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Counsel,

Filed 23 day of June 1886

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Guilty

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Frank S. Babel

Engaging ~~in~~ in a Banking Game.
(Section 844, Penal Code).

Cardy

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

J. Eugene McKee

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Foreman.

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City Tavern

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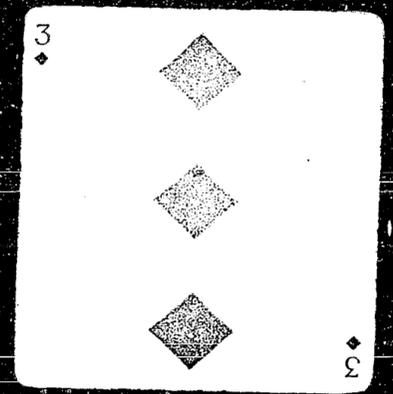
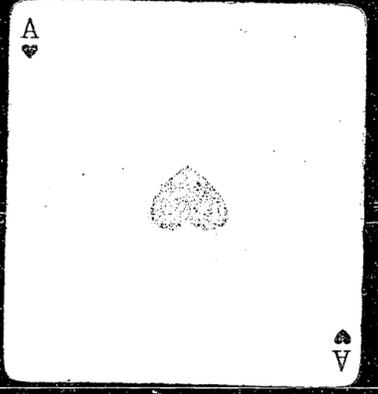
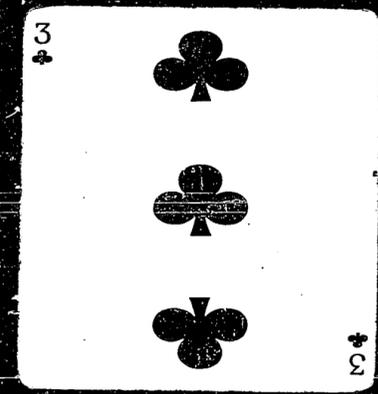
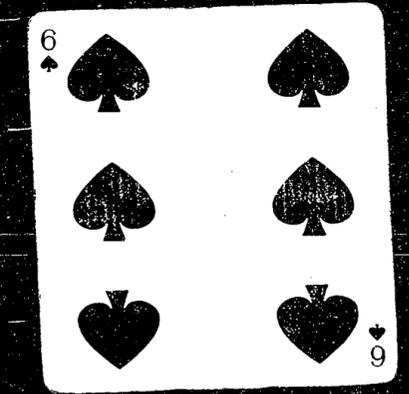
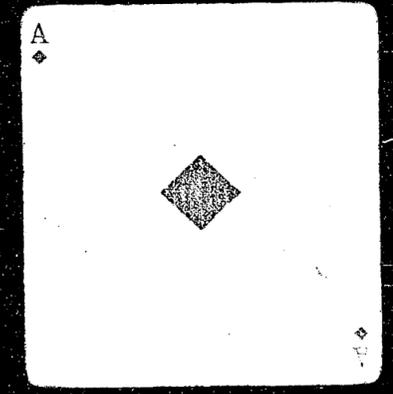
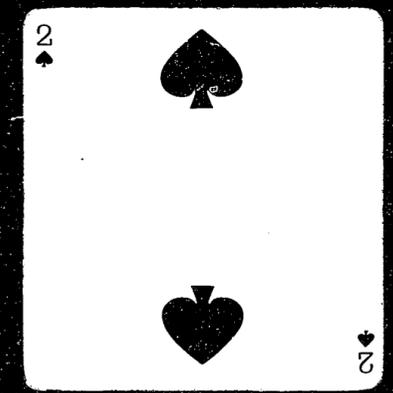
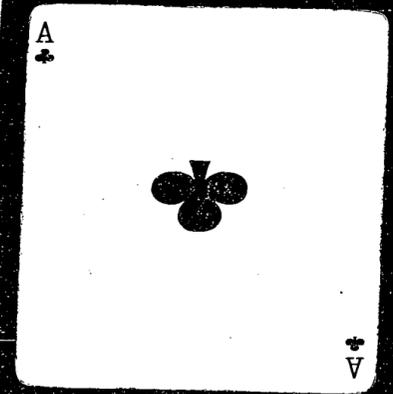
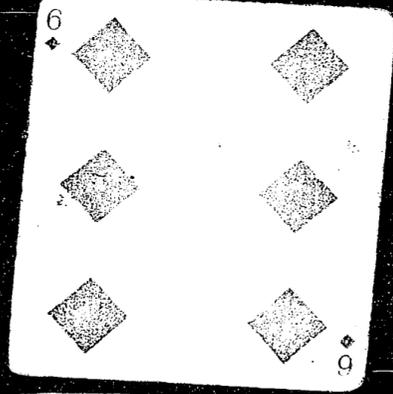
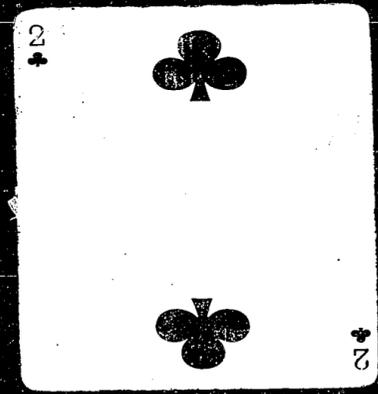
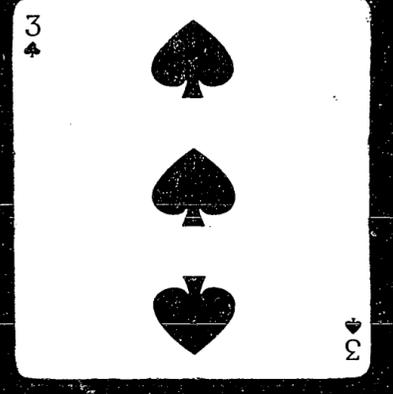
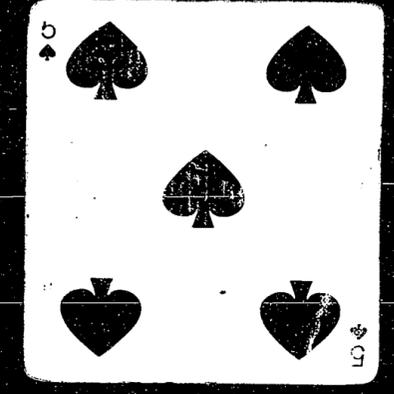
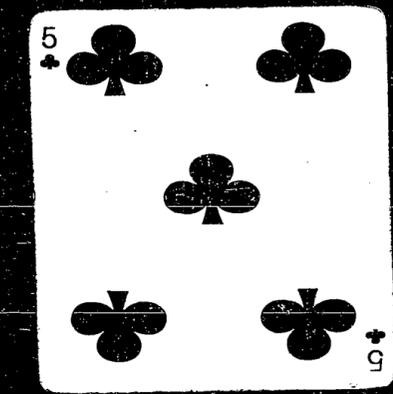
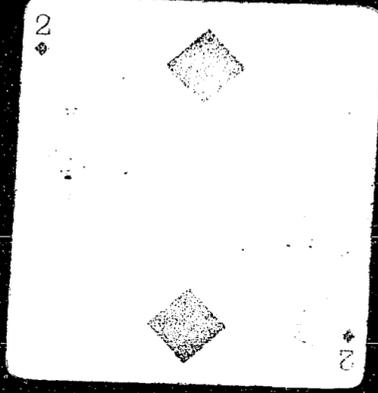
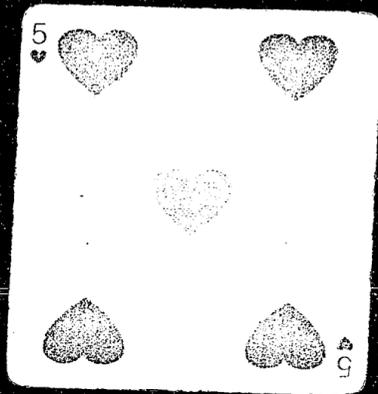
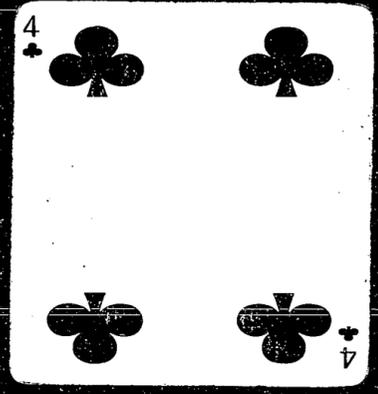
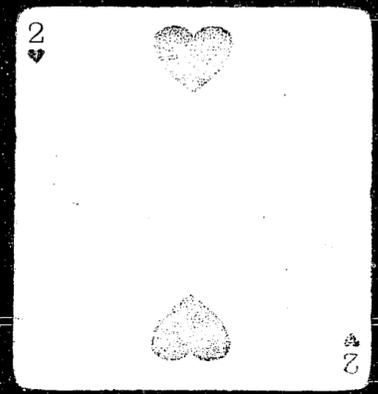
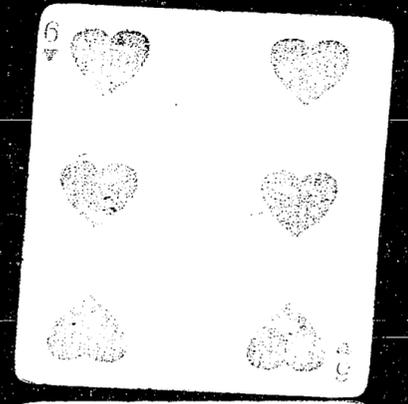
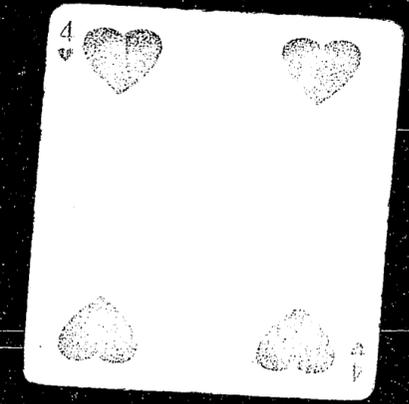
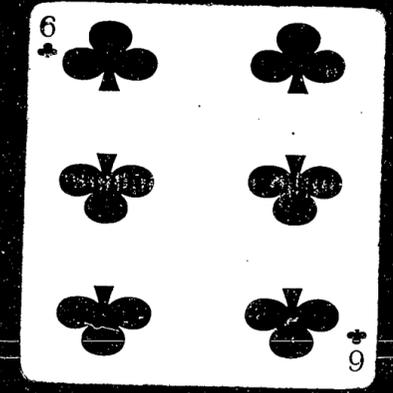
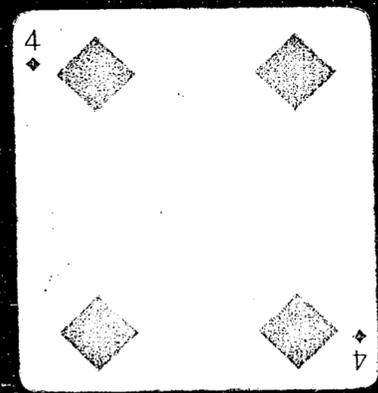
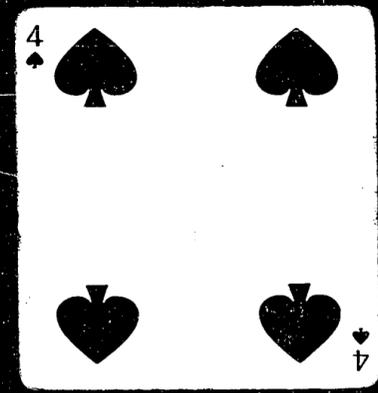
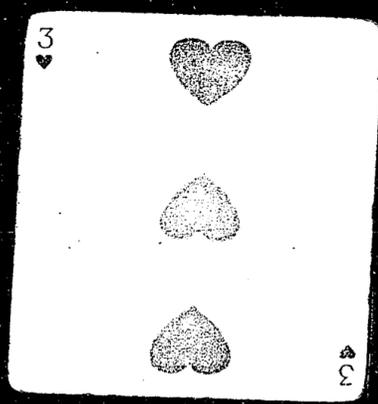
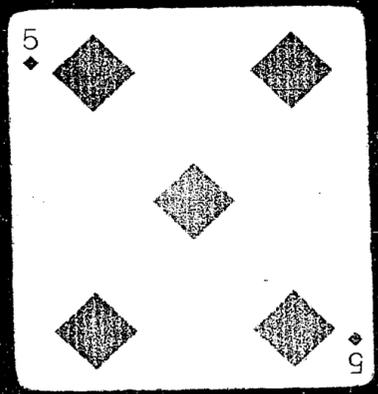
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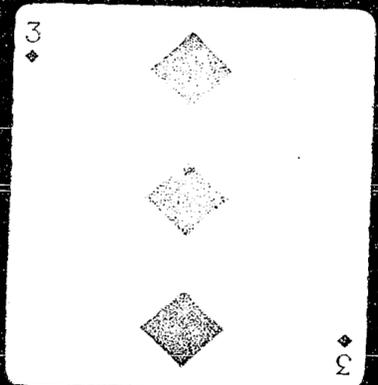
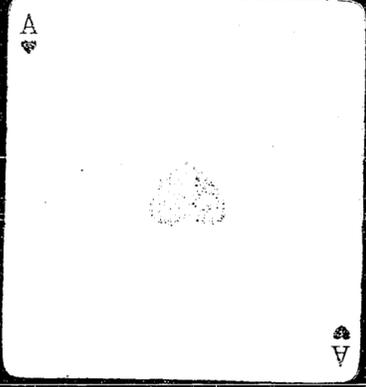
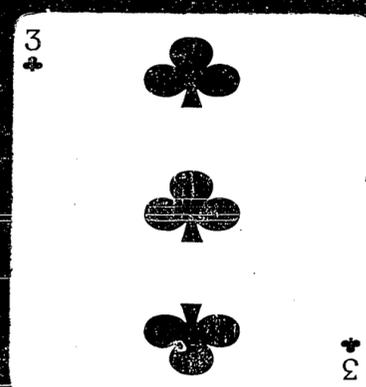
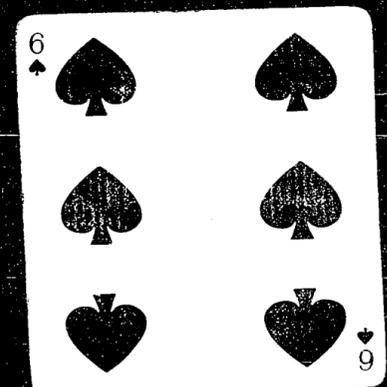
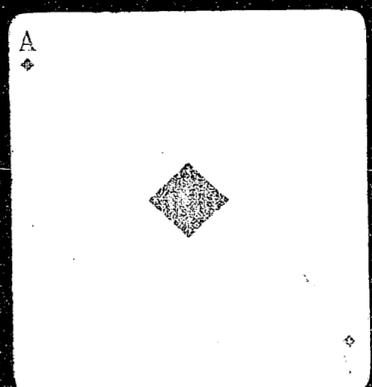
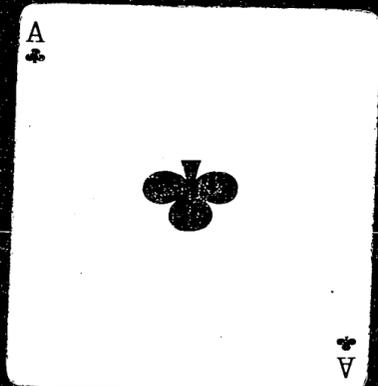
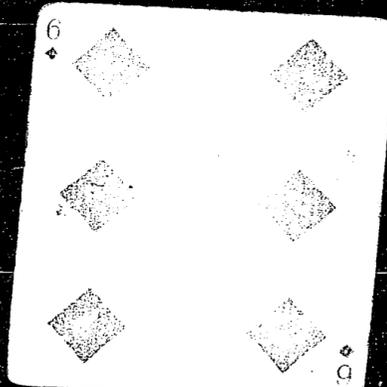
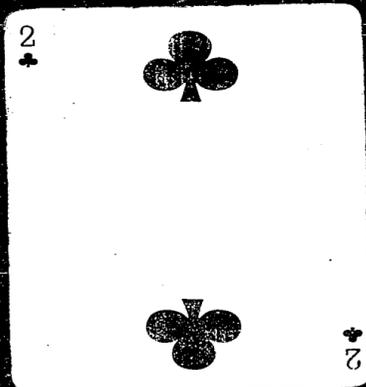
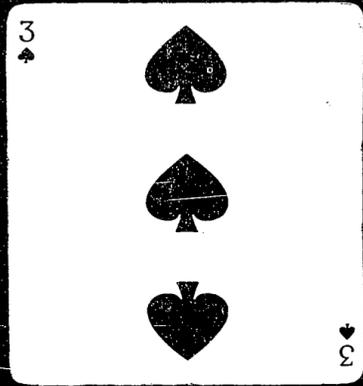
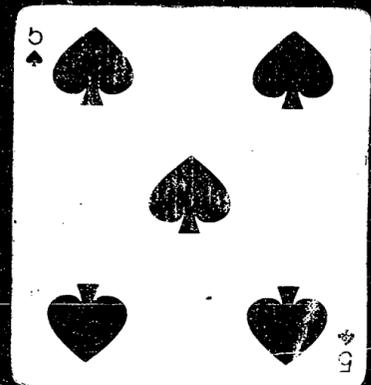
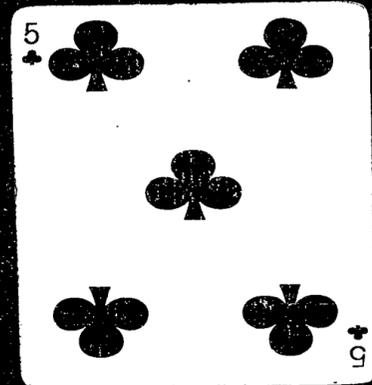
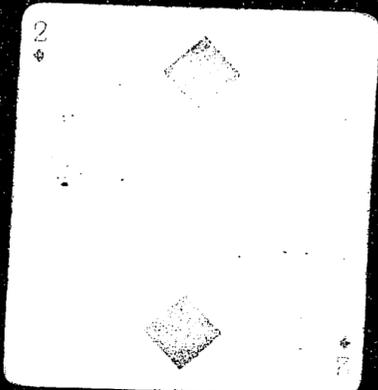
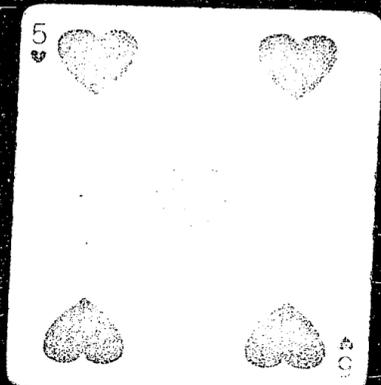
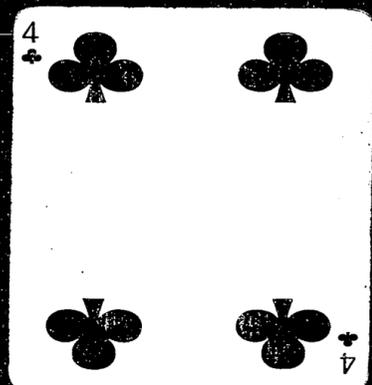
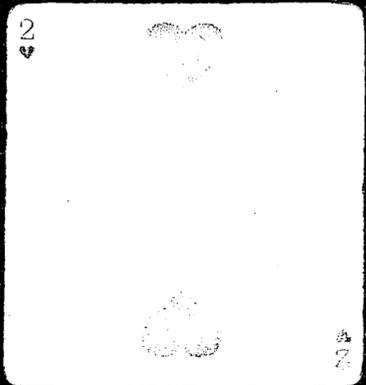
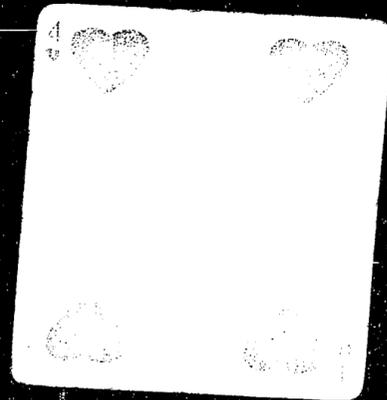
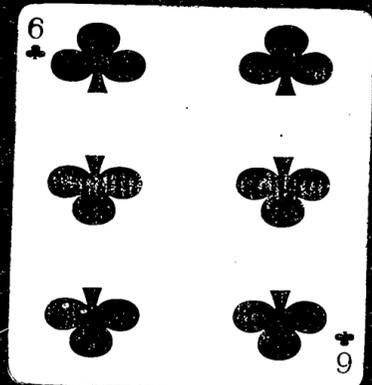
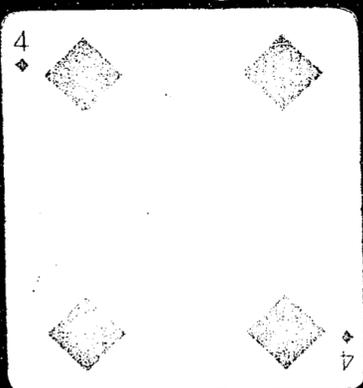
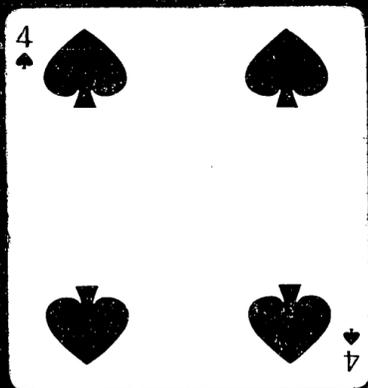
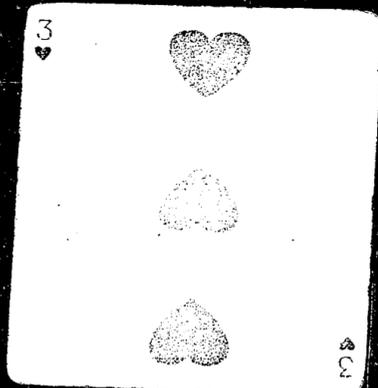
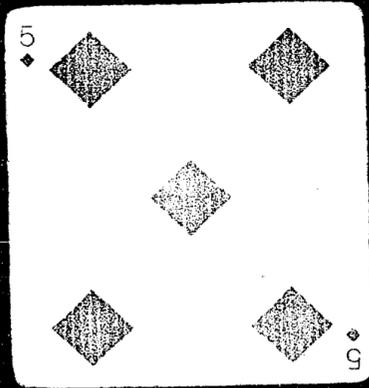
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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against
Frank D. Cadden

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *Frank D. Cadden* —

of the CRIME OF ENGAGING AS *dealer* — IN A BANKING GAME, where money and property were dependent upon the result, committed as follows:

The said *Frank D. Cadden*,

late of the *First* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *19th* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*two*, — and on divers other days, was, and yet is a common gambler; and on the day and in the year aforesaid, the said *Frank D. Cadden*, —

at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, ~~in a certain room in a certain building there situated, known as Number~~

with force and arms, feloniously did engage as *dealer* — in a certain banking game commonly known as "*twent*", — where money and property were dependent upon the result, a more particular description of which said banking game is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, and cannot now be given, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Samuel J. Martin,
~~Samuel J. Martin~~

District Attorney.

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W. B. Rowland
315 Broadway

Counsel,
Filed, 14th day of June, 1886.

Pleads, *guilty*

Violation of Sanitary Code.
[Section of the N. Y. City Consolidation Act of 1882].

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B

Charles B. Rowland

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney,

Part IV April 22/87

Pleads guilty

A True Bill.

J. James W. Keese

Foreman.

H. O. Fine
pd.

Witnesses:

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Sec. 192.

5 District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before Henry Murray a Police Justice of the City of New York, charging Charles Bankamp Defendant with the offence of Violation of the Sanitary Code

and he having been brought before said Justice for an examination of said charge, and it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of said Justice that said examination should be adjourned to some other day, and the hearing thereof having been adjourned,

We, Charles Bankamp Defendant of No. 306 West 129 Street; by occupation a Builder and Edward Coyne of No. 203 East 43 Street, by occupation a Builder Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that the above named Charles Bankamp Defendant shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the 5 District Police Court in the City of New York, during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of _____ Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 1 day of June 1888 } Charles Bankamp
} Edward Coyne
Henry Murray POLICE JUSTICE.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Henry J. ...
Police Justice

Sworn to before me, this

Edward Byrne

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and holder within the said County and State, and is worth *two* Hundred Dollars, exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities, and that his property consists of

five lots of land located on the West Side Ninth Avenue 25 ft wide north of 106th street said City together worth not less than One thousand dollars free and clear.

Edward Byrne

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

ss.

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Justice.

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State of New York :
City and County of New York :ss

William H. Fennell being duly sworn says that he is an Officer of the Police Force and a member of the Sanitary Squad of the Health Department; that on the 22nd day of May 1886, one Charles Bornkamp of 306 W. 127th Street, in the City of New York, did wilfully violate the Sanitary Code then and at all the times herein mentioned in full force and operative in said City, in this that having the management and control of the premises known by the No. 1643 9th Avenue, in the said City of New York, being a dwelling house occupied by many persons living therein, he did then and at divers times prior thereto, allow the cellar of said house to be wet and in parts covered with water, so that the water leaked into the adjoining premises, leaving the said Cellar and the yard without sewer connection or proper drainage, did allow the joints of the Leader and house drain to be open so that water can escape therefrom, and water closets used as privies and having connection with the public sewer, to be upon the 1st, 4th and 5th floors of the said house, without water to flush the same, and without proper means of supplying water thereto, causing said closets to be in a filthy condition, emitting offensive smells throughout the said house, and thereby the said premises have become and are a nuisance and offensive so as to be dangerous and prejudicial to life and health, all of which is in violation of section No. 92 of the said Sanitary Code which is as follows, to wit:

Sec. 92. That neither the contents of any such tub, or of any receptacle, cesspool, privy, vault, sink, or water closet, cistern, nor anything in any room, excavation, vat, building, premises, or place, shall be allowed to become a nuisance, or offensive, so as to be dangerous or prejudicial to life or health.

Sworn to before me this 27th day
of May 1886.

J. Henry Bond
Police Justice.

William H. Fennell

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Price Court District
The People vs. an Con-
plaint of
William H. Howard
1921

Charles Borstkamp
Attorney at Law
592 Sanitary Lane

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Sec. 198-200.

5th

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Charles Barnkamp 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 Barnkamp*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *45 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *306 West 127 Street 3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Builder.*

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 and demand a trial in the Court of General Session*

Charles Barnkamp

Taken before me this

day of *April* 188*8*
John J. ...

Police Justice.

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0706

Sec. 151.

Police Court 5th District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss. *In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County*
OF NEW YORK, } *of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:*

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 William H. Fenwick of the Sanitary Squad Street, that on the 22 day of May 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Charles Boncamp -

did unlawfully violate Section 92 of the Sanitary Code of the State of New York - Title: leaving the cellar of premises No 1643 - 9th Avenue without the proper drainage

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 each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring him forthwith before me, at the 5th 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 27 day of May 1886

J. Mumford POLICE JUSTICE.

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Police Court 5th District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William H. Fennell

vs.

Charles Bonkamp

Warrant-General.

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

Dated May 27th 188 6

Fennell Magistrate

Fennell U.S. S. Officer.
The Defendant Charles Bonkamp

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

Fennell Officer.

Dated _____ 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

Police Justice

The within named

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The Magistrate presiding in the Court will please hear and determine the matter case by reason of my absence

BAILED,
No. 1, by *William Leque*
Residence *203 E 43rd St.*

No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

No. 5, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

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Police Court of the District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William H. Russell
Sanitary Squad
Charles Bauskamp

Offence *Violation -*
Sanitary Code

Dated *May 27th* 188 *6*

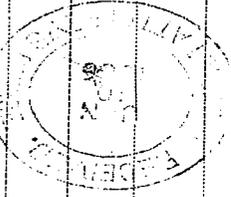
Ford Magistrate

Wm H. Fenwick - Officer

Sanitary Squad President

Witnesses

No. _____ Street _____



No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____
to answer

Ex. June 5th 1886
Booked 8:30 P.M.

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

Charles Bauskamp

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

Dated *June 9* 188 *6* *John J. Erman* Police Justice.

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

Dated *June 9* 188 *6* *John J. Erman* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Charles Bandeen

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

Charles Bandeen

of the CRIME OF VIOLATING THE SANITARY CODE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, committed as follows:

The said *Charles Bandeen*

late of the *Smith* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *22nd* day of *May*, — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*two*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, *having then and there the management and control of a certain building there situated wherein there resided a considerable number of human beings, did unlawfully and negligently allow and permit the cellar of the said building to be and remain open, wet, and partially covered with water, and to be and remain without any proper sewer connection or proper drainage, the leaders, pipes and house drain thereof, to wit: of the said building to be and remain defective and in bad repair, and the water closets and privies in said house to be and remain in a filthy condition: whereby the said building hereinabove enumerated became and was and remained a nuisance and offensive, so as to be dangerous and prejudicial to the lives and health of the human beings residing in the said building;*
against and in violation of the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York, duly adopted and declared as such at a meeting of the said

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Board of Health, held in said city on the second day of June, 1873, as amended in accordance with law, and particularly in violation of the ~~Sanitary~~ section of said code, which is as follows, to wit:

"That neither the contents of any
cistern, tub, or of any receptacle,
cesspool, privy, vault, sink, or
water closet, pipe, nor anything
in any room, excavation, or
building, premises, or place, shall
be allowed to become a nuisance,
or offensive, so as to be dangerous
or injurious to life or health;

and which said Sanitary Code was then and there, at the time of the committing of the offense hereinabove alleged, in full force and operation, and was by law declared to be binding and in force in said city, and which said section above set forth was then and there in full force and virtue, having been in nowise altered, amended or annulled by said Board of Health, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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Counsel,
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Pleads, *Adversely*

Return in the Third Degree.
[Sections 499, 506, 538, 531]

THE PEOPLE

vs. *R*

Joseph Beckstein
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6th St

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Es. & Co. 23 1/2 District Attorney.

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J. Lawrence McKee

Foreman

Witnesses:

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Police Court District.

City and County of New York, ss.:

Betsy Singer

of No. 5 Manhattan Street, aged 29 years, occupation Tailress being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No 5 Manhattan Street, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a Dwelling House

and which was occupied by deponent as a Dwelling House and in which there was at the time a human being by name

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly opening a door leading from the hallway into the back room of said premises

on the 7th day of June 1886 in the day time, and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

One gold neck chain with gold socket attached. One gold Ring, One gold Breastpin, One gold Bracelet and good and lawful money of the United States consisting of four bills of the denomination and value of Five dollars each and two pieces of silver coin of the denomination and value of One dollar each all of the value of One hundred and ten dollars \$110

the property of Deponent who is a widow 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 Joseph Beckstein (now here)

for the reasons following, to wit: Deponent is informed by officer William J. McGonack of the 11th Precinct Police that said Beckstein gave to him two tickets representing pledged property which he said deponent stated was part of said property that was taken stolen and carried away as aforesaid Deponent further says that said deponent acknowledged and confessed in the presence

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of officer Mc Connell that he took stole
and carried away all of said property
as aforesaid

Betsy ^{her} & Singer
mark

Sworn to before me
this 13th day of June 1886
Samuel C. Hill Police Justice

Police Court _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Burglary _____
Degree _____
vs.

Dated _____ 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses:

Committed in default of \$ _____ Bail.

Bailed by _____

No. _____ Street.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

William J. McConick
aged 27 years, occupation Police officer of No. 11th Precinct - Police Street, being duly sworn deposes and
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Betsy Surgen
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 13
day of June 1886 *William J. McConick*

Samuel C. Reilly
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

1st District Police Court.

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

Question What is your name?

Answer *Joseph Bickstein*

Question How old are you?

Answer *22 years*

Question Where were you born?

Answer *London*

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

Answer *36 East 9th St 15 yrs*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer *Painter*

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

Answer *I am guilty of the charge*
Joseph Bickstein

Taken before me this

day of *Sept* 188*6*

Samuel J. [Signature] Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

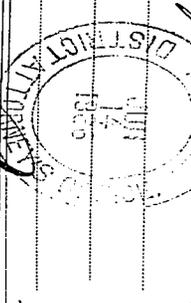
No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street _____

Police Court _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF
 Robert Jung
 5 West 14th St
 East of 10th St
 1886

Offence Burglary and Robbery



Dated June 13 1886

W. O. Conroy Magistrate.
 11 _____ Precinct.

Witnesses

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____
 \$ 1500 to answer 88
Barnett

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

Pierstein guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 1500 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 13 1886 Samuel C. Kelly Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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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

Joseph Bedenstein

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

Joseph Bedenstein —

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

The said *Joseph Bedenstein*,

late of the *Seventh* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *seventh* day of *June*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *dwelling house* of one

Robert Dinger —

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

Robert Dinger —

in the said *dwelling house* 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

Joseph B. Gardner —

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

The said *Joseph B. Gardner,*

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 *year* time of the said day, with force and arms,

four promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind called United States Treasury Notes of the denomination and value of five dollars each, four other promissory notes for the payment of money of the kind called Bonds, of the denomination and value of five dollars each, two notes of the value of twenty dollars, one note of the value of ten dollars, one note of the value of five dollars, and one note of the value of twenty dollars.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Peter Singer,*

in the *dwelling house* of the said *Peter Singer.*

there situate, then and there being found, in the *dwelling house* 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.

Paul W. Stewart
John A. ...

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Bennett, William

DATE:

06/22/86



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Witnesses:

The Complacant
cannot be found
and I answer to the
discharge of the debt
upon his own recognizance
James H. Smith
Arch. H. Smith

J. E. P.

Counsel,

Filed 22 day of June 1886

Pleas, *Not Guilty (2)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

William Bennett

Grand Larceny, First Degree.
(From the Person.)
Sections 528, 530, Penal Code.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney,

Complacant has
paid to J. E. Smith

A True Bill.

Lawrence McKee

July 14/86

Foreman,
Arch. H. Smith
SMITH

Police Court— First District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss.

of No. 406 Seventh Ave Street, aged 43 years, occupation Merchant being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 19 day of June 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

person of deponent, in the NYC time, the following property viz :

One single cased gold watch of the value of Twenty Dollars

the property of

Deponent

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by William Bennett (now here)

from the fact that at about the hour of ten o'clock P.M. on said date while deponent passing through a crowd in the Drovers between Stanton & Houston Streets deponent felt a tug or pull at his deponent watch chain attached to the aforesaid watch worn in the lower left hand side of deponents vest and deponent is informed by Officer Edgar S. Hanson of the Central Office Police that he saw the said deponent alongside of deponent and cross his deponent's left hand under his deponent's right arm and draw his deponent's left hand from deponent vest

Sworn to before me this

1886

Notary Public

rocker and turned and used both
hands twisting the watch from deponent
watch chain and said officer immediately
placed both arms around the defendants
body and caught defendant by both wrists
and the defendant attempted to break
away from said officer and made a
motion as though throwing something from
his defendant hand

Sworn to before me this
20th day of June 1886

Ph. Kinnice.

Samuel C. Kull
Justice

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Edgar S. Lawson

aged *37* years, occupation *Police Sergeant* of No.

Central Office

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of *Philip Zimmer*

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

Sworn to before me, this *20th*
day of *June* 183

Edgar S. Lawson

James C. Kelly
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

William Bennett 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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.

William Bennett

Taken before me this

day of

20th

April 1889

James H. McCall Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Police Court - 152-886 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Philip Skinner
406 1/2 7th St.
William Bennett

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Offence Larceny from the Person

Dated June 20th 1888

Magistrate

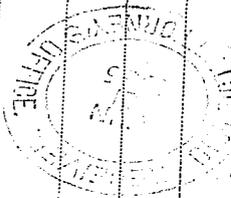
Shawnt Brown Officer

Precinct

Witnesses All the Officers

No. Street

No. Street



No. Street

\$15000 to answer

bon

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 William

Bennett

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Fifteen 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 20th 1888

Samuel Kelly Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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PART I.

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

(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.)

SUBPENA

FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE

Court of General Sessions of the Peace,

The People of the State of New York,

To *Philip Zimmer*

of No. *406* *7th* *Ave* Street.

*NOT FORCED
serve to St Louis*

WE COMMAND YOU. That, all business and excuses ceasing, you appear in your proper person, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, in the Park of the said City, on the *12th* day of *JULY* instant, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth, and give evidence in our behalf, against

Wm. Bennett

in a case of Felony whereof *he* stands indicted. And this you are not to omit, under the penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Witness, Hon. FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder, of our said City, at the City Hall, in our said City, the first Monday of _____ in the year of our Lord, 1883 .

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney.

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reasonably SUBPENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE Court of General Sessions of the Peace,

Wofford
left for St Louis
324 33

The People of the State of New York,
To *Phillip Gimmer*
of No. *406 - 7 Ave* Street

GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU. That, all business and excuses ceasing, you *appear* in your proper person, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, in the Park of the said City, on the *7* day of *July* instant, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth, and give evidence in our behalf, against

Wm. Bennett

in a case of Felony whereof *he* stands indicted. And this you are not to omit, under the penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Witness, Hon. FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder, of our said City, at the City Hall, in our said City, the first Monday of *July* in the year of our Lord, 188 *6*.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney.

If ill, when served, please send timely word to the District Attorney's office.
If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his assistants.

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

being duly sworn, deposes and says he
Subpoena, of which the within is a copy, upon

188 by _____ on the _____ day of _____

Street, in the City of New York. I am a subpoena server in the office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New York. On the *9th* day of *July* 188 *6*, I called at *No. 406-7 Avenue* the alleged *residence* of *Phillip Gimmer* the complainant herein, to serve him with ~~the~~ subpoena, and was informed by ~~the~~ *man* who keeps the boardinghouse that the said *Gimmer* had moved from there about *2 weeks* ago, saying that he was going to *St. Louis* and would not return. I have called on several previous occasions with the same result.

Sworn to before me, this *12* day of *July* 188 *6*,
Rudolph L. Schief
County of *Westchester*
Edwin W. Dunlop
Subpoena Server.

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POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Court of General Sessions.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Sam Bennett

County of New York, ss.:

Court.

If ill, when served, please send timely word to the District Attorney's office.

If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his assistants.

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

being duly sworn, deposes and says he

Subpoena, of which the within is a copy, upon

on the day of

188 by

John W. Huntley being duly
602 Tenth Ave

deposes and says: I reside at No. *602 Tenth Ave* Street, in the City of New York. I am a subpoena server in the office of the District Attorney of the City and County of New York. On the *9th* day of *July* 188*6*, I called at *No. 406-17 Avenue*

the alleged *residence* of *Phillip Gimmer* the complainant herein, to serve him with ~~the annexed~~ subpoena, and was informed by ~~the man~~ *the man* who keeps the boardinghouse that the said *Gimmer* had moved from there about *2 weeks ago* saying that he was going to *St. Louis* and would not return. I have called on several previous occasions with the same result.

Sworn to before me, this *12* day of *July* 188*6*,
of *Rudolph L. Scherf*
County of Deed
John W. Huntley
Subpoena Server.

William Brewster

Assistant of
John W. Brewster

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

William Bennett

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

William Bennett

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

The said *William Bennett*,

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

one parcel of the value of twenty
dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Philip Zimmerman*, -
on the person of the said *Philip Zimmerman*, -
then and there being found, from the person of the said *Philip Zimmerman*, -
then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Charles J. Connelley,
District Attorney

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Benning, George

DATE:

06/07/86



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M A Kury
18 West

Counsel,

Filed 7 day of June 1886

Pleads, *W. B. Kelly & S.*

Grand Larceny, 2nd Degree.
(From the Person.)
[Sections 538, 539, Penal Code]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

George Benning

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Attorney at Law
District Attorney.

Charles G. Smith
State Refractory Column.

A True Bill.

Samuel W. Keen

Commodore W. B. Kelly
June 10

Witnesses:

Wm. W. Keen

Chas. P. Keen

Henry J. Keen

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Police Court— 2nd District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 268 Front Street Brooklyn Henry J. Starnett Street, aged 37 years,
occupation News dealer being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 31 day of May 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

person of deponent, in the day time, the following property viz:

One open face nickel watch
Of the value of five dollars
(5⁰⁰)

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 Remming (nowhere) from the fact that on the above date deponent was standing on the sidewalk on the west side of Madison Square Park looking at the Parade and had then and there the above-described property in the upper pocket of deponent's vest—left hand side, which vest was then worn on the person of deponent. That deponent then and there heard something crack and immediately saw the chain which was attached to said property hanging down on his back. That deponent then seized hold of said Remming's left hand, the said Remming being standing close to deponent.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May 1886 at the City of New York.

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and deponent found in the hand of
said Kenning said property which
deponent fully identifies as the property
stolen from deponent

Wherefore deponent charges
said deponent with the Larceny
of said property from his person and possession

Sworn to before me
this 2nd day of June 1886
Henry J. Harrett
Police Justice

Dated 1886 Police Justice

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

Dated 1886 Police Justice

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

Dated 1886 Police Justice

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

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

Police Court, District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.
1.
2.
3.
4.

Dated 1886

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

\$

to answer

Sessions.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss

J. J. [Signature]
District Police Court.

George Penning 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 *George Penning.*

Question. How old are you?

Answer *15 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

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

Answer. *33 Park Street New Haven*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer *Book binder*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty. - A young fellow handed me the watch.
George Penning*

Taken before me this

day of *June* 188*8*

[Signature]
Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street _____

No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street _____

No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street _____

No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street _____

Police Court 2 District 990

THE PEOPLE, &c,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Henry J. Bennett
George Remondy
268 Broadway

1 _____
 2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____

Offence *Harassment from the person*

Date June 1 1886

Justice
Magistrate

Thomas J. Brennan
Officer

Witnesses
 No. 110 *George P. S.*
 Street _____



No. _____
 Street _____
 \$ 500 in cash
G.S.

Am

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 _____

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

Dated June 1 1886 *C. J. [Signature]* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named _____ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated _____ 1886 _____ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated _____ 1886 _____ Police Justice.

Court of
General Sessions
The People etc
against
George Penning

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY
TO CHILDREN.

100 EAST 23^d STREET.

New York, June 3^d 1886

CASE NO. 23699 OFFICER Maurice Sheehan
DATE OF ARREST May 31/86 Park Police
CHARGE Grand Larceny

AGE OF CHILD 15 years
RELIGION Protestant
FATHER dead

MOTHER Lena

RESIDENCE 33 Park Street

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE SOCIETY SHOWS THAT the boy associates with a lot of vicious boys and is not working. The mother is compelled to go out and work and thereby has little control over the children. Within 6 mos. a younger brother, Charles, has twice been arrested for Larceny but discharged for want of evidence and a daughter Alice 11 years appeared as complainant in case of indecent assaults. No record of George being arrested before.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Terry.

To

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

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*Court of
General Sessions*

*The People of
against
George Penning*

Grand Jurors

PENAL CODE, ^{ss}

**Report of The New York Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty
to Children.**

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,
President, &c.,
100 East 23d Street,
NEW YORK CITY.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

0740

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Figoras Demming

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

Figoras Demming

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

The said *Figoras Demming*

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

one watch of the value of

five dollars.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Henry J. Harrett,*
on the person of the said *Henry J. Harrett,*
then and there being found, from the person of the said *Henry J. Harrett,*
then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

Randolph B. Martinie,
District Attorney

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Best, Charles

DATE:

06/21/86



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Apple

is

Maggie Best

Charles Best

Mary Best

Christina Best

REPORT.

For the District Attorney.

Wm. B. M.
Dec 23/87

Dated *Nov 21* 1887

Wm. B. M.
Assistant.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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

-----X

The People of the State of New York:

Against

C H A R L E S B E S T .

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THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,
by this indictment accuse, Charles Best, of the crime of
Perjury, committed as follows:

Heretofore, to wit: on the twenty-third day of April
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-six, at the city of New York, in the County of New-
York aforesaid, there was depending before James T. Kil-
breth, esquire, and Henry Murray, esquire, two of the Police
Justices of the said City of New York, in due form of law
a certain examination and inquiry for the purpose of hav-
ing an adjudication as to the filiation of a certain
bastard child, then lately before born of the body of one
Maggie Best, which was then likely to become chargeable to
and a charge upon the said City and County of New York,
and of which said bastard child one Edward J.H. Tamsen, then
stood charged before the justices aforesaid, upon the oath
of the said Maggie Best, with being the father.

And at and upon the said examination and inquiry to
wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and

County aforesaid, the said Charles Best, late of the City and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared before the said justices and was then and there in due form of law sworn and did take his corporal oath by and before the justices aforesaid, that the evidence he should give to the said justices upon the said examination and inquiry should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; they the said justices then and there having full and competent power and authority to administer the said oath to the said Charles Best, in that behalf.

And the said Charles Best being so sworn as aforesaid it then and there, at and upon the said examination and inquiry became and was material that the said justices should know whether on or about the tenth day of February 1886, the said Edward J.H. Tamsen did say to the said Charles Best: "I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "thought I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "would see you" (meaning the said Charles Best) "right away; and talk to you" (meaning the said Charles Best) "before it" (meaning the matter of the birth of the said bastard child, of which the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, so stood charged with being the father as aforesaid) "becomes public". "You" (meaning the said Charles Best) "cannot do anything against me" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "am a rich man, and I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "am high in politics". "I" (meaning

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Edward J.H.Tamsen said that he would support the said
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Edward J.H.Tamsen was not the father of the said Bastard
child; and whether he the said Charles Best after hearing
the said admission of the said Maggie Best, did beg the
pardon of the said Edward J.H.Tamsen, for having accused
him of being the father of the said bastard child.

And the said Charles rest being so sworn as aforesaid
at and upon the said examination and inquiry before the
justices aforesaid, upon his oath aforesaid, and of and
concerning the material matters aforesaid, then and there,
to wit, on the said twenty-third day of April in the year
aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, feloniously,
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That the said Charles Best did not hear the said Maggie Best admit that the said Edward J.H.Tamsen was not the father of the said bastard child, and that the said Charles Best did not after hearing any such admission, beg ~~the~~ pardon of the said Edward J.H.Tamsen, for having wrongfully accused him of being the father of the said bastard child.

Whereas in truth and in fact the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, on or about the said tenth day of February 1886, did not say to the said Charles Best: "I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "thought "I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "would see you" (meaning the said Charles Best) "right away, and talk to you" (meaning the said Charles Best) "before it" (meaning the matter of the birth of the said bastard child, of which the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, so stood charged with being the father as aforesaid) "becomes public. "You" (meaning the said Charles Best) "cannot do anything against me" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "am a rich man, and I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "am high in politics". "I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "will do what I" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "can do against you" (meaning the said Charles Best) "if you" (meaning the said Charles Best) "bring me" (meaning himself the said Edward J.H. Tamsen) "to court" (thereby meaning if the said Charles Best caused the said Edward J.H. Tamsen to be so charged with being the father of the said bastard child); and the said Edward J.H. Tamsen did not at the same time say that he would support the said bastard child. And whereas in truth and in fact he the said Charles Best did hear the said Maggie Best admit that the said Edward J.H. Tamsen was not the father of the said bastard child; and the said Charles Best did beg the pardon of the said Edward J.H. Tamsen after hearing the said admission for

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having wrongfully accused him of being the father of the said bastard child. And whereas in truth and in fact all the material matters aforesaid, so as aforesaid by the said Charles Best, then and there, at and upon the said examination and inquiry, sworn to, deposed and said before the justices aforesaid, were in all things utterly false and untrue, as the said Charles Best then and there well knew.

And so the Grand Jury, aforesaid, do say that the said Charles Best in manner and form aforesaid, did commit willful and corrupt perjury; against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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David Walsh

Counsel, 140 Chippin

Filed 21 day of June 1886

Pleas Not guilty - (3)

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles Best

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Witness

Dec 23 / 87 Foreman

W. P. Bull clerk
for me of way

Witnesses:

For the reasons stated
in report of District Atty
I hereby recommend
that within indictment
be dismissed & that
bail be discharged.
Dec 23 / 87
Randolph B. Martine
Dist. Atty

New York, December 21st, 1887.

Hon. Randolph B. Martine,
District Attorney, New York County.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the four indictments against Maggie Best, Charles Best, Mary Best and Christina Best, severally and respectively referred to me, I have the honor to report as follows:

Each indictment charges perjury and each was found upon the complaint of one Edward J. H. Tamsen.

The accusation against Maggie Best is:-

That on the 22nd day of April, 1886, there were pending, before two of the Police Justices of this city, bastardy proceedings against said Edward J. H. Tamsen, charged by the said Maggie Best with the paternity of a bastard child theretofore born of said Maggie Best; that upon said proceedings the said Maggie Best ^{of} testified that on the 10th day of May, 1885, the said Edward J. H. Tamsen by force and against her will and resistance had had carnal connection with her in the basement of the said Tamsen's residence, No. 331 East 18th St., and that on the Wednesday following the said 10th day of May, 1885, the said Tamsen had again assaulted her and against her will and resistance had again had sexual intercourse with her, and that, as a result of said acts of sexual intercourse, she, the said Maggie Best, had become pregnant with child, which on the 10th day of February, 1886, had been born a bastard.

The accusation of perjury against the said Charles

Best is predicated upon testimony given by him upon the said bastardy proceedings, which testimony so given by the said Charles Best was in substance as follows, that is to say:-

That on or about the 10th day of February, 1880, the said Tamsen had said to the said Charles Best, "I thought I would see you right away and talk to you before it (meaning the matter of the birth of said bastard child) becomes public. You cannot do anything against me. I am a rich man and I am high in politics and I will do what I can against you, if you bring me to Court;" and that the said Tamsen did at the same time say to him, the said Charles Best, that he, the said Tamsen, would support the said bastard child of Maggie Best.

The charge of perjury against the said ^{Mary}~~Maggie~~ Best is predicated upon testimony given by her in the course of the said bastardy proceedings, which testimony was in substance as follows, that is to say:-

That on or about the 10th day of February, 1880, the said Tamsen had said to her, the said Mary Best, that if the said bastard child of said Maggie Best had been a boy, he, the said Tamsen, would keep it, no matter what his, the said Tamsen's, wife would say.

The charge of perjury against the said Christina Best is also predicated upon testimony given by her in the course of the said bastardy proceedings, which said testimony was to the effect, that on or about the 10th day of February, 1880, the said Tamsen had said in the presence of her, the said Christina Best, that if the bastard child of Maggie Best were a little boy, he, the said Tamsen, would take it

himself, no matter what his, the said Tamsen's, wife or anybody else would say, and that on said occasion, she, the said Christina Best, had heard the said Tamsen say to said Maggie Best, "Don't worry yourself. As soon as you get better, you come to me and I will pay you for the whole trouble. I know I have done wrong. I will pay you for the child."

It is manifest that the testimony of each of the Bests is corroborative of that of all of the ~~evidence~~^{others} and that upon the trial of any one of them upon the charge of perjury, each of the others would testify against the prosecution. Thus the strength of each case is represented by the strength of all combined.

To establish the falsity of the testimony upon which the said charges of perjury are made against the several defendants, the prosecution would have no other evidence except the testimony of the complainant, the said Edward J. H. Tamsen and that of his wife Catharine Tamsen. The testimony of the said Edward J. H. Tamsen would, as to Maggie Best, be denials of the truth of her said testimony, coupled with the statement that she had admitted to him and his wife that she had had sexual intercourse with another man, and that that other man was the father of her bastard child. Tamsen's testimony as to the case of Charles Best would be nothing more than a flat contradiction of the testimony of said Charles Best.

The same thing may be said of the testimony Tamsen could give upon the trial of Mary and Christina Best.

The testimony which the said Edward J. H. Tamsen would thus give against the defendants would be corroborated

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by the testimony of his wife Catharine Tamsen in respect to the alleged declarations made in her presence by each of the defendants. Thus the testimony of complainant corroborated in some respects by the testimony of one witness would be contradicted by four opposing witnesses, including that of the defendant.

Under these circumstances I quite concur in the apprehensions of the complainant as to the result of the prosecution of these cases to trial, and I am of the opinion, and would recommend that the said several indictments be dismissed in accordance with the recommendation of the said complainant Edward J. H. Tamsen, which you will find hereto attached and made part hereof.

Respectfully submitted,



Assistant District Attorney

New York General Sessions.

PEOPLE ON MY COMPLAINT,

VERSUS

Charles Best,
Maggie Best,
Christina Best and
Mary Best.

Jury.

As complainant in the above cases, I beg to recommend the defendants to such leniency and clemency as the Court and District Attorney may see fit to show; but I expressly assert that my reasons for so doing are not controlled by any advantage to myself. I am desirous of withdrawing from the prosecution of said defendants because a long time has elapsed since the acts I complained of were committed, and it is a question in my mind whether a conviction would ensue. Besides, the defendants are father and mother and two daughters of a family of people whom I have been assured are in humble circumstances, and who, up to the present Indictments were never accused of any Criminal offence, and are all now living a life of propriety and respectability. I feel the interests of justice will be much better subserved by their discharge, than by their further prosecution, and so feeling respectfully urge the dismissal of the Indictments now pending against the above defendants.

Edwards J. Lawrence

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The People

vs

Charles Best

Boys

Reynolds

Waldman

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DESCRIPTION:

Best, Christina

DATE:

06/21/86



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D. Nelson

Counsel,
Filed 2 day of June 1886
Pleads Not guilty

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Christmas Best

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

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Witnesses:

For the reasons stated
in report of Dist. Atty.
I hereby recommend
that this indictment
be dismissed & that
Bail be discharged.
Dec 23/87
Randolph B. Martine
Dist. Atty.

Police Court of the City of New York, for the
District.

The People of the State of New York,
on the complaint of Edward J. H. Tam-
sen,

against

C h r i s t i n a B e s t .

City and County of New York, ss:

Edward J. H. Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: He resides at 331 East 18th Street, in the City of New York. That in the month of April, to wit: on the 22nd day of April, 1886, a special proceeding of a criminal nature was pending in the First District Police Court in the City of New York before Justice Kilbreth and Murray, wherein the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections were complainants and this deponent defendant; that in said proceeding Christina Best was sworn as a witness for the prosecution and thereupon did swear and testify before the said Police Justices, that on or about the 10th day of February, 1886, this deponent had said in the presence of the said Christina Best: "that if the bastard child of Maggie Best were a little boy, this deponent would take it himself, no matter what his wife or anybody else would say". That on the occasion aforesaid the said Christina Best further testified, that this deponent said in her hearing speak to the said Maggie the words as follows: "Don't worry yourself; as soon as you get better you come to me and I will pay you for the whole trouble. I know I have done wrong; I will pay you for the child".

That the statements so made by the said Christina Best on

the occasion aforesaid were material upon the issue then pending before the said justices, and that the same were wickedly false and untrue. That this deponent never did make the statements so imputed to him by the said Christina Best and that the said Christina Best knew that her said testimony was false and that she committed perjury in so stating the same.

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said Christina Best may be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

15th day of May, 1886.

Edward J. H. Tamsen

J. W. Smith
Police Justice

City and County of New York, ss:

Catherine Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: She is the wife of Edward J. H. Tamsen the above named complainant and was present with him on the 11th day of February, 1886, where~~th~~ at 234 East 46th Street, where they saw Christina Best and Maggie Best; that she was present during the entire interview and was also present on the 23rd day of April, 1886, in the First District Police Court in the City of New York, and heard the said Christina Best testify in the proceeding instituted by the Commissioner of Charities and Corrections of the City of New York against the above named complainant. That during the said interview on the 11th day of February, 1886, the said complainant did not say to the said Christina Best that if the child of Maggie Best were a little boy, he, said complainant would take it himself, no matter what his wife or anybody else would

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say" as falsely testified by the said Christina Best during the said examination.

Deponent further says: that during the said interview on the 11th day of February, the said complainant did not state to said Maggie Best: "Don't worry yourself, as soon as you get better you come to me and I will pay you for the whole trouble. I know I have ~~wrong~~- done wrong, I will pay you for the child"; and the testimony of the said Christina Best that she heard the said complainant speak these words to said Maggie Best is wickedly false and untrue.

Sworn to before me, this

18th day of May, 1886.



Catharine Jansen

J. W. [unclear]
Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

First District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ^{SS}

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Chris'tina Best.*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *43 years.*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany.*

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

Answer. *234 East 46th Street. 1 year*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Housekeeper*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty of the charge*

Christina Best

Taken before me this

day of

May 1888

J. J. [Signature]
Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court First District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss. In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County
OF NEW YORK, } of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:

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 Edward J. Jansen of No. 331 East 18th Street, that on the 25 day of April 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Christina Best in a special proceeding of a criminal nature then pending in the first district Police Court in said City wherein the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections were the complainants and Edward J. Jansen was defendant, Christina Best being sworn as a witness did commit and fulfil her corrupt perjury.

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 each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant, and bring her forthwith before me, at the 1st District Police Court, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 10th day of May 1886

J. J. Smith POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edward J. Jansen

Christina Best

Warrant- General.

Dated May 18 - 1886

W. H. B. Smith Magistrate.

W. H. B. Smith Officer.

The Defendant Christina Best taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

W. H. B. Smith Officer.

Dated May 19th 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

903 Ave.

Time of Arrest,

Native of

Germany

Age,

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Sex,

Complexion,

Color,

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Profession,

Bookkeeper

Married,

No

Single,

Read,

No

Write,

No

334. Court 46th Street

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BAILED
 No. 1, by *Frederic Pinner*
 Residence *157-2 1st Street*
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____

N 5th St 734
 Police Court *1st* District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Amos W. M. James
James
James

1 _____
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 Offence _____

Dated *May 21 1886*
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Magistrate

Officer

Resident

Witnesses
 No. *Callaway James*
 No. *334 B St*

No. _____
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No. *5711*
 Street _____

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 to answer *OS*

James
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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 _____

Christina Beck
 guilty thereof, I order that *she* 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 21 1886* _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated *May 21 1886* _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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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 :

Christina Best. :

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THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,
by this indictment accuse, Christina Best, of the crime of
Perjury, committed as follows:

Heretofore to wit: on the twenty-third day of April,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-six, at the city of New York, in the County of New
York, aforesaid, there was depending before James T. Kil-
breth, esquire, and Henry Murray esquire, two of the Police
Justices of the said City of New York, in due form of law,
a certain examination and inquiry for the purpose of hav-
ing an adjudication as to the filiation of a certain
bastard child, then lately before born of the body of one
^{Maggie} Best, which was then likely to become chargeable to and
a charge upon the said City and County of New York, and of
which said bastard child, one Edward J. H. Tamsen then stood
charged before the justices aforesaid, upon the oath of
the said Maggie Best, with being the father.

And at and upon the said examination and inquiry, to
wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and
County aforesaid, the said Christina Best, late of the City

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and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared before the said justices, ~~and~~ then and there in due form of law sworn and did take her corporal oath, by and before the justices ~~as~~ aforesaid, that the evidence which she should give to the said justices upon the said examination and inquiry should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; they the said justices then and there having full and competent power and authority to administer the said oath to the said Christiana Best, in that behalf. And the said Christina Best, being so sworn as aforesaid, it then and there at and upon the said examination and inquiry became and was material that the said justices should know whether on or about the tenth day of February 1886, the said Edward J.H. Tamsen had said in the presence of the said Christina Best, that if the bastard child aforesaid, were a little boy the said Edward J.H. Tamsen would take it himself, no matter what his wife or any body else would say; and whether the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, said in the presence of the said Christina Best to the said Maggie Best: "Don't worry yourself; as soon as you get better you come to me and I will pay you for the whole trouble. I know I have done wrong; I will pay you for the child."

And the said Christina Best being so sworn as aforesaid, at and upon the said examination and inquiry before the justices aforesaid, upon her oath aforesaid, and of and concerning the material matters aforesaid, then and there

to wit, on the said twenty-third day of April, in the year aforesaid, feloniously, willfully, knowingly and corruptly did falsely swear, depose and say, amongst other things in substance and to the effect following that is to say:

That on or about the tenth day of February 1886, the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, had said in the presence of the said Christina Best that if the bastard child of Maggie Best (meaning the bastard child aforesaid) were a little boy, he, the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, would take it himself, no matter what his wife or any body else would say; that the said Edward J.H. Tamsen said in the hearing of her, the said Christina Best, to the said Maggie Best: "Don't worry yourself; as soon as you get better you come to me and I will pay you for the whole trouble. I know I have done wrong; I will pay you for the child".

Whereas in truth and in fact, he, the said Edward J.H. Tamsen, did not on or about the tenth day of February 1886, say in the presence of the said Christina Best, that if the said bastard child were a little boy, he, the said Edward J.H. Tamsen would take it himself, no matter what his wife or anybody else would say; and the said Edward J.H. Tamsen did not say in the hearing of the said Christina Best, to the said Maggie Best: "Don't worry yourself; as soon as you get better, you come to me and I will pay you for the whole trouble; I know I have done wrong; I will pay you for the child".

And whereas in truth and in fact all the material ~~material aforesaid~~

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matters aforesaid, so as aforesaid, by the said Christina Best, then and there upon the said examination and inquiry sworn to, deposed and said, before the justices ~~—~~ aforesaid, ~~was~~ ^{made} in all things utterly false and untrue, as she, the said Christina Best, then and there well knew.

And so the Grand Jury aforesaid do say, that she, the said Christina Best, in manner and form aforesaid, did com-
~~mit~~ ^{and commit} willful perjury; against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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Best, Mary

DATE:

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D. Welch
140 Chapman St
Counsel,
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Pleads Arthur J. A

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PERJURY

THE PEOPLE

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A True Bill.

Victim for perjury
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Witnesses:

For the reasons stated
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Randolph B. Martine
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Police Court of the City of New York, for the District.

The People of the State of New York,
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against
M a r y B e s t.

City and County of New York, ss:

Edward J. H. Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: He resides at 391 East 18th Street, in the City of New York. That in the month of April, to wit; on the 23rd day of April, 1886, a special proceeding of a criminal, nature was pending in the First District Police Court in the City of New York, before Justices Kilbreth and Murray, wherein the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections were complainants and this deponent defendant; that in said proceeding ^{Mary Best} was sworn as a witness for the prosecution and thereupon did swear and testify before the said justices that on or about the 10th day of February, 1886, this deponent said to her the said Mary Best, that if the child of Maggie Best had been a boy, this deponent would take the same and keep it, no matter what his wife would say. That the said testimony so given by the said Mary Best was material and relevant to the issue then pending before said justices and the testimony so given by her was wickedly false and untrue. and known by her to be false and untrue, and that this deponent did not on the occasion aforesaid or any time make the said statement and the said Mary Best committed perjury in giving her said testimony as aforesaid.

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Wherefore this deponent prays, that the said Mary Best may be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

18th day of May, 1886.

Edward J. H. Tamsen

*J. W. ...
Police Justice*

City and County of New York, ss:

Catherine Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: She is the wife of Edward J. H. Tamsen, the above named complaint, and was present with him on the 11th day of February, 1886, at 234 East 46th Street, where they saw Mary Best. That deponent was also present on the 23rd day of April, 1886, in the First District Police Court in the City of New York and heard the said Mary Best testify in the proceeding instituted by the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections of the City of New York against the above named complainant. That during the said interview on the 11th day of February, 1886, the said complainant did not say, that if the child of Maggie Best had been a boy, he would take the same and keep it, no matter what his wife would say, as falsely testified by the said Mary Best, during her said examination in said proceeding.

Sworn to before me, this

18th day of May, 1886.

Catherine Tamsen

*J. W. ...
Police Justice*

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Sec. 198-200.

First District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, } ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Mary Best

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 19 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York City

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

Answer. 234 East 46th Street. 1 year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Dressmaker

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

Answer. I am not guilty of the charge

Mary Best

Taken before me this

day of May 1886

21st

A. J. Williams
Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court Third 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 to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:*

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 Edward H. Tamm of No. 331 East 18th Street, that on the 23 day of April 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Mary Best in a special proceeding of a criminal nature then pending in the first district Police Court in said city wherein the commission of public charities and connections were the complainants and Edward H. Tamm was defendant, Mary Best being sworn as a witness and commit willful and corrupt perjury

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 each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant, and bring her forthwith before me, at the Third 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 15th day of May 1886

J. J. [Signature] POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court Third District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edward H. Tamm

Mary Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18 1886

Wilbeth Magistrate.

McBarnick Officer.

The Defendant Mary Best taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

McBarnick Officer.

Dated May 19th 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

9:00 am

Time of Arrest, _____

M.S.

Native of _____

Age, 19

Sex, _____

Complexion, _____

Color, Br

Profession, None

Married, _____

Single, Yes

Read, Yes

Write, Yes

334 East 16th Street

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BAILED
 No. 1, by *Frederick Bernier*
 Residence *857-2 1/2 Ave. Street*
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____

W 304 1/2 1734
 Police Court *1st* District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Edward J. McConaughy
 331 E. 15th St.
 1 *Marshall Street*
 2 _____
 3 _____
 4 _____
 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 MAY 24 1886
 Offence *Perjury*

Dated *May 19th* 1886
 Magistrate *W. J. Smith*
 No. _____
 Street _____
 Precinct _____

Witnesses
Estimate Simon
 No. *331 E 15th* Street
 No. _____ Street
 No. _____ Street

No. _____ Street
 \$ *500* to answer *ES*
Bailed on May 21 1886
Bailed

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

Mary Bush
 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 21st* 1886 *J. Killworth* Police Justice.

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

Dated *May 25th* 1886 *J. Killworth* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1886 _____ Police Justice.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace
of the City and County of New York.

The People of the State
of New York,
against
Mary Best

The Grand Jury of the City
and County of New York, find this
Indictment against Mary Best of
the crime of Perjury, committed
as follows:

That she, to wit: on the twenty
third day of April, in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighty six, at the City of New
York, in the County of New York, do
said, there was deposited and
deposited in the office of the
S. District Judge and District
Judge, two of the said copies of
said City of New York, in due form
of law, a certain examination and inquiry
for the purpose of ascertaining
the matter as to the validity of
said Bill, then and there
of the body of one Mary Best, did

was then ready to become chargeable
 to and a charge upon the said City
 and County of New York, and the said
 said Ward did send Edward J. [?]
 Tammam then stood chargeable to the
 justices of the peace, upon the oath of
 the said Magistrate, with Henry the
 father.

And at and upon the said examina-
 tion and inquiry, to wit: on the day
 and in the year aforesaid, at the City
 and County aforesaid, the said Ward
 Clerk, doth of the City and County
 aforesaid, personally come and appeared
 before the said justices, and was then
 and there in due form of law sworn,
 and did take the corporate oath, to say
 before the justices aforesaid, that the
 evidence which he should give to the
 said justices, upon the said examination
 and inquiry, should be the truth, the
 whole truth and nothing but the truth.
 And the said justices then and
 there full and complete power and
 authority to administer the said oath
 to the said Ward Clerk in that behalf

And the said Ward Clerk then and
 there, as aforesaid, it then and there,
 doth upon the said examination and

injury, became and was material, that
 the said injury should have, whether
 on or about the tenth day of February,
 1886, the said Edward J. Tamm,
 said to her the said Mary West, that
 the said Edward J. Tamm, ^{was} ~~was~~
 a son of the said Edward J. Tamm
 and great and distant relative
 of her then and now husband
 and the said Mary West, being
 known as a grandchild, at the time the
 said examination and injury, before
 the jury, were made, and the
 jury, and the said Edward J. Tamm,
 material matter, and the said
 to sit on the said jury, and the
 jury, in the year 1886, at the
 and County of ...
 jury, and the said Edward J. Tamm,
 were the said Edward J. Tamm,
 to sit on the said jury, and the
 jury, that is to say:
 that on or about the tenth day
 of February, 1886, the said Edward
 J. Tamm, said to her the said
 Mary West, that the said
 Edward J. Tamm, was a son
 of the said Edward J. Tamm,
 and great and distant relative
 of her then and now husband

The said Richard Dill (meaning
himself, the said Edward J. Tamm)
and gave it (meaning, the said
Richard Dill) no matter what
with (meaning, the said Dill) the
said Edward J. Tamm would say.

Whereas in truth and in fact
the said Edward J. Tamm did
not on or about the said tenth day
of January, 1936, say to her the said
Mary Best, that the said Richard
Dill was a little boy, the said
Edward J. Tamm would say, he
himself and gave it, no matter what
his wife would say; or the said
said Mary Best then and there
well knew.

And so the said Mary Best
deposed to say that the said
Mary Best, on the day and in the
year aforesaid, at the City and County
aforesaid, for her own act and consent
and to her own knowledge and
sound mind, in manner and form
aforesaid, did commit, violate and
conspire against the
form of the Statute in such
case made and provided,
and against the peace of the

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People of the State of New York,
and their agents

Richard A. ...
District Attorney

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Best, Maggie

DATE:

06/21/86



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D. Welch

Counsel, *D. Welch*
Filed *21 June* 1886

Plead *Guilty* (B)

[Section - 96 - Penal Code] **FELONY**

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B

Maggie Best

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

William Karl Lander

Deputy Foreman
Wes & Paul deeks

W.B.

Witnesses:

*For the reasons stated
in report of Asst. Dist
Atty. Wendle I recommend
that within indictment
be dismissed and
that jail be discharged
Dec 23/87
Randolph B. Martine
Dist. Atty.*

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Sec. 841.

AFTER BIRTH.

POLICE COURT, -FIRST DISTRICT.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK }^{SS}

THE VOLUNTARY EXAMINATION of Maggie Best
of No. 234 East 46th Street, taken upon oath, before the under-
signed, one of the Police Justices in and for said City of New York, who saith, that on
the 10th day of February in year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighty 6 at the City of New York, she was delivered of a fe male Bastard Child
and that the said Child is likely to be chargeable to the City of New York aforesaid, and that
Edward J. H. Tansers is the Father of said Bastard Child.

Taken on oath, before me, this 20th day }
of April 188 6 } Maggie Best

J. P. Kilbreth Police Justice.

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Police Court, First District.

The Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, on the complaint of

Maggie Best

vs.

Edward J. H. Tamson

Examination in Bastardy.
AFTER BIRTH.

Dated *April 20* 1886

J. Murray Police Justice.

Officer.

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

Chas Best
vs.
Peppery

Application to
dismiss -
Examined re-
port RBM
6/21/85
To Mr Temple

District Attorney's Office.

order
The PEOPLE
by

Chas Best
vs.
Peppery

Put this case
on in Part 1
for 22d inst
To file a day
RBM
June 21/85
To Mr Temple

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Sec. 151, 840, 841, 847.

AFTER BIRTH.

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 Policemen of the City of New York, and to all and every of them, GREETING:*

WHEREAS, Maggie Best of No. 234 East 46th Street,
of the City of New York, a Single Woman, hath in her examination, taken this 20 day of April
1886, in writing upon oath before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices in and for the City of New York, declared
that on the 10th day of February 1886, at the said City of New York, she was delivered of a fe male
BASTARD CHILD, and that said child now is, and is likely to continue to be chargeable to the City of New York;
And that Edward J. H. Tammen is the Father of the said Bastard Child.

AND WHEREAS, application hath been made to me by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction of the
said City and County, (they being the Overseers of the Poor of said City), to make inquiry into the facts of the case, and
having upon such inquiry, ascertained that said Edward J. H. Tammen is the reputed Father
of the said child, so born a **BASTARD**.

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 each and every of you without delay, to apprehend the said Edward J. H. Tammen
and forthwith to bring him before me, at the First District Police Court, in the said City, or in case of my absence or
inability to act before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in said City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt
with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 20 day of April 1886

J. T. Kilbreth Police Justice.

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Police Court, First District.

The Commissioners of Public Charities
and Correction.

on the complaint of

Maggie Best

vs.

Edwin J. H. Tannen

WARRANT-BASTARDY.

Dated *April 20* 1886

J. P. Kilbreth Police Justice

Mc Gormick Officer.

The Defendant

.....
taken. and now brought before

Justice
to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command
contained in this Warrant.

Dated 188

.....
Officer.

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Police Court of the City of New York,
for the District.

The People of the State of New
York, on the complaint of Edward
J. H. Tamsen,

against

C h a r l e s B e s t.

City and County of New York, ss:

Edward J. H. Tamsen, being duly sworn, says:

He resides at 331 E. 18th Street, in the City of New York.
That on the 23rd day of April, a special proceeding of a
criminal nature was pending in the First District Police
Court in the City of New York, before Justices Kilbreth and
Murray, wherein the Commissioners of Public Charities and
Corrections were complainants and this deponent defendant.
That in said proceeding Charles Best was sworn as a witness
for the prosecution and thereupon did swear and testify be-
fore the said Police Justices, that on or about the 10th day
of February, 1886, this deponent did say to said Charles
Best the following words: "I thought I would see you right
away and talk to you before it comes public. You cannot do
anything against me; I am a rich man, and I am high in poli-
tics, I do what I can against you if you bring me to Court".
And that at the same time this deponent did say that he would
support the bastard child of Maggie Best.

That the said statements so made by said Charles Best were
wickedly false and untrue; that this deponent did not make
the same on the occasion aforesaid and the said Charles Best
committed perjury in so testifying. That at the same time

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and in the same proceeding the said Charles Best further swore that on the same occasion, he the said Charles Best, did not hear the said Maggie Best admit that this deponent was not the father of her bastard child and that he, the said Charles Best did beg the pardon of this deponent for having accused him of being the father of the said bastard child of Maggie Best.

This deponent further says: That the said Charles Best committed wilfull perjury in so denying he did not hear the said Maggie Best make the admission that this deponent was not the father of the said bastard child and that he, said Charles Best, did not after hearing the said Maggie Best's said admission, beg the pardon of this deponent for having wrongfully accused him of being the father of such bastard child.

Deponent further says: On the 11th day of February, 1886, on the occasion referred to by said Charles Best, the said Maggie Best did state and confess in the presence and hearing of said Charles Best that her charge made before that day that deponent was the father of her bastard child was false and indicated another person as the real father of her child; that thereupon the said Charles Best did ask this deponent's pardon for having wrongfully accused him of the said charge.

That on said examination ~~the~~ on the 22nd day of April, 1886, the said Charles Best falsely described these facts and falsely stated that deponent had promised to support said bastard child.

And this deponent further says: that all the testimony and denials so sworn to by the said Charles Best on the occasion aforesaid were material and relevant to the issue then pending before the said justices in the said special proceeding.

Wherefore this deponent prays: that the said Charles Best

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may be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

18th day of May, 1886.

Edward J. Samson

J. W. Smith
Peace Justice

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Police Court of the City of New York,
for the District.

The People of the State of New York,
on the complaint of Edward J. H. Tam-
sen,

Against
C h a r l e s B e s t.

City and County of New York, ss:

Catherine Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: That she is the wife of Edward J. H. Tamsen and was present with him on the 11th day of February, 1886, at No. 234 East 46th Street, where they saw Maggie Best and the above named Charles Best. That Maggie Best on that occasion in the presence of the said Charles Best stated that the charge previously made by her, that the above named complainant was the father of her child born on February 10th, 1886, was untrue and the said Maggie Best mentioned another person as being the father of her said child. Thereupon, after hearing said statement, the said Charles Best begged the pardon of the above named complainant for having wrongly charged him with being the father of said Maggie Best's child. That this deponent was present during the examination of the said Charles Best on the 23rd day of April, 1886, in the First District Police Court, in the proceeding of the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections against the said Edward J. H. Tamsen and heard the said Charles Best testify, that he was present on the occasion stated by deponent, but that he did not hear the said Maggie Best retract her said charge against Edward J. H. Tamsen and her statement that another man was the father of her said child; and the said Charles

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Best further testified that the above named complainant had said he would support the child of said Maggie Best. That the said testimony of said Charles Best was false, that deponent was present during the whole interview between said complainant and said Charles Best and that the said complainant did not say that he would support the said child of Maggie Best and did not say: "I thought I would see you right away and talk to you before it comes public. You cannot do anything against me; I am a rich man, and am high in politics, I do what I can against you if you bring me to Court", as stated by said Charles Best on said examination.

Sworn to before me, this
day of May, 1886.

Catharine Tander

*J. W. [unclear]
Police Justice*

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Jess District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

Charles Best 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 Best

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 43 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Germany.

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

Answer. 234 East 46th Street. 1 year.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Barber

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

Answer. I am not guilty of the charge
Charles Best.

Taken before me this 21st day of May 1886
J. M. [Signature]
Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court First District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss. *In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County*
OF NEW YORK, } *of New York, or to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:*

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 Edward J. N. Jansen of No. 331 East 18th Street, that on the 23rd day of April 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Charles Best in a special proceeding of a Criminal nature then pending in the First district police Court in said City wherein the Complainant of public charities and corrections were the complainants and Edward J. N. Jansen was defendant, Charles Best being sworn as a witness did commit willful and corrupt perjury.

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 each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant, and bring him forthwith before me, at the First District Police Court, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 18th day of May 1886

J. Williams POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court First District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edward J. N. Jansen
vs

Charles Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18th 1886

W. B. Roberts Magistrate.

W. A. Morrison Officer.

The Defendant Charles Best

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

W. Morrison Officer.

Dated May 19th 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, 9:50 AM.

Native of Germany

Age, 42

Sex, _____

Complexion, _____

Color, Bl

Profession, Carver

Married, No

Single, Yes

Read, No

Write, No

234. East 40th Street

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Police Court - 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles W. Dawson
331 E. 18th St.
New York

James P. Lee

Offence: Perjury

Dated: May 19th 1888

Michael Magistrate.
M. Connelley Officer.
Court Precinct.

WITNESSES

No. 1, by John Ebling
Residence: 236 East 46th St.

No. 2, by _____
Residence: _____ Street.

No. 3, by _____
Residence: _____ Street.

No. 4, by _____
Residence: _____ Street.

No. _____
Street.

No. _____
Street.

No. _____
Street.

No. _____
Street.

\$ 1000 TO ANSWER

1000 for City of New York
Committed

Committed

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

Charles Post
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 21st 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court of the City of New York, for the District.

The People of the State of New York,
on the complaint of Edward J. H. Tamsen,

Against
M a g g i e B e s t.

City and County of New York, ss:

Edward J. H. Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: He resides at 331 East 18th Street, in the City of New York. That in the month of April, to-wit: on the 22nd day of April, 1886, a special proceeding of a criminal nature was pending in the First District Police Court in the City of New York before Justice Kilbreth and Murray, wherein the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections were complainants and this deponent defendant; that in said proceeding Maggie Best was sworn as a witness for the prosecution, and thereupon did swear and testify before the said Police Justices; that this deponent had on the 10th day of May, 1885, carnal connection with the said Maggie Best and that this deponent had on said 10th day of May, 1885, taken hold of the said Maggie Best, while in the basement of the house 331 East 18th Street in the City of New York, and forcibly taken her and thrown her down on the sofa and there had sexual connection with her against her will and resistance. And in the said proceedings the said Maggie Best further swore and testified that this deponent on Wednesday following the said 10th day of May, 1885, again assaulted the said Maggie Best and again forcibly and against her will had

sexual intercourse with her and further swore that as a result of the said sexual intercourse by her stated she had become pregnant from this deponent and there was born to her on the 10th day of February, 1886, in the City of New York a bastard child and that this deponent was the natural father of the said bastard and liable to support the same. That the said statements so sworn to by the said Maggie Best were all false and untrue and known by the said Maggie to be false and untrue and wickedly perjurous.

That this deponent had not at the time stated by the said Maggie nor at any time any sexual intercourse with her and that she did not become pregnant from him and this deponent was not, as falsely charged by the said Maggie Best the father of the said bastard child.

Deponent further says: During the same examination upon the said complaint the said Maggie Best further stated upon her oath that she had not had sexual intercourse with any man excepting the alleged intercourse with this deponent.

Deponent further says: that the said statement was false and untrue and known by said Maggie Best to be wickedly false and untrue at the time she uttered the same. That this deponent had not had any sexual intercourse with said Maggie whatever and the said Maggie had admitted to this deponent on the 8th day of February, 1886, that she had had sexual intercourse with another man and had become pregnant from such other man.

That on the 11th day of February, 1886, the said Maggie Best in the presence of Catherine Tamsen, deponent's wife, admitted that she had had sexual intercourse with another man and that another man was the father of her said bastard child.

That the testimony so given by the said Maggie Best on

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said proceeding was material and relevant to the issue pending before the said police justices and the same was wickedly false and she committed perjury on so testifying.

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said Maggie Best may be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

18th day of May, 1886.

Edward J. James

J. H. White
Police Justice

Police Court of the City of New York, for the
District.

The People of the State of New York,
on the complaint of Edward J. H. Tam-
sen,

Against

M a g g i e B e s t.

City and County of New York, ss:

Catharine Tamsen, being duly sworn, says: That she is the wife of Edward J. H. Tamsen, the above named complainant, and lives with her husband at 331 East 18th Street; that she was present on the 11th day of February, 1886, at 234 East 46th Street, and that in her presence Maggie Best stated that the charge previously made by her that the above named complainant is the father of her child was untrue, and the said Maggie Best further stated that another man was the father of her said child. That she ~~never~~ had had sexual connection with a young man at a Picnic in Jones Wood in the City of New York about May, 1885, and became pregnant therefrom and that this young man, whose name said Maggie professed not to know, is the father of her said child. That this deponent was present during the examination of Maggie Best on the 22nd day of April, 1886 in the proceeding commenced by the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections against the above named complainant and heard her testify and state on the said occasion under oath that the above named complainant was the father of her child, that he had assaulted her on Sunday, May 10th, 1885, and had sexual connection and on the Wednesday following he had again forcibly sexual intercourse with her, the said Maggie Best, and

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that she became pregnant in consequence thereof and gave birth to a child on said 10th day of February, 1886, of which the complainant is the father, and that she had had no sexual intercourse with any other person except the said complainant. That the said testimony is wickedly false and untrue.

Sworn to before me, this
18th day of May, 1886.



Catherine James



J. H. Smith
Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

First District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

Maggie Best 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. Maggie Best.

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 19 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. 234 East 46th Street. 1 year.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Domestic

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

Answer. I am not guilty of the charge

Maggie Best

Taken before me this 21st day of May 1888
J. J. Black
Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court Third 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 to any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:*

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 Edmund J. Tausen of No. 331 East 18th Street, that on the 18th day of April 1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Maggie Best in a special proceeding a criminal nature then pending in the first district police court in said city wherein the complainant by public charity and connections were the complainants and Edmund J. Tausen was defendant, Maggie Best being sworn as a witness did commit wilful and corrupt perjury.

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 each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant, and bring her forthwith before me, at the Third 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 18 day of May 1886

J. H. ... POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court Third District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edmund J. Tausen
vs

Maggie Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18 1886

W. Gilbert Magistrate.

W. C. ... Officer.

The Defendant Maggie Best taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

W. C. ... Officer.

Dated May 19th 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, 9:00 AM.

Native of N.Y.

Age, 19

Sex, _____

Complexion, _____

Color, Br

Profession, None

Married, _____

Single, Yes

Read, Yes

Write, Yes

234 E. 46th Street

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BAILED

No. 1, by *Frederick Berner*

Residence *575-2 1/2 Green Street*

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____

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Police Court *144* District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles W. Johnson
331 East 18th

Maggie Best

1. *Maggie Best*

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Offence _____

MAY 24 1886
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Dated *May 19th* 1886

Albert Magistrate

M. Cornwell Officer

Court Precinct

WITNESSES

No. *Calvin Johnson*

331 East 18th Street

No. _____ Street

No. _____ Street

\$ *500* to answer *Ed*

Cancelled for 6th May 31

11pm, Parcel

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 *Maggie Best* 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 21st* 1886 *J. Williams* Police Justice.

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

Dated *May 21st* 1886 *J. Williams* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1886 _____ Police Justice.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace
of the City and County of New York.

State of New York
of New York,
against
Maggie Best

The Grand Jury of the City
and County of New York, by this
Indictment accuse Maggie Best of
the crime of Perjury, committed as
follows:

That she, to wit, on the twenty
second day of April, in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and ninety six, at the City of
New York, in the County of New
York aforesaid, there was pending
before James S. Withers Esquire and
Henry Murray Esquire, two of the
Police Justices of the said City of
New York, in due form of law, a
certain examination and inquiry for
the purpose of having an adjudication
as to the violation of a certain Statute
which then held in force to the
body of the said Maggie Best,
which was then held to become

Shanagade to and a charge upon the
 said City and County of New York, and
 of which said Court did one
 Edward J. Sawyer, then Judge
 charged before the justice of peace,
 upon the oath of the said Magistrate
 Court, with being the father.

And at and upon the said exam-
 ination and inquiry, to wit: on the
 day and in the year aforesaid, at
 the City and County aforesaid, the
 said Magistrate Court, of the City
 and County aforesaid, personally
 came and appeared before the said
 justice, and was then and there in
 due form of law sworn, and did
 take her former oath, and before
 the justice aforesaid, that the evidence
 which she should give to the said
 justice, upon the said examination
 and inquiry, should be the truth,
 the whole truth, and nothing but
 the truth. (That the said justice did
 and thereunto was fully and completely
 sworn and authorized to administer
 the said oath to the said Magistrate
 Court in that behalf.)

And the said Magistrate Court, being
 sworn as aforesaid, it then and

There, at and upon the said examination and inquiry, became and was material that the said parties should know whether the said Edward J. Samson had come in contact with the said Maggie Best on the tenth day of May, 1885, and whether on the said tenth day of May, 1885 the said Edward J. Samson had been in the said Maggie Best, while in the possession of the house known as number 73, East 13th Street in the said City of New York, and whether he had been and there had been on a party in the said house, and whether she had been in contact with her against her will and resistance; and whether on the Wednesday following the said tenth day of May, 1885, the said Edward J. Samson again assaulted her the said Maggie Best, and again against and against her will had been intercourse with her; and whether as a result of such intercourse between her the said Maggie Best and the said Edward J. Samson, the said Maggie Best became pregnant, and was on the tenth day of January

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1886, in the said City of New York
delivered to the said John D. ...
The said Edward J. ...
was the natural father and for whose
support the said Edward J. ...
Tamm was then and there liable.

And the said Magistrate, ...
having no power as aforesaid, do and
upon the said examination and
inquiry, before the said ...
upon the said aforesaid, and do
and concerning the material matter
aforesaid, then and there to wit: on
the said twenty second day of April,
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty six, at
the City and County aforesaid, do
knowingly, willingly, knowingly and cor-
ruptly, did falsely swear, depose
and say, amongst other things, in
substance and to the effect following,
that is to say:

That the said Edward J. ...
Tamm had carnal connection with
then the said Magistrate on the
third day of May, 1886, and that
on the said third day of May, 1886,
the said Edward J. Tamm took
hold of then the said Magistrate

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while in the basement of the said
 house known as number 331 East
 19th Street in the said City of New
 York, and forcibly took her and
 threw her down on a sofa in the
 said basement, and then and there
 had sexual connection with her
 against her will and resistance,
 that on the Wednesday following
 the said tenth day of May, 1886,
 the said Edward J. St. Lawrence again
 assaulted her the said Maggie Best,
 and again forcibly and against her
 will, had sexual intercourse with
 her; that as a result of sexual
 intercourse between her the said
 Maggie Best and the said Edward
 J. St. Lawrence, the said Maggie
 Best became pregnant, and was
 on the tenth day of January, 1886,
 in the said City of New York, delivered
 of a bastard child of which the said
 Edward J. St. Lawrence was the
 natural father, and for whose support
 the said Edward J. St. Lawrence was
 then and there liable.

Whereas in truth and in fact
 the said Edward J. St. Lawrence did
 not on the said tenth day of May

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1885, or at any other time I have seen
 connection with her the said Maggie
 Best, and did not on the said tenth
 day of May, 1885 take hold of her
 the said Maggie Best while in the
 basement of the said house known
 as number 331 East 12th Street in the
 said City of New York, and I did
 take her and throw her down on a
 ledge in the said basement, and did
 not then and there have sexual
 connection with her, against her will
 and resistance, and the said Edward
 J. Tamm did not on the Wednesday
 following the said tenth
 day of May, 1885, against ~~her~~ assault
 her the said Maggie Best, and
 against her will and against her
 have sexual intercourse with her.

And whereas in truth and in
 fact the said Maggie Best
 did not become pregnant as a
 result of sexual intercourse between
 her the said Maggie Best, and the
 said Edward J. Tamm, and was
 not as a result of any such sexual
 intercourse advised of the said fact
 till on the said tenth day of
 January, 1886; and the said Edward

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of St. Tammany was not the natural
father of the said Frankland, and
was not then and there liable
for its support.

And whereas in truth and in fact,
all the material matters aforesaid, as
aforesaid by the said George
Best, then and there upon the said
examination and inquiry were
deposed and said, before the
aforesaid, were in all things
false and untrue, as the said
George Best then and there well
knew.

And so the said George Best
do say: That the said George
Best, in manner and form aforesaid,
did commit and commit against
the State of New York, in
such case made and provided, and
against the laws of the State of New
York, and the laws of the State of New York,

Richard C. Martin,
District Attorney

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DESCRIPTION:

Blake, William

DATE:

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[Signature]

Counsel,

Filed 22 day of June 1886

Pleads *Admitts*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

William Blake

*116 Broadway
New York*

Grand Larceny in the
(MONEY)
degree.
(Sec. 528 and 531, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Foreman.

[Signature]

Witnesses:

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Police Court First District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County of New York, } ss.

Helen R Bone

of No. 16 Fulton Street, aged 20 years, occupation Fruit Dealer being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 19th day of June 1888 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the Day time, the following property viz :

Good and lawful money of the United States in bank bills of the amount and value of Thirty 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 William Blake now here,

from the fact that deponent is informed by Thomas Maguire of No 16 Fulton Street that he saw the said deponent in the office of the above described premises and he heard the drawer in the desk in said office closed and he caught hold of said deponent and held him deponent and gave deponent in charge of the officer and deponent on the way to the station gave the aforesaid amount of money to officer Matthew McCoy of the First Precinct in the presence of deponent and deponent identified the said amount of money by a slip of paper pinned to said money

Helen R Bone

Sworn to before me, this 19 day of June 1888 at New York City, N.Y.
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Matthew McBoy

aged 41 years, occupation Police Officer of No.

1st Branch Police Street

being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Helen R Bone

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

Sworn to before me, this 19 day of June 1836

Matthew McBoy

Solou B Smith
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Thomas Maguire

aged 45 years, occupation Book Keeper of No.

16 Fulton Street

being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Helen R Bone

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

Sworn to before me, this 19 day of June 1836

Thomas Maguire

Solou B Smith
Police Justice.

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

William Blake 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 Blake

Question. How old are you?

Answer 44 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Ireland

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

Answer. 136 Bleeker Street 7 months

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 guilty

William Blake

Taken before me this 19 day of Sept 1888 at NY Police Justice.

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BAILLED,

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Police Court District. 151-886

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Helen P. Lane
16 South St
William Blake

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Larceny

Dated

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June 19
Smith
Magistrate.

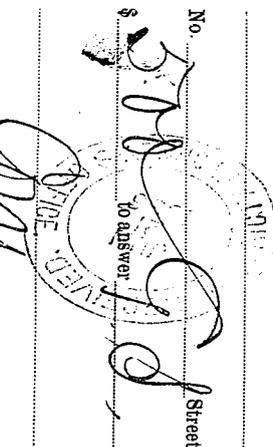
Matthews
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Officer.

Witnesses
Curtis
Precinct.

No. 1
James Mackone
Street.

No. 2
16 South St
Street.

No. 3
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to answer
Street.



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

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

Dated June 19 1886 Solow B Smith Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
against

William Blodde

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

William Blodde

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

The said *William Blodde*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the ~~nineteenth~~ day of ~~June~~, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-~~two~~, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the ~~day~~ time of the same day, ~~one~~ promissory note for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars; ~~three~~ 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 the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars ~~each~~; ~~seven~~ 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 the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars ~~each~~; ~~two~~ 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 the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars ~~each~~; ~~thirteen~~ 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 the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar ~~each~~; ~~one~~ promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars; ~~three~~ promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars ~~each~~; ~~thirteen~~ promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars ~~each~~; ~~divers coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of~~

of the proper moneys, goods, chattels, and personal property of one ~~on the person of the said~~ *Adon R. Rose*, — then and there being found, ~~from the person of the said~~ then and there feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.

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Bolles, Charles W.

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Thatcher, May A.

DATE:

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Loweli, Samuel J.

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Wightman, Andrew J.

DATE:
06/29/86



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STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

B District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c., IN COMPLAINT OF

Charles J. Sears

Samuel J. Lowell

BEFORE HON.

Charles Welde

POLICE JUSTICE,

June 12

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APPEARANCES:

For the People,

For the Defence,

Jess Fromme

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I N D E X .

WITNESSES.

Direct Ex.

Cross Ex.

Re-Direct.

Re-Cross.

Charles J. Sears
William P. Burr
Mary Ann Thatche

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W. L. Ormsby Jr

Official Stenographer.

Police Court
Third District

The People -
Charles J. Sears
Samuel J. Lowell.

Examination before Justice Welde June 12 1886

Appearances

For the Defendant, Jacob Fromme

Charles J. Sears, the complainant,
being cross examined upon his
affidavit, by Mr. Fromme, deposes,
and says: -

I live at Buffalo New York,
I am in no business at present.
I was contracting freight agent. I
am taking a vacation now. I am
taking a rest until fall. I shall
go back to ~~Buffalo~~^{work} in the fall. I
never saw the defendant Lowell
before to my knowledge. I do
not know that I saw Mr.
Wightman who is mentioned in
the complaint. I never saw Mrs.
A. Hatcher until yesterday

Q Did you see her make an
affidavit - of your own knowledge?

A - I saw her affidavit

Q Did you see her make an affidavit?

A I did not see her write an
affidavit.

Q - You swear in your complaint

that she had made an affidavit
 A I saw such an affidavit
 Q You did not see her write?
 A Certainly not
 Q How can you say that it is her affidavit?
 A - Because her signature is attached to it
 Q Did you ever see her write before that?
 A No, Sir
 Q What was the date of the affidavit?
 A I do not recollect
 Q Was it before yesterday?
 A Yes
 Q Did you ever see her write?
 A Not that I know of.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME
 THIS 22 DAY OF June 1885.
M. H. Hilde
 POLICE JUSTICE.

[Signature]

William P. Burr, being cross examined upon his affidavit, by Mr. Prosser, deposes and says:
 Q - What is your business?
 A - I am an Attorney and counsellor at law since 1878.
 Q Here in this state?
 A Yes, Sir
 Q Do you know Mr. Sears the complainant here?

A Yes, Sir; I do.
 Q you are his lawyer?
 A Yes Sir; I am.
 Q do you know Detective Heidelberg?
 A I do.
 Q Have you paid him any money?
 A No Sir.
 Q do you know that any money has been paid to him?
 A No Sir; I know that there has been no money paid to him.
 Q do you know Miss Thatcher here present?
 A Yes, Sir.
 Q did you ever see her write?
 A Yes, Sir.
 Q Prior to yesterday?
 A I do not think so.
 Q did you ever see her write any affidavit?
 A No, Sir.
 Q you were not present when her affidavit referred to in the complaint was made?
 A No, Sir.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME
 THIS 12 DAY OF April 1888
M. H. Helde
 POLICE JUSTICE.

W. R. R. R.

May Army Thatcher, being duly cross examined by Mr. Fromme upon her affidavit deposes and

- Q says:
- Q What is your name?
- A May Amy Thatcher;
- Q Where do you live?
- A 45 Clinton Place
- Q How long have you lived there?
- A About two months
- Q Where did you live before that?
- A East Eleventh street
- Q What number?
- A - 56 or 58 - I am not certain which.
- Q Where did you live before that?
- A What do you wish to know for
- Q [Repeated]
- A I lived at 40 Clinton Place
- Q With whom?
- A - Miss Von Horten
- Q Does she keep a boarding house?
- A - She just rents rooms - rents furnished rooms
- Q How long did you live at 40 Clinton Place?
- A - I could not say exactly how long
- Q A month?
- A - More than a month
- Q How?
- A - I could not say exactly
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Q Where did you live before that?
A ~~Germany~~ Let me see -
I lived in East 9th street
before that

Q What number

A No 58 or 59

Q With whom?

A Mrs Rector

Q How long did you live there?

A Well I could not say exactly

Q - a month or a week?

A It was more than a week.

Q Less than a month?

A Yes

Q Where did you live before that

A - Before that I lived home
where?

A 5 East 27th street

Q with whom?

A With my brother

Q what is his name?

A - James Thatcher

Q How long had you been
living at home?

A - Since I have been in this
country.

Q How long is that?

A About two years

Q you were arrested yesterday
were you not?

A Yes. I was arrested.

5 Q By Police Officer Heidelberg?

- A Yes Sir
- Q When you were arrested did he say anything to you about making a statement?
- A No; he did not. He told me that Inspector Byrnes wished to see me and I went there
- Q Have you had any conversation with Heidelberg about that matter?
- A No; I did not have conversation with him. I did with Inspector Byrnes
- Q After you had conversation with Byrnes did you converse with Heidelberg?
- A Yes. Talked about it - He took it down [Correcting herself] No; I did not have any conversation with Officer Heidelberg if you mean this man here [Pointing to Officer Heidelberg]
- Q You say you made a statement to an officer there with Inspector Byrnes?
- A Yes He took my statement down.
- Q The officer did?
- A Yes
- Q Who is the officer?
- A He is not here - I do not know his name.
- Q - Was this officer now sitting

near you present?

A - No sir; no one but the officer that took it down.

Q after that did you have a conversation with Herdelberg?

A - No; I had no conversation with him.

Q Was anything said to you that if you would make a statement you would go free?

A That was never said to me - not at all.

Q Was any promise made to you then?

A - There was no promise made to me then.

Q you went in of your own free will?

A Yes; I went in of my own free will and made a statement to the Sergeant.

Q When did you see Herdelberg next?

A I saw him here yesterday.

Q Did you not converse with him?

A I did not converse with him.
Q Did you not converse with him this morning?

A - No; I did not converse with him.

Q That is as true as anything else you have said?

A - That is as true as anything else I have said.

Q Not in my presence - did you not converse with him in my presence?

A - What you saw me in the room - yes.

Q Did you not converse with him in this room this morning?

A No conversation.

Q When your affidavit was taken

A No. I had no special conversation. I might have talked and laughed with him the same as others in the room - I had no conversation with him.

Q You spoke to him?

A I might have spoken to him. Probably. I did not speak with him secretly or privately.

Q Did you speak openly with him?

A I addressed all that were in the room - no more with him than with anybody else.

Q You did speak with him?

A I do not say I had any conversation with him.

Q Were you ever in the St. Ormer Hotel?

A Yes. I was in the St. Ormer Hotel.

Q - Glen?
A - No; not Glen
Q - Were you there in February?
A - Yes; in February - on the 10th of February
Q - Were you there with this gentleman [Mr. Sears, the complainant]
A - I was there with a gentleman that I believed - at that time I believed was Mr. Sears - if this is Mr. Sears it was very much the same sort of a man.
Q - Did he go to the St. Owen Hotel with you?
A - Yes
Q - Did he register?
A - He registered
Q - What did he register?
A - I could not say
Q - Did he go up to a room with you?
A - He went to a room with me
Q - Did he have sexual intercourse with you?
A - Yes
Q - Up to that time did you know Mr. Lowell the defendant?
A - No; I did not know Mr. Lowell

Q - How did you become acquainted with this man who looked like Mr. Sears who went with you to the St. Omer Hotel?

A - I was out to the corner of Fourteenth street - I was talking with a gentleman's friend - when I left him this man that I supposed was Mr. Sears came and spoke to me. He asked me where I was going. I told him I was going home. He asked me if I could not go with him. I said no. He said he wanted to talk with me. I talked with him and he persuaded me. We were going to the West Side Hotel when I saw a gentleman watching us. I said "Do you see that gentleman that is there? I think that gentleman is watching us - I think he is sent by my brother. This gentleman said - if you are afraid to go we will take a car, and we will go to the St. Omer Hotel. So we took a car. He said "You go to Twenty-third street and I will meet you at

Twenty-fourth street. I rode up to Twenty-third street, and then this gentleman whom I supposed to be Mr. Sears met me there and went to the hotel with me. During that time this man got a car and followed us up there.

Q Did he pay you any money?

A Yes; that man paid me

Q How much did he pay you?

A I can't say - may be it was five dollars. I could not tell whether I gave him any change. - I could not say.

Q Have you seen this man since that you say you believed was Mr. Sears?

A I went to Buffalo and saw this man. Sears then I thought it was the same gentleman that was with me at the St. Owen Hotel.

Q Have you seen Mr. Sears since?

A I saw him here yesterday.

Q Had you been doing that before - picking up men in the street?

A I am not in the habit of picking up men in the street.

Q Was this the first time that you picked up a man in the street?

A I don't get my living by picking up men

Q You say you never picked up a man before?

A No.

Q Had you before this time gone to the St. Owen Hotel with a man

A Yes. I have gone there

Q Did you pick the man up?

A No; I did not pick him up

Q How did you know him?

A I was introduced to him.

Q By whom

A By a lady friend.

Q Who is that man

A He is on the East Side

Q What is his name?

A De Forrest.

Q Did he pay you for it?

A No; he did not pay me.

Q Did you pay him?

A No; I did not pay him.

Justice Wells - You have proceeded far enough with this line of examination. You have shown his character

Q Were you ever married?
A No
Q on the other side - before you came here?
A No
Q What did you do in England
A I lived with my parents at home
Q When -
A At Spring Grove Islaworth
Q What is your father's name?
A He is dead
Q Is your mother living?
A My mother is living
Q What is her name?
A Elizabeth
Q you say you went to Buffalo to see Mr. Sears?
A Yes
Q When was this?
A That I could not tell.
Mr Lowell knows it
Court Defendants counsel moves to strike out the words "Mr Lowell knows it"
Motion denied.
Exception
Q - When you saw Mr. Sears were you confirmed of the fact that that was the man who was with you at the St Owen Hotel?

A When I saw Mr. Sears I said "That is Mr. Sears" and Wightman said "Yes; by Jove that is he"

Q Then you were sure it was Mr. Sears?

A I was sure that it was a man that looked like the man that was in this city and stayed with me at the St. Omer Hotel

Q Have you changed your mind?

A - Well no; this gentleman looks like him.

Q Do you understand the nature of an oath?

A Yes.

Q Do you know the penalties of it?

A I have not taken an oath that is not true

Q Do you know the penalties?

A No; perhaps if you will tell me I will know.

Q You do not know what it is to take a false oath?

A I know what it is to tell an untruth certainly.

Q Do you know the penalty?

A Yes; I know I could be put in the state prison.

Q Is there no other penalty?

A Well I do not know - what is there?

Q When did you first become acquainted with your friend who of the "Howard Detective Agency - (Mr Reynolds)

A Last Monday evening.

Q Where?

A In my house in Clinton Place

Q How long did he stay at your house?

A Possibly 2 hours or 2 1/2.

Q Did you go out with him?

A I did not.

Q To the best of your knowledge will you ~~say~~ swear that this man here, Mr Sears, the complainant, is the man that you were with at the St Owen Hotel?

A To the best of my knowledge he looks very much like him - but, to take my solemn oath I do not know that I can do that because I do not know - I have my doubts now

Q Since you were arrested?

A Since I have been arrested by Mr Sears, I say it now, is very much like the

gentleman who stayed with me at the St Owen Hotel

Q - Were your doubts created since you have been arrested?

A - My doubts well - I cannot answer.

Q You say you never thought of it

A I never thought it was necessary to remember it.

Q - But, if you had met him in the street you would say that that was the man that stayed with you at the St Owen Hotel?

A Yes; I should think that it is the same gentleman.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME

THIS 12 DAY OF July 1892

POLICE JUSTICE.

Maymie Thatch

Mr. Fromme moved to dismiss the complaints against the defendants Lowell and Wightman
Motion denied
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3 District Police Court.

Charles C. Sears

vs. Samuel J. Lovell

STENOGRAPHER'S TRANSCRIPT.

June 12 1886

BEFORE HON.

Charles Wells

Police Justice.

W. L. Crumley

Official Stenographer.

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Sec. 192.

2 District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before Charles Felder a Police Justice of the City of New York, charging Andrew J. Nightman defendant with the offence of Conspiracy

and he having been brought before said Justice for an examination of said charge, and it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of said Justice that said examination should be adjourned to some other day, and the hearing thereof having been adjourned.

Andrew J. Nightman Defendant of No. 159
East 124th Street; by occupation a Detective

and Henry M. Colver of No. 6 East 126th Street, by occupation a Brook Keeper Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that

the above named Andrew J. Nightman Defendant shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the 2 District Police Court in the City of New York, during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of Twenty Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 21 day of June 1888

W. H. H. H. POLICE JUSTICE.

Andrew J. Nightman
Henry M. Colver

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

2 District Police Court.

Murray J. Wightman 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. Murray J. Wightman

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 46 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Refused

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

Answer. Refused 159 East 124th St
2 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Refused

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
Murray J. Wightman

Taken before me this

day of

[Signature]
[Signature]

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL

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Sec. 192.

3 District Police Court

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before Charles F. Eldred a Police Justice of the City of New York charging Samuel J. Louell Defendant with the offence of

Conspiracy

and he having been brought before said Justice for an examination of said charge, and it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of said Justice that said examination should be adjourned to some other day, and the hearing thereof having been adjourned,

W. Samuel J. Louell Defendant of No. 34
Broad Street; by occupation a night clerk
and James Cherry of No. 94 Guernsey Street, by occupation a Agent Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that the above named Samuel J. Louell Defendant shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the 3 District Police Court in the City of New York, during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of Twenty Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 15 day of June 1886
M. A. Needer POLICE JUSTICE.
James Cherry

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of June, 1888, by James Cherry, Justice.

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and holder within the said County and State, and is worth Twenty Hundred Dollars, exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and liabilities, and that his property consists of

One Month's interest in house and lot No. 62 West Broadway. Said interest being worth Four Thousand dollars Clear of all incumbrances, and the Lease of premises No 94 and 94 1/2 West Broadway worth Three Thousand dollars. Clear of all incumbrances.

James Cherry

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

ss.

Taken the

day of

1888

Justice.

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Law offices of
CHARLES W. BOLLES,
57 Broadway,
New York.

New York, N.Y. 100th. Bldg.

Charles F. Sears Esq.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I write you as attorney for Miss Alice A. Adwings-
ton of this City who states to me that on or about the
10th of February last, she met you on 6th. Ave. this City
and went with you to the St. Omar Hotel and there had sexual
intercourse with you, and as a result is now with child by
you.

I suppose you are aware that, under these condi-
tions you are liable for the support of the child, and the
mother's expenses during her sickness.

Are you willing to make suitable provisions for
said liability, and thereby avoid publicity, or will it be
necessary to take legal steps in the matter?

Awaiting your reply I remain

Truly yours

Cha. W. Bolles

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Law offices of
CHARLES W. BOLLES,
57 Broadway,
New York.

N. Y. June 3-- 33.

Wm. P. Burr Esq.,

320 Bway, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Miss Livingston agrees to "assume all responsibility" for \$1,000. which seems reasonable under the circumstances.

Hoping this will meet with the approval of your client and yourself I remain

Yours truly

Cha. W. Bolles.

Law offices of
CHARLES W. BOLLES,
57 Broadway,
New York.

N. Y. June 3th. 33.

Wm. P. Burr

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find affidavit as per request I send you this as I had taken it yesterday but if you desire a more full statement and will suggest on what points will get another.

I learned since seeing you that she gave me a fictitious name that her real name is Thatcher, fearing her name would get the papers and that her people would learn of this episode.

She is now very anxious to have the matter settled up if possible

Yours &c.
Cha. W. Bolles.

City and County of New York SS:-

May A. Thatcher, being duly sworn says: That she is 19 years of age, that on the 10th day of February 1890, about 10 o'clock in the evening she met Mr. C. C. Sears on Sixth Ave. near 14th. St. in the City of New York and accompanied him to the St. Omer Hotel on said 6th. Ave. near 23rd. St., that said Sears hired a room and that said Sears had sexual intercourse with deponent remaining with deponent about 2 hours that as a result of said intercourse deponent is now with child by said Sears, that said Sears registered at said St. Omer, as a resident of this City and deponent learned that he was a resident of Buffalo by seeing him in Buffalo on a recent visit there and by inquiries made at that time.

Sworn to before me this :
7th day of June 1890. :
May Annie Thatcher.

Chas. W. Bolles

Notary Public N. Y. C.

I certify that the annexed letters and affidavit are a true copy of the original letters and affidavit attached to the papers in the case of Charles C. Sears against Charles W. Bolles and May A Thatcher and now on file in the District Attorney's Office.

J. J. Kennedy
Chas. W. Bolles
3rd Dist. Police Court

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

POLICE COURT 2 - DISTRICT.

Charles J. Sears
of *the Morton House, 147* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the *25th* day of *May* 188*6*
at the City of New York, in the County of New York

Samuel J. Lowell
and *Andrew J. Nightman* did unlawfully in Company with *Charles W. Bolles* and *May A. Thatcher* conspire together to institute an action against this deponent, to wit *Charles W. Bolles* deponent, with being the father of an unborn child of which the said *May A. Thatcher* was pregnant: with the intent to extort from deponent the sum of *One thousand dollars* ~~xxxxxxx~~. From the fact that on the *26* day of *May* 188*6* deponent received from the said *Bolles* a letter stating to deponent that deponent was liable for the support of the said *Thatcher's* child. That deponent is informed by *William F. Burr* that on the *4* day of *June* 188*6* he received from the said *Bolles* a letter stating that *Matter* could be settled for the sum of *one thousand dollars* - deponent is further informed by *May A. Thatcher* that the said *Samuel J. Lowell* and *Andrew J. Nightman* did induce her the said *May A. Thatcher* to make and swear to an affidavit charging deponent with being the father of her unborn child. deponent is further says that the charge against deponent made

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by the said man, & that he is a
man of intire, and made with the intent
to start from depment. The sum of one
thousand dollars - depment through
prays that the said depments
may be death with as the law direct

Sworn to before me
this 12th day of June 1888
Wm. H. H. H.
Police Justice

POLICE COURT - DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFFIDAVIT.

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Dated 1888

Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 30 years, occupation Lawyer of No.

72 East 12th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Charles S. Sears

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

knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 12th

day of June 1888

[Signature]
Police Justice.

City and County
New York

May A. Thacher, being duly
sworn deposes and says, I
met Detective Samuel J. Lowell
on the 24th day of May 1886.
He came to my house and told
me to go to his office the next
day. He said he would make
arrangements for me to go and
see a lawyer and sue Mr
Sears for one thousand dollars
on a claim that Mr Sears
was the father of my unborn
child. I had told Mr Lowell
previously that Frank Medary
was really the father of the
child and not Mr Sears,
but Lowell said that I could
make more money out of
Mr Sears. Pursuant to that
arrangement made with Lowell
on the 24th of May I went to
the office of Lowell and Nighthaw
at 39 Broad street on the
following morning. Then Mr
Nighthaw asked me who I
thought was the father of my

shed, and I told him positively
that the father was Frank Medary.
Then Wytman said "Don't be
foolish, you should sue Mr
Sears. He was with you at the
time, you could get a thousand
^{dollars} from him and you could
not get anything from Frank."
He then said "you could
sue Frank afterwards." Lowell
was there at that time
and said "you may as
well do this as you can
make a thousand dollars
sure. Mr Sears would not
dare refuse to pay because
he could not afford to
fight the case on account
of his divorce cases." It
was about this time that Mr
Lowell told me he was
employed by Mrs Sears and
Mr Joseph C. Barner. Then
Wytman took me to the office
of Charles W. Bolles at No
57 Broadway and told Mr
Bolles that I wanted to
bring this suit against Mr

Sears for one thousand dollars.
I made repeated visits to the
Office of Bolles, with reference
to this suit, being accompanied
on every occasion ~~not~~ by either
Lowell or Wightman, and frequent
reference was made during
these visits to the knowledge
by Lowell and Wightman that
the suit brought by me against
Sears was based on a false
accusation against Mr. Sears.
Mr. Lowell was present on
June 7 when I made my
affidavit in Bolles' Office,
and informed me then that
I was to be paid one thousand
dollars for making that false
affidavit.

Sworn to before me this
12th day of June 1886

M. A. Bolles
Police Justice

May A. Chatter

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

Samuel Louell

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. *Samuel Louell.*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *47 Years -*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *N.Y.*

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

Answer. *34 Broad - 2 Months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Private Detective*

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*

Sg Louell

Taken before me this *19th* day of *June* 189*0*
M. J. Frank
Police Justice.

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BAILED,
 Made by *Franky Crawford*
 Residence *220 Adel St*
 No. 1 by *Sony Spawill*
 Residence *208 Orchard Avenue*
 No. 3 by *Franky Crawford*
 Residence _____
 No. 4 by _____
 Residence _____

Police Court District
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THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William S. Blawie
Samuel L. Blawie
Andrew J. Blawie
 Office _____
 188 _____

Dated *June 23* 188
W. S. Blawie Magistrate
Edmund Thielman Officer,
 C. 3. Precinct.

Witnesses
 No. 1 *May A. Thielman*
 No. 2 *Ed. Thielman*
 No. 3 *William P. Blawie*
 No. 4 *72 E. 14th St*
 No. 5 *117th St*
 to answer *June 23-1886 2 PM*
Monday June 17 9. AM.
F. S. P. M. Jones

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 _____

Samuel L. Blawie & Andrew J. Blawie
 guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they 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 they give such bail.

Dated *June 23* 188 *W. S. Blawie* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

Court of Appeals.

The People,

Respt.

Andrew J. Wightman,

Applt.

March 1, 1887.

Andrews, J.

Omitting the superfluous words in the indictment, it charges, among other things, in substance that the defendant & others, well knowing the contents of the letter and with intent to extort money from the prosecutor, did, on a day and at a place mentioned in the indictment, feloniously send and cause to be forwarded to, and received by, the prosecutor, the letter set out in the indictment, threatening to expose him to disgrace by falsely and publicly accusing him of having had sexual intercourse with one May A. Thatcher, an unmarried female, resulting in her pregnancy of a child likely to be born a bastard.

The letter set out in the indictment purports to have been written

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by one of the co-defendants, an attorney at law, in behalf of May A. Thatcher, and was addressed to the prosecutor.

The letter after stating that the writer had been informed by May A. Thatcher that there had been sexual intercourse between her and the prosecutor and that she was with child by him, proceeds as follows: "I suppose ~~that~~ you are aware that under these conditions you are liable for the support of the child & the mother's expenses during her sickness. Are you willing to make suitable provisions for such liability and thereby avoid publicity, or will it be necessary to take legal steps in the matter."

The defendant was tried and convicted. The evidence is not contained in the record. The bill of exceptions states that the People to maintain the issue on their part introduced evidence tending to prove the acts charged in the first five counts of the indictment. It must be assumed therefore that the evidence justified the jury in finding that the defendant know-

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ingly sent a letter to the prosecutor, falsely charging him with having had illicit intercourse with May A. Thatcher, resulting in pregnancy, and that it was sent for the purpose of extortion.

It is claimed on behalf of the defendant that to support a conviction under section 558 of the Penal Code, for sending a threatening letter, the letter complained of must not only in itself contain a threat, but it must on its face be a threat to do an illegal thing.

It is doubtless true that a demand for indemnity for a wrong, made in good faith, accompanied by a suggestion that legal proceedings will be resorted to unless satisfaction is voluntarily made, is not a threat within the statute, although the wrong is one the disclosure of which would bring disgrace upon the guilty party. But if the party making the demand knows that he has suffered no wrong, a threat to prosecute unless settlement is made, might we conceive bring the case within the statute, although on the face of the

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letter the party writing it might seem to be asserting only his legal rights. In other words, a false accusation in writing of an act involving moral turpitude, known by the party making it to be false, accompanied with a suggestion that legal proceedings will be taken unless the person against whom it is made, purchases silence, may be a threat within the statute, although in form the accused is simply called upon to render satisfaction for that which, if the charge was true, would entitle the accuser to pecuniary compensation.

The mere form in which the threat is made is not decisive.

The letter in this case distinctly intimated that legal proceedings would be taken to enforce the liability, unless the prosecutor made voluntary provision for the mother & child & he is asked whether he is willing to do this to avoid publicity.

The averment in the indictment that the defendant, for the purpose of

extorting money from the prosecutor, threatened to expose him to disgrace by falsely charging him with the criminal acts stated, fairly implies that defendant knew the charge contained in the letter was false, & the admission in the record that evidence was given tending to prove the acts charged in the indictment must have been intended to cover not merely the bare fact of sending the letter, but the circumstances averred in connection with the act, that is that it was a scheme to extort money by making a false charge.

We think the indictment was good in substance and that the conviction should be affirmed. (See People v Thompson 97 N.Y. 313; Reg v Kennedy, 4 Cox Cr. C. 243; Reg v Tucker & Moody 134.)

"All concur"

at copy 7/10
J. E. H. H. H.
Reporter, p. 6

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Court of Appeals

People,

v

Wightman,

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BAILED
 No. 1 *Mount Pleasant*
 Residence *334 W. 17*
 Street

No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street

No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street

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 Police Court
 District

THE PEOPLE vs
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles H. Deane
Charles H. Deane
May a Shuteles
 H.D.
 Date *June 11 1886*
 Magistrate
 Officer
 Precinct

Witness
 No. 1 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street
 No. 2 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street
 No. 3 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street
 No. 4 *Charles H. Deane*
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 No. 5 *Charles H. Deane*
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 No. 6 *Charles H. Deane*
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 No. 7 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street
 No. 8 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street
 No. 9 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street
 No. 10 *Charles H. Deane*
 Street

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

Charles H. Deane & May a Shuteles
 guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Twenty* 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 11* 188*6* *M. A. Deane* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named *Charles H. Deane* to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated *June 13* 188*6* *M. A. Deane* 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.

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 W. Colver
Mary A. Thatcher
Samuel J. Sewell and
Andrew J. Wightman

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

Charles W. Colver, Mary A. Thatcher
Samuel J. Sewell and Andrew J. Wightman
of the CRIME OF **Blackmail**, -

committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Colver, Mary A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Sewell and Andrew J. Wightman, all late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the 21st day of May - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, did feloniously send, and cause to be forwarded to, and received by one Charles R. Deans, a certain letter and writing threatening to accuse him of a crime, to wit: of being the father of a bastard child whereby the said Mary A. Thatcher was then pregnant, and which was then likely to be born a bastard, and to be and become chargeable to the said City and County of New York, which said letter and writing is as follows, to wit:

Saw Office of
Charles W. Colver,

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

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of the CRIME OF **Blackmail**, -

committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Colver, Mary A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Somell and Andrew J. Wolfman, all late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ~~twentieth~~ day of ~~May~~ - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty- ~~two~~, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, did feloniously send, and cause to be forwarded to, and received by one Charles R. Sears, a certain letter and writing threatening to accuse him the said Charles R. Sears of a crime, to wit of being the father of ~~an illegitimate child~~ ~~whereof~~ the said Mary A. Thatcher was then pregnant, and which was then ready to be born a bastard, and to be and become chargeable to the said City and County of New York, which said letter and writing is as follows, that is to wit:

Says Officers of
Charles W. Colver,

57 Broadway
New York.

New York, May 25th 1886.

Richard B. Sears Esq.

Buffalo N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you as attorney for
Miss. Miss A. Livingston of Buffalo
concerning the said Mrs. A. Livingston
the estate of her late husband the
late Dr. J. B. Livingston. She met you on
both Ave. Erie City and met with you
to the St. Omar Hotel and there had
several interviews with you, and as a
result is now with child by you.

I suppose you are aware that
under those conditions you are liable
for the support of the child, and the
mother's expenses during her
confinement.

One question of yours is whether
you should be held liable for the child's
expenses at all, or if it is necessary
to take legal steps in the matter?

Awaiting your reply remain

Very truly

Wm. B. Potter.

They die said Richard B. Sears,
Mrs. A. Livingston, former of Buffalo
and Andrew J. Livingston her late
husband's attorney at law and
her late husband's executor and
administrator and with you in

in such manner as to entitle and
again money from the said Charles R.
Sears; against the name of the State
in such case made and provided, and
against the name of the State of the
State of New York, and their respective

Second Count.

And the Grand Jury do say,
by this indictment further accuse the
said Charles W. Butler, Mary A. Butler,
Samuel J. Bennett and Andrew J. W.
man of the same crime of Blackmail,
committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Butler, Mary
A. Butler, Samuel J. Bennett and
Andrew J. W. man, all of the
Ward, City and County of New York,
to wit: on the day and in the
year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and
County aforesaid, did feloniously send,
and cause to be forwarded to and received
by one Charles R. Sears, a certain letter and
writing threatening to ^{do} some injury to the
said Charles R. Sears, to wit: to cause
and procure the said Charles R. Sears

On your petition to make suitable
provisions for said fidelity, and thereby
avoid publicity, or with it be necessary to
take legal steps in the matter.

And this your request remains
under your
Dear Mr. Collier.

They the said Charles W. Collier, Mary
Bretcher, Samuel J. Somell and Andrew
J. Wickham then and there well knowing
the contents of the said letter and writing
and with intent to defraud the said
and again money from the said Charles
W. Collier; against the laws of the State
in such case made and provided, and
against the laws of the State of the
State of New York, and their dignity

Third Count.

And the Grand Jury proceed, that
this indictment is returned against the said
Charles W. Collier, Mary Bretcher, Samuel
J. Somell and Andrew J. Wickham for
the same crime of Blackmail, committed
as follows:

The said Charles W. Boller, now
 A. Boller, Samuel S. Boller and Andrew
 J. Boller, all of the Ward, City
 and County of Nevada, do hereby certify
 on the day and in the year aforesaid, to
 the Ward, City and County of Nevada, and
 do hereby certify, and cause to be for-
 warded to and received by one Charles P.
 Boller, or certain letter and writing, dated
 and signed by me as follows: The said
 Charles P. Boller, to wit: To hold and
 maintain cause and receive from the said
 Charles S. Boller to the sum of ten
 dollars and expense of this money, and
 to give receipt for the maintenance of
 a child of said Charles S. Boller, now
 residing in a household, was then
 pregnant, and which by the laws of this
 State was held to be born and become
 a bastard, which said letter and writing
 is as follows, that is to say:

Law Offices of
 Charles W. Boller
 by *[Signature]*
 New York.

New York May 25th 1886

Charles S. Boller Esq.
[Signature]
 Dear Sir:

I write you as the same person
 meaning the said man. I had
 said to you of this thing before
 to me that on or about the 1st of January
 last, she met you on the street and
 went with you to the St. Omar Hotel and
 there had some conversation with you, and
 as a result is now in debt to you.

I suppose you are aware that
 under these conditions you are held for the
 support of the child, and the mother's
 expenses during her absence.

Are you willing to make such
 provisions for said child and mother
 avoid publicity, or will it be necessary
 to take legal steps in the matter?

Yours truly,
 J. M. C. C. C.

They, the said Thaddeus M. C. C. C.,
 A. B. C. D., Samuel J. C. C. C. C.,
 J. W. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.
 the contents of the said letter and writing,
 and with intent to cause same to be
 returned said man from the said Thaddeus
 J. C. D., against the form of the
 State in such case made and pro-
 vided, and against the peace of the
 State of the State of New York,
 and their heirs and assigns.

Fourth Count.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment further accuse the said Charles W. Butler, Mary A. Butler, Samuel J. Gould and Andrew J. Woffman of the same crime of Blackmail, committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Butler, Mary A. Butler, Samuel J. Gould and Andrew J. Woffman, at the City of New York, in the County of New York, did feloniously send, and cause to be forwarded to and received by one Charles R. Sears, a certain letter and writing threatening to do an injury to the said Charles R. Sears, to wit, to and including falsely accuse the said Charles R. Sears of certain immoral conduct, which, if true, would tend to and would degrade and disgrace the said Charles R. Sears, to wit, that the said Charles R. Sears had been guilty of having had sexual intercourse with and caused

under those conditions you are liable
for the amount of the debt, and the
mother's expenses during her sickness.

One you intend to make suitable
provisions for said child and thereby
avoid liability, or will it be necessary
to take legal steps in the matter?

Awaiting your reply I remain
Truly yours
Charles W. Bolder.

They the said Charles W. Bolder, Mary
A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Board and
Andrew J. Dickman have and there
well knowing the contents of the said
letter and purport, and with intent, by
means thereof, to extort and obtain money
from the said Charles W. Board, against
the form of the Statute in such case
made and provided, and against the
peace of the State of New York do
show up, and their signatures

Fifth Count.

And the Grand Jury do present
by this indictment further accuse the

said Charles W. Biddle, George B. Biddle, Samuel J. Bond and Andrew J. Biddle - man of the name of Blackmail, committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Biddle, George B. Biddle, Samuel J. Bond and Andrew J. Biddle, all late of the Ward, City and County of Precinct, of New York, do hereby certify that on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County of Precinct, did I personally send, and cause to be forwarded to and received from one Charles R. Sears, a certain letter and writing threatening to expose the said Charles R. Sears to, and to impede to him, disgrace, to wit: to publicly and indignantly accuse the said Charles R. Sears of certain immoral conduct, which, if true, would tend to and would disgrace and disgrace the said Charles R. Sears, that is to say: that the said Charles R. Sears had been guilty of pre-trial sexual intercourse with and carnal knowledge of the said Mary A. Biddle, the former a single woman, and the said Charles R. Sears not being lawfully married to her, and having then and at the time of such alleged sexual intercourse and carnal knowledge a lawful wife living

said Charles W. ...
Samuel ... and Andrew ...
man of the name ... Blackmail,
committed as follows.

The said Charles W. ...
A. ... Samuel ... and
Andrew ... of the
Ward, Ritz and Country ...
... on the ...
... the Ward, Ritz
and Country ...
... and ...
... Charles R. ...
... and ...
... to ...
... and ...
... the ...
... had ...
... had ...
... and ...
... the ...
... a ...
... married
... and ...
... and ...
... a ...

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and that my reason for doing this
was that I had seen your advertisement
in the Standard, which said that
you were looking for a partner
in a business, and I thought
I would write you.

Dear Sir,
I am writing you
by Broadway,
New York.

New York, May 25th 1886

Charles S. Deane Esq
17 N. W. Street

Dear Sir:

I write you as follows
I have seen your advertisement
in the Standard, and I thought
I would write you. I am
looking for a partner in a
business, and I thought
I would write you. I am
looking for a partner in a
business, and I thought
I would write you.

I am writing you as follows
I have seen your advertisement
in the Standard, and I thought
I would write you. I am
looking for a partner in a
business, and I thought
I would write you.

I am writing you as follows
I have seen your advertisement
in the Standard, and I thought
I would write you. I am
looking for a partner in a
business, and I thought
I would write you.

It be necessary to take each of these
in the matter?

On this subject your request remain

Truly yours

Wm. W. Colver.

That the said Charles W. Colver, Mary A. Thatcher,
Samuel J. Sewell and Andrew J. Wigfman drew and drew
with knowledge of the contents of the said
letter and purporting and with intent to
procure the said to exact and obtain
money from the said Charles W. Colver;
against the laws of the State of
and in violation of the laws of the
State of New York, and their said

Sixth Count.

And the Grand Jury do say, that
this indictment further accuse the said
Charles W. Colver, Mary A. Thatcher,
Samuel J. Sewell and Andrew J.
Wigfman of the crime of Conspiracy,
committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Colver, Mary

deponent in writing did then and there
 upon the oath of God swear and say,
 amongst other things, in substance as follows:
 That on the tenth day of January, 1886,
 at about the hour of five o'clock in the
 evening, the said Mary A. Tholmer
 met the said Charles P. Sears on Third
 Avenue near 14th Street in said City
 and accompanied him to the Saint
 Omer Hotel on said said Avenue near
 23rd Street in said City: that the
 said Charles P. Sears then hired a room
 in said Hotel, and there had sexual
 intercourse with her the said Mary A.
 Tholmer, remaining with her about two
 hours, that as a result of said
 intercourse the said Mary A. Tholmer
 was then with child by the said Charles
 P. Sears,

And the said Charles W. Boller, in
 the further pursuance and furtherance of
 and according to the said conspiracy
 combination, confederacy and agreement,
 between and amongst then the said
 Charles W. Boller, Mary A. Tholmer,
 Samuel J. Howell and Andrew J.
 Wightman as aforesaid, did then and
 there indubitably write, compose, and
 send, and cause and procure to be sent
 to the said Charles P. Sears, a certain
 letter and writing in these words following:

Did is to name:

Saw Office of
Charles W. Foster
by Broadway
New York.

New York May 25th 1886

Charles F. Dear Sir:

Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you as I have been
informed by the said Charles W. Foster
that he has been in New York and
has been in contact with you on the
day of the 20th inst. and that you are
the one who has been in contact with you
to the St. Omar Hotel and that you had
personal intercourse with you, and as
a result is now in the hands of
you.

I suppose you are aware that
under those conditions you are
liable for the support of the
child, and the mother's expenses
during her sickness.

Are you willing to make
suitable provisions for said
child, and thereby avoid
publicity, or will it be necessary
to take legal steps in the matter?

Yours truly,
[Signature]

Chas. W. Cotton.

The said Charles W. Cotton not being
 the husband of her the said Mary
 A. Cotton, her name, then a single
 wife living as they the said Charles
 W. Cotton, Mary A. Cotton, Samuel
 J. Small and Andrew J. Wilfong
 then and there well known: against the
 form of the Statute in such case made
 and provided, and against the peace
 of the People of the State of New
 York, and their dignity

Samuel J. Small,

Attorney