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Balch, Frank S.

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Counsel,

Filed 23 day of June 1886

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

Frank S. Balch

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

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

Henry G. Gaulty
City of New York

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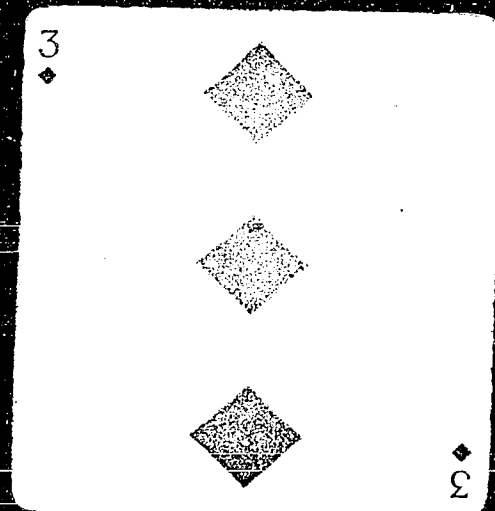
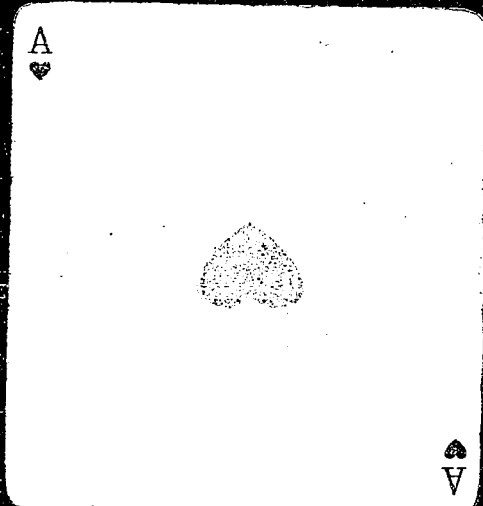
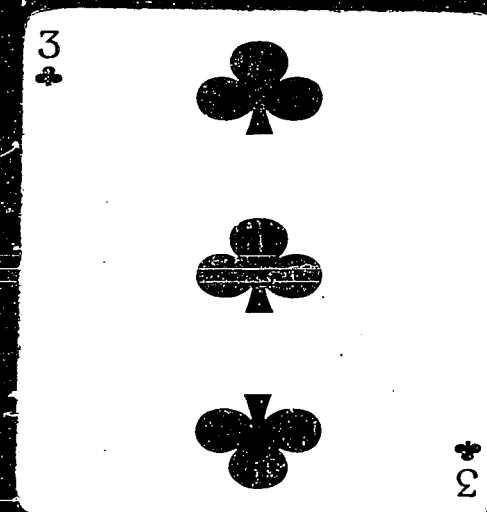
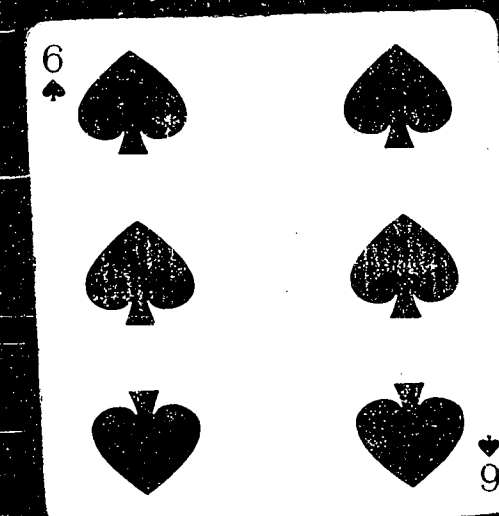
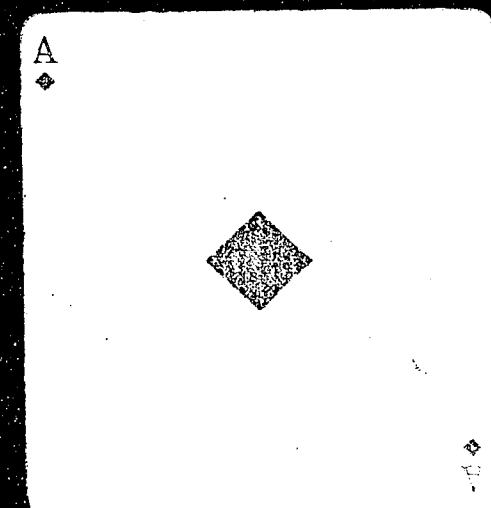
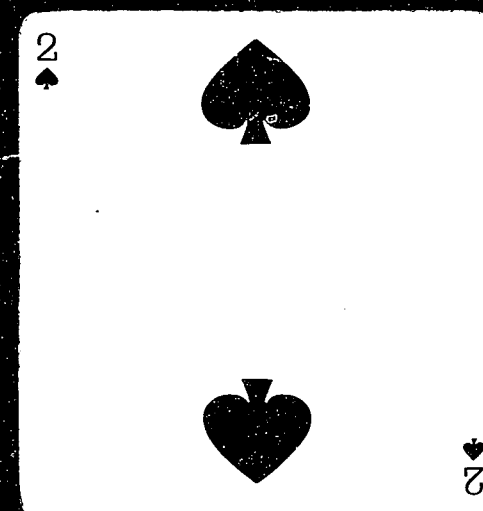
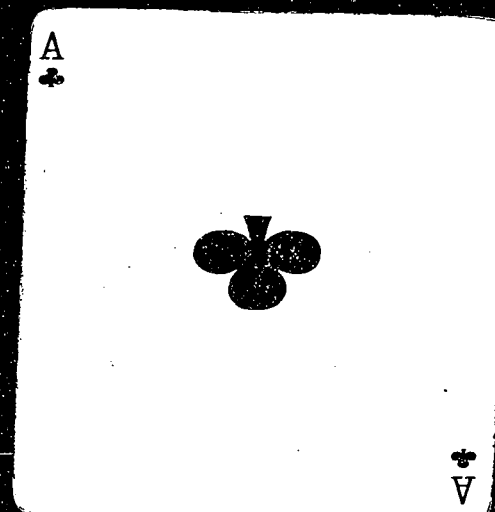
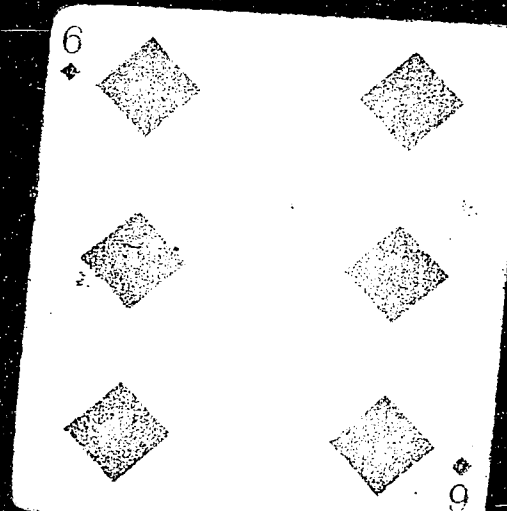
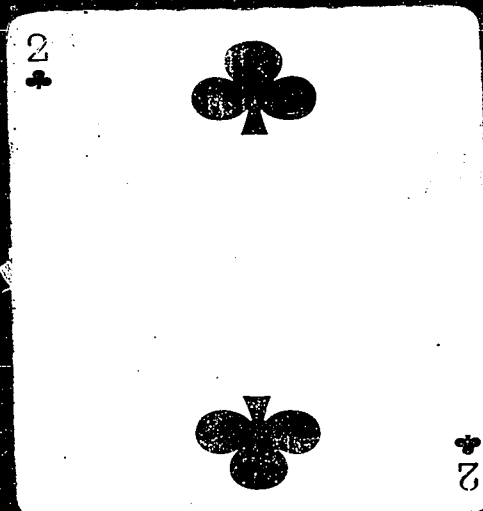
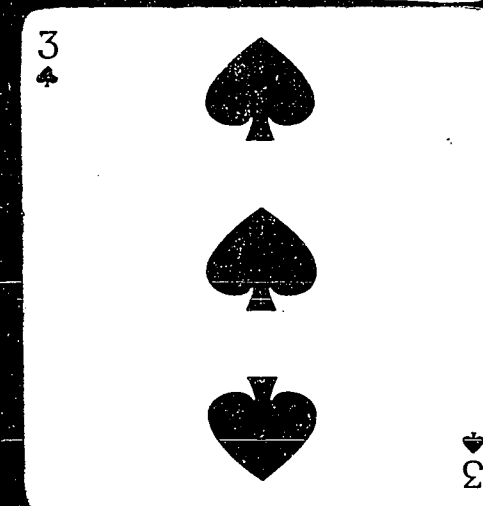
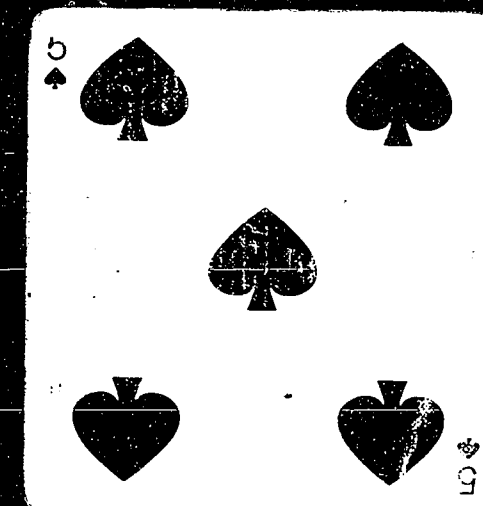
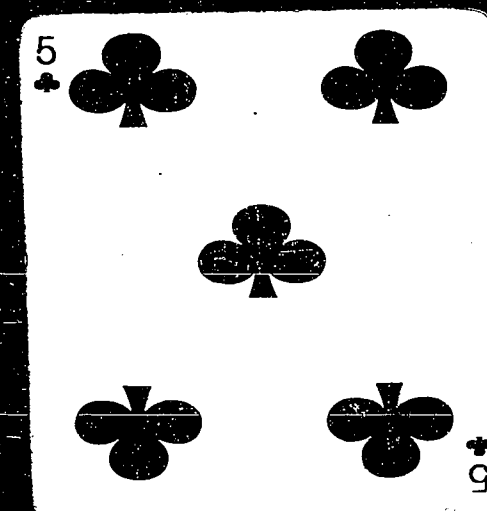
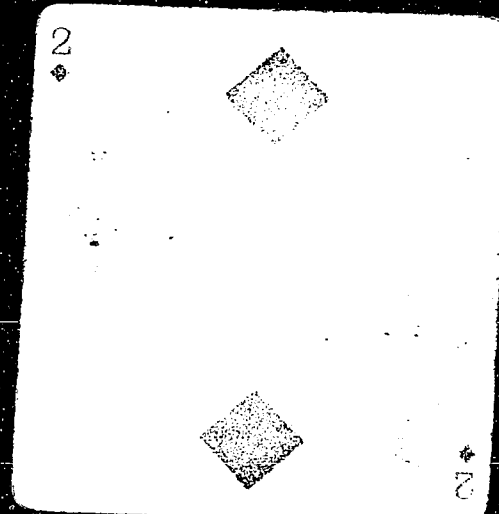
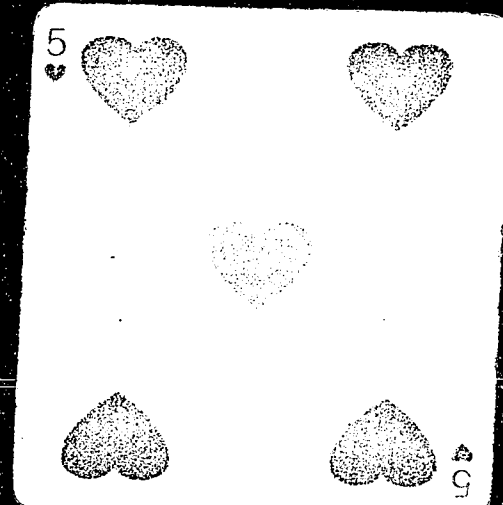
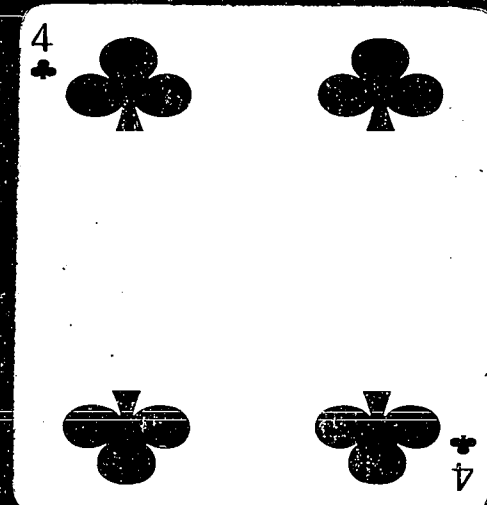
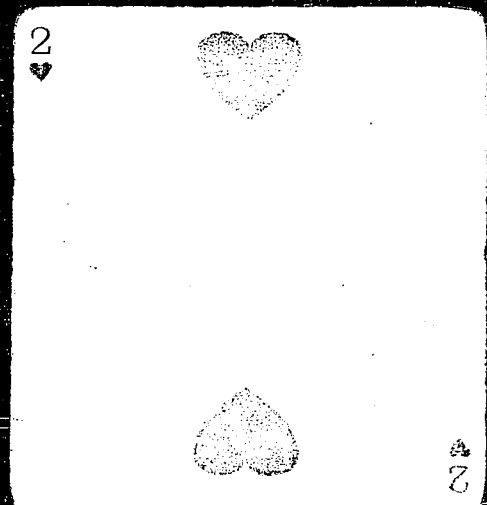
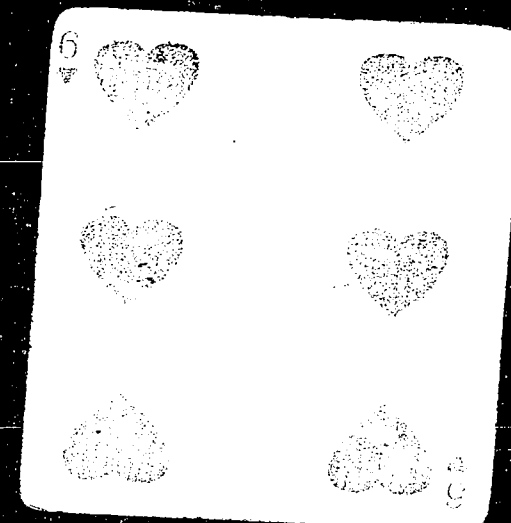
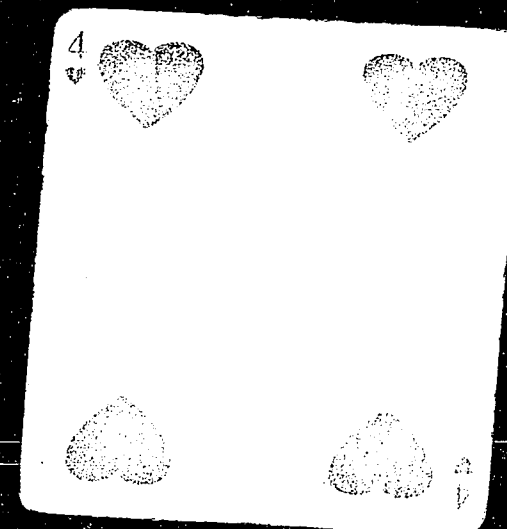
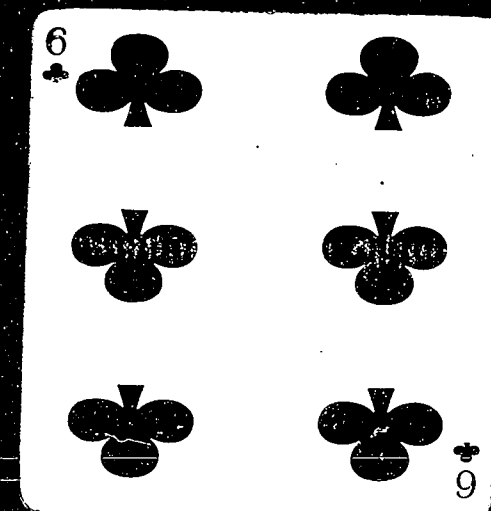
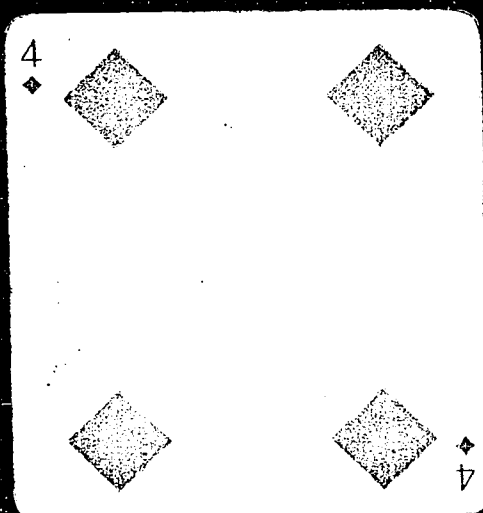
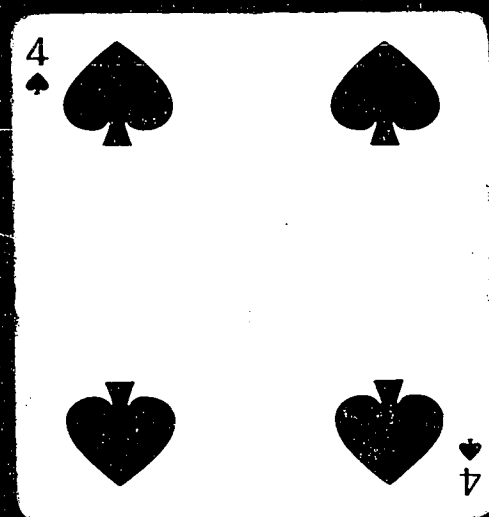
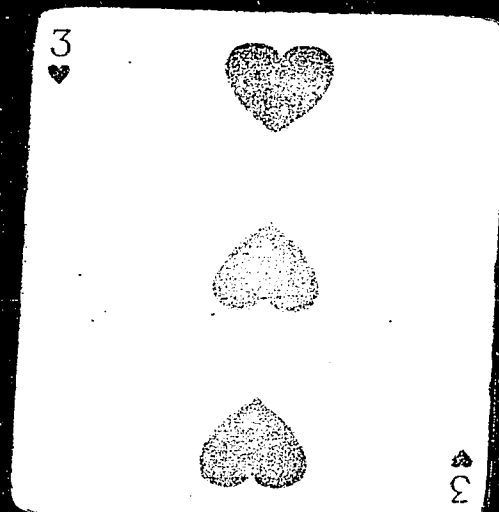
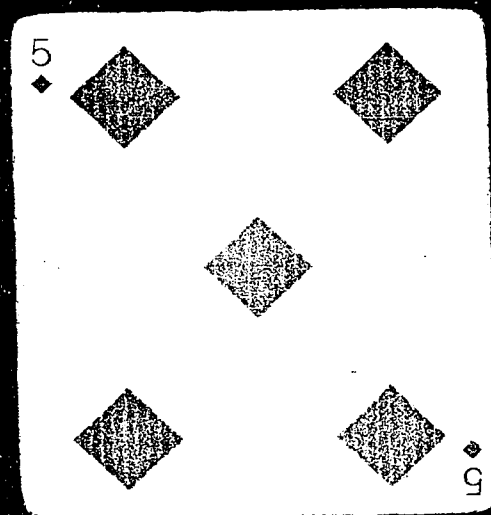
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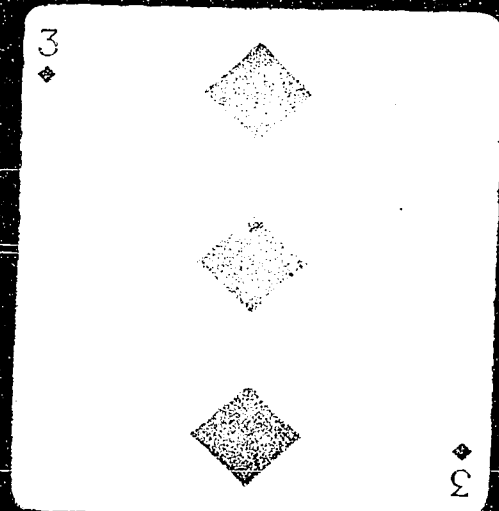
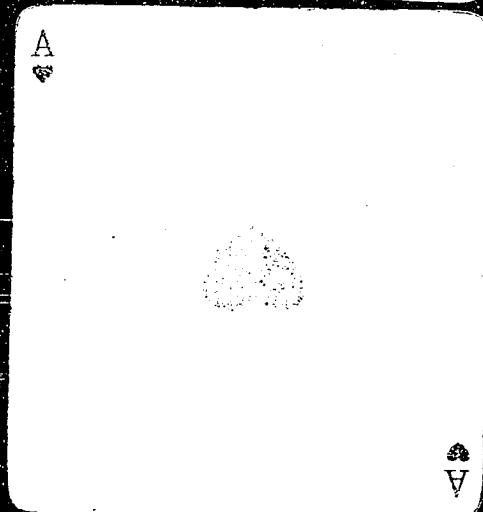
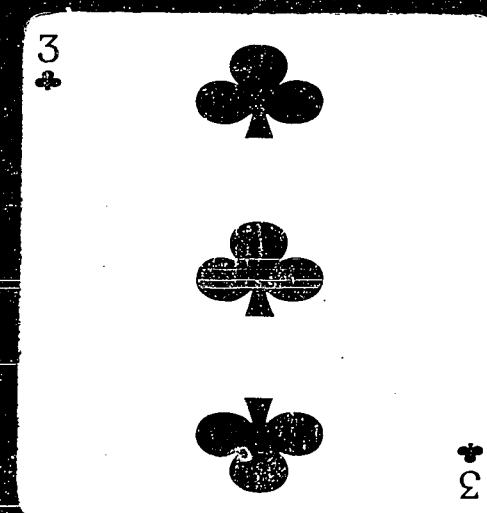
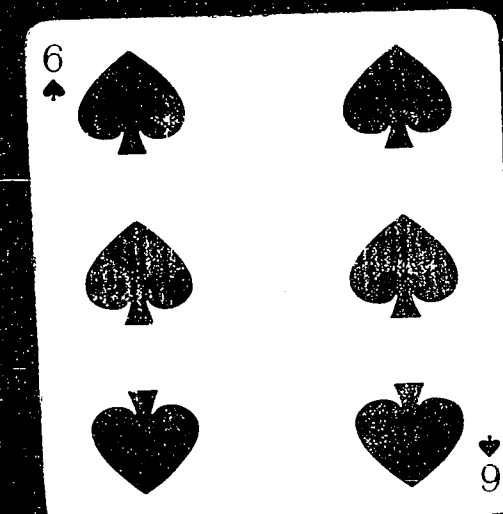
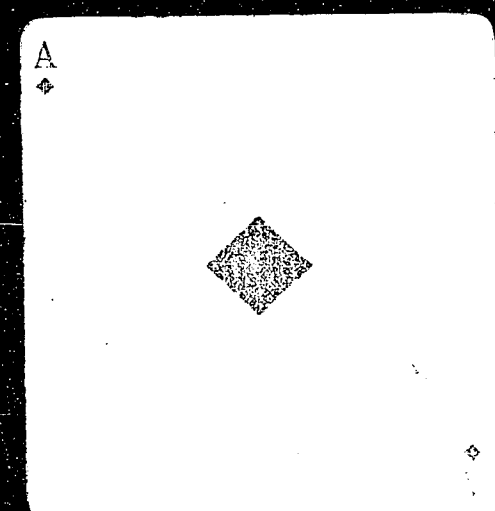
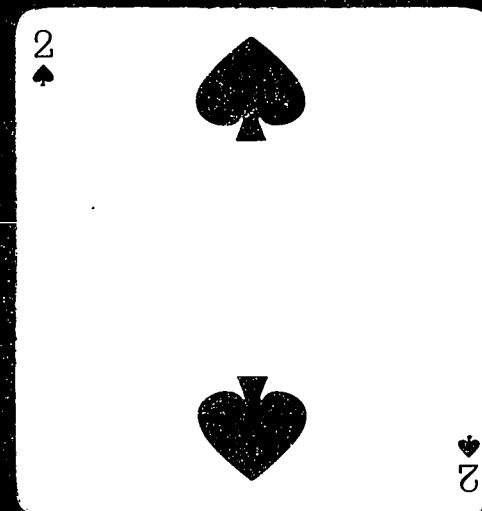
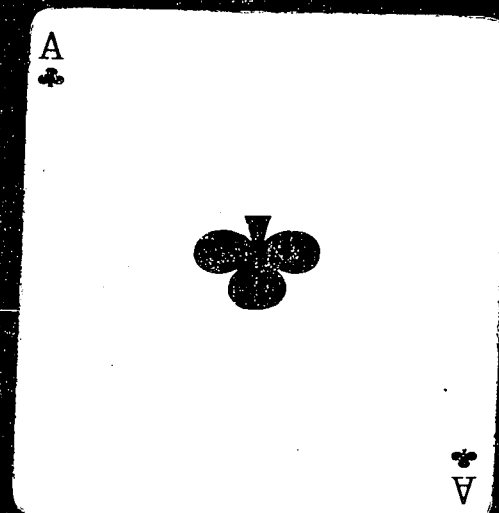
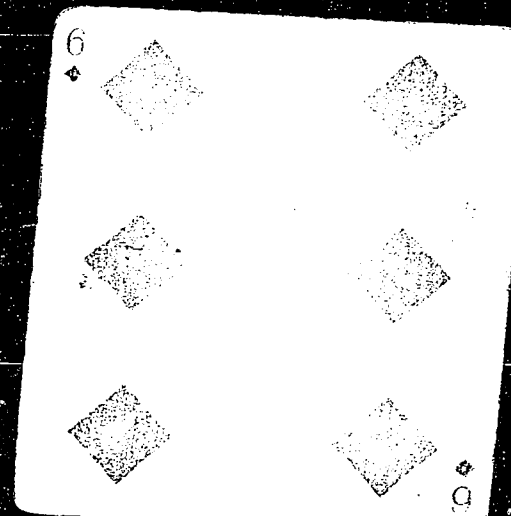
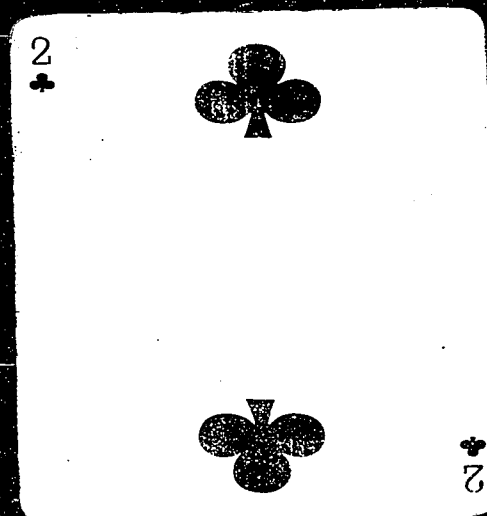
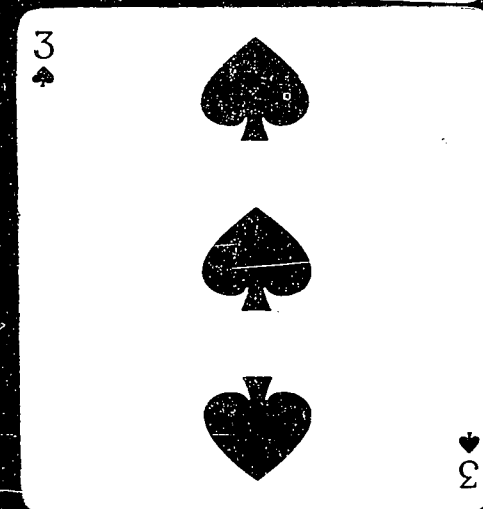
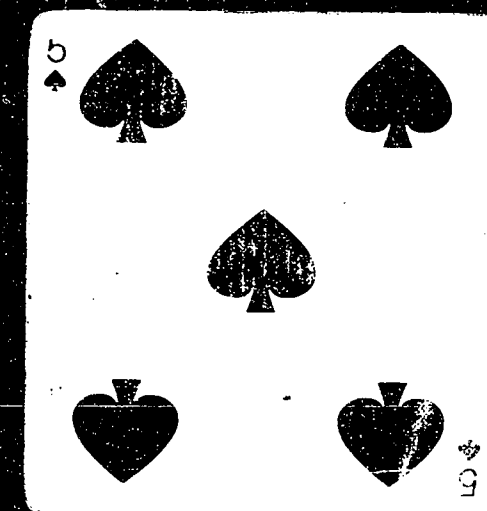
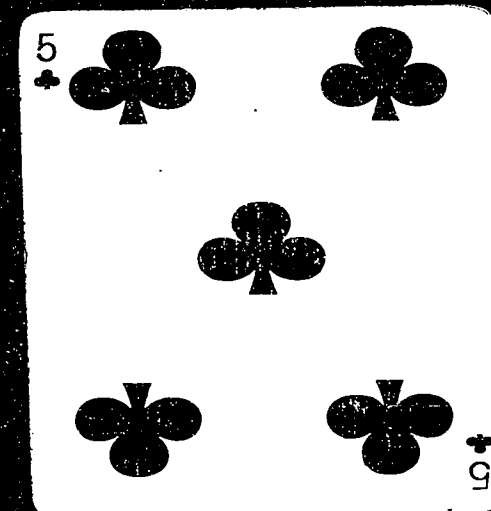
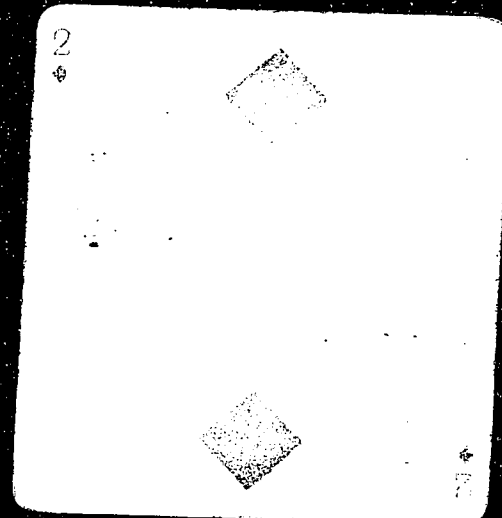
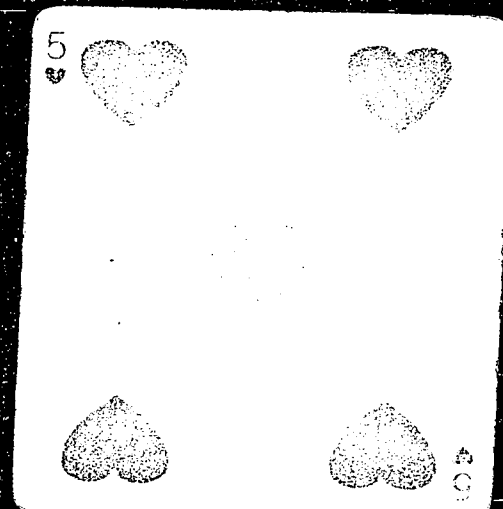
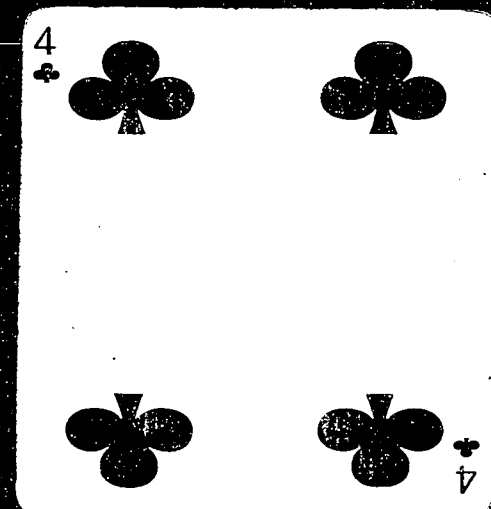
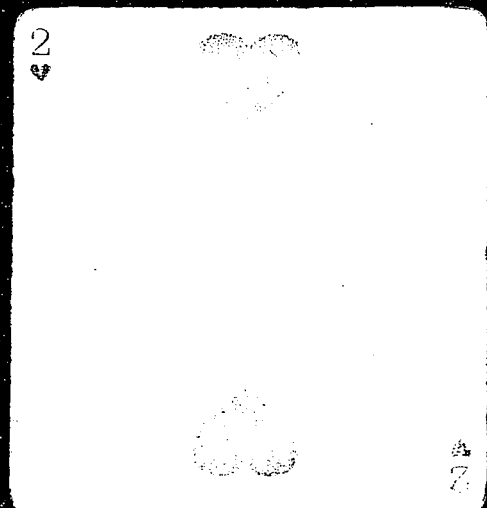
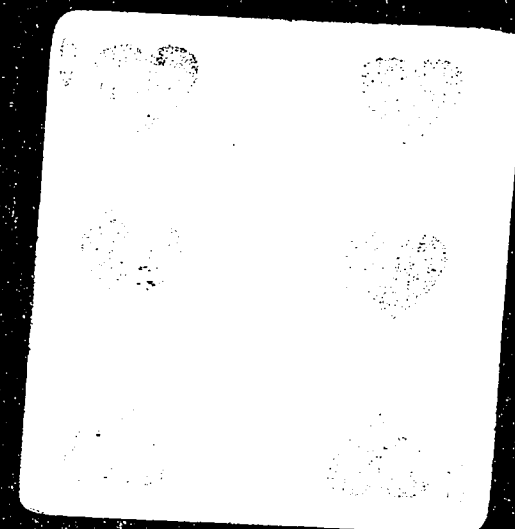
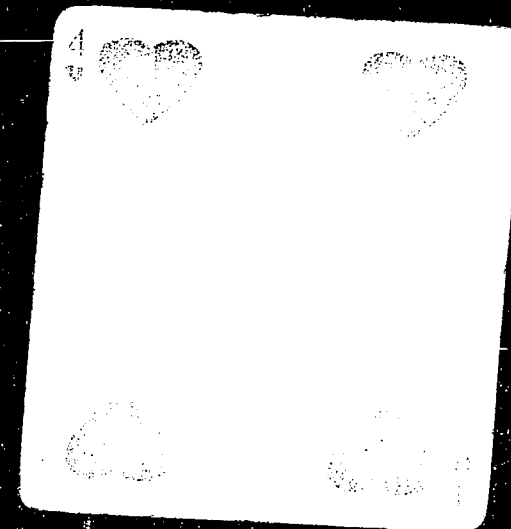
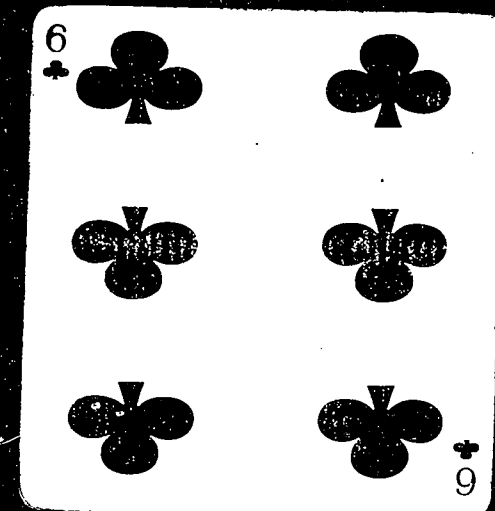
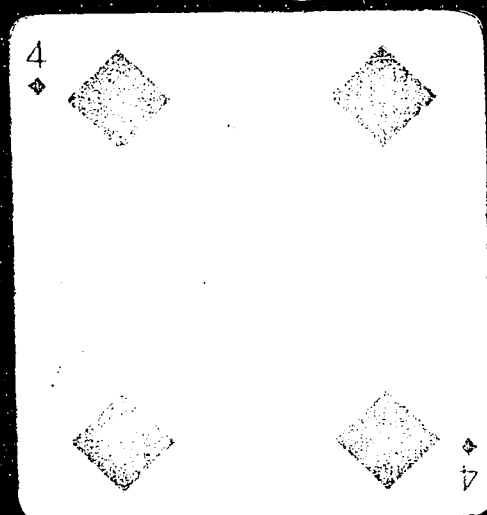
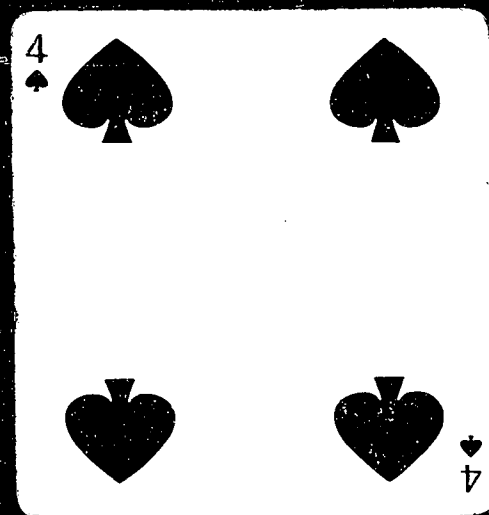
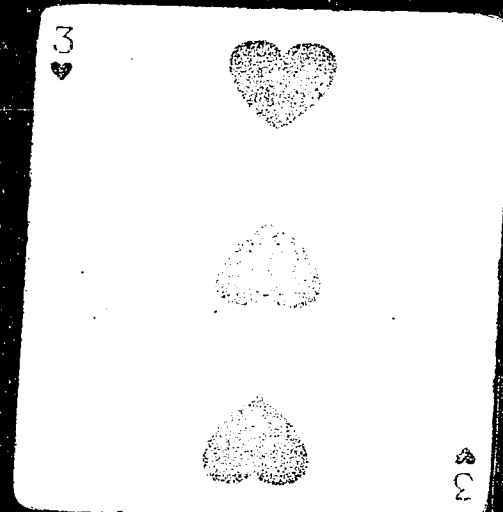
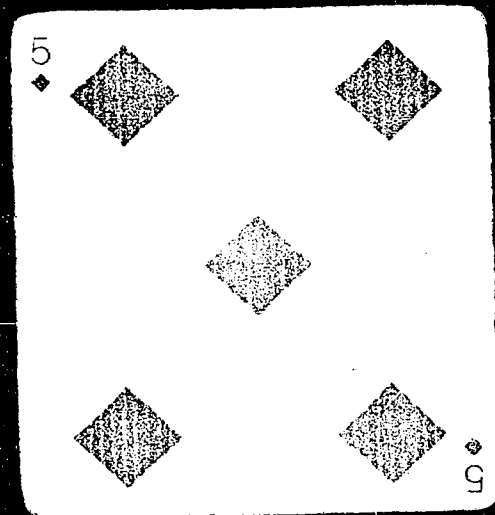
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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against

Frank D. Gaddis

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

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

The said *Frank D. Gaddis*.

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-*nine*, — 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. Gaddis, —

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 *Player* — in a certain banking game commonly known as *"rummy"*, — 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. McManus,
~~JOHN J. McMANUS~~,

District Attorney.

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Witnesses:

Counsel, *W. B. Rourke*
Filed, *14th* day of *June* 188*6*
Pleads, *guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Charles B. Rourke

Violation of Sanitary Code.
[Section 575 of the N. Y. City Consolidation Act of 1882.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Part IV April 22/87
District Attorney.

Pleads guilty

A True Bill.

James W. W. W.

Foreman.

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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 Murray Murray a Police Justice
of the City of New York, charging Charles Barnkamp 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 hear-
ing thereof having been adjourned,

We, Charles Barnkamp Defendant of No. 306
West 127 Street; by occupation a Builder
and Edward Byrne of No. 203 East 43^d
Street, by occupation a Builder Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that
the above named Charles Barnkamp 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

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Wm Murray POLICE JUSTICE.

Charles Barnkamp

Edward Byrne

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

Edw. C. Byrne
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Sworn to before me, this
District Police 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 *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

ss.

Undertaking to appear
during the Examination.

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Taken the day of

Justice.

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State of New York

City and County of New York

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: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.

Wm. H. Fennell

POOR QUALITY
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Police Court District
The People vs. an Com-
plaint of
William H. Howard
ages

Charles Borstkamp
Offendant in violation
§ 92 Sanitary Code

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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 under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h^{is} right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against h^{im}; that the statement is designed to
enable h^{im} if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h^{im}
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h^{is} waiver cannot be used
against h^{im} 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

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Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court 5th 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 William H. Fennell
of the Sanitary Square ~~Street~~, that on the 22 day of May
1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Charles Bonkamp -

did unlawfully violate Section 92 of the
Sanitary Code of the State of New
York - to wit: 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. M. M. Ford

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.

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 con-
tained in this Warrant.

Fennell Officer.

Dated _____ 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Police Justice.

Dated _____ 188

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.

Police Justice

The within named

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

BAILED,

No. 1, by William Bengue

Residence 203 E 43rd St.

No. 2, by

Residence Street

No. 3, by

Residence Street

No. 4, by

Residence Street

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Police Court 5th District.
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THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William H. Russell

Sanitary Squad

Charles Bouskamp

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Offence Violation

Sanitary Code

Dated May 27th 1886

Frank Magistrate

Wm H. Russell - Officer

Sanitary Squad President

Witnessed

No. Street

No. Street

No. Street

\$ 100 - 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 Bouskamp

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 1886 John J. Herman Police Justice.

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

Dated June 9 1886 John J. Herman Police Justice.

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

Dated June 9 1886 John J. Herman Police Justice.

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 Sanderson

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

Charles Sanderson

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 Sanderson

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 situate wherein there then resided a considerable number of human beings, did unlawfully and negligently allow and permit the cellar of the said building to be and remain damp, 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 therein above enumerated became and more and remained a nuisance and offensive, so as to be dangerous and prejudicial to the lives and health of the said 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

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 ~~thirteenth~~ ^{thirteenth} section of said code, which is as follows, to wit:

"That neither the contents of any
cask, tub, or of any receptacle,
cesspool, privy, vault, sink or
water closet, pit, 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:

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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THE PEOPLE

vs.

Joseph Beckstein
ap 19
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Inventory in the Third Degree.
Sections 495, 506, 538, 531

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Pr dha 24 District Attorney.

pleads 4 July 86
Elmira Ref.
A True Bill.

Laurena Moore

Foreman

Witnesses:

Police Court— / District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

Betsey Singer

of No. 5 Manhattan Street, aged 29 years,

occupation Tailorress 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 Locket
attached. One gold Ring, One gold
Brooch, 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 defendant stated
was part of said property that was taken
stolen and carried away as aforesaid
Deponent further says that said defendant
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
Brought before me
this 13th day of June 1886
Samuel C. Hill Police Justice

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Degree.

vs.

Burglary

Dated 188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses:

Committed in default of \$ Bail.

Bailed by

No. Street.

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

William J. McCormick
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 Betsey 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. McCormick
James C. Reilly
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

10th District Police Court.

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

I am guilty of the charge
Joseph Bickstein

Taken before me this

day of

June

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David W. McCall Police Justice.

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BAILED,
No. 1, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 5, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 6, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 7, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 8, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 9, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____
No. 10, by _____
Residence _____ Street _____

Police Court _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Joseph J. Long
15 West 14th St.
New York City

Joseph J. Long
15 West 14th St.
New York City

Offence

Burglary and Larceny

Dated June 13 1886

Magistrate.

McConnaughey, Officer.

11 Precinct.

Witnesses

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

No. _____ Street _____

\$1500 to answer

Commenced

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

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 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 _____ 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 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 Cedarstein —

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

The said *Joseph Cedarstein*,

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,
at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, in the *day* time of 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 Bank Notes,
of the denomination and value of
five dollars each, two other notes of the
value of one dollar each, one note of the
value of twenty dollars, one
note of the value of twenty dollars,
one note of the value of twenty dollars,
one note of the value of twenty
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.

Charles W. Stewart
District Attorney

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Bennett, William

DATE:

06/22/86



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Witnesses:

The Complaint
cannot be found
and I am sure to the
discharge of the deft
upon his own recognizance

James H. Smith
Arch. H. Smith

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.
Compliment has
been paid to H. Smith

A True Bill.

Lawrence McKee

July 14/86

Foreman.
Ordered by the court to read
Warrant

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 Night 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 Drory between Stanton & Houston
Streets deponent felt a tug or pull at 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

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Notary Public

hooker and turned and used both
hands twisting the watch from deponent
watch chain and said officer immediately
placed both arms around the defendant's
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

J. H. Kinsinger.

Samuel C. Kinsinger
Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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 8

Edgar S. Stanon

Samuel C. Bull
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

102 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss
OF NEW YORK.

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

I am not guilty of the charge.
and have nothing else to say.

William Bennett

Taken before me this

day of

20th
April 1888

James H. Murphy Police Justice.

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Police Court. 15-886 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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

Offence Larceny
from the Person

BAILED,
No. 1, by

Residence _____ Street.

No. 2, by

Residence _____ Street.

No. 3, by

Residence _____ Street.

No. 4, by

Residence _____ Street.

Dated June 20th 1888

Ed. G. Kelly Magistrate.

Alvanor Brown Officer.

Ed. G. Precinct.

Witnesses See the Officers

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ 1500 to answer AK

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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 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

Sam'l A. 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.

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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* *7 Ave* Street.

NOT FORCED
sent to St Louis

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 *12* 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,
The People of the State of New York,

To *Philip Grimmer*
of No. *406* *7* Ave

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

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.

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

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.

being duly sworn, deposes and says he

Subpoena, of which the within is a copy, upon

188 by

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 Grimmer* the complainant herein, to serve him with ~~the~~ subpoena, and was informed by ~~the~~ man who keeps the boardinghouse that the said Grimmer 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. Schiefel
County of New York

Edwin W. Dunlop
Subpoena Server.

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,
City and County of New York, } ss.

being duly sworn, deposes and says he

Subpoena, of which the within is a copy, upon

on the day of

188 by

deposes and says: I reside at No.

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

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

of July 1886, I called at

the alleged

the complainant herein, to serve him with the ~~subpoena~~ 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

day

of

1886

Rudolph L. Scherf
County of New York

John W. Huntley
Subpoena Server.

William Bennett

Attendant of
John W. Pennington

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-*nine*, in the *night* time of the said day, at the Ward, City and
County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one watch of the value of twenty
dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Philip Zimmer*, —
on the person of the said *Philip Zimmer*, —
then and there being found, from the person of the said *Philip Zimmer*, —
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,

D. Ind. Attorney

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BOX:

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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, *McKee, S.*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

George Benning

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

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Attorney at Law, District Attorney.

Leads Guilty.
State Refractory Column.
A True Bill.

Kanner McKee

Cornel Stetson
June 10

Witnesses:

Off. Morris Stearn

Paul Polue

Henry G. Starnet

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Police Court—2nd District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 268 Front Street Brooklyn 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.

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

Sworn to before me
this ~~2nd~~ day of June 1886 } Henry J. Harrett
Alice Foster

Police Court, _____ District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

vs.

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

Offence—LARCENY.

Dated _____ 188 _____

Magistrate.

Officer. _____

Clerk. _____

Witnesses, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

§ _____ to answer _____ Sessions.

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

2nd District Police Court.

George Remming 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 Remming.*

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 Remming

Taken before me this

day of

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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.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Henry J. Claret

268 1/2 Street 4th Ward

George Romney

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Offence Larceny from the person

Dated June 1 1886

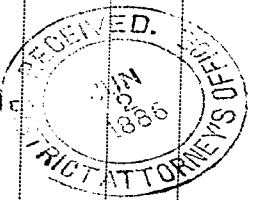
Justice Magistrate

Thomas J. Shahan

Walter E. L. P. P. P.

Henry J. Claret

No. 110 1/2 Street 4th Ward



No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
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

Defendant
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. Shahan Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named Defendant 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. Henry.

To

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.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Figoraz Demming

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

Figoraz Demming

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

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

Randolph B. Martin,
District Attorney

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Best, Charles

DATE:

06/21/86



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Apple

as

Maggie Best

Charles Best

Mary Best

Christine Best

REPORT.

For the District Attorney.

Adm 23/87 R.B.M.

Dated *Dec 21* 1887

McKenzie
Assistant.

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

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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bastard child. And whether he the said Charles Best did or
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 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,
willfully, knowingly and corruptly, did falsely swear, de-
pose 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, did
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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 afore-said) "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 Chapman

Filed 21 Dec 1886
day of June

Pleas Charged - (3)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles Best

[Section - 96 - Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Witness
Dec 23/87 Foreman
W. S. Bullard
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Witnesses:

For the reasons stated
in report of Dist Atty
I hereby recommend
that within indictment
be dismissed & that
he 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 ^{felicitously & corruptly} 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. Garrison

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The People

vs

Charles Best

Boys

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DESCRIPTION:

Best, Christina

DATE:

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D. Walsh

Counsel,

Filed 2 day of June 1886

Pleads Guilty (3)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Christmas Best

[Section — 96 — Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Witnesses:

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

William Van Kenner
Dec 23/87
per Paul deLoch

W. K.

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 crim-
inal 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 pro-
secution 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 testi-
fied, 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. Tamsen

J. H. Tamsen
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
Catharine Jansen

J. W. M. J.
Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK,

First District Police Court.

Christina Best being duly examined before the under-
signed, 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 h *er* see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h *er*
that h *er* 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. *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 46 St. 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

2/10/11

day of

May 1888

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. Tamm
of No. 331 West 18th Street, that on the 23 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. Tamm was defendant, Christina
Best being sworn as a witness did commit
and feel 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 18th day of May 1886

J. J. Whitworth POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edward J. Tamm

Christina Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18 1886

W. J. Whitworth Magistrate.

W. J. Whitworth Officer.

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

W. J. Whitworth Officer.

Dated May 18th 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, 9:00 AM

Naive of Christina

Age, 43

Sex, Female

Complexion, Dark

Color, Black

Profession, Housekeeper

Married, No

Single, No

Read, No

Write, No

334. Court 46th Street

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W. East 734
Police Court - 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Jessie L. M. G.
Wm. B. C. D.
Maintained by

1886
Dated 1886

Shi kurt Magistrate

Special Officer.

Edmund Precinet.

Witnesses

Mr. William J. Hendon, Street,

No. Street.

No. _____ Street.

..... to answer

Street.

Forwarded by May 21, 1906

believe the within named
Christina Beck

Dated May 24th 1886 J. B. Smith Police Justice.

Christian Depp

Dated May 18 1886 J. R. Smith Police Justice.

Dated 188 *Police Justice.*

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

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 ~~matters 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 ~~and~~ aforesaid, ~~was~~ ^{were} 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 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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DESCRIPTION:

Best, Mary

DATE:

06/21/86



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Witnesses:

For the reasons stated
in report of first dist
att. temple. I rec-
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be discharged
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Randolph B. Martine
Dist. Atty.

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D. W. H. H.
140 Chapman St
Counsel,
Filed 2 day of June 1886
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PERJURY
[Section — 96 — Penal Code]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Mary Best

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Victim Van Linder
Dec 23/87 Foreman
W. H. H. H.
on mt. of jury
J. H. H.

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District.

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nature was pending in the First District Police Court in the
City of New York, before Justices Kilbreth and Murray, where-
in 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 de-
ponent 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.

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. H. 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 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. H. Smith
Police Justice

Sec. 198-200.

First District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, { ss

Mary Best being duly examined before the under-
signed, 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 h er see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h er
that h er 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

21st

day of May 1886

A. J. M. M.
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 H. Hansen
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
debauchery and connections were the complaint and
Edward H. Hansen 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 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 15th day of May 1886

J. J. [Signature] POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edward H. Hansen

Mary Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18 1886

Wilburth Magistrate.

McBarnick Officer.

The Defendant Mary Best

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

McBarnick Officer.

Dated May 19 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, Gr

Profession, None

Married, _____

Single, Yes

Read, Yes

Write, Yes

234 East 46th Street

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BAILED
No. 1, by *Frederick Bernier*
Residence *855-26 Avenue Street*
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
No. 5, by _____
Residence _____

Police Court *304th* District. *1734*

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

331 E. 18

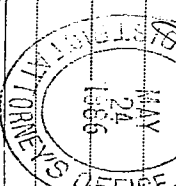
Edward M. Lawrence

1 *Mary Bush*

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Offence *Perjury*

Dated *May 19th* 1886

Wm. Bush Magistrate.

McConnell Officer.

Court Precinct.

Witnesses *Estimate Lawrence*

No. *331 E. 18* Street.

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ *500* to answer *ES*

Received by May 21, 1886

Received

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 accuses Mary Best of
the crime of Perjury, committed
as follows:

Veretfore, 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 afore-
said, there was deposed and sworn
S. H. French Esquire and Henry H. French
Esquire, two of the Justices of the
said City of New York, in due form of
Law, a certain examination and inquiry
for the purpose of obtaining evidence
as to the fact of a certain
bastard child, then lately born
of the body of one Maggie Best, which

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 one Edward G. St.
Tammam then stood chargeable before the
justices of the said, upon the oath of
the said Maggie Berk, with Henry 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 Mary
Berk, late of the City and County
aforesaid, personally came and appeared
before the said justices, and was sworn
and there in due form of law sworn,
and did take the corporate oath, for and
before the justices 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.
Then the said justices having then and
there full and complete power and
authority to administer the said oath
to the said Mary Berk in that behalf

And the said Mary Berk having so
sworn as aforesaid, it then and there,
at and upon the said examination and

inquiry, became and was material that
the said justice should know, whether
on or about the tenth day of January,
1886, the said Edward J. St. Lawrence,
said to her the said Mary Best, that
the said Justice did ^{was} ~~was~~ ~~was~~
a long time the said Edward J. St. Lawrence
would take it himself and then I
would not let him say

And the said Mary Best, being re-
crossed as aforesaid, at and upon the
said examination and inquiry, before
the justice aforesaid, upon her oath
aforesaid, and of and concerning the
material matters aforesaid, then and there
to wit: on the said tenth day of
January, in the year aforesaid, at the City
and County aforesaid, personally, in the
presence of and before me, did the said
Mary Best, 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 January, 1886, the said Edward
J. St. Lawrence, said to her the said
Mary Best, that (meaning the said
Justice did) was a little long,
(meaning himself the said Edward J.
St. Lawrence) would take it (meaning

the said husband did/may/meaning
himself, the said Edward J. Tamm
and take it (meaning the said
husband did/no matter what may
ride/meaning the ride to him 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 1886, say to her the said
Mary Best, that the said husband
did was a little from the said
Edward J. Tamm would take it
himself and take it, no matter what
his ride would say; as the said
said Mary Best then and there
well knew.

And as the said Mary
Best said so say that the said
Mary Best, on the day and in the
year aforesaid, at the City and County
aforesaid, by her own act and consent
and to her own great mischief and
corrupt mind, 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

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People of the State of New York,
and their signatures

Randolph B. Martin,
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,

Filed

21 June 1886

Pleaded

Guilty (3)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Maggie Best

PERJURY
[Section — 96 — Penal Code]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

William K. Conner

Dec 23/87 Foreman

Wes & Paul deeks

F. B.

Witnesses:

*For the reasons stated
in report of Asst. Dist
Atty. Temple, 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. Tamsen 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. Tamm

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 for
Perjury

Application to
dismiss -

Examined re-
port RBM

June 18/87
To Mr Temple

District Attorney's Office.

order
The People
vs
June 22/87

Chas Best
Perjury

Put this case
on in Part 1

for 22d inst

To fix a day

RBM
June 21/86

To Mr Temple

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Sec. 151, 840, 841, 847.

AFTER BIRTH.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

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. Tamsen 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. Tamsen 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. Tamsen
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 Beest

vs.

Edw. J. H. Tannen

WARRANT-BASTARDY.

Dated *April 20* 188 *6*

J. D. 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.

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

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. H. Smith
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
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 Tanden

*J. H. Smith
Police Justice*

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY {
OF NEW YORK, { SS

Jess District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Charles Best

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

42 years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Germany.

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

Answer.

234 East 46 St. 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

day of

May 1886

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. Tamm
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
Commonwealth of public Charities and Corrections
were the complainants and Edward J. N. Tamm was
defendant, Charles 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 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. H. Williams POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edward J. N. Tamm
vs

Charles Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18 1886

Willbroth Magistrate.

McCorrister Officer.

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

McCorrister Officer.

Dated May 19th 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, 9:50 A.M.

Native of Germany

Age, 42

Sex, _____

Complexion, _____

Color, Bl

Profession, Clerk

Married, No

Single, Yes

Read, No

Write, No

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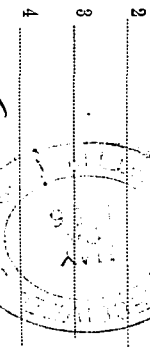
BAILED,
No. 1, by John E. King
Residence 236 East 46th St.
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____

Police Court, 1st District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles W. Dawson
331 E. 48th St.
June 1st 1888



Offence Perjury

Dated May 19th 1888

Wilbert Magistrate.

W. C. Samuel Officer.

Samuel Precinct.

Witnesses

No. 1 William Dawson Street, 331 E. 48th St.

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

\$ 1000 to answer 98

1000 for 6th May 21st 1888
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 Dawson

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 J. M. [Signature] 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.

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:

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 na-
ture 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 pro-
ceeding Maggie Best was sworn as a witness for the prosecu-
tion, 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 resist-
ance. And in the said proceedings the said Maggie Best fur-
ther swore and testified that this deponent on Wednesday fol-
lowing the said 10th day of May, 1885, again assaulted the s
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:

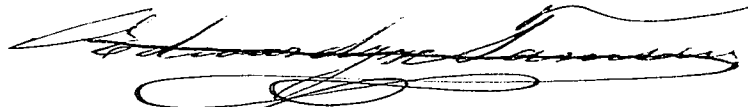
Catharine Tamsen, being duly
sworn, says: That she is the wife of Edward J. H. Tamsen,
the above named complainant, and lives with her husband at
331 East 18th Street; that she was present on the 11th day of
February, 1886, at 234 East 46th Street, and that in her
presence Maggie Best stated that the 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 exam-
ination 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 forc-
ibly 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.



Catharine Tamm


Police Justice

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Sec. 198—200.

CITY AND COUNTY { ss
OF NEW YORK,

First District Police Court.

Maggie Best being duly examined before the under-
signed, 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. 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

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 Edmund J. Tamm
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 of a criminal
nature then pending in the first District Police Court
in said city wherein the complainant of public
Charities &c connections were the complainants
and Edmund J. Tamm 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 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 18 day of May 1886

J. H. H. H. POLICE JUSTICE.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Edmund J. Tamm
vs

Maggie Best

Warrant-General.

Dated May 18 1886

W. H. H. H. Magistrate.

W. H. H. H. Officer.

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

W. H. H. H. 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

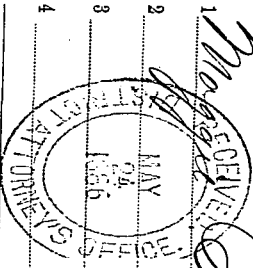
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BAILED
No. 1, by *Frederick J. Jones*
Residence *855-2 16 Avenue Street*
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____

Police Court *144* District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF



Offence

Dated *May 19th* 1886

Albert Magistrate.

W. J. J. J. Officer.

Count Precinct.

Witness *William J. J.* Street, *331 East 18th*

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ *500* to answer *Ed*

Paroled for 6th May 21.

19th, Paroled

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. J. J.* Police Justice.

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

Dated *May 21st* 1886 *J. J. J.* 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
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:

Wherefore, 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 adjunction
as to the falsity of a certain statement
which then lately had been made by the
body of the said Maggie Best,
which was then ready to become

Chargeable to and a charge upon the
said City and County of New York, and
of which said Ward said did one
Edward J. St. Lawrence, then stood
Charge before the justice of the peace,
upon the oath of the said Maggie
Best, 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 Maggie Best, late 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 corporate 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. (Then the said justice then
and there having full and competent
power and authority to administer
the said oath to the said Maggie
Best in that behalf).

And the said Maggie 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 parties should know whether the said Edward J. St. Lawrence had sexual connection 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. St. Lawrence had had the said Maggie Best, while in the possession of the house known as number 33, East 19th Street in the said City of New York, and forcibly took her and threw her down on a sofa in the said house, and then and there had sexual connection with her against her will and resistance; and whether on the Wednesday following the said tenth day of May, 1885, 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; and whether 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 by a certain John D. Smith
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.

And the said Maggie Cook,
having no sworn affidavit, at and
upon the said examination and
inquiry, before the justice aforesaid,
upon her oath aforesaid, and as
and concerning the material matters
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, felon-
iously, wilfully, 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. St.
Lawrence had carnal connection with
her the said Maggie Cook on the
tenth day of May, 1885, and that
on the said tenth day of May, 1885,
the said Edward J. St. Lawrence took
hold of her the said Maggie Cook

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. Samson 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. Samson, she 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. Samson was the
natural father, and for whose support
the said Edward J. St. Samson was
then and there liable.

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

1886. in the said year

1885, or at any other time have sexual
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 forcibly
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. Jansen did not on the Wednesday
following the said tenth
day of May, 1885, again assault
her the said Maggie Best, and
again forcibly and against her will
have sexual intercourse with her.

And whereas in truth and in
fact the 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. Jansen, and was
not as a result of any such sexual
intercourse delivered of the said bastard
child on the said tenth day of
January, 1886; and the said Edward

J. H. Hansen was not the natural
father of the said Harold J. H.,
and was not then and there liable
for its support.

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

And so the said Judge aforesaid
do say: That the the said Maggie
Best, in manner and form aforesaid,
did commit willful and corrupt perjury
against the laws of the State in
such case made and provided, and
against the laws of the People of the
State of New York, and their dignity.

Respectfully,
District Attorney

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DESCRIPTION:

Blake, William

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Witnesses:

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Counsel,

Filed 22 day of June 1886

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THE PEOPLE

vs.

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William Blake

106 Blockley
Chancellor

Grand Larceny in the
(MONEY)
degree.
(Sec. 528 and 53 / , Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

J. Spencer McKee

June 29th

Foreman.

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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 70 years,
occupation Gift 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 defendant 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
defendant and held him defendant and
gave defendant in charge of the Officer
and defendant 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
19th day of June 1888
at New York
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 41 years, occupation Police Officer of No. 1st Premier 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 M. Boy

Solon B. Smith
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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

Solon B. Smith
Police Justice.

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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

I taken before me this 19 day of June 1888
[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. 15-886

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John J. Kane
16 South St.
William Blake

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4 _____
Offence Larceny

Dated June 19 188

Magistrate.
Matthew Moberg Officer.

Witnesses
Charles Spicer Precinct.

No. 16 Sullivan Street.

No. 508 Street.
to answer

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 9 188 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 Blake

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

- William Blake -

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

The said *William Blake*,

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*; *ten* 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*; *four* 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 *William 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.

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Wightman, Andrew J.

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From an examination of the evidence in this case I am quite satisfied that the defendant Charles W. Bolles is innocent of any criminal participation in the offense charged against the other defendants. Mr. Bolles is an Attorney in this City, and I believe that he was resorted to in that relation by the other defendants, as one of the means of carrying out their scheme of blackmail against Mr. Sears. There is no evidence in the case to show that Bolles knew or believed otherwise than that the charge brought by Mary Thatcher against Sears was founded in fact. The letter written by him was such as any Attorney might properly write in the interest of a client.

For these reasons I recommend that this indictment as to the defendant Charles W. Bolles be dismissed.

June 14, 1887. Randolph B. Martine

District Attorney.

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B District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c., IN COMPLAINT OF

Charles J. Sears

Samuel J. Lowe

BEFORE HON.

Charles Welde

POLICE JUSTICE,

June 12 188*6*

APPEARANCES: { For the People,
For the Defence, *Jess Fromme*
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W. L. Ormby Jr.

Official Stenographer.

Police Court
Third District

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

Examination before Justice Welles 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~~^{Worcester} 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 Mary
A. Thatcher 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.

W. H. Hilde
POLICE JUSTICE.

W. H. Hilde

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

1886

POLICE JUSTICE.

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

Qays:

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

Q Where did you live before that?
A ~~I lived in~~ 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 himself] 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 Often?

A - No; not often

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. Orme 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

2 - 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 Where -
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 sworn 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 met 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 man gentleman.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 12 DAY OF July 1895
W. H. H. H.
POLICE JUSTICE.

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Mr. Prosser 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 Welde

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 Fields 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 hear-
ing thereof having been adjourned.

Andrew J. Nightman Defendant of No. 159
East 126th Street; by occupation a Detective
and Henry M. Colne 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 Andrew J. Nightman

day of June

1888

W. H. H. H. POLICE JUSTICE.

Henry M. Colne

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

Sworn to before me, this
day of *April* 188*8*
Wm. M. Cole
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 *House and lot*
No 133 East 41 Street N.Y.
Seven thousand dollar. Cash &
All in own France

Henry M. Cole

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Undertaking to appear
during the Examination.

Taken the day of 188

Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss

2 District Police Court.

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

Question What is your name?

Answer *Andrew 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 *Electrician*

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
Andrew J. Wightman*

Taken before me this

day of

[Signature]
Police Justice.

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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 H. 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 hear-
ing thereof having been adjourned,

We Samuel J. Louell Defendant of No. 34

Broad Street; by occupation a Ship Repairer
and James Cherry of No. 94 Greenwich
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

day of

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W. A. Hendon POLICE JUSTICE.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

Sworn to before me, this
day of June 1886
Justice

James Cherry - full
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 thirty eight 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 Broadway
worth Three thousand dollars. Clear of all
incumbrances

James Cherry

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

ss.

Undertaking to appear
during the Examination.

Taken the day of 188

Justice.

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

New York, N.Y. 100th. 1900.

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-- 39.

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 8th. 39.

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.

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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 3 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.

W. J. Kennedy
Chas. W. Bolles
Chief Police Court

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

POLICE COURT, 2. DISTRICT.

Charles J. Sears
of the *Morton House, 14* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the *25* 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, *Frank*
Chapman 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.
~~from deponent~~. From the fact that on the
26 day of May 1886 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 1886 he received from the said
Bolles a letter stating that *Matter*
Agnes B. Little for the sum of one
thousand dollars. Deponent is further
informed by *May A. Thatcher* that
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

by the said man, & that he had
and venture, and made with the intent
to start from Memphis. The sum of one
thousand dollars - & Memphis through
prays that the said defendants
may be dealt with as the law directs.

Given & signed
this 12th day of June 1888
Wm. H. H. H.
Police Justice

POLICE COURT - DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness.

Disposition

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 30 years, occupation Lawyer of No. 72 E 12th Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Wm. H. [Signature]
Police Justice.

City and County
New York

May A. Thatcher, 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 Wightman
at 39 Broad street on the
following morning. Then Mr.
Wightman asked me who I
thought was the father of my

ched, and I told him positively
 that the father was Frank Medary.
 Then Wyttman 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
 work 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
 Wyttman 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 Bollen, 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 Bollen's 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. Bollen
Police Justice

May A. Chatter

Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK,

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

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.

I am not guilty
Ig Louell

Taken before me this

day of *June* 1890

Police Justice.

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BAILED,
Not by Franky Crawford,
Residence 220 West 21st,
Street.
No. 1 by Henry Hamilton
Residence 205 Bedford Avenue,
Street.
No. 2 by Franky Crawford
Street.
No. 3 by Franky Crawford
Street.
No. 4 by Franky Crawford
Street.
Residence Franky Crawford
Street.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William J. Allen
Inspector of Police

Samuel J. Allen
Inspector of Police

Charles J. Allen
Inspector of Police

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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

Samuel J. Allen & Andrew J. Hyattman

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 22 1886 Wm. J. Allen 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,

Resp.

v
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 provision 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 knew

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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 defendants 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 Hardy, 4 Cox Cr. C. 243; Reg v Zucker 1 Moody 134.).

"All concur"

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

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County of Alameda,

People,

vs
Wightman,

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~~THE PEOPLE, &
ON THE COMPLAINT OF~~

My dear

Charles J. Fox

May 21 1881

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Date: March 10th

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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

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Mary A. Thatcher
Samuel J. Somell and
Andrew J. Wightman

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committed as follows:

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Said Officers of
Charles W. Collier,

57 Broadway
New York.

New York, May 25th 1886.

Charles F. Deane Esq.

Buffalo N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you as attorney for
Miss. Maria A. Livingston of New York
(meaning the said Mary A. Livingston)
who states to me that on or about the
10th of 3rd January last. she met you on
both Ave. Erie City and went with you
to the St. Omar Hotel and there had
several intercourse 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
maternal expenses during her infancy.

One you nothing 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

Very yours

Wm. M. Potter.

They the said Charles F. Deane,
Mary A. Livingston, Samuel J. Deane
and Andrew J. Deane then and
there well knowing the contents of
the said letter and writing, and in

in such means directly to extort and
again money from the said Charles R.
Sears; against the form of the Statute
in such case made and provided, and
against the peace of the County of the
County of New York, and their dignity.

Second Count.

And the Grand Jury of the said
County of New York further accuse the
said Charles W. Butler, Mary A. Thatcher,
Samuel J. Somell and Andrew J. W. W.
man of the same crime of Blackmail,
committed as follows:

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

Johny apprehended and transferred before
one of the Police Justices of the said City
and County upon a charge of having the
father of a child whereby the said
woman, Thatcher was then pregnant, and
was then ready to be born a bastard, and
to be and become chargeable to the said
City and County, which said letter and
writing is as follows, that is to say:

Law Offices of
Charles W. Butler
64 Broadway
New York

New York, May 25th 1886

Charles F. Sears Esq.

Buffalo N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you as attorney for
Miss Marie A. Simington of this City.
(meaning the said Mary A. Thatcher)
who states to me that on or about the 10th
of February last, she met you on board one
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
those conditions you are liable for the
support of the child, and the mother's
expenses during her sickness.

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

Awaiting your reply I remain
Sincerely yours
Chas. W. Collier.

They the said Charles W. Collier, Mary
B. Collier, Samuel J. Collier and Andrew
J. Wightman 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 peace of the State of the
State of New York, and their dignity.

Third Count.

And the Grand Jury of record, by
this indictment, further accuse the said
Charles W. Collier, Mary B. Collier, Samuel
J. Collier and Andrew J. Wightman of
the same crime of Blackmail, committed
as follows:

The said Charles W. Bodder, Mary
A. Thatcher, Samuel E. Somers and Andrew
J. W. Johnson, all of the County of
and County of, do hereby certify, that
on the day and in the year, do hereby certify, that
the Ward, City and County of, do hereby certify, that
do hereby certify, and cause to be for-
warded to and received by one Charles R.
Deane, a certain letter and writing, directed
to do an injury to the said
Charles R. Deane, to wit: to do hereby certify, that
unjustly cause and procure him the said
Charles R. Deane to be put to great
trouble and expense of his money, and
to give security for the maintenance of
a suit of law, the said Mary A.
Thatcher, being a single woman, was then
pregnant, and which by the laws of this
State was held to be void and become
a bastard, which said letter and writing
is as follows, that is to say:

Saw Officers of
Charles W. Bodder
by Condemnation
New York.

New York May 25th 1886

Charles E. Deane Esq.

Buffalo N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you as Thomas Perkins
(meaning the said Mary A. Perkins)
sister of Samuel Perkins of this County
to me that on or about the 1st of February
last, she met you on the one side of the
river 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 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?

Waiting your reply remain

Truly yours

Thos M. Butler.

They the said Thos M. Butler, Mary
A. Perkins, Samuel Perkins and Andrew
J. Wilman then and there well knowing
the contents of the said letter and writing,
and with intent by means thereof to extort
and obtain money from the said Thos
M. Butler, against the form of the
Statute in such case made and pro-
vided, and against the peace of the
County of the State of New York,
and their dignity

Fourth Count.

And the defendants aforesaid, by this indictment further accuse the said Charles W. Butler, Mary A. Butler, Samuel J. Soudth and Andrew J. Wraftman of the same crime of **Blackmail**, committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Butler, Mary A. Butler, Samuel J. Soudth and Andrew J. Wraftman, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, 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 an injury to the said Charles R. Sears, to wit: to ^{and publicly} falsely 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, to wit: that the said Charles R. Sears had then lately before had sexual intercourse with and caused

Reminded of the said Mary Thatcher,
she, being a single woman, and the said
said Charles W. Beers not being lawfully
married to her, and having then and
at the time of such alleged sexual
intercourse and sexual intercourse a lawful
wife living, and that for reason thereof
the said Mary Thatcher was
then pregnant with child which was
likely to be from a bastard, which said
letter and writing is as follows, that
is to say:

Saw Office of
Charles W. Beers
54 Broadway
New York.

New York, May 25th 1886

Charles W. Beers Esq.

Buffalo N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you as attorney for
Miss. Maria A. Livingston of this City,
(meaning the said Mary A. Thatcher.)
who states to me that on or about the
10th day of February last she met
you on the one side City and met 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 those conditions you are liable
for the support of the child, and the
mother's expenses during her sickness.

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

Anything you wish to remain

Truly yours

Charles W. Bolder.

They the said Charles W. Bolder, Mary
A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Smith and
Andrew J. Wilkinson have and there-
well knowing the contents of the said
letter and writing, and with intent, by
means thereof, to extort and obtain money
from the said Charles W. Bolder, against
the form of the Statute in such case
made and provided, and against the
peace of the County of the State of
New York, and their dignity

Fifth Count.

And the Grand Jury do say
that this indictment further accuses the

said Charles W. Biddle, Mary A. Biddle, Samuel J. Biddle and Andrew J. Biddle -
man of the name crime of **Blackmail**,
committed as follows:

The said Charles W. Biddle, Mary A. Biddle, Samuel J. Biddle and Andrew J. Biddle, all late of the Ward, City and County of Precinct, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year of Precinct, at the Ward, City and County of Precinct, did knowingly send, and cause to be forwarded to and received by one Charles R. Sears, a certain letter and writing threatening to expose the said Charles R. Sears to, and to impute to him, disgrace, to wit: to adultery and adultery 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 then lately before had sexual intercourse with and carnal knowledge of the said Mary A. Biddle, the being 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. Biddle, Mary A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Sewall and Andrew J. Wiggin -
man of the name crime of Blackmail,
committed as follows.

The said Charles W. Biddle, Mary A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Sewall and Andrew J. Wiggin, all late of the Ward, City and County of Greater, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, did unlawfully send, and cause to be forwarded to and received by one Charles R. Sears, a certain letter and writing threatening to expose the said Charles R. Sears to, and to impute to him, disgrace, to wit: to adultery and adultery accuse the said Charles R. Sears of certain immoral conduct, which, at the time, would tend to and would disgrace and disgrace the said Charles R. Sears, that is to say: that the said Charles R. Sears had when lately before had sexual intercourse with and carnal knowledge of the said Mary A. Thatcher, the being 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.

and that my reason therefor is the
said Mary A. Thacker was then pregnant
with child, which was likely to be born
at that time, which said letter and writing
is as follows, that is to say:

Dear Officer,
Charles W. Thacker
by Broadway,
New York.

New York May 25th 1886

Charles E. Sears Esq,
Buffalo N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I write you at present for the
purpose of saying that Mary A. Thacker
with a view to this I have
told me that on or about the 10th
day 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 those conditions you are
liable for the support of the
child, and the mother expenses during
her sickness.

Are you willing to make
suitable provisions for said liability,
and thereby avoid difficulty, or will

Is it necessary to take each step
in the matter?

Awaiting your reply I remain

Truly yours

Charles W. Colver.

That the said Charles W. Colver, Mary
A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Sawell and
Andrew J. Wightman then and there
well knowing the contents of the said
letter and purport, and with intent to
procure thereby to extort and obtain
money from the said Charles W. Colver;
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

Sixth Count.

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

The said Charles W. Colver, Mary

A. Thatcher, Samuel J. Bennett and Andrew
J. Whitman, all of the said Ward, City
and County of said, do hereby certify that
on the day and in the year aforesaid,
at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,
did induefully conspire, contrive, con-
federate and agree together, between and
amongst themselves, for a moneyed
use of year, a large sum of money from
one Charles R. Sears, with his consent,
voluntarily and expressly to obtain, and
in pursuance and furtherance of, and
according to the said conspiracy, contri-
vation, confederacy and agreement between
and amongst themselves as aforesaid, the
said Mayor A. Thatcher, (in and by
the name and description of Mayor
Thatcher) by the procurement of them
the said Charles W. Butler, Samuel J.
Bennett, Bennett and Andrew J. Whitman,
did then and there, before the said Charles
W. Butler, the Mayor then and there a
Mayor of the said City and County, and having then and there full
power and complete power and authority to
administer an oath to the said Mayor
Thatcher, make, make and subscribe a
certain affidavit in writing, and being
then and there by the said Charles W.
Butler, duly sworn, in and by said

affidavit 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 February, 1886,
at about the hour of ten o'clock in the
evening, the the said Mary A. Thatcher
met the said Charles E. Sears on Sixth
Avenue near 14th Street in said City
and accompanied him to the Saint
Omer Hotel on said Sixth Avenue near
23rd Street in said City: That the the
said Charles E. Sears then hired a room
in said Hotel, and there had sexual
intercourse with her the said Mary A.
Thatcher, remaining with her about two
hours; that as a result of said
intercourse the the said Mary A. Thatcher
was then with child by the said Charles
E. Sears,

And the said Charles W. Potter, in
the further pursuance and furtherance of
and according to the said conspiracy
conjunction, confederacy and agreement,
between and amongst then the said
Charles W. Potter, Mary A. Thatcher,
Samuel J. Somell and Andrew J.
Wrightman as I have said, did then and
there unlawfully write, compose, and
send, and cause and procure to be sent
to the said Charles E. Sears, a certain
letter and writing in these words following:

That is the name.

Saw Officers of
Charles W. Bodder
by Broadway
New York.

New York May 25th 1886

Charles E. Dear Sirs.

Confidential N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I write you as follows for your
(meaning the said Mary A. Bodder)
Miss A. Bodder, of this City, who
told me that on or about the 10th
day of February last she met you on
the one 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 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.

Respectfully yours, I remain

John W. Cotton.

The said Charles P. Sears not being
the husband of her the said Mary
A. Thatcher, her name, then a single
woman living as such the said Charles
W. Cotton, Mary A. Thatcher, Samuel
J. Lowell and Andrew J. Wilbur
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
Hampshire, and their dignity.

Charles P. Martin,

Attorney