawfully and unjustly did feloniously receive and have; (the said

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously stolen, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

4457

DESCRIPTION:

Kientsch, August

DATE:

07/22/92



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Witnesses:

James McCrear

Vertical lines for witness signatures.

286 875

Counsel, M. Wayson

Filed 22 day of July 1892

Pleads, Not Guilty (25)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

I

August Kuntzsch

[Section 48, Pennl Code.]
Degree.

ARGON in the
DE LANGEY NICOLL,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Foreman.

Sept 29/92

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Sept 30/92
Sept 17-92

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Headquarters
Fire Department

Bureau of Fire Marshal,
157 & 159 East 67th Street,

New York, May 9th, 1894.

Henry W. Unger, Esq.

Asst. District Attorney & Secretary,

District Attorney's Office, City.

Dear sir:

In reply to your favor of 7th inst., informing me of an application for clemency made on behalf of August Kientsch, convicted of arson in the first degree and sentenced to 15 years and 6 months imprisonment, I have only a few words to say. This man on the night of June 27th 1892, at or about the hour of ten minutes after midnight, set fire to a five story tenement house containing at the time from sixteen to eighteen families. The house was flanked by similar houses and was located in a thickly populated neighborhood. The man Kientsch was caught when leaving the cellar in which the fire was set, and when seized drew a loaded pistol from his pocket, with intent, it is believed, to shoot his captor. He appeared to be a man of brutal nature and vicious habits. If there are any circumstances that can be urged in his behalf at this time (less than two years from the date of his sentence) why executive clemency should be extended towards him, I

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,
City and County of New York.

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The People, §
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vs.
AUGUST KIENTSCH.

Before
HON. FREDERICK SMYTH,
and a Jury.

Tri@d SEPTEMBER 27TH, etc., 1892.

Indicted for ARSON IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Indictment filed JULY 22ND, 1892.

APPEARANCES:

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BARTOW S. WEEKS,

For THE PEOPLE.

MAURICE MEYER, ESQ.,

For THE DEFENSE.

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JAMES MITCHELL, testified that he was the Fire Marshall of the City of New York. He visited the premises, 203 Chrystie Street. His first visit to those premises was in the forenoon of June 30th. On that occasion he made measurements of the basement and the cellar of those premises. The plan of the cellar of those premises, shown to the witness in court, was drawn by the witness. It was drawn from measurements taken at that time, to a scale of half an inch to the foot. It shows the condition of the cellar as he, the witness, found it on the 30th of June. By the word, "condition", he, the witness, means the formation of the cellar, as to the partitions and divisions in the cellar. The witness then indicated on the diagram the position of woodhouses in the cellar, a large open space, and the space leading from the cellar to the yard, at the premises in question. He, the witness, discovered evidence of fire within the space indicated by a dotted line on the diagram, on the partition and the beams. The pre-

mises consist of a high stoop house, with a saloon in ³ the basement. The saloon was directly over the cellar. The witness also made a diagram of the saloon of the premises that were occupied by the defendant in that house, on the floor immediately above the cellar. He, the witness, testified that the diagram of the saloon was not drawn accurately to scale, as there was no fire in it; but the diagram correctly shows the arrangement and divisions of the saloon. In the front of the basement was the large saloon. The witness indicated on the diagram the position of the kitchen, pantry and general room, and the steps leading down to the cellar, and the steps leading from the yard up to the first story---to the story above the saloon---and the bar in the saloon, including the back bar---a short back bar.

LENA ANDREHEIT, testified that she lived at No. 203 Chrystie Street. She resided there a year and two months, on the first floor over the saloon. On Sunday, the 26th of June, 1892, she lived there. Her family consisted of husband and three children. Her husband's name

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was Peter Andreheit, and the names of her children were,⁴
Freddie Andreheit, Rosie Andreheit and Henry Andreheit.
She, and her husband and three children all lived at
the house in question. She, the witness, was the
housekeeper of the house. The defendant kept a saloon
and restaurant in the basement. On the Sunday night al-
ready referred to, all the members of her family had
gone to bed. She, the witness, had not yet retired
for the night. She did not feel well, and could not
sleep on account of a pain in her face. She was sitting
at the window, a little after midnight, looking into the
yard. There are two windows in her apartments overlook-
ing the yard. She was sitting at the window farthest
from the steps leading into the cellar, there being no
steps directly under that window. While sitting there,
she heard a noise, like that of moving boxes. The
noise came from the yard, out of the cellar. The window--
the sash---was raised, but the shutters were closed.
She opened the shutters, leaned out of the window, and
looked directly at the cellar door. At the same moment--
the same instant---that she looked at the cellar door a
small man came out. He opened the door, and, as he did

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so, smoke came out, but he closed the door immediately, and remained outside. She, the witness, said to him, "You are the miserable rascal that makes so much smoke in the house, and so much smell." She spoke to him in German. The man made no reply. She subsequently testified that she said to the man, "You miserable rascal, you want to make us miserable all, to make us all miserable---unfortunate or unlucky." The witness did not see any smoke, and did not smell anything before, on that night. After speaking to the man, she called to her husband, and, afterwards, went over to where he was sleeping, and woke him up and spoke to him. Her husband then arose and went into the yard, and she went on the stoop in the middle of the house, leading from her floor to the yard. She remained standing on the top of the stoop, and her husband went down into the yard. The little man was standing under the stoop. Her husband seized the little man, and a fight between them ensued. She then went back and woke up her children and ran into the hall, and while standing in the hall, she saw three men climb over the fence from Stanton Street. She then lit the gas in the hall, opened the

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front door leading to the street, and commenced to hol-⁶
loa three times, "Fire!" then she went back to where
her husband was, and found him still fighting with the
man that came over the fence and two were standing by the
little man, who was then lying under the steps. While
the man was struggling with her husband, the other two
men picked up the little man, and brought him up the
stoop, and through the hall, to the front of the house.
The witness testified that she did not know the little
man---that is, the defendant is a little man, but she
did not know, at the time, that the little man was the
defendant. In

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the witness testified that she did not recognize the
little man as he was being taken through the hall to the
front door. The gas was lit in the hall, as large as
it could be made, and she was very close to the three
men, as they went past her, and the hall was about four
feet wide, and extends from the yard to the street.
She had known the defendant ever since he moved into the
house---since last February. He lived on the same
floor with her, and kept boarders. She occupied one

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part of the floor, and he occupied the other part. 7
The defendant had four rooms, next to her apartments.
She also had four rooms. She saw the defendant almost every day, and was as friendly to him as to every other person. She was janitress of two buildings---19 Stanton Street and 203 Chrystie Street. The defendant bought the saloon in February. She could not say that it was the 20th of January, as she did not take particular notice of the time. Before he took possession of the saloon she did not know him. Previous to his buying the saloon, it was occupied by a Mr. Schmidt. The witness had been in the cellar, because it was her duty to keep it clean. The tenants kept their wood and coal in it. They have a right to go in and out of the cellar for their wood and coal, whenever they want to do so. She had not been in the cellar on Sunday, June 26th. She was sick that day, and for three or four days had not been in the cellar. She did not smell smoke before she sat at the window. She had been sitting at the window a quarter of an hour before she saw any one coming out of the cellar. At the time she sat at the window, she saw the little man come immediately up the steps--

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there are about six steps---from the cellar into the yard. She saw him come out of the cellar and close the door behind him. It is a double leaf door, in two parts---a sort of hatch or double door going down into the cellar. As soon as he came up, out of the hatchway, he closed the door behind him. There was much smoke. She saw and smelled it. Both the windows of her room, overlooking the yard, were open and were full of smoke. There was no smoke in her room before she saw the man come out of the cellar. Between the opening of the cellar door and the closing of it by the man, as he came out, her room filled with smoke. The three men came over the fence before she had lit the gas in the hall. It was lit about ten minutes after they came over the fence. Her husband, the little man and the other men were struggling and fighting in the yard about 10 minutes before she lit the gas. She called out, on the street, three times, "Fire!" and then went back to see what her husband was doing. She did not see any one coming in from the street. She saw only the three men come over the fence after she lit the gas, she woke her children.

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the witness testified---in answer to Mr. Week's question,
"Now, from the time that you saw your husband grapple
with this little man in the yard, until you went out in
the front of the house and came back again, just esti-
mate how long you think ten minutes is---how long it
took," (Mr. Weeks opened his watch, and held it in his
hand)---that it took just thirty seconds. The witness
further testified that her husband was very sick, and
unable to appear in court, in response to the subpoena
served upon him in this case.

JOHN BERNARD ROBERTS, testified that he lived at 15 Stanton
Street, and resided there on the 26th of last June. The
yard of No. 15 Stanton Street adjoins the yard of No.
201 Chrystie Street. Just after midnight of Sunday,
June 26th, while going to the closets, in the yard of
15 Stanton Street, the witness testified, he heard a
cry of, "Help! Murder! Help!" He jumped on the fence,
and while on the fence, he saw a man tumble off the stoop.

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at 203 into the yard at that number. The witness could ¹⁰ look right over there. The witness did not at that time see any other man in the yard, or on the stoop; but afterwards he jumped over the fence into the yard of 203 Chrystie Street, and he then saw a man on the stoop--- a big, stout man, and he, the witness, asked him what was the matter. The man that was on the stoop, he, the witness, had since found out was the housekeeper, Mr. Andreheit, the husband of the previous witness. At the time that he, the witness, spoke to Mr. Andreheit, he, the witness, was at the bottom of the stoop. The man who fell down got up and ran around the yard, and he, the witness, ran after him, and caught him. After he spoke to Mr. Andreheit, he, the witness, saw smoke issuing from the grating underneath the stoop. The man that fell off the stoop was running around the yard, trying to escape, and the witness grabbed hold of him by the back of the neck, and took him up on the stoop, and through the hall, and to the stoop in front, and down to the street. There was another person with the witness at this time. His name was Dudley. Dudley jumped the fence right behind the witness. When the witness

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got into the street with the defendant, the witness wanted to give him into the custody of a policeman or take him to the station-house, but when they got opposite 201 Chrystie Street, the defendant drew a revolver. The witness then identified the defendant as the man that he took through the hall and into the street on that occasion. When the defendant drew the revolver he, the witness, grabbed his hand and struck him in the face with his fist, and knocked him down and took the revolver away from him, and then Officer Harris came up, and he the witness, handed the revolver to the officer. The witness could not identify the revolver shown him in court, but testified that it was similar to the one drawn by the defendant on the night in question. The witness accompanied Officer Harris who handed the prisoner over to another officer, and they proceeded to the station-house. On the way to the station-house, in Chrystie Street near Delancey Street, the witness saw the defendant throw something away---some papers---which he picked up and handed to Officer Harris. The papers shown to the witness were similar to the ones which the defendant threw away, and which the witness picked up

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and handed to the officer. He, the witness, was pre-¹²sent in the station-house when the defendant was taken before the desk and searched. In

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the witness testified that he was an auctioneer's clerk. The defendant's saloon was next door to the corner of Stanton and Chrystie Streets. The witness had been in the defendant's saloon once or twice before the night in question, and had had a glass of beer there. He lived around the corner in Stanton Street, from the defendant's saloon. Nobody was with the witness on the night of the 26th, when he was going to the closets, and heard the disturbance. It was around 12 o'clock---either a little before or a little after---he could not exactly say. The first thing he did, after hearing the cry of "Help!"etc., was to jump on the fence. Standing on the ground, he could reach the top of the fence with his hands. The night was not very light and it was not very dark. There was a light in the window of the housekeeper's apartments, at No. 203 Chrystie Street. He saw a man falling from the platform of the stoop downwards---rolling down. There are about ten or twelve

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steps to the stoop. The man that fell down the stoop was a small man---the defendant. When he, the witness, saw the defendant fall down the stoop, he jumped over the fence, and ran up to the stoop and asked the other man---Mr. Andreheit---what was the matter; and he got excited, and spoke in German, and he, the witness, did not understand him. The witness then saw the smoke coming from the grating in the yard, and, turning around to look for the small man---the defendant---he saw him running. Then the witness ran after him, and caught him, and took him through the hall into the street. There was no one else running at the time. Dudley was in the yard, at the time, but he was not running. It all happened very quickly---in less than a minute---and Dudley followed him, the witness, out, with the defendant. Dudley dropped over the fence after him, the witness, and was in the yard at the time that he, the witness, ran after the defendant and caught him; and Dudley came along as he, the witness, took the defendant through the hall into the street. He, the witness, testified at the Essex Market Police Court. The witness walked past Andreheit, with the defendant, into the street. The witness

did not see Andreheit have hold of the defendant in the yard. The witness did not strike the defendant before the latter drew the revolver, nor did he see any one else strike him. In

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The witness testified that when he got up on the fence, just before he jumped into the yard of 203, he saw no one in that yard until the defendant fell down. On the stoop there were two persons, the housekeeper, Andreheit, and the defendant. Those were the only two persons that the witness saw there. The man that he, the witness, saw roll or fall down the steps into the yard is the same man that he arrested and who was now on trial, as defendant, in this case.

LOUIS HARRIS, testified that he was an officer of the Municipal Police, attached to the 11th Precinct. On the morning of Monday, June 27th, 1892, his post was the upper end of the Bowery, from Delancey Street to Houston Street. He went on duty at 12 o'clock, midnight; that is, mid-

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night between Sunday and Monday. When on the corner of ¹⁵ the Bowery and Stanton Street, he, the witness, heard a noise coming from the direction of Chrystie Street. It was a cry of "Fire!" It was then about 2.15. The witness left his post, and went towards Chrystie Street, and there found the defendant in the hands of Roberts and Dudley. Roberts is the man who testified in this case. When he, the witness, came up to the group, Roberts handed him a revolver. He, the witness, did not see Roberts wrench it from the defendant's hand. When Roberts handed the witness the revolver, he, Roberts, said to the officer, in the presence of the defendant, that the defendant had tried to shoot him, Roberts, with the revolver, and also to fire the house No. 203 Chrystie Street. The defendant did not say anything then. The witness identified the revolver shown to him in court as the one handed to him by Roberts. When he handed the revolver to the officer there were four cartridges in it, which the witness identified. The witness then took the defendant into custody, and, on the way to the station-house, he saw the defendant draw a paper from his pocket and throw it away. The wit-

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ness, himself, saw this done by the defendant. 16
No other officer assisted the witness in making the arrest. Roberts picked up the paper and handed it to the witness. The witness identified the papers shown to him in court as the ones in question. The witness held the papers in his hand until he reached the station-house. He arraigned the defendant before the Sergeant at the desk, and preferred a charge against him. He then searched the defendant, and found a razor and some papers--- among the latter being a bill of sale and his citizenship paper---and a bank book, and some handkerchiefs, collars, and between \$80. and \$90 in money. When he was asked his name, at the desk, he refused to answer--- he said nothing. The witness testified that Sergeant McDermott was at the desk at that time---he was not positive, however. He, the witness, asked the defendant why he had so many collars and handkerchiefs, and he said, "I use them on account of my nose bleeding so often." The witness questioned him further, but the defendant only shrugged his shoulders, and said nothing more. The witness spoke to the defendant in English. The defendant seemed to be sober. He did not smell

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the defendant's breath. At the time of the arrest the ¹⁷
defendant's eye was black, but he was not bleeding.
The witness first noticed the defendant's eye when he
arraigned him at the desk. He, the witness, did not
know the defendant, or his place of business, until
the time of the fire. He was not on that post. On
the way to the station-house, he, the witness, held
the defendant under the arm, and Roberts followed a little
in the rear, but did not have hold of the defendant.
No one else was present except the usual crowd that
follows a policeman having in custody a prisoner. The
witness held the defendant under the left hand, and
the defendant put his right hand in his pocket, drew out
the papers and threw them away. The papers were taken
from the side pocket of the defendant's coat. The
handkerchiefs the defendant had in his hip pocket. The
collars the defendant had in the outside pocket of his
overcoat. The money was taken from his front trouser's
pocket. The witness counted the money, and found \$80 or
\$90, and then returned it to the defendant. He, the
witness, was examined before the Police Justice. The
defendant was there represented by counsel. The wit-

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ness could not remember whether he testified at the Essex Market Police Court that he saw the defendant throw away the papers. The premises No. 203 Chrystie Street are in the Tenth Ward. In,

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the witness testified that the papers that he took from the defendant he handed to the Sergeant in charge behind the desk at that time. When he, the witness, took the defendant to court, the next day, he received the same papers from the Sergeant. After the examination in court the witness turned them over to Fire Marshall Mitchell. He turned over to the Fire Marshall no other papers.

JAMES MITCHELL, being recalled by Mr. Weeks for further examination, testified that he received from Officer Harris some papers. The witness, being shown certain papers, identified them as those that he received on the occasion referred to---among them being a receipt from the New York Mutual Gas Light Co., \$20. deposited on a gas meter.

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the witness testified, that he also received from the officer, a license of the saloon, and an Internal Revenue receipt. He, the witness, examined the premises at 203 Chrystie Street three days after the fire. The portions burned---there was slight burning on the partition between the space (indicating on a diagram) and the Southwest corner of the basement. The witness indicated the location more particularly on the diagram which was handed to him. He, the witness, found the partitions, or parts of them, lying down. They were scattered all over and consisted of loose boards, more or less burned. The rafters of the ceiling were also charred. This was the rear of the cellar. The laths and rafters and wood work of the ceiling, within the space indicated, were more or less charred with fire, and a portion of the partition and the boards which were lying on the floor of this space. The fibre of the wood was burned.

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THOMAS F. BARRETT, testified that he was the Assistant Foreman of Engine No. 20. The Engine house is at No. 47 Marion Street. Early on the morning of Monday, June 27th, there was an alarm of fire received at the Engine house. It was about 11 minutes past 12. It was from the station corner of Chrystie and Stanton Streets. In answer to that alarm, he, the witness, went there with his Engine Company to that fire. About three minutes after the receipt of the alarm we arrived at the premises and found a fire to be in the wood-house, in the Southwest corner of the cellar of No. 203 Chrystie Street. He gained admittance to the cellar by going up the steps, through the hall, on the first floor, and down the steps in the yard. He, the witness, saw three wood-houses burning. On reaching the area way of the cellar, the witness found plenty of fire and smoke. The hose was taken in, and water played on the fire and the fire extinguished. After extinguishing all of the fire, the line was taken out, as is customary, and the truck company came in and pulled down the debris, consisting

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of old boards, boxes and barrels, that were in the cellar, and passed them out into the yard, and tore down the partitions of the three wood-houses, and then went in and extinguished the remaining fire with the small stream---the fire that was in and around the ceiling. They pulled down the partitions and boards. The ceiling had been burned through the laths, but not through the beams. The firemen then rolled up the hose and moved out of the premises, and left the Insurance Patroll in charge. At that time an Insurance Patrol man spoke to the witness, and, in consequence of that conversation, the witness returned to the cellar. An insurance man named Moore and another man---whose name the witness did not remember, but who was employed by the Gas Company---was there. He, the witness, found a barrel in the seventh wood-house from the rear part of the cellar. In the bottom of the barrel was a lot of newspaper, and arranged around the newspaper, were a number of barrel staves, and in the center of all was a lighted candle, and, on the top of the barrel, was a couple of crates or boxes of light wood. The witness removed the boxes, took out the candle and extinguished

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the light. There was no fire in the barrel except the²²
light of the candle. The witness noticed that the plas-
ter had been torn down from the ceiling over the barrel,
and the laths were exposed. There was no plaster
on the floor, and the witness did not think from appear-
ances that the plaster had been recently removed
from the ceiling. The barrel was under that portion
of the ceiling in which the laths were exposed. There
was no connection between this fire in which the wood-
house where the barrel was found, and the one that had
been previously extinguished. They were two distinct
fires, with no connection, no train of fire, or charred
indications of fire, between them. Some of the wood-
houses in that cellar were locked and some were opened.
The cellar in which the lighted candle was discovered
was unlocked. After the witness discovered the barrel,
he went up on the second floor, the basement floor, and
noticed that the fire in the barrel, if it had gone
through the ceiling, would have come through in the
neighborhood of the corner of the bar, about under the
ice-box. In

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through the front door, which was open. The room was full of smoke. Then he walked back to the rear, and saw smoke and flames coming out through the grating in the rear of the basement, or out in the area way. After the fire was over he went down into the cellar and saw firemen at work a hose stretched through the cellar. Then he went into the cellar and found out where the fire had been. He found that it had been in some wood shed on the South side of the cellar. Afterwards he came upstairs and commenced to fasten the doors and make the place secure when Gallivan called out to him, the witness, "Lieutenant, come down here. There is more fire." The witness started to go down into the cellar, and called to some of the men to go, and tell 20 Engine not to back out yet, because there was more fire. When he got down in the cellar, Gallivan took the witness to a wood shed---about six or seven woodsheds from the rear of the cellar, on the opposite side of the cellar from where the fire had been. The witness found a barrel there, with a lot of paper stuck loosely in the bottom of it, and a candle stood in the center of the paper and a lot of barrel staves stuck loosely

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over the candle and on top of them a lot of egg crates, or some light material like egg crates, and over that the ceiling looked as though the plaster had fallen or been taken away, exposing to view the bare laths on the ceiling. The witness immediately sent for Engine No. 20. Lieutenant Barrett came in, and he, the witness, was present when Lieutenant Barrett took the candle and paper out of the barrel. From the time that the witness arrived there, in response to Gallivan's call, up to the time that Barrett took the paper and candle out, the barrel was not touched by anybody except Barrett. In

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the witness testified that when the candle was taken out of the barrel there were present about five or six men. Five or six patrolmen were also in the rear part of the building at that time. He did not know how the saloon door got open. It was open when he reached there. He had never seen the defendant until he saw him at the police court. The firemen were there when he got there.

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THOMAS F. FREEL, testified he was an Assistant Foreman of the Fire Department, detailed to assist the Fire Marshall. He was called to the fire at No. 203 Chrystie Street on the morning of Monday, June 27th. He got there at 10 minutes past two in the morning. He was notified at half-past one that there was a fire at that number, and it was his duty to proceed immediately when notified. He made an investigation and found that there had been a fire in the Southwest corner of the cellar in that building, in a woodhouse or enclosure, and there were evidences of burning on the wall and on the partitions of the woodhouse. The laths were burned and the beams were charred above this woodhouse. The witness cut out a piece of the charred wood that was used to support the front partition of the woodhouse. It was nailed to the beams of the ceiling. The witness identified a piece shown him in court as the piece that he cut off. There was burning on the under part of the floor of the kitchen---that is, the part of the floor that was immediately over the fire in that woodhouse in the South-

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west corner. After making the examination of the cellar, the witness took the statements of the people that were on the scene of the fire at the time of its occurrence, and then proceeded from 203 Chrystie Street to the 11th Precinct Station-House, and had an interview with the defendant. It was then about half-past 2 on the morning of Monday, June 27th. The interview was held in the main room of the Station-House. Sergeant McDermott and the doorkeeper were present. The witness asked the defendant his name, and he answered, "August Kientsch. He said he was the proprietor of the saloon at 203 Chrystie Street. The witness told the defendant that he was under arrest, charged with having set fire to the premises, and that he, the witness, was an Assistant to the Fire Marshall, and that it was the duty of the Fire Marshall to investigate all fires that occurred, and that he, the witness, was investigating the fire at 203 Chrystie Street, and, for the purpose of making a thorough examination it would be necessary for him to ask the defendant some questions, which the defendant could answer or not, just as it suited him, and that that was his right, but that if he answered any ques-

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tions, he, the witness, might use them against the defendant at the trial. The witness also asked the defendant whether he was present at the time of the fire, and he answered that he was. He said he was in the yard. He denied that he set the place on fire, but he admitted that he had a struggle with the housekeeper, Andreheit, in the yard, at the time of the fire, and he also admitted that he was insured for \$3,500, in the Hanover Fire Insurance Company. The witness asked the defendant if he wanted to make any statement in regard to the case, and he shook his head. That finished the witness's interview with the defendant. The witness asked the defendant where the policy of insurance was, and he said that it was in possession of a friend named Hoag or Hoch. He said Mr. Hoag was a saloon keeper in Third street, with whom he left his policy, as Mr. Hoag had a safe there, and he, the defendant, had none. The witness made an examination of the defendant's saloon about half-past 9 o'clock on the morning of the 27th of June. He made an examination and then proceeded from the saloon to the cellar. Previous to going to the cellar, at that time, the witness borrowed

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a candle from the person in charge of the saloon, to make an examination of the cellar. The person was an employee of the defendant. At that time the witness had not seen the candle marked People's Exhibit L. The witness lit the candle, examined the cellar, and then blew out the light and put the candle in his pocket, and went from there to the quarters of Engine Company No. 20, at 47 Marion Street. Captain Ray was in charge of the fire, and had been the Acting Chief at the fire. At that time he handed him, the witness, the candle marked People's Exhibit L. The witness then went to 203 Chrystie Street with fireman Davis, of Engine Company 20. He did nothing with that candle and the candle that he had used in examining the cellar. The witness saw the man from whom he got the candle before; and, after speaking to him, he gave the witness some candles, and showed him a box of candles. They were underneath the bar, in the defendant's saloon, at 203 Chrystie Street. The box would contain about three dozen candles, and there were about four candles missing from the box. The candle with which the witness went down into the cellar, had been partly burned, and he left it in the defendant's

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saloon. The witness compared the candle with which he went downstairs with the candle that Captain Ray gave him, and, as near as the witness could judge, they were the same candles. The witness identified two candles, shown to him in court, as candles that were taken from the box. The mark, "Red F," on the candles, was made by the witness for the purpose of identifying them. The witness visited the premises in question again on the 30th of June, with Fire Marshall Mitchell, and found them in the same condition that they were in when he first visited them on the morning of the 27th. The defendant told the witness, in the station-house, that he, the defendant, was the proprietor of the saloon. In

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the witness testified that he went to the saloon, at 203 Chrystie street, about 10 minutes past two, on the morning of June 27th. He did not go into the saloon or restaurant. The first thing he did was to look for somebody in there---some resident of the house---who could give him information as to the location of the fire. All the firemen and fire insurance patrolmen had departed

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from the scene of the fire at that time. He visited the scene of the fire within one minute after he reached 203 Chrystie Street, and then made the investigation testified to by him. He went to the station-house about half-past 2 o'clock, and then the defendant was under arrest. The defendant was brought into his, the witness's presence. There were then present, Sergeant McDermott and the doorkeeper who brought in the defendant. The witness did not know the name of the doorkeeper. The witness had a conversation with the defendant in the presence of Sergeant McDermott and the doorkeeper. The witness told the defendant that he was connected with the Fire Department, and that he was investigating the cause of the fire at No. 203 Chrystie Street; that it was necessary for him, the witness, to ask the defendant a few questions as to the origin of the fire; that he, the defendant, had a right to refuse to answer the questions, if he felt so disposed. The witness then asked the defendant his name, also if he kept the saloon at No. 203 Chrystie Street, and the defendant said "Yes." In answer to the witness's questions, the defendant said that he was in the yard at the time of the fire; that he

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the witness testified that he could not tell the number of wood-houses that were in the cellar. They were arranged on both sides. The cellar did not extend from the street into the yard. Front of the cellar was partitioned off, and from the partition to the area is the partition that contained those wood-houses. The partition was made of wood. On the North side of the building there were seven wood-houses, but he did not count the number on the South side. There were three that were in the ruins, but how many were burned he could not tell. He had not counted them, because he did not think it necessary to do so. The witness saw the Wood-houses burning. They were torn down and thrown in to the yard under the directions of the Chief. There were also some boxes burned and thrown into the yard. He could not say whether there were barrels or not. The witness was positive that there were more boards than were required to build the wood-houses that were burned, and boxes---sort of wine cases, that were thrown out into the yard. The witness saw the fire extinguished and the partition torn down, and the wood thrown into the yard. In addition to the wood partition, the ceil-

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ing was burned, so that the laths had to be torn down---²⁴
the furring that holds the laths. There was nothing
else besides what the witness has already mentioned that
he noticed as being burned. The ceiling was charred
and the bottom of the kitchen floor; and the beams.
The witness did not know how long the fire had been burn-
ing, but after arriving there, it burned about two
minutes. He was there, in all, perhaps 40 minutes.
It took about two minutes to extinguish the body or
main part of the fire, and after that had been done, the
truck company came in, and did the tearing down and
overhauling, and taking out into the street, and then
water was passed in afterwards. It was about 10 minutes
after getting through tearing out that he was spoken
to about going back. The witness testified that after
carrying out the wood-work and finishing the tearing
down, he did not examine all the wood-houses. He examined
as far as he thought the fire had reached them. His
attention was first called to the candle in the barrell
about 20 or 30 minutes after he had given orders for
the wood-work and partitions and other stuff to be torn
down--he was not positive. After his, the witness's

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attention had been called to the candle burning in the barrel, he went to the barrel and saw the candle. It was an ordinary candle standing on a layer of old newspapers in the bottom of the barrel, with paper surrounding it, and above it was a cone-shape arrangement of old barrel staves. The candle was lighted. He, the witness, testified that he had been at the scene of the fire about 20 or 30 minutes before his attention was called to the lighted candle in the barrel. The exposed part of the ceiling did not appear to be of recent date.
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Re - Direct Examination,
the witness testified that he got back to the Engine house, after the fire, about 10 minutes past 1 o'clock. Upon referring to the record of his fire company, he testified that he was on duty at the fire 40 minutes, and out of quarters one hour. In answer to a question of a juror, the witness testified that the candle did not give forth a light in the cellar from the barrel, or through the staves of the barrel.

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JAMES E. DAVIS, testified that he was a fireman with Engine Company No. 20, and came out on the tender to the fire at 203 Chrystie Street, on the early morning of Monday, June 27th. There was a crowd around the stoop of the house at that number. The firemen saw where the fire was, and stretched in a hose, up the stoop, through the hallway and down the rear steps. He saw smoke issuing from the cellar, through the cellar door, and the grating under the stoop. He saw the fire in the cellar, and the water was played upon it for four minutes and it was extinguished. The fire was in the Southwest corner. Then the firemen were ordered to stand fast until the truck company overhauled it; and, after they had torn down the partitions, etc., a light stream of water was played upon the burned portion of the cellar. The firemen were then ordered to take up the hose and return to quarters; and, while they were doing so, an insurance patrolman came up on the street, and told the firemen to stretch in again, as there was some more fire. Then we took in the house again, this time go-

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ing through the saloon and restaurant. Then he, the witness, left the hose, and went down into the cellar after Assistant Foreman, Barrett. The witness went back in the cellar until he came to the woodhouse, which was indicated on the diagram "Woodhouse Barrell," and in that woodhouse he found a barrel with paper on the bottom and sides of the barrel, and a lighted candle standing on the paper, with staves arranged cone-shape over the burning candle, inside of the barrel, and two crates were on top of it. The portion of the ceiling over the barrel was exposed to view, there being no plaster. The witness was present when the candle was taken out, and he was also with Assistant Fire Marshall Freel, on the following day, when he looked through the saloon, and found a candle there. The witness did not see any pieces of plaster around the barrel, and the plaster did not seem to be freshly broken off. In

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the witness testified that his Company received the alarm at 12.11, and he and his Company went immediately

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to the scene of the fire. He was one of the first to enter the building. He was at the pipe. The cellar door was open when he arrived there. He saw nobody open it. There were three or four people in the yard, and some in the hall. He did not notice whether or not they were dressed---fully attired, because when there is a fire, like the one in question, he, the witness, never notices such things. He was at the building about 25 minutes. He did not see them tear down the partitions. He was in the cellar about four or five minutes during the fire. After the fire was extinguished he did not look in any of the other woodhouses. Two woodhouses were burned---though there might have been three. He did not examine any of the woodhouses to see whether or not they were empty. He did not know who opened the saloon or restaurant. When he returned, to the second fire, he found the saloon door open, but could not say who opened it. There was nobody in the saloon, then, except the firemen stretching the hose there. There was no occasion, though, to use the hose the second time. When the witness went down into the cellar the second time, the Lieutenant of the Patrol and two

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patrolmen were there. He was not acquainted with them, and did not know their names. Mr. Barrett was down there also. He and Mr. Barrett did not leave the cellar together; he, the witness, came up first. He, the witness, did not extinguish the candle.

THOMAS F. GALLIVAN, testified that he was a laborer. On the morning of June 27th, 1892, he was in the employ of the Consolidated Gas Company. His duty in the Company was to look after the fires in the night time South of Houston Street to the Battery---the entire City South of Houston Street, wherever it had mains, to the Battery. He was on duty from 6 o'clock at night to 6 o'clock in the morning. He shut off gas in buildings in which fire was found, to prevent its escape. The office of the Company is on the corner of 11th Street, and has telephonic communication with the Fire Department, so that the Company receives an alarm of fire simultaneously with the Fire Companies. An alarm came in that Monday morning, about 12.30---he would not be positive.

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He proceeded to No. 203 Chrystie Street, and, when he arrived there he saw the firemen. He then commenced to look for gas meters---to locate them. He went through to the yard and saw smoke issuing from the cellar. Then he went through the building, and ascertained the number and location of all the meters, and then into the yard, and remained in the yard until the fire company---Engine Company No. 20--- pulled out, and then he went down into the cellar to see if any gas pipes had been broken. While going through the cellar with a reflector lamp that he always carries with him on such occasions, he noticed a light in a woodhouse, in the cellar, and, upon going into the woodhouse, he found a barrel with a lighted candle in it. The witness then identified the woodhouse indicated on the diagram "Woodhouse---Barrel"---the 7th woodhouse---as the one in which he found the barrel with the candle. There was somepaper in the barrel and two boxes, that looked like tomato crates, on top of the barrel. After making this discovery, the witness holloed to Lieutenant Moore, who had passed up the the stairs, "Moore, there is a fire!" Moore returned to the woodhouse with the wit-

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ness, and said, "Don't touch it." He then called for Engine No. 20 to stretch in the hose, but immediately countermanded the order. Then the Assistant Foreman, Barrett, and some others, came in. Neither the witness nor Moore touched the barrel. The witness remained near the barrel from the time he discovered it until Barrett came and removed the candle and papers from the barrel, In

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the witness testified that he did not go through the house, only in the hall.

AMBROSE L. MOORE, testified that he was connected with Fire Patrol No. 2, the fire house being at No. 31 Great Jones Street. His patrol receives the same alarm as the fire engine companies do. He reached the scene of the fire at 203 Chrystie, about three or four minutes after the alarm. His book showed that the alarm was at 12.14. When the witness arrived, he commenced to open the windows and fan lights in the saloon. He got in

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was not guilty.

JOSEPH RIMBACH, testified he had been the proprietor of the saloon at 203 Chrystie Street since July 5th, 1892. He bought the saloon from the defendant, and paid him \$250. for it. At the time that he bought the place there was a mortgage for \$2,100. on it. The mortgage is held by Rubsam & Horrman Brewing Company on Staten Island. The witness notified them to remove their bar fixtures and everything covered by the mortgage, and it was at that time that he ascertained the amount of the mortgage to be \$2,100. There was no safe in the saloon at the time that the witness bought the place. The defendant was at that time in the Tombs. In

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the witness testified that he paid only for the license and the goodwill. The bar fixtures and chairs, etc., were mortgage for \$2,100. All that was in there was not worth the amount of the mortgage.

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the witness testified that from the time that the defend-
dabt was arrested until the witness bought the place,
it was open, and in charge of some man. There was only
beer and the fixtures in the saloon at the time; no
liquors or segars. There were eight half-barrels of
beer in the cellar, which the witness sent back to
Rubsam & Horrmann and closed the place. The half-
barrels were worth \$4. each. There was also a stove
there with some kitchen utensils.

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PETER ANDREHEIT, testified that on the night of Sunday, June 26th, he was occupying his apartments at 203 Chrystie Street. He slept in the kitchen---the rear room. The first noise he heard that night was above the restaurant on the first floor. He had been living in that house for more than a year. The witness knew the defendant since the defendant moved in that house; not before. The defendant kept dogs in his saloon, and the witness often heard the dogs bark. On the night of the fire the witness did not hear the dogs bark. When his wife called him he got up and went down into the yard. there was no smoke in his room at that time. When he went into the yard he met a small man standing under the stoop, and the witness's wife called out to him, "Here he is, standing under the stoop." When the witness went toward the man, he came out from behind the steps and gave the witness a push, and tried to get away, and the two men struggled. The witness testified fur-

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ther that, "On top of the stairs where the platform is I gave him a push and he fell backward into the yard going down the steps. Then three men came over the fence from the Stanton Street Side. Two took him up and they carried him out to Chrystie Street, through the hall of the house. The third one got hold of me and tried to throw me over the bannister of the steps. Then when more people came up, he left me and ran away---the third man left me---the one who tried to throw me over the bannisters of the steps leading into the yard. The man that the two men took through the hallway was the same man that the witness found under the steps at first. Nothing was said by either the witness or the small man; the witness did not say "Are you here?" and the small man did not say to the witness, "What is the matter?" or, "Where comes the smoke from?" There are five stories to the house, and all the floors are occupied by tenants. It is a double tenement. There were two families on each floor, and the witness was the housekeeper in charge of the whole house. In

C r o s s - E x a m i n a t i o n,

the witness testified that when he went into the yard

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there was no one but the man under the stoop, but when he caught hold of the man three men came over the fence. Nobody else came into the yard after that. Later on, when the gas was lit, and the man tried to throw the witness over the bannisters, other people came in---about four or five minutes after the witness went into the yard, and at the time when he threw the man down from the platform. He saw the defendant out that evening with his dogs. The dogs bark every night. If a person went to the watercloset, or something was moving in the yard, they always bark. They annoyed the tenants in the house. About 4 o'clock in the morning of the same night the witness went into the wood cellar where the fire was, and examined before going to bed. It was the defendant's wood cellar. In

Re - Direct Examination,

the witness testified that the steps going down into the cellar from the yard are covered, that is they have two flat doors, opening in the middle to the right and left---outside upon that area or in the center. There is also the same kind of an entrance---flat doors with stairs

leading to the cellar from the street. The street door belongs to the saloon-keeper, and he has charge of it. The witness always saw it locked. In

Re - Cross Examination.

the witness testified that the cellar was partitioned off, and there was a door to go all through the cellar--- from the front to the yard. Of the three large rooms in the front of the cellar, two belonged to the defendant, but the witness did not know to whom the other belonged. The third man who tried to push the witness over the railing, was a stranger to the witness, but he was one of the three men who came over the fence. The woodshed in which the barrel containing the candle was found belonged to the defendant.

THOMAS F. BARRETT, being recalled by the District Attorney, testified that he examined the entrance to the cellar from the street, and found both fastened on the inside, and could not be lifted from the outside.

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known the defendant for about five or six years. The

J. W. SOHRIVER, testified that he was a pastry cook. He had

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LEO STEINBERGER,

defendant had the property insured. insurance was handed to the witness right after the defen- best price he could for the property. The policy of bar, stock, furniture and everything else, and got the defendant, but sold the defendant's place for \$250.--- defendant. The witness did not pay any bills for the that that firm held a mortgage of \$2,000. against the owed Rubsam & Horvman, \$236.53. He did know, however, after the fire. He did not know that the defendant The witness did not know what bills the defendant owed hind the defendant's bar, but never saw a safe there.

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hind the defendant's bar, but never saw a safe there. The witness did not know what bills the defendant owed after the fire. He did not know that the defendant owed Rubsam & Horrman, \$236.53. He did know, however, that that firm held a mortgage of \$2,000. against the defendant. The witness did not pay any bills for the defendant, but sold the defendant's place for \$250.--- bar, stock, furniture and everything else, and got the best price he could for the property. The policy of insurance was handed to the witness right after the defendant had the property insured.

LEO STEINBERGER, testified that he worked for the defendant about a month---a month after he bought the place. There was no safe there at that time.

J. W. SCHRIVER, testified that he was a pastry cook. He had known the defendant for about five or six years. The

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defendant's general character for honest and industry was very good.

AUGUST KIENTSCH, the defendant, testified in his own behalf, that he was 29 years of age, and had been in this city about 8 years. He had been in this country 10 years. He was first a cook, and afterwards a butcher and cook. He was never before arrested. He bought the business at 203 Chrystie Street, on January 18th, 1892, from Charlie Schmidt, paying \$2,100. for it, \$1,100 cash, and \$2,000. on mortgage---\$1,000. cash and \$100. in a note endorsed by Hoch. He paid the note. The place was poorly stocked and furnished, and after purchasing it, he added considerable stock and furniture. He bought furniture from Mathias Sabe, and paid for it. He rented the rooms to boarders. Some of the furniture was new and some of it was secondhand. The defendant testified that he did not set fire to his store, nor did he put a lighted candle in the barrel in the woodhouse in the basement. He knew nothing about the origin of the fire

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in the basement or cellar of his store. He knew Andre-
heit, the janitress and husband, and had trouble with
him on the night of the fire. On the Sunday in question
the defendant was in the street "and somebody hollered
fire." The defendant testified further, "I went in
the store. As soon as I opened it, there was a smoke.
I went behind the bar and took out of the drawer all the
papers and the revolver and what was in that drawer I
put in my pocket and went into the yard. As soon as I
went out in the yard there comes the housekeeper. He
came downstairs and said, "You here." I said, "What
is the matter?" I said, "Where comes the smoke from?"
It was all full of smoke. He would not say anything;
he only wanted to grab me. He fought me. Then he took
me out into the street, I don't know what for. He want-
ed to beat me, and he hollered 'Murder! Murder!' I
don't know what it was. Sometimes he hit me in the
face. I don't know what for, whether it was somebody
wanted to rob me, or what it was, that night. I knew
nothing about the fire at all." He had been struck
and kicked in the face and all over. He drew the revol-
ver out of his pocket, when he was in the street, he

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said "I wanted to throw it away; I wanted to scare the people so as to leave me go." He denied saying to Miss Arnett that he would shoot her if she did not go to Bridgeport with him, or that he had a scheme to make \$3,500., or that he would like to meet her at the Tremont House and take her to Bridgeport. In

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the witness testified that he was born in Wirtenburg, Germany. He took the license on Sunday afternoon because he had to make an application for a new city license on Monday. He generally kept it framed, behind the bar. He paid \$1,100. for the place, in January, and added \$200. or \$300. worth of stuff to it. All his furniture upstairs was worth from \$750. to \$1,000. On Sunday he was sick upstairs, but went out about 9 o'clock that night; he went to see his old boss, Ulbach, at 170th Street, and stayed there until 11 or half-past 11, when he returned home. He was at the corner of Stanton and Chrystie Street when he heard the cry of fire, but he did not know where the fire was. He then went to his saloon. He found it full of smoke, and he went behind the bar and

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and opened a drawer and scraped into it everything that was worth anything, and put some papers in his pocket, and went into the yard from the saloon. The revolver and the money he had already in his pockets. As soon as he went out in the yard, the housekeeper, Andreheit, grabbed him. There was a man jumping over the fence in the yard, and there were two, three or four men there. When Andreheit grabbed him, he thought he wanted his money. He did not go to his room that night, after he left the premises at 9 o'clock to go to 170th Street. The license, Revenue Stamps, collars, handkerchiefs, bank book and receipt for \$20. were in the drawer. He did not go upstairs at all with Andreheit. He did not know he grabbed him first, and could not say that it was Andreheit, because it was night time. He had two dogs in his saloon, for about a month. One he had "for fun", and the other was a watch dog. He came right straight home from 170th Street. He had his Bulldog with him at that time. The witness gave several different explanations of his object in going to 170th Street, among them were, to see his old boss, to see old friends, to hire help, and to get the fresh air. The defendant

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had the dog attached to a chain, and took him into the saloon with him, when he went there to save the property in the drawer, but he does not now know where the dog is. Some of the bills which he received when he bought furniture, etc., he kept and some he threw away as they were received. At the station-house Officer Dokel asked him, the defendant, if he made the fire, and he told the officer that he knew nothing about the fire. He remembered being taken from the station-house to the Essex Market Police Court, on Monday morning. The defendant said that he was not down in the cellar in a whole week, because he was sick. He returned from 170th Street to Houston Street in the 3rd Avenue horse cars, and took the dog with him on the car. The other dog was in his saloon at that time. He did not remember seeing the other dog in the saloon, when he returned. He identified the pistol shown to him in court as belonging to him. He had it nearly a year. He loaded it up last year. In

R e - D i r e c t E x a m i n a t i o n,

the witness testified that when he was in the Essex Market Police Court he had a lawyer, to whom he told his case. He had an examination there, and said that he

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had a struggle in the yard with the housekeeper, Andreheit; that he did not set fire to the premises; that he was insured for \$3500, in the Hanover Insurance Company, but that he did not have his insurance policy with him; that it was in the safe of a friend named Hoag, for safe keeping. The witness never saw Hoag or Hoch. The witness asked the defendant whether he desired to make any further statements, and the defendant said "No"---or, rather, shook his head. The witness never had a conversation with the defendant after that. About half-past 9 o'clock, on the morning of the 27th---the morning of the fire---the witness returned to the premises 203 Chrystie Street, having previously attended at the Essex Market Police Court, where the defendant had been arraigned. He, the witness, explained to the Judge that the defendant was arrested in connection with the fire already referred to, and that he, the witness, desired to have the defendant remanded for 24 hours, and the Judge made the remand. Up to this time the witness had not seen the Fire Marshall. After leaving the Essex Market Police Court, the witness went to No. 203 Chrystie Street. The saloon there was open. About four persons

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were in the saloon, one of whom was in charge.

STEPHEN McDERMOTT, testified that he was the Sergeant on duty in the 11th Precinct Station House, early on the morning of Monday, June 27th, 1892, when the defendant was brought in by Officer Harris. The witness identified the blotter shown to him in court. The entry made therein was made as the result of questions that the witness asked the defendant at that time. The blotter here referred to was the official blotter kept in the police station. It is the kind of blotter kept in every police station in the City of New York. In answer to the questions put to him, the defendant said, that his name was Christ, or some such name---a peculiar name that the witness did not exactly remember; he also stated his age, nationality, occupation and residence. The witness asked the defendant if he set fire to the place, but the defendant did not seem to understand the witness---that was a conclusion drawn by the witness. The answers made by the defendant were entered in the blotter, in the presence of

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the defendant. Officer Harris acted as an interpreter, asking the questions in German and translating the answers into English. In

Cross-Examination,

the witness testified that he was present at the interview between Mr. Freel and the defendant, at about half-past 2 o'clock on the morning of June 27th. Mr. Freel is Assistant Fire Marshall. He heard the conversation, in the main room, in front of the desk. It was partly in German and partly in English. The witness informed the defendant that he was charged with arson, and then ordered him to be locked up.

CHRIS HOCH, testified that he resided at 74 East 3rd Street, and was a saloon-keeper. He knew the defendant. Prior to the 26th of June, 1892, he, the witness, at the defendant's request kept in his safe a policy of insurance on the defendant's premises, and delivered it to Detective Smith, at the request of the defendant.

OFFICER HARRIS, being recalled by Mr. Weeks for further examination, testified that he desired to make a correction in his testimony in regard to the ward in which the premises 203 Chrystie Street, are located. They are situated in the 17th Ward, and were not on his beat.

MINNIE ARNETT, testified that she lives at 19 Great Jones Street. She works as an upstairs girl. Prior to the 26th of June she was employed by the defendant. She entered his employ about four weeks before the fire occurred, and served as cook in his restaurant at 203 Chrystie Street. She left his employment the Wednesday before the fire, at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock, and went to 121 Houston Street. She next saw the defendant on the Friday following that Wednesday at 203 Chrystie Street. She next saw him about 12, Sunday noon, June 26th, lying on the sofa in the front room, on the same floor on which Mr. Andreheit lived, but on the opposite side of the hall.

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When she, the witness, entered the defendant asked her why she did not keep her word, and come back on Saturday; she said she went to Brooklyn. He then told her that he had \$3500, in sight---"They have the money, and I have the papers" she testified that those were the very words he used. He wanted her to go to Bridgeport with him---that evening she should go to the Tremont House with him, and in the morning they were to board the train to go to Bridgeport. He was going to start a saloon there, and furnish for her, the witness, a flat or room above the saloon, with servants and all conveniences; and that if she refused to go there "another bullet was in the pistol"---if this scheme of his was not accomplished between 12 and 1, he should shoot himself; should it be accomplished, he was to go to Bridgeport. This was when she was to meet him and go to the Tremont House with him. If she refused to go, there was another bullet in the pistol for her. She saw a pistol. She testified further that he said she was to keep quiet for four whole weeks; not to receive any mail, or any visitors, and not to go outside the door for four full weeks; and, in the meantime, he would write his lawyer, and have this

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money collected; if not, that he would send her on for it---that he would leave it to her good will to come back with it. More was said by the defendant, but she could not remember it. The papers that he referred to, for \$3,500, were in the safe, at 74 Third Street---Cooks' Headquarters, the place kept by Hoch. The witness said to the defendant, in regard to going to the Tremont House or to Bridgeport, that she would go upon condition that the defendant "got two rooms at the Tremont House." Finally he consented to do so, and he said that she should meet him that evening at 10 o'clock, at 74 Third Street---the Cooks' Headquarters. It is a saloon, in the basement. From there we went to the Tremont, and from there to board the 10 or 10.30 train, at the Grand Central Depot, for Bridgeport. The defendant was counting his money in the morning. The witness saw in his possession \$165 to 185. The witness further testified, "Then he," meaning the defendant, "took trunks in my presence. From upstairs he went down in the saloon, and, in the meantime, I got all my belongings together that I had loose lying around there, and put them in a bundle in a box. It was a hat box and left them there. Then

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they called me down to the saloon. Then when I came down they said he had a fit. I went downstairs and I saw two men holding him. Then I ran down to the corner of Chrystie and Rivington Streets for a doctor, and no doctor came. A boy brought a bottle of medicine which he," meaning the defendant, "broke. He said he was not going to take any doctor's prescription." She took her sewing machine and clothes home on that Sunday. The defendant then went out in the yard, and sat on the stoop. She had her clothes and machine taken to 121 Houston Street, where she lived. She next saw the defendant at half-past 5 o'clock. She was then coming out of 121 Houston Street, and the defendant was coming in, and he asked her where she was going. She went to the Cooks' Headquarters that evening, an hour ahead of the time stated, but did not see him. She did not go to the Tremont House. She next saw him at the Essex Market--- Monday morning. She had no conversation with him at that time. He called her, but she did not answer him. She next saw him, at the station-house, on Monday night, June 27th, between 10 and 11--she could not exactly say. There were present at the station-house, Captain Cross,

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Detective Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Duquell and the witness. She had a conversation with the defendant on that Monday night at the station-house. It was carried on in both English and German. She made a statement to Captain Cross. Captain Cross asked her first if her statement was true. The witness asked the defendant, in German, if he had set this place on fire. The defendant said she was getting him to a point which he did not like to talk about. When asked about the insurance papers, he said, "Well, I was not insured at first off---other people has the papers." The witness further testified that the defendant said "I set the place on fire"--- that those were the very words he used. She the witness, worked for the defendant for about four weeks, as cook. Nothing further was said at that conversation that she could recollect. The liquor license was generally kept in a frame, with a glass over it, on the side of the bar. The last time she remembered seeing it upon the wall was on Wednesday, the day she left the saloon. The Internal Revenue receipt was kept just below the license, and was in a frame without a glass over it. She saw it on the same day hung up in the frame. The

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saloon and restaurant were usually closed on Sundays between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. She visited it on Sunday, June 26th, at 12 noon, and it was open. Between 3 and 4 o'clock she left that day. The saloon was not open at the time she left. There was a waiter and bartender and the witness, who did the cooking. The name of the man who attended bar was Martin. In

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the witness testified that she was living at 19 Great Jones Street. She worked for Mrs. R. Bussy. She did not sleep at 203 Chrystie Street until about a week and a half before the fire occurred. Her hours of work were from 7 in the morning until 8 o'clock at night. The defendant slept on a lounge and the witness in a bed in the same room, but she was never intimate with the defendant. She never received any money from the defendant except her salary. She received all of her salary but one week. Sometimes the defendant talked to her in regard to business in the saloon and restaurant. He was doing a good business while she was there. She was not discharged on the Wednesday before the fire; she left. The next time that she saw him, after the Wed-

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nesday on which she left, was on Friday, when he sent for her. The defendant was lying on the lounge in his room, and said that he was sick, and asked the witness to remain and do his work for him as long as he was sick. She remained with him until Saturday morning. The defendant was lying on the sofa, and did not undress nor did the witness. The defendant drank Martel brandy. He had fits. The defendant sent for her again on Sunday. The defendant had a safe in his place when she was there. He said he sent for her on Sunday, between 12 and 3 o'clock as he wanted to take her to Bridgeport. He said when she got to Bridgeport, she would find out what he wanted her for. The defendant threatened her, with a pistol, for refusing to go to Bridgeport. She remained in his room about three quarters of an hour. He then left the witness, and went downstairs, and she was called downstairs, and found the defendant in a fit, with two men holding him. She remained with him downstairs 10 minutes, then had the men assist her in getting her belongings away, and she left. She saw him after that at 5.30 at 121 Houston Street. The witness did not receive \$20. from the defendant on Wednesday before she left; nor at any time

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during the week. She has seen him with considerable money. She saw him before with the pistol. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday she saw him with the pistol in his possession; otherwise he had it more or less behind the bar. The last time she saw him, before his arrest, was at 5.30 p.m., at 121 Houston Street. The next time she saw him was on Monday morning, at Essex Market. She went there through curiosity, having heard that he had been arrested. The only person she spoke to about the matter was Captain Cross on Monday afternoon; she did not think she told Mr. Freel, though she had a conversation with him at 121 West Houston Street. When the defendant was asked, by Captain Cross, what he had used, candle, matches, kerosene, he said "I don't want to talk." The defendant admitted, in English, in answer to a question put to him by Captain Cross, so that every one in the room could hear, that he did set fire to the place. A Mrs. Whipper, with whom the witness was boarding, was the first to tell her, the witness, about the fire. The witness then went to the fire to see it and returned to 121 Houston Street.

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ADAM CROSS, testified that he is a police captain, in charge of the 11th Precinct. On the afternoon of Monday, June 27th, 1892, the witness had an interview with Minnie Arnett, in relation to this case. In the evening of that day, after 10 o'clock, the witness had an interview with the defendant at which Miss Arnett, Mr. Foley and Mr. Dokel were present. The witness told the prisoner that he was charged with setting fire to the house in which he had a saloon at 203 Chrystie Street; that the witness was anxious to find out about it, and would like the defendant tell the plain truth and nothing but the truth. The witness then called the defendant's attention to some statements that had been made by Miss Arnett. The witness said to the defendant, "Miss Arnett claims that yesterday afternoon you told her that you had papers in your pocket representing \$3500.; that you had a scheme whereby you expected to realize that amount; that if the scheme was successful, you would take her to Bridgeport; if it was not successful, you would blow out your brains or kill yourself, and you are charged

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with setting fire to this house, and I would like you to tell the truth about it." He, finally, after a good deal of conversation, confessed it. The witness talked with the defendant in the neighborhood of two hours. During that conversation the defendant said that he did set it on fire. When the witness questioned the defendant as to why, and how he set the premises on fire, he, the defendant, said he did not set it on fire---"I did not set it on fire," the defendant said. The conversation was carried on in English, and, through Officer Dokel and Miss Arnett, in German, the witness taking all precautions to insure correctness. In

C r o s s - E x a m i n a t i o n,

the witness testified that he would arrive at a point and say, "Well, I did set it on fire." When questioned as to how he did it, whether he used matches or candles or rags he would say, "I don't know anything about it." In answer to the question, "Did you set fire to the place?" the defendant said, "Yes; put it down as you please." And the defendant answered some of the questions in English. The witness called in officer Dokel, who

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speaks German, fearing that the defendant might not perfectly understand his, the witness's, meaning. The defendant appeared to be a trifle nervous during the conversation between him and the witness.

DIEDERICK W. DOKEL, testified that he was a member of the Municipal Police, attached to the 11th Precinct. The witness remembered being called in by Captain Cross on the night of Monday, June 27th, 1892, and acting as the interpreter when the defendant was present as a prisoner, and Minnie Arnett, Captain Cross and Officer Foley were present. After the defendant was informed of the statements made by Miss Arnett, he admitted, twice, that he set fire to the premises in question; and then he denied it. It was when he, the witness, asked the defendant whether it was done with oil or other articles, that the defendant denied having done it. The defendant said to Miss Arnett, when the question as to the setting fire to the premises was approached, "Now, you bring me to the point what I don't care to speak of."

In

Cross - Examination,
the witness testified that when the defendant was asked to tell the truth, he said, "Well, to tell the truth, I done it."

CHRIS HOCH, being recalled by the defense, testified that he had known the defendant about five or six years. And knew the other people who knew the defendant. The witness never knew anything against the defendant's character and always knew him to work for his living and attend to his business. He had been to the defendant's saloon occasionally, but had never seen a safe there. He went to the defendant's saloon, the morning after his arrest, about 11 or 12 o'clock, and took charge of it in the disposition of the defendant's property while the defendant was in the Tombs. In

Cross - Examination,
the witness testified that before the fire, he went be-

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

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CAPTAIN OR OFFICER IN COMMAND.

Dear Sir:

I desire to see Officer *Rarcey*
Muy P attached to your command in
in relation to the case of
Fred Goetsch
sentenced *June 15* to *6*
years and *19* months imprisonment by
James Brown

Please ask the officer to bring such information in relation to the case, and as to the previous record of the prisoner, as he may be enabled to obtain.

Yours truly,

HENRY W. UNGER,

Deputy Assistant and Secretary to the District Attorney.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against
August Kientz

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

August Kientz

of the CRIME OF ARSON IN THE 2nd DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said August Kientz,

late of the 2nd Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 12th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the night time of the said day, a certain dwelling-house of one Adam Kientz, there situate, there being then and there within the said dwelling-house some human being, feloniously, wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn, 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

August Kientz

of the CRIME OF ARSON IN THE 2nd DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said August Kientz,

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the night time of the said day, a certain dwelling-house of one Peter Kientz, there situate, there being then and there within the said dwelling-house some human being, feloniously, wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Kiernan, John

DATE:

07/08/92



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Witnesses:

James P. Evans

522 Cooper Street

John J. Kelly

Off Attorney

12th Avenue

Suit office & complete

Counsel,

Filed 8 day of July 1891

Plends, Not Guilty.

THE PEOPLE

vs. John E. ...

John Kiernan

Grand Larceny, (From the Person) Degree 2d [Sections 528, 530, 536 Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLI,

District Attorney.

22 July 1891 ...

A TRUE BILL.

[Signature]

July 22, 1891 Foreman.

Plends Petit Larceny

6 Cooper St

July 24/91

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Police Court— 3rd District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss.

of No. 342 Prospect Place Brooklyn street, aged 39 years,
occupation... Reporter being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 26 day of June 1897 at the City of New

and person York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession
of deponent, in the night time, the following property, viz:

One Gold watch of the value
of One hundred and fifty dollars

the property of Deponent

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

from the fact that at about the hour
of four o'clock A.M. on said date
deponent being tired and fatigued sat
down in a room way of premises no
27 E Avenue B, and fell asleep and
a short time thereafter deponent was
awakened by Officer Chas Rose W. K. Ross
of the 13th Precinct Police and said
Officer asked deponent if he had anything
and deponent discovered that his watch
had been stolen from the left hand
side lower pocket of deponent's vest
worn on the person of deponent and
deponent further says that he is informed

Sworn to before me, this
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Police Justice

by James J. Henry 590 East 14th
Street that the defendant gave
him a watch which was shown in court
and admitted and confessed to said
Henry that he found said watch
on the walk in Avenue B between
4th and 5th streets where shown in
court and identified said watch
as the property taken stolen and carried
away as aforesaid

Sworn to before me
this 27 day of June 1892 Thomas P. Evans

Charles J. Linton
Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 32 years, occupation Police Officer of No. The 13th Precinct Police Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

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

Sworn to before me this 27th day of June 1888 Ambrose W. Hesse

Charles N. Santor
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 24 years, occupation Fireman of No. 520 East 14th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Thomas O Evans

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of June 1885

James J Henry

Charles N. Smith
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

District Police Court

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

John Kerman 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 Kerman*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *23 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *200 East 37th St. 3 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Iron Works*

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 found the watch on the side walk on Avenue B*

John Kerman

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Taken before me this 19th day of June 1913
[Signature]
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 De Juan

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, June 20 1897 Charles N. Scoville Police Justice.

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

Dated, _____ 189 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated, _____ 189 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court, 3rd District, 1789

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas O. Evans
5-42. Precinct 113
as Deputy
John Kennedy
Offense: [unclear]

BAILED,

No. 1, by.....
Residence..... Street.

No. 2, by.....
Residence..... Street.

No. 3, by.....
Residence..... Street.

No. 4, by.....
Residence..... Street.

Dated, June 27 1892
Sanilo Magistrate.
Amos W. Knowlton Officer.
113 Precinct.

Witnesses each the Officer
No. Amos W. Knowlton Street.
570 E 14th Street.

No. _____ Street.
\$ 1000 to [unclear]



[Handwritten signature]

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 Keenan

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

John Keenan

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

The said

John Keenan

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 26th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, in the nighttime of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one watch of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Thomas P. Evans on the person of the said Thomas P. Evans then and there being found, from the person of the said Thomas P. Evans 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.

SECOND COUNT—

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

John Kiernan
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said

John Kiernan
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,

*one watch of the value
of one hundred and fifty
dollars*

Thomas P. Evans
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Thomas P. Evans*

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said

John Kiernan
then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been feloniously stolen, taken and carried 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Knichrihm, Charles

DATE:

07/20/92



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Witnesses:

Henry Bimler
and
Joseph Green

[Signature]

Frank Carver
Johny [unclear]

[Signature]

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

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July 20, 1897

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Grand Larceny,
[Sections 628, 637,
Degree,
Pennl Code.]

Charles Hutchinson

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

[Signature]

Foreman.

July 20, 1897
[Signature]
[Signature]

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Police Court / District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss:

August Eisenhoff

of No. 381 Broome Street, aged 38 years,

occupation Cutler being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 19th day of July 1892 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:

- 34 Pocket Knives
- 3 Safety Razors
- 5 pairs of nail nippers
- 4 Razors
- 2 Brushes
- 5 Razor Stoves

Being together of the value of
Fifty Dollars

the property of
Deponent

and that this deponent

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

Charles Knickerbocker

(where) for the reasons following

to wit on said day deponent

was in deponent's employ as an agent and deponent

observed the said property from said premises

and deponent is informed by

Thomas Curpina of 57 Exchange Place

that at various times said defendant

used to leave the aforesaid property which he returned to deponent. Deponent further says that he fully identifies said property as being his and charges said defendant with the larceny aforesaid.

Aug. Eisenhoff

Sworn to before me, this 19 day

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of [Signature] Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 35 years, occupation Barber of No.

57 Exchange place Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of August Bierhoff

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

Sworn to before me, this 15
day of July 1894

Thomas Liepniek

[Signature]

Police Justice.

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(1895)

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Charles Knickerbocker*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *31 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *156 East 24th Street 2 mos.*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Agent*

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

Answer. *I am guilty*

Charles Knickerbocker

Taken before me this *15* day of *July*, 189 *5*
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

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guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same, and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *1000* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated, *July 15* 189 *2* *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court--- District. 1894

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

August Pickard
3rd Precinct
1. *Charles Smith*
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
Offense _____

BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Dated, *July 15* 189*2*

Lewis Magistrate.

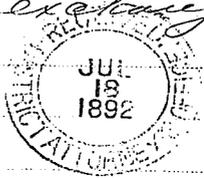
Porter Officer.

10th Precinct.

Witnesses *Thomas Cup...*

No. *15 Exchange place* Street.

No. _____ Street.



No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *GA*

C. A. H.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Charles Knickerbocker

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

Charles Knickerbocker

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

The said

Charles Knickerbocker

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 9th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

thirty-four pocket knives of the value of seventy-five cents each, seven razors of the value of two dollars each, five pairs of nail nippers of the value of one dollar each pair, two brushes of the value of one dollar each, five hones of the value of one dollar each,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

August Eckhoff

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.

De Lancey McCall
District Attorney

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Koermer, Samuel

DATE:

07/13/92



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Witnesses:
Offr Foley

Counsel,

Filed, 13. day of July 1892

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Samuel Storney

Samuel Storney

VIOLATION OF THE EXCISE LAW.
(Illegal Sales without License.)
[Chap. 401, Laws of 1892, § 31.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL.

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Edward S. ...

Foreman.

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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

— Samuel Roemer —

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

— Samuel Roemer —

of the CRIME OF SELLING STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINE, ALE AND BEER, IN QUANTITIES LESS THAN FIVE GALLONS AT A TIME, WITHOUT HAVING A LICENSE THEREFOR, committed as follows:

The said — Samuel Roemer —

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *seventh* day of — *July* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*two* —, at the City and County aforesaid, certain strong and spirituous liquors, and certain wine, ale and beer, to wit: one gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whiskey, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell, in quantities less than five gallons at a time, to

one John Foley and to
certain *other* persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, without having a license granted to him in pursuance of any law of this State permitting him to sell either strong or spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of New York.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Koster, Charles

DATE:

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Witnesses:

James Mitchell

Wesley

Counsel, ~~Heingelmann~~

Filed 22 day of July 1892

Pleads, Not Guilty (25)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Charles Koster

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Arson in the 1st Degree.
[Section 484, Penal Code.]

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Edmondson

Foreman.

Sept 21/92

James H. H. H.
Sept 6/92

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

I, Theodore Beesley
of No. Police Street, aged _____ years,
occupation Police officer being duly sworn deposes and says,
that on the _____ day of _____ 188

~~at the City of New York, in the County of New York,~~ William Mollay
(now here) is a necessary and material
witness against Charles Koster, charged
with having committed the crime of Arson,
and deponent further says that he is
led to believe that said Mollay will
not appear at said trial, and he
therefore asks that said Mollay may
be held to await said trial or find
surety for his appearance at said
trial

Theodore Beesley

Sworn to before me, this

of

188

day

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

of No. 140 Greenwich Police Street, aged _____ years,
occupation Police Officer being duly sworn deposes and says,
that on the _____ day of _____ 1888

William Mollay
(now here) is a necessary and material
witness against Charles Koster, charged
with having committed the crime of Arson,
and deponent further says that he is
led to believe that said Mollay will
not appear at said trial and he
therefore asks that said Mollay may
be held to await said trial & find
surety for his appearance at said
trial

Theodore Bessley

Sworn to before me, this _____

of _____

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day

John M. Ryan

Police Justice.

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Police Court District.

City and County of New York ss.

James Mitchell

of No. 154 East 67th Street, aged 42 years, occupation Fireman, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 17th day of July, 1892, at the City of New York, in the County of New York, one Charles Koster, was present,

did, as deponent believes, wilfully and feloniously set fire to and burn, the same being done at or about the hour of five o'clock in the morning, at certain house known as No. 154 West 67th Street, situated in the Fourth Avenue Ward of the said City of New York, said house being a tenement house in which there were at the time certain human beings; in that the said Charles Koster was employed in the room of one Miss Kramer on the 1st or ground floor of said building; that between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon morning, the said Koster said there was no labor, no others being present there, and did lock the doors and windows thereof, so that access thereto by any person could not be gained, and did remain alone in said room, the room of which he occupies as a bed room, until the time above mentioned, when, as he alleges, he found his bed to be on fire and immediately ran out and found an alarm; that when the fireman arrived, the labor was unoccupied and 8 separate fires were found by Benjamin A. Giesque, Peter Kauler and fireman James J. Hayes to be burning in said room, one under the back bar towards the front of the room, a second among the shelves of the back bar about mid-way back in the labor and a third in the bed in the rear room upon which the said Charles Koster claims he was sleeping at the time; that kerosene oil was found in the case of each fire, portions of the ticking and stuffing from the bolsters belonging to the beds in the rear room, which portions of ticking and stuffing was saturated with kerosene oil, being found by the

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persons above mentioned and by Asst. Foreman Thomas H. Freed at the points in the rear of the bar, as heretofore described, which points were far removed from the room in which the bottles were usually kept and used; that no evidence of the presence of any other person than the said Koster in the Saloon at or about the time when fire was so obtained, and no evidence that the place had been entered by any other person.

Department believes, however, that the said Charles Koster, being probably incited thereto by promise of reward made by some person or persons unknown, did set the said fire with the intention of destroying the property of the aforementioned United Brewery, his employer, which property was situated in said Saloon and was insured at the time in the Home Insurance Company of the City of New York in the amount of \$2,000, which amount in the opinion of Department, is largely in excess of the value of said property.

Department asks, therefore, that the said Charles Koster be held to the debt with according to law made and provided in such case.

Sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 1899.

John J. [Signature]

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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Offense

Dated 1899

Magistrate

Officer

Clerk

Witnesses

No. Street

No. Street

No. Street

No. Sessions

to answer

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Peter Hanlon

aged *48* years, occupation *West Foreman Fire Department* of No.

1400 W 57th

Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

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

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

Sworn to before me, this *18th* day of *July*, 189*0*.

Peter Hanlon

John Ryan
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 31 years, occupation Merchant of No. 340 W 48th Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of July 1890 James J. Hayes

John P. Ryan
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

James J. Meel

aged *34* years, occupation *Act. Foreman Fire Dept* of No.

831 Rutgers

Street, being duly sworn, deposes and

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

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

Sworn to before me, this *18th* day of *July*, 189*9*.

James J. Meel

John Ryan
Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

William Shaw
aged 52 years, occupation Fireman in Fire Dept of No. 357 West 17th St Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of James Mitchell and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponent's own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of July 1892 } William Shaw

John Ryan
Police Justice

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Sec. 108-200

District Police Court

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Charles Koster*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *37 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *439 West 40th St 6 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Bar tender*

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*

Charles Koster

Taken before me this *18* day of *May* 1938
John J. [Signature]

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 Defendant

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

Dated, July 10 189 John Ryan Police Justice.

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

Dated, _____ 189 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated, _____ 189 _____ Police Justice.

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Witness William Mallory
sent to the house of detention
in default of \$1000 Bail

Police Court, 2nd District, 87th

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Mitchell
vs.
Charles Kostel
Offense, *arson*

Dated, July 18 1892

Ryan Magistrate.

Gustave Koller Officer.

70 Precinct.

Witnesses Peter Hanlon

No. Eric Depp Street.

James Hayes Street.

No. Eric Depp Street.

Chas. E. Freil Street.

No. Eric Depp Street.

\$ 5000 to answer



BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____ Street.

Witnesses
Wm Shaw
Eric Depp

William Mallory
House of Det.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

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OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Charles Koster

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

— *Charles Koster* —

of the CRIME OF ARSON IN THE *first* DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Charles Koster,*

late of the *Twentysecond* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *seventeenth* day of *July*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-*two*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *night* time of the said day, a certain *dwelling house* of one *Frank Reilly* there situate, there being then and there within the said *dwelling house* some human being, feloniously, wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn, 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

— *Charles Koster* —

of the CRIME OF ARSON IN THE *first* DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Charles Koster,*

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *night* time of the said day, a certain *dwelling house* of one *Fredericka Fett*, there situate, there being then and there within the said *dwelling house* some human being, feloniously, wilfully and maliciously did set on fire and burn, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

4457

DESCRIPTION:

Kuck, George

DATE:

07/20/92



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Counsel,

Filed 20 day of July 1897

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

Forgery in the Second Degree. [Sections 511 and 512, Penal Code.]

vs. George Kuch

DE LANCEY NICOLI,
District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL.

Edward E. ...

Foreman.

July 20/97
Pleads guilty
2406
July 22/97 F.D.

Witnesses:

Edward E. ...

George Kuch

*Plas ...
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New York, July 9th 1892.



UNION SQUARE BANK
8 UNION SQUARE
NEW YORK.

Ms. Abschmitt & Kuck \$ 29 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀
(Twenty nine) Dollars

No. 127

Per. Lynch & Co.

J. Ottmann Lith. Co. N.Y.

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Heidschnitz & Kude
Philippine Hauptmann
F. Fichtensberger

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(1885)

Police Court— 3 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }
of New York, } ss.

of No. 202 East Houston Street, aged 50 years,
Philipine Laughagen
occupation Fancy goods being duly sworn,

deposes and says, that on the 9th day of July 1892 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:

Twenty nine dollars lawful money
of the United States

Sworn to before me, this 10th day

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 George Ruck (now here) for
the reason that the defendant
came to deponent and presented
the annexed check and represented
that he had received the annexed
check in the course of business
and induced deponent to give him
the sum of \$9.00 the alleged face
value of the said check. Deponent
~~presented~~ ^{carried safe check} said check to the drawer
for payment and payment was refused
for the reason that no funds were
in its hand and the drawer had
no account. Deponent is informed by
Emanuel Meyer (now here) who arrested

W. J. [Signature]
1892
Police Justice.

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the defendant, that the defendant
acknowledged and confessed to him
that he defendant wrote said check
and and affixed the name of the pretended
drawer thereon

Wherefore deponent charges the defendant
with obtaining said money from deponent
by the aid of said check with intent
to defraud

Sworn to before me
this 14th July, 1892

Philippe Luyckx

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Emanuel Meyer
aged *37* years, occupation *Police officer* of No.

147 Pecanet Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Philipine Langhagen

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

Sworn to before me, this *14*
day of *July*, 189*8*

Emanuel Meyer

[Signature]

Police Justice

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Sec 108-200.

3 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

George Kuok

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *George Kuok*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *24 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *1007 First Avenue New York*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *owning water*

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*
Geo Kuok

Taken before me this *17*
day of *July* 19*33*
[Signature]
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

defendant

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

Dated, *July 14* 189*2* *[Signature]* Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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

Dated, 189 Police Justice.

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Police Court, 3 District, 867

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Philip Langlagers
202 E. 11th St. N.Y.
George Kuck

Chaudhary
Officer

BAILED,

No. 1, by

Residence..... Street.

No. 2, by

Residence..... Street.

No. 3, by

Residence..... Street.

No. 4, by

Residence..... Street.

Dated, *July 14* 189*7*

Duffy Magistrate.

Mechan au Meyer Officer.

111 Precinct.

Witnesses

No. *P. Sichtenberger* Street.

116 E. Houston

Call officers

No.  Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ *1000* to answer *Ed*

Burn

*to get
d. met.*

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 Kuck

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

George Kuck

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

The said

George Kuck,

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, at the City and County aforesaid, with intent to defraud, feloniously did forge a certain instrument and writing, which said forged instrument and writing is as follows, that is to say:

New York, July 9th 1892

Union Square Bank & Union Square New York
Pay to the order of

Heidechmidt & Kuck \$29 00/100

(twenty nine) Dollars

No. 27

Jan. Lynch & Co

[Handwritten flourish]

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

George Kuck

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

The said

George Kuck

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 intent to defraud, did feloniously utter, dispose of and put off as true, a certain forged instrument and writing, which said forged instrument and writing is as follows, that is to say:

New York, July 9th 189-

Union Square Bank ^{*8 Union Square*} ^{*New York.*}

Pay to the order of

Hedtschmitt & Kuck *\$29⁰⁰/₁₀₀*

(Twenty-nine) Dollars

No. 127

Jas Lynch & Co.

the said

George Kuck

then and there well knowing the same to be forged, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.