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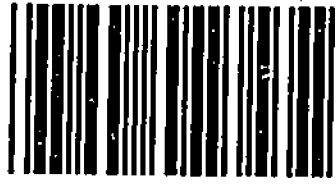
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DETECTIVE OFFICE  
Police Department of the City of New York,  
No. 300 Mulberry Street,

1<sup>st</sup> Letter  
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NEW YORK

1881

Windsor Hotel Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1881,

Jay Gould

Sir, it is my solemn duty to inform you that within 6 days from the date of this letter, your body will have returned to the dust from whence it came. I therefore entreat you to make your peace with God, and prepare for the fate which awaits you. This is no wish of mine to take your life, but I am asked and requested by the all living God to do so as a public necessity and for the benefit of the community at large. You must undoubtedly be aware that you have been a rogue of the 1<sup>st</sup> water all your life, that through your artful cunning and deception you have robbed thousands of people of their birthright. You have had no mercy, you have robbed the rich and the poor, the Father and the Fatherless, the widow and the Orphans indiscriminately of their last dollar and through your villainy and brought ruin and destruction on thousands of families, all this you have done under a cloak by circulating false reports, bribing newspapers, making false statements, committing perjury and by artful cunning and deception, in fact you have robbed both great and small and now the Lord says you must pay for all, that your death is a public

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necessity to save thousands of others from pain and destruction. your death will be an easy one for I propose shooting you to the heart if possible. <sup>and</sup> if my first shot is not instant death I will give a "Coup de Grace" with the second shot so that your death shall be quick <sup>and</sup> easy. Don't hold out any hope that this is a threatening letter, nor for stock jobbing purposes, for I do not own a single share of stock of any kind, neither am I interested in any, this is simply the will of God. <sup>and</sup> he has chosen me to carry it out, he has applied to me in a dream <sup>and</sup> requested me to slay you as a public necessity, <sup>and</sup> in doing so God has assured me that it is by divine providence that I am chosen to do this act <sup>and</sup> by doing so I will become a public benefactor. <sup>and</sup> I have sworn <sup>and</sup> taken a solemn oath before the all living God that I will put you to death. I intended to have shot you last Friday (Yesterday) when I saw you with Dillon <sup>and</sup> Page. I had my pistol ready and cocked but a voice from the Lord sounded in my ear saying hold on give him time to repent, Lest ye be sent to everlasting punishment now make you peace with God <sup>and</sup> prepare for the fate that awaits you <sup>and</sup> may the Lord have mercy on your soul. I am the obey agent of the Lord. The Lord appeared to me again last night <sup>and</sup> said Jay Gould must surely die, when I reasoned with the



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Lord, I told him my life would also be required  
and I would be hanged, The Lord assured me  
that no harm should become of me, that the rope  
was not made, neither was the hemp grown to  
make the rope to hang me with, that he would  
deliver me out of the hands of my enemies.

This is by the express will <sup>and</sup> command of God  
that I am chosen to put you to death, and I have  
sworn before the all living God, The Great Jehovah  
and redeemer of the world and have taken a solemn  
oath and kissed the Holy Bible that I will carry it  
out within 6 days from this date if fit opportunity  
occurs. Therefore be prepared to meet your fate at  
any moment and may God have mercy on your  
soul

I remain Sir

an Old Victim.

S. B

Should I not have an opportunity within  
6 days, I will surely do so the first opportunity  
that occurs.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK.....188

Copy Number 3

New York Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> /88

Ray Gould

D. Sir

I find myself owing to your manipulation of the Stock Market a ruined man if you allow to advance any further. an advance on Monday will force me to buy in these stocks that I am now short of and if I do so it is my death for I cannot recover the loss before taking my own life however permit to inform you that I will first have yours the only satisfaction I can have before dying. I am not short of the elevated stocks.

Your Victim



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DETECTIVE OFFICE  
Police Department of the City of New York,  
No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK. 188

Postal card dated Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1881, addressed to  
Jay Gould, Western Union Building  
Broadway, N. Y.

Windsor Hotel, (no date)

Sir

if you have not received my note this  
morning there is some wrong I have sent  
a copy of it to the Editor of the Wall St  
News, to hand to you, it is of the utmost im-  
portance to you, I hope you will get one  
of them from

Yours Executioner

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

N<sup>o</sup> 4.

NEW YORK. NO date 188

Mr Jay Gould

D. Sir, you disregarded my letter of Saturday last, as I then feared you would do consequently my stocks were bought in on Monday and Tuesday, I am to-day a ruined man, and you are the cause of my being so, remember I have no further favors to ask of you, I am now closing up my affairs before killing myself. Thus first shooting you like a dog as you deserve to be, I could have shot you with ease to myself yesterday afternoon but deferred doing so, until my affairs were so arranged that I could kill myself afterwards without loss to others. I shall soon be through with them however and I intend ridding this world of one hated and disliked by all. This is to warn you therefore that you also may have time to so arrange your Business affairs that others may not suffer through your death, Stocks may then go up or down, but they will do so, thank God without profit or benefit to you let this be your warning as I intend killing you



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as certain as a God reigns above

Your Victim.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No. 5.

NEW YORK. 188

Envelope Postmarked Oct 29" 3<sup>30</sup> P.m., Station C.

You can give the Satisfaction offered by  
putting the Stock Market lower next Monday  
any day following.

No Signature



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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK.....1888

No 8

Envelope Oct 31", 10:30 P.M.

Jay Gould

This is the last letter that you will receive from your anonymous correspondent at least I hope so, and will be unless you wish otherwise I now write to thank you for the influences used by you that have depressed the market this morning. it is now 12 noon, and to be a little more explicit than I was in my letter to you of yesterday, concerning what I desired you to do to enable me to get out of my diffineties for which I hold you alone responsible your influence on the Stock market was never better shown than your management of it to day for I consider its depressed character owing solely to you <sup>my</sup> your influence <sup>my</sup> not to the Newark defalcation <sup>my</sup> outside pull entirely I wish and intend as I have already stated to you to make up my losses in the Stock market due to you through the information that you will give me in the "Personals" in "Herald" but I shall expect the one I intend acting on, then I hope through the information you can give me <sup>my</sup> which you appear so anxious to offer to soon make up

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a part at least my heavy losses <sup>and</sup> thus relieve you of any further trouble on my account, if I am saved from Bankruptcy through you it will be to your future happiness <sup>my</sup> benefit, more than it will be to mine, but if I am allowed to go to the Dogs through you then good bye to any happiness you may expect from past gains on my failure will be my death <sup>my</sup> yours. You may change the form of Personals given you yesterday, in any way you choose as long as you bring in the words "up-town" "Down town". I would suggest you signing your Personals with the initial letters of the Stocks you would wish me to buy or sell, in this there is no danger of the information being known to others as no one could understand it but ourselves: as follows "T-P" for "Texas Pacific" — "M-C" for "Michigan Central" — "W-U" for "Western Union" <sup>and</sup> so on to the end, This is an affair that will cost you but little, or give you but little trouble <sup>and</sup> I leave it to you, <sup>and</sup> your good sense. is it not better to follow it than to run the risk by refusing

No Signature.



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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK.....1881

Envelope Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1881

Jay Gould Esq

N<sup>o</sup> 578 - 5<sup>th</sup> ave,

Mr Jay Gould

D. Sir, I have already written you two letters to see each of which explains itself as well as this my third - you would be surprised if you knew the writer of the anonymous letters that you have lately received this I can say however, that the writer is well known to you, <sup>any</sup> could approach you at any time as a friend <sup>any</sup> acquaintance as he is with one of our large financial institutions his defalcation at this time would occasion an excitement in the financial world that the little failure over in "Newark" to day would be, but a circumstance to such a defalcation with the death of the writer <sup>any</sup> yourself would be appalling to the holders of stocks in this market, I have thus far been able to deceive you as to the writer of these anonymous letters by my manner of writing, terms of expences though I am alas too well known to you, I beg

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of you remember listen to me, <sup>my</sup> your own good judgment putting aside the advice of friends <sup>and</sup> Detectives looking at matters <sup>and</sup> things as they are at this time I am a large loser by my speculations in stocks as I have already stated as I believe through you 2 years ago, you beared the market until I thought the bottom would never be reached, causing a loss at the time of nearly 100,000. with my personal judgment I cannot buy stocks at present prices for the reason that I could not get out as it is out of your power as I believe to put prices up high enough to enable me to do so. You can put prices of stocks down <sup>and</sup> it is now for your interest to do so, as in that way I can get out, thus saving my name, Reputation and life as well as yours at the same time. You have lately sold enough of your long stocks, Western Union, <sup>and</sup> others as to your Elevated R-R Stocks I am not interested in, and as to your Western Union Telegraph you could send it to 60, with no loss to yourself to enable you not to go short of the market. If you will it is a matter of necessity that you do so, I cannot account for the state of the market, it being impossible for me to get out in that way. Consult your own judgment in this matter and not those that have

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not your interest at stake. You should aid me in this matter, I must succeed <sup>and</sup> you too, if you will aid me in this matter your fate is now linked with mine, and for God's sake, act wisely by listening to me, you save life <sup>and</sup> secure happiness by disre-  
-garding what I have asked of you which will cost you nothing but the few dollars you have already received from me <sup>and</sup> others. you lose life <sup>and</sup> it will end all.

Answer through Personals  
in Herald.

No Signature



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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 10

NEW YORK.

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N-York Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1881

Stocked.

Jay Gould Esq

If the advice offered in the above personal is given, I will indeed be greatly obliged to you, I have already given you the way and manner of communicating it to me the "Personal" can be so worded that I alone will understand it. The word "Correspondent" and "Texas" having already appeared in your "Personals" might be changed but as to that you can best decide on. as to the manner of naming the Stock, if you object using the initial letters the name of the Stock might be used in a separate "Personal" I wish this information by to-morrow morning as you will receive this in time this evening you can have inserted in to-morrows (Wednesday's paper)

No Signature.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 11

NEW YORK.

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Envelope N.York Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1881.  
Mr Jay Gould

D- Sir, You and you alone are making this affair too conspicuous, no necessity existed for an absurd "Personal" like the above one, I want a plain answer to my request, and your own offer to name the stock for which I could make up all my losses there must be no mistake about this for I shall trouble myself no longer in writing. I have no use for your check but I want information and at once. To morrow morning have inserted in the Herald a "Personal" something like as follows: "Personal" "My Friend will greatly oblige by meeting me "up town" or "down town" as the case may be, this afternoon - P-M. For Pacific Mail or the initial letter representing the stock that you wish me to buy or sell.

If I am to buy, you have only to say "up town", or if I am to sell "down town" for me to understand your meaning and no one else can.

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There is no other way you can communicate with  
me, unless you force me to meet you Face to  
Face.

No Signature



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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

510-12.

NEW YORK.....1881

New York Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881

Jay Gould Esq

Dear Sir

By your delay in giving me the desired information <sup>my</sup> ridiculous questions for such I considered yours of "Why refuse money" you are but deferring <sup>my</sup> degrading my chances of getting out of the financial difficulties that I am now in <sup>any</sup> for which I now hold you <sup>any</sup> you alone responsible <sup>any</sup> at the same time making it so much worse for yourself.

Do you or will you understand that, also while I consider it but little matter to you as to how heavily I propose to deal for certainly it could not be to any large amount or enough at least to effect your operations in any one stock in which case I would not need your aid <sup>my</sup> information still I am willing to state that to you <sup>any</sup> that too with all frankness I could buy or sell 1000 shares <sup>my</sup> if you thought well of it could extend it to 2000 shares you using the words in your "Personal" way up town" or "way down town" instead of "up town" or

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"Down town". if you advise me larger purchase or sale, for I want you to understand that there must be no mistake in this operation. There is no one connected in this office outside of myself, wife <sup>and</sup> children but yourself. I have no confidant <sup>and</sup> need none. I am acting for myself, my honor, safety <sup>and</sup> salvation, you have ruined me, and in return must aid me, as you can so easily do. in recovering a little at least of what I have lost. Let your answer to-morrow be explicit as I wish to act on it at once.

No Signature.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 13

NEW YORK.....188

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881, 3-P.M.

Envelope 3<sup>rd</sup> 1881.

Mr Jay Gould

D. Sir, I have already written to you at length to day, in reply to your "Personal" that appeared in Herald of this morning's edition to which I have nothing to add but to ask of you to give your attention to what I have never asked of you, as Life or Death to both of us depends on your decision, except as far as this to say that having some idea that Metropolitan Stock bought but the one you had reference to in your "Personal" of the other day which you referred to a stock in. I might make up all my losses. I purchased the following: some 300 to 400 shares of Metropolitan is not the stock that you do refer to by initial the name and let Mail by initial "P-M" in which I can make up my losses "how about Pacific Mail" there is a stock you might put up some 15 or 20 points. I have purchased some 600 shares lately. I shall expect a "Personal" to-morrow morning that I can act on, don't forget this. If you cannot give the information in one Personal



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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 14

NEW YORK.....1881

New York Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould

Dear Sir, my letter of yesterday morning has doubtless reached you before this still I enclose you a copy of it, as requested by the above "Personal" are you trying to trifle with me, for if so I advise you as it is too late to give up the idea, no other means of communicating with me than those already set forth in my late letters to you, it need not be expected from me unless I am forced finally to meet you "Face" to "Face" These are sufficiently plain and through the way and manner there set forth you can give me all the information desired and this to without anyone but ourselves knowing of it. no long "Personal" neither is required, if so you can use 2. One not half the length of the above. One will give me the desired information, again let me tell you I must get out of my difficulties and also that it is now more to your interest, than I should do so, even then to me

No Signature

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No. 15.  
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NEW YORK.....1881

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould Esq

Sir, I

hardly know what to think of you on reading the above "Personal" it seems to me as though you had lost your senses, or that some fool was trying to advise you - you ask how do I know but that you will give it to others <sup>and</sup> yet you thought your own personal doing your very best to do so. you take me to be a fool, or if you do, let me at once disabuse your mind of any such idea. I have to utter to you already <sup>and</sup> plainly to have told that I have no confidant, this is a matter of Life <sup>and</sup> Death to you <sup>and</sup> concerns only us two, we need no confidant. No one as yet knows of my corresponding with you, or of my present financial difficulties <sup>and</sup> it will be far better for you that they never do. I have told you that there is only one way of communicating with me unless you desire my failures <sup>and</sup> exposure before which time however I shall meet you Face to Face. You have got to give me the chance to get out of my difficulties

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For which I hold you responsible, and the sooner you do so will better for us both. If any accident should interfere, as you say with your plans. After giving me the information desired and expected of you. Then all you have to do is to advise me of it, in time in the same way and manner. This you can do in time, so I can get out of the stock and if necessary go the other way in it, you can give me privileges or can you make the operation and give me the benefit, This is one way for you getting out of the affair and I have already named it to you and as plainly to as I ever intend doing. I enclose you a list of names representing certain stocks, in signing the "Person" as follows: "Incognito" will greatly oblige his friend by meeting him "uptown" or "downtown" or "way up town" or "way down town" as required by the information you desire to give to morrow afternoon, signed by the name representing the stock in question. If "Western Union" is the stock in question, then "Windsor" is to be signed and so on to the end of chapter. Again I tell you that I am alone in this affair, except of ourselves and for our joint stocks. I hope you will listen as it is too late to what I have written and demanded of you. it is due to me, and I shall have it.

No Signature.



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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 16

NEW YORK

1881

New York Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

I have just received that I referred to in my letter to you of Saturday, no matter how I got it for that does not concern you, but that does me any very greatly, it is that I do not lose it. if unfortunately I would do so one of the greatest exposures of the day would come out any with it would be our death at the same time, therefore be very careful of the information you give me I will follow it to the I hope you will be equally careful and explicit in giving it. Your fate is linked with mine if you would aid and help yourself, you can make it sufficiently plain if you will see that as I do. it will be to your interest to put the market down. You are not sufficiently out of stock, at least I believe so. Can't you now turn on the market, whether advise selling or buying. I will follow you however though I would like to remain short if a proper thing to do.

No Signature

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 17

NEW YORK.....1881

N. York Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould Esq

Dear Sir

I saw your Personal in this morning's Herald it is  
reply to my recent <sup>letter</sup> to you yesterday and which  
I thought could only be delivered to you this, then  
all I have to say is that you are trifling with me,  
This is my excuse for writing to you again you  
cannot as you well know aid me in your own way  
it is an utter impossibility for however much I may  
wish to see you some day in the future to thank  
you if you aid me now in time, I cannot see  
you at present you know as well as I do, that I have  
left myself liable to the law in writing to you as I  
have, crazed as I have been by my terrible financial  
necessities, to say I have been obliged to buy in the few  
stocks I was short of at ruinous prices. All this could  
so easily have been saved to me, if you had but given  
me the information I have been asking and begging of  
and that to with no loss to yourself or the knowledge  
of a single soul but the writer and yourself I wish  
to be frank with you and have thus far been and which

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is my excuse now for giving you the following information  
I am still short of a few stocks and most of them pur-  
chased within the past few weeks to protect my short  
interest, namely: Some "Western Union", "Pacific Mail"  
the latter now against me over 2 points, "Michigan  
Central" "Peoria" "Decatur" and "East" and "Metropolitan  
Elevated", in all some 16000 shares. I must  
have some advice from you and in the way and man-  
ner I have already set forth thus far by your re-  
-sual to give it to me I am worse off than ever  
You have refused to aid me in the only possible  
way that you could have done so, but it is useless  
now of my occupying a position offered by you  
it can never be carried out and no one knows  
the fact of its impossibility better than yourself  
Our meeting personally or by letter the result of  
accepting aid in your way for finally it would  
have to come about under the circumstances is  
impossible and consequently no such assistance as  
offered by you can be carried out, God knows how  
willingly I would accept your assistance, either  
privileges or money and in your own way too, if  
it only could be delivered, as it cannot be, will  
you longer refuse the aid that can be given  
which will save you and myself, this too, when  
you can so easily give it without no risk and



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unknown to a single soul. I cannot believe it possible, if you do refuse then beware, good bye to your grand and wonderful financial schemes the success of which you are now looking forward to and justly too, with so much pleasure. All will vanish in the air as far as you and I are concerned whilst others will live to reap their benefit. Answer this in the way I have set forth to you, or let it go unanswered, then we will understand each other

No Signature.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK.....1881

N. York Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould Esq

Dear Sir, you object in inserting the above personal surpassed any compensation. Do you suppose if our positions were reversed, that you would call on me, if you did after what has occurred you would be arrested at once. I expect the same treatment from you, therefore there is no other way of advising me. if really desire to do as you say you are there is a simple and easy way I have already set forth. I fear that this letter will not reach you to day <sup>and</sup> which I deeply regret for I must receive from you a favorable reply or none at once. you kindly offered me in one of your "Personals" last week to name a stock to me by Wednesday (tomorrow) that would aid me out of my present financial difficulties it would have been far better for you and myself if you had done so <sup>and</sup> respect your word then to treat me as you have since done. if I do not receive such a reply by Thursday <sup>and</sup> I beg of you again if you will not give it then to insert none. I shall sell out my few remaining stocks that I have once preferred for the worst. When I think of the fortune I have lost through

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you and you alone. when you beared the stock market  
fell I thought the bottom would never be reached in  
losing over 80000 and now you refuse me the mere sug-  
-gestion of yours that would aid me to make up a  
portion of it at least. you will be too late in giving me  
the desired information. if you neglect this opportunity  
and if you do you will have no one but yourself to blame  
for it and what is to follow.

No Signature  
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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No 19.

NEW YORK.....188

N. York Nov 9 1881.

Gay Gould Esq

My dear Sir, I cannot express to you the thanks I feel for your kind Personal of this morning, some day however I hope to have an opportunity of showing to you how grateful I am for what you are now doing for me, do not believe for a moment me capable of trifling with you, I have told you in truth where I am now concerned <sup>my</sup> will continue to do so. I fear that you alone are to blame for certainly I alone am ~~to blame~~ not in giving me opportunity through the wording of some of your "Personals" to whoever has been using our headings, believe me when I tell you I do not know who the writer is, perhaps whoever he might be has done it only for the fun of the thing. As to how I stand that I should make up between \$25, <sup>my</sup> \$30,000, this will save me from exposure. Allow me at the same time to pay the borrowed money I am using, <sup>my</sup> place me alright again. for I have of late learned sad, sad experience <sup>my</sup> will be more careful in the future. I succeeded to day in buying only 700 Shares of "Salvation", I was obliged to get a

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Friend and relative of mine to purchase it for me in the house he does business with. as I found it I bought it through the house I am dealing with. That the purchase might not be traced to me, excuse the caution but I feel it was

To-morrow I will purchase 5 or 6 thousand shares I have now another favor to ask of you <sup>my</sup> that is to let me know through a "Personal" in the manner I have set forth to you, when I must get out of "Salvation" I will watch the Herald daily, also let me know if I am not asking too much from you, in which case whether I can still hold the "Western Union" <sup>my</sup> "Pacific Mail" for a profit, as I did not sell the long stock I was holding. I would suggest you using the word "Incognito", or any other word you chose in place of my "Friend <sup>my</sup> Correspondent from Texas" They have appeared already in the Herald. if you answer this letter I request you to use the word I gave you yesterday. The two stocks <sup>my</sup> this without risk to yourself. I am working to get out of my difficulty <sup>my</sup> God knows I ask for any information you can kindly give me for that end <sup>my</sup> no other. I am to buy to-morrow 5 or 6 thousand shares of Manhattan ~~located~~ with safety. a simple personal "Salvation." will be understood. as to the other 2 stocks if you feel like giving me the information I will understand your Personal

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with marks.

A. Friend  
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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No. 20.

NEW YORK.....1881

New York Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould Esq.

My dear Sir

I have your suggestions in 15-days Personals, many <sup>and</sup> sincere thanks for same. I forgot to mention to you in my letter of yesterday when speaking of the Relative who purchased on his account and named the "Salvation" Stock that he now holds for me, that he purchased none for himself, he was greatly opposed even to making the transaction on my account, saying that in his opinion the Stock was "Dynamite" <sup>and</sup> buying. I was only sending good money after bad. He had difficulty in purchasing the 500 Shares he got for me to day, his Brokers demanding 20 per cent margin for the risk which forced him to buy at 2 other commission houses the "Salvation" Stock. That I now hold cost me with commission paid both ways  $55\frac{3}{4}$ . I closed out my "Concord" Stock as you suggested me to do with a loss of  $\frac{1}{2}$  point in its place. I have purchased 500 Shares of "Salvation" as above, <sup>and</sup> 500 more Shares of Windsor, the latter standing me with what I already had <sup>and</sup> with the

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commission both way  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . I would now beg of you not to let the "Salvation" Stock go below 56 <sup>and</sup> if it can be done without injury or hurt to yourself advance it to-morrow to 58 or 59. This will strengthen my credit with my Broker, <sup>and</sup> relieve me of anxiety at the same time. I need not say to you how important it is to me in my present position. That you should let me know in time when I must sell <sup>and</sup> go out of one or both "Salvation" <sup>and</sup> "Windsor". You can at least certainly hold these two stocks for one day, giving me opportunity the following day of following your dictation. Believe me again under many thanks for your kindness <sup>and</sup> the trouble you are taking on my account.

I remain as ever  
Your Servitor

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1888

Jay Gould

My Dear Sir

I am surprised and staggered at the figure valuation closed up this day for beam sake put up the price tomorrow I cannot stand a strip in that stock do not fool in this if you wish 100 are one you should get this early tomorrow morning

W. J. Signature



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## DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

No. 22.

NEW YORK. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould

My dear Sir, I thank you for two Personal in to days Herald, though I expected none from you this morning, as I had no intention when writing to you yesterday of giving you the trouble of replying to my letter. I gave you the information asked for asked for in your "Personal" of yesterday, namely the cost of the two stocks I had purchased by your advice and if I ask for too much in too short a time as you say it was owing only to my anxiety on account of decline of "Salvation" yesterday afternoon. I had no intention I can assure you to advance the price of "Salvation" simply on my account only. I did hope for the reasons I gave you that you would not let it go below its price to me. The "Salvation" my relative purchased for me on Wednesday was on the small margin, but his Broker yesterday as I mentioned refused to carry any more for him, under a 20 per cent margin. This forced him to buy for me the 500 more of "Salvation" yesterday from 2 other houses who bought it for him, however at the small margin, I think commission houses at present prices are disinclined generally

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to purchase "Salvation" except for good parties with good bank accounts. Through my losses lately, I have lost the good credit I once had. and now in place of having an account with one of the oldest and largest houses on the street who formerly did my business. I am obliged to deal with the smaller and less known houses. I could buy a little more "Windsor" if it is prudent for me so doing and would like to, though I dislike giving you the trouble of advising me, unless you feel like doing so, what I do and must ask however and beg of you to keep in mind for my safety, is to let me know in time when I am to let go of "Windsor" and "Salvation" and whether I can at that time or any other time sell my stock that you may name for a decline. I do so want to make up a part of, at least of my losses, and in this as you are so kindly doing, and I assure you dear Mr Gould that you will never, never have cause to regret it. I will yet with your kind permission make myself known to you, where I will feel that you will forgive and accept me as a friend, be careful as you know you are at present with your "Personals" for you will have noticed in to-days Herald another one from the party who has been trying to make fun of yours.

No Signature.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,  
No. 300 Mulberry Street,

Nov 23.

NEW YORK Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Jay Gould Esq  
My dear Sir

I have my suspicions that the second personal in yesterday's Herald was not from you, but as the request was a sensible one and to give you the opportunity of informing me whether it was yours or not, I refer to it in my answer of yesterday to guard against doubt in future for I cannot afford to run any risk in an offer so important to me as this is, nor do I wish you to be annoyed in this way, I would suggest you using in future Personals as far as they go the headings I enclose with this. You can use the headings in this they are written this way. I hope to relieve you of anxiety and to save me from doubt. I also hope the party whoever he may be inserting the personals may give up his idea. The above as to the headings is a suggestion for you to decide on. If you prefer however to continue the headings now in use I will understand them. I have given you in previous letter the exact cost of "Salvation" <sup>my</sup> "Windsor"; that I am holding "Salvation" at



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55  $\frac{3}{4}$  and "Windsor" at 87  $\frac{1}{2}$  without commissions  
55  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 87  $\frac{1}{4}$ . I have this day purchased 200  
additional shares of "Salvation" paying for same  
56  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 300 Shares of Windsor at 87. I have  
now 1400 Shares of "Salvation" costing me without  
commission 55  $\frac{57}{100}$  and 1300 Shares of "Windsor"  
costing me without commission 87  $\frac{50}{100}$  and the "Sal-  
vation" stands me in so high, having paid for  
it on Wednesday from 53  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 54  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 55 to 58, and on  
Thursday 56  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 57. I have more pluck than  
you give me credit for Heaven knows but for my  
willingness and pluck, rushing as I generally have  
done in my stock speculations, I should not  
now be in the fix I am in now. I have carried  
thousands of shares where half the risk would be  
better for me, so confident am I however in your  
judgment and ability that I am willing to show  
any amount of pluck. You can ask of me as far as  
my credit goes I shall do exactly as I under-  
stand your wishes and desires for me to do,  
as you know my holding of "Windsor", or do you ad-  
-vise holding on to them if I could do so, is the risk  
safe for me to take the stock acts so strangely, that  
I have almost doubted whether it would ever advance  
again from about present prices. Hoping that  
your kind aid and advice will make me a

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happier man soon.

believe me my dear Mr Gould

Your Trievilor <sup>my</sup> Friend.

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## DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1881

J. Gould

Dear Sir

Your personal of this morning with the heading of Canada is before me and its contents surprised me after all I have said and written to you as one as I have told you before and so plainly you have followed me in my transactions in Calration or is a <sup>thin</sup> sure thing but you and myself who is aware why I was a buyer and am now a holder of Calration. Obedes you have no right to feel or to think for a moment that your confidence has been betrayed by me this is a matter of far to great and importance to me to think of trusting with you or to allow you or any one else living to trade with me or that you mean by saying I have done enough is it that there is any danger to me in my present holdings of Calration and undoing. I enclose you with this clippings from an Evening paper of yesterday and the day before with an extract from the world of this morning I cannot understand them in connection with your remark of this morning's personal that I had done enough I did not wait as long as you seem to think before following your advice as I bought Calration at once on Wednesday it is true that I delayed my purchase



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probably tell it late in the day and should not have added to them of the high prices of Thursday and yesterday but I have explained that to you already it was owing to my own cautioning on Wednesday fearing if I bought it open of the market the purchases might be traced to me in that I may have done wrongly but at least I did not deceive you in it telling you frankly of what I did and my reasons for so doing. The market of Wednesday on Calration as you know fluctuated from  $52\frac{1}{2}$  to  $58\frac{1}{2}$  and on Thursday from  $55\frac{1}{2}$  to  $57\frac{1}{2}$  while yesterday I paid  $56\frac{3}{4}$  for two hundred shares. I bought you ask of your proposal of Saturday here I told you now on Windsor I answered it fully as you know though you gave no reply in return. I should like to know now if I could add to it or whether it is safe for me to hold the Windsor I now have as too Calration owing to my present great anxiety though your remark I have done enough and find the tenor of my clippings. Enclosed you will please inform me and at once whether all is right or regards that stock there must be no mistake in this and I now beg of you as it so easy for you to do that you will keep up its price and if possible keep it up firm and after tomorrow to  $57$  or at least I shall not buy any more Calration either of Windsor unless you advise me later if there is nothing

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Therefore in your remarks that I have done enough or  
in the clippings to effect the value of calibration please  
let me know of it at once by saying calibration safe  
and if window is good for an advance say up town  
minor - I need not repeat to <sup>you</sup> the importance of my  
succeeding in this affair. it concerns us both far too  
deeply to be neglected or to be trifled with

Yrs Name

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

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NEW YORK. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1881

And in the new york world of this Sunday morning  
is the following

There has been a steady and persistent  
feeding of manhattan stock during the past few days.  
No Name



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Copy Number 1

DETECTIVE OFFICE  
Police Department of the City of New York,  
No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK.....1888

The envelope is postmarked October 17<sup>th</sup> Station E.  
7 am and addressed to the Editor of the Wall & News  
Wall & News York

To the Editor of the Wall & News  
D Sir

I shall thank you  
to see that the enclosed letter is handed to Jay Gould  
personally I have posted him a copy of it but think his  
secretary may keep it from him you are at liberty to  
publish it if you think fit but perhaps it is best not  
to do so as the public may think I have a motive for doing  
so you oblige me by doing this

Excuse mine

Victor

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District Attorney's Office.

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

Wells

The D. A.  
has agreed  
with Justice  
Fullerton not  
to call an  
alias Wells  
this month  
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WILLIAM FULLERTON,  
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Law Offices of FULLERTON & GROSSBY,

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE BUILDING,

No. 420 BROADWAY,

18 Ex. Place.

P.O. Box 600.

The People }  
— to —  
Wells. }

New York City, Dec. 23. 1881

Daniel G. Rollins Esq.

Dear Sir,

I beg to remind you that in our conversation yesterday, in respect to this case, in very compliance with my earnest ex-licitation you consented that the defendant should not be arraigned during the present year. You will bear in mind that I made the re-quest to the end that I might see the parties interested in the prosecution and the Court with a view of having the matter adjusted, that being quite proper, inasmuch as it is only a misdemeanor. I have learned today that notice has been served upon the Surety to produce Mr. Wells on Tuesday Dec. 27, at the General Sessions, Part 2, to be arraigned.

I supposed of course that this has resulted from an omission on



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P. O. Box 4500.

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your part to give notice to the  
proper officer that such an arrange-  
ment as I speak of had been made  
with me. Be so kind as to Ben-  
tract the order for I have given  
notice to the Mills of the arrangement

Yours very truly,  
William Fullerton  
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The People

<sup>vs</sup>  
J. Howard Wells

Witnesses on the part  
of the People

Jay Gould - Office of the  
Western Union Telegraph Co  
Corner Day & Broadway  
Washington E. Connor  
80 Broadway.

James Healey.  
Employed at Station E  
8<sup>th</sup> Ave near 34<sup>th</sup> St -

Detectives Phil. Reilly &  
Al. Wood.

Inspector Central Office

Inspector Thomas Byrne  
With original letters  
Central Office

Copies of letters sent with  
Complaint

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City and County of New York, ss.

Police Court—11 District.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*Howard Weller*

On Complaint of

*Thomas Rymer*

For

After being informed of my rights under the law, I hereby demand a trial by Jury, on this complaint, and demand a trial at the **COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE**, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York. *and waive my right to make a statement as to said charge*

Dated Nov 16 1881.

*B. H. Murphy*

POLICE JUSTICE.

*J. Howard Weller*

by *Algonquin S. Sullivan*  
*his atty.*



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Department of Public Charities and Correction.

Office of CITY PRISON,

CORNER FRANKLIN AND CENTRE STREETS.

JAMES FINN,  
WARDEN.

New York, November 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

Hon B. H. Bigsby  
Police Justice

Dear Sir

I have  
carefully examined J. H. Niles  
and find no evidences of insanity  
in him. In my opinion he  
is of sound mind

Respectfully Yours  
William L Hardy M.D.

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City & County of New York ss.

Thomas Byrnes ~~of the 1st~~  
~~Inspector~~ ~~district~~ ~~Police~~ ~~de-~~  
~~partment~~ being duly sworn  
deposes and says that on  
the 13 day of November 1881 and  
on divers other day from  
and including the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 1881 up to the day  
first above named in the  
City & County of New York

J Howard Welles,  
did knowingly, wilfully and  
feloniously send to Jay Gould  
letters and writings, threatening  
to do bodily injury to the  
person of said Gould with  
intent to extort and gain money  
and property from said Gould.

And deponent further says  
that said J Howard Welles  
did at the place and at the  
times aforesaid part with the  
possession of divers letters and  
writings, threatening in said  
letters and writings to do  
an injury to the person of Jay

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Gould with a view and intent to extort and gain money and property from said Gould.

Deponent says that the letters and writings herein referred to are annexed to this affidavit and made a part of the Complaint.

Deponent further says that said J. Howard Wells did in the City & County of New York on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1888 did threaten to kill and murder Jay Gould.

Thomas Dwyer  
Sworn to before me  
this 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1888  
B. W. Briggs  
Police Justice



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And the said Thomas Byrnes being further sworn says that said J<sup>r</sup> Howard Weller did unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully make for the purpose of being sent or delivered to Jay Gould and said Weller, do unlawfully & knowingly pervert with the possession of said letters with intent to cause annoyance to Jay Gould and did on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1881 in the City & County of New York unlawfully, knowingly & wilfully send to Jay Gould a certain letter signed "An Old Victim" threatening to shoot said Gould, and which said letter was and is as follows, that is to say.

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THE BLACKMAILER'S LETTER.

WINDSOR HOTEL Oct 17th 1881

GAY GOULD

SIR—It is my painful duty to inform you that within six days from the date of this letter your body will have returned to the dust from whence it came. I therefore entreat you to make your peace with God and prepare for the fate that awaits you. This is no wish of mine to take your life but I am inspired and requested by the All Living God to do so as a public necessity and for the benefit of the community at large. You must undoubtedly be aware that you have been a rogue of the first water all your life through your artful cunning and deception you have robbed thousands of people of their birthright. You have had no mercy. You have robbed the rich and the poor, the father and the fatherless, the widow and the orphan indiscriminately of their last dollar and through your villainy have brought ruin and destruction on thousands of families. All this you have done under a cloak by circulating false reports, bribing newspapers, making false statements, committing perjury and by artful cunning and deception, in fact, you have robbed both great and small and now the Lord says that you must pay for all. That your death is a public necessity in order to save thousands of others from pain and destruction, your death will be an easy one for I propose shooting you through the heart. If possible and if my first shot is not instant death, I will give a coup de grace with the second shot so that your death shall be quick and easy.

Don't hold out any hope that this is a threatening letter nor for stock jobbing purposes for I do not own a single share of stocks of any kind, neither am I interested in any. This is simply the will of God and he has chosen me to carry it out. He has applied to me in a dream and requested me to slay you as a public necessity and in doing so God has assured me that it is by divine providence I am chosen to do this act and that by so doing I will become a public benefactor and I have sworn and taken a solemn oath before the All Living God, that I will put you to death. I intended to have shot you last Friday (yesterday) when I saw you with Dillon and Sage. I had my pistol ready and cocked but a voice from the Lord sounded in my ear saying "Hold on, Give him time to repent, lest he be sent into everlasting punishment." Now make your peace with God and prepare for the fate that awaits you and may the Lord have mercy on your soul. I am only the agent of the Lord. The Lord appeared to me again last night and said Gay Gould must surely die, and when I reasoned with the Lord in my dream I told him my life would also be required and I would be hanged. The Lord assured me that no harm should be done to me, that a rope was not made, neither was the hemp grown to make the rope to hang me with, and that he would deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies. This is by the express will and command of God that I am chosen to put you to death and I have sworn before the All Living God, the great Jehovah and Redeemer of the world and taken a solemn oath and kissed the Holy Bible, that I will carry it out within six days from this date if a fit opportunity occurs, therefore be prepared to meet your fate at any moment and may God have mercy on your soul.

I remain, sir,

AN OLD VICTIM.

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with intent to gain money  
and property, and intending  
also to cause annoyance  
to said gold, in violation  
of the laws of this State

Thomas D. Jones

Sum to be paid me  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1887

B. W. Myky

Police Justice



Ans: Atty. General  
to construction of  
bill to fix them  
human problems

(Date: 17.10.17)  
(Place: B.B.Nagar,  
(C.M.A.)  
*c.*

BALIED,

No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chad ~~M.H.~~ Boone

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
29 West-50<sup>th</sup>

No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

REC: 208, 209, 210 & 212

Police Court - 31001 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas Furness

Edward M Allen

Offence, Attempt to  
Rob -

**Dated**

Members 12

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10-27-1964

Magistrate

*Rully's Road* Officer  
Central Office

**Clerk**

# Witness

*eebush/aaq*

Street

# STC

Street,

INC

Street.

John Paul  
head with

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 Howard Uell

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

Dated Nov 16 1881

P. J. Ripley 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 <sup>him</sup> to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188

## Police Justice







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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

Letter No 6.

NEW YORK.....188

Envelope dated Oct 29", 5<sup>30</sup> P.m., "E"

Mr Jay Gould  
Sir

I have already answered your personal of this morning but would add a line or two when I call on you as requested it will be for the purpose already stated. I am now a ruined man <sup>and</sup> believe it is through you <sup>and</sup> you only, that I expect restitution either in your <sup>or</sup> my way. I can still borrow from my friends \$20,000 or \$30,000. I have no intention of so doing unless I am sure <sup>and</sup> certain that it is safe to do so if you are as willing to give me the satisfaction that you say, then carry out what I have already asked of you to day. if you will lower the stock market to ~~day~~ next week <sup>and</sup> let me know of it. If it is your intentions to do so by a Personal in the "Herald" as follows "Request of anonymous correspondent will be carried out" and I will be satisfied <sup>and</sup> believe <sup>and</sup> hoping that I can make up a part of of my heavy losses of late through you, but for your Personal I should not have written to you again did you, or



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you advisers really think I would have called on you?  
When I want to see you it will not be at your office  
or at your house. you can answer this or not, as it is  
a matter that concerns you my you alone, this is  
my last.

No Signature.

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DETECTIVE OFFICE

Police Department of the City of New York,

No. 300 Mulberry Street,

NEW YORK.

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Envelope dated Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1881, 3 - P.m "E".

To Jay Gould Esq

You know that I cannot meet  
you <sup>any</sup> to do so, but show how little I am understood  
by you. I shall never meet you but once, if you  
force me to see you <sup>any</sup> then it will be face to  
face outside of your office surrounded by friends  
<sup>my</sup> Detectives, as to myself I am willing to say this  
much that I am a Southwestern man <sup>any</sup> have been  
accustomed to the use of the Pistol from my boyhood  
up - as to <sup>you</sup> being unable to control influences to  
meet my request, it is too absurd for me to reply to.  
I am still short of the Stock Market <sup>any</sup> shall remain so,  
unless you drive me out, if you do so, you will have  
cause to regret it unless it goes out by your advice.  
if you are forgetful as to the manner of death of  
your old partner, Col "F" I would suggest you  
calling it to mind. you can keep the Market  
down tomorrow Monday - and then if you advise my  
buying in the Stocks that I am still short and  
going long in the market I will follow your advice.  
A Personal in the "Herald" as follows will be

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understood by me. If I am to buy in my Stocks -  
Correspondent will see the person from Texas up town -  
if I am to go low, say way up town instead of  
up town, If I can remain short of the market then  
let the "Personal" be, "Correspondent will see the  
person from Texas down town" Your offer to guide me  
in my operations, this let me say is the only way  
you can properly do so. I didnt intend writing to  
you again but your Personals in Herald is my  
excuse

No Signature



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**Court of General Sessions**

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

*James Howard Welles*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *James Howard Welles* (the name *James* being a fictitious name, it having been found impossible for the Grand Jury to discover the real name of the defendant) of the CRIME OF *writing and sending annoying letter* committed as follows:

The said *James Howard Welles* late of the first Ward of the City of New York in the County of New York aforesaid, heretofore to wit on the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one at the City of New York in the County of New York aforesaid did make and prepare a certain letter and writing and for the purpose of the same being delivered to one *Jay Gould*, did then and there knowingly and unlawfully part with the possession of the same and the same did then and there knowingly and unlawfully send to the said *Jay Gould* with the intent thereby to cause annoyance to the said *Jay Gould* and which said letter and writing is as follows that is to say:



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Windsor Hotel Oct 15. 1881.

Jay Gould.

Sir. It is my painful duty to inform you that within 6 days from the date of this letter your body will have returned to the dust from whence it came. I therefore entreat you to make your peace with God, and prepare for the fate which awaits you. It is no wish of mine to take your life, but I am asked and requested by the all living God to do so as a Public necessity and for the benefit of the community at large. You must undoubtedly be aware that you have been a rogue of the 1<sup>st</sup> water all your life, that through your artful cunning and deception you have robbed thousands of people of their birthright. You have had no mercy, you have robbed the rich and the poor, the father and the fatherless, the widows and the orphans indiscriminately of there last dollar and through your villainy and brought ruin and destruction on thousands of families all this you have done under a cloak by circulating false reports, bribing newspapers, making false statements, committing perjury and by artful cunning and deception if fact you have robbed both great and small and now the Lord says you must pay for all, that your death is a Public necessity to save thousands of others from pain and destruction. Your death will be an easy one for I propose shooting you to the heart if possible, and if my first shot is not instant death I will give a coup de grace with the second shot so that your death shall be quick and easy. Dont hold out any hope that this is a threatening



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letter, nor for stock jobbing purposes for I do not own  
a single share of stock of any kind, neither am I  
interested in any, this is simply the will of God  
and he has chosen me to carry it out, he has applied  
to me in a dream and requested me to slay you as  
a public necessity, and in doing so God has assured  
me that it is by divine providence that I am chosen  
to do this act and by doing so I will become a public  
benefactor and I have sworn and taken a solemn oath  
before the all living God that I will put you to death  
I intended to have shot you last Friday (yesterday)  
when I saw you with Dillon and Sage. I had my  
Pistol ready and cocked but a voice from the Lord  
sounded in my ear saying hold on give him time  
to repent, Lest ye be sent to everlasting punishment  
now make you peace with God and prepare for the fate  
that awaits you and may the Lord have mercy on  
your soul. I am the only agent of the Lord. The  
Lord appeared to me again last night and said Jay  
you must surely die, when I reasoned with the  
Lord, I told him my life would also be required  
and I would be hanged. The Lord assured me  
that no harm should become of me, that the rope  
was not made, neither was the hemp grown to  
make the rope to hang me with, that he would  
deliver me out of the hands  
of my enemies.



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<sup>12</sup>  
This is by the express will and command of God  
that I am chosen to put you to death, and I have  
sworn before the all living God, the great Jehovah  
and Redeemer of the world and have taken a solemn oath  
and Kissed the Holy Bible that I will carry it  
out within 6 days from this date if fit  
opportunity occurs. Therefore be prepared  
to meet your fate at any moment  
and may God have mercy on your soul.

I remain Sir  
An old Victim.

H. B.

Should I not have an opportunity  
within 6 days, I will surely do so  
the first opportunity that occurs.

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.

David S. Rollin  
District Attorney

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

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**DESCRIPTION:**

White, James

**DATE:**

12/06/81



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Day of Trial: *Dec 81*  
Counsel: *W. J. 2*  
Filed day of: *Dec 81*  
Pleads: *Not guilty*

BURGLARY-THIRD DEGREE.  
NOTHING STOLEN.

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*James White*  
*Can this case be tried*  
*in Monday - if convicted*  
*please hear*

*DAVID K. PHILLIPS*  
*District Attorney*

A True Bill.

*Deputy*  
*Fireman*  
*My program*  
*Pleads attempt*  
*Rev. Cecil year*



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POLICE COURT— / *dt* DISTRICT.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss:

*Herman Cantor*

of No. *41 Murray* Street, being duly sworn,  
deposes and says, that the premises No. *41 Murray*  
Street, *3d* Ward, in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a *Store*

and which was occupied by deponent as a *Store for the sale of liquors*  
~~to cigars~~ *fruitfully* were BURGLARIOUSLY  
entered by means ~~unlawfully~~ *breaking a pane of glass*  
in the front basement door leading into said  
premises

on the *night* of the *29* day of *November* 18*81*  
and the following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

with the felonious intent to take steal and  
carry away therefrom the following property  
viz. *One dozen bottles of Rhine wine*  
*of the value of Ten dollars*

the property of *deponent who is 54 years old*  
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 *James White (now here)*

for the reasons following, to wit; *That deponent is informed by*  
*Peter Shields that he found said James*  
*White in said premises*

*Herman Cantor*

*Sworn to before me this*  
*30 day of November 1881*  
*R. B. Murphy*  
*Police Justice*

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City and County of  
New York

Peter Shields of No 41 Murray Street being  
duly sworn says that on the night of  
the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1881 he found  
James White in the premises described  
in the within affidavit of Herman Cantor

sworn to before me this  
30 day of November 1881

Peter Shields

Brooklyn Police Justice



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Sec. 198-200.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

James White 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.

James White

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

32 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

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

Answer.

26 W 18 St for 2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Cysterman

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 was intoxicated and did not know  
what I was doing

Taken before me, this

30

day of

Nov

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Police Justice.



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Sec. 206, 209, 210 & 212.

Police Court / at District.

THE PEOPLE, &c. 11/06  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Herman Lander  
41 Mainway  
James White  
Offence, Burglary

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

Dated Nov 30 1881

73 21, 73 24, 73 27  
Magistrate.  
Quintanary 27 Officer.

Witnesses Peter Shields  
Clerk.

No. 41 Mainway  
Street,  
No. 30  
Street,  
No. 1801  
Street,  
No. Street.

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 James White

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

Dated Nov 30 1881 B. W. Murphy 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 h to be discharged.

Dated 188 Police Justice.

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Sec. 208, 209, 210 & 212.

Police Court-- / at District.

THE PEOPLE, &c. 1106  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Herman Canter  
271 Broadway St  
James White

Offence, Burglary

Dated Nov 30 1881  
301 Broadway Magistrate.  
Dunbar 27 Officer.

Witnesses Peter Shields

No. 41 Murray Street,  
NOV 30 1881  
No. Street,  
No. Street.

Committed

BAILED.

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

Dated 1881  
Police Justice.  
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated 1881  
Police Justice.  
I have admitted the above named  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated Nov 30 1881  
Police Justice.  
be held to answer the crime and that he  
guilty thereof, I order that he be admitted to bail in the sum of  
Hundred Dollars and be com-  
mitted to the Warden or Keeper of the City Prison until he give such bail  
and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named  
James White  
It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed,



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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

*James White*  
The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York by this indictment accuse  
*James White*  
of the crime of *Burglary*  
committed as follows:  
The said *James White*

late of the *third* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of  
New York, aforesaid,  
on the *twenty ninth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ *eighty one* with force and arms,  
at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the *store* of

*Hermann Cantor*  
there situate, feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, the said *store*  
being then and there a building in which divers goods, merchandise, and valuable things  
were then and there kept for use, sale and deposit; the same being the goods, chattels,  
and personal property of

*Hermann Cantor*  
with intent the said  
goods, merchandise and valuable things in the said *store* 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.

*David S. Rollin*  
~~BENT R. PHELPS~~, District Attorney.



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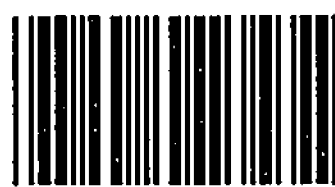
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**DESCRIPTION:**

White, John

**DATE:**

12/19/81



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Counsel,

Trial, *Le May Dec 1887*

Filed: *19* day of

Pleas: *Monday 23*

Beating—Homicide of the Degree of Murder, First Degree.

THE PEOPLE

No. *11* vs.

*John White*

DANIEL C. ROLLINS,

District Attorney

*Attest: May 17 1887*

A True Bill.

*Attest: May 17 1887*

*Wm. Mangum, Foreman.*

*Attest: May 17 1887*

*Monday Jan 16 1887*

*S.P. 2 year. du 3/18*



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BIRMINGHAM



POLICE.

This is to Certify, that Alexander Smart  
joined the Birmingham Police, as Constable, on the 24th  
day of April one thousand eight hundred and  
54 and renewed his situation on the  
1st day of June  
one thousand eight hundred and 59

Character.

Good

Description of

Alexander Smart

Age . . . . . 30  
Height . . . . . 5 ft 7 in  
Complexion . . . . . fair  
Eyes . . . . . grey  
Hair . . . . . black  
Particular Marks . . . . . none  
Figure . . . . . slender

Given under my hand and seal  
of the Birmingham Police,

R. A. Stephens

CHIEF OF POLICE.

Moor Street,

3rd day of June 1859



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Borough of Birmingham.

Town Clerk's Office.

1<sup>st</sup> June 1865

This is to Certify that I have known Mr. Alessandro Smart for a Number of Years to be a man of the most Superior Character, his Conduct is irreproachable, and I consider in what employment he may obtain in any Situation that he will discharge it to the Satisfaction of his Employers and who recommends him.

Wm. Donnelly  
Messenger to the Corporation  
of the Borough of  
Birmingham  
J A

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I further beg leave to state  
that Mr. Smart has been in  
business for himself for the  
last three years. as a  
respectable man and a  
grocer, &c. W. Dornery

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"Copy"

13<sup>th</sup> April 1854 -

The bearer Alexander Smart, has been known by me for @ considerable times. He is of sober, quiet and industrious habits. of reputable connections, of strict integrity and I do not hesitate in recommending him for any employment, requiring regularity diligences good tempers and strict honesty.

Signed, J. C. Porter  
Magistrate, Head Office,  
Dublin Police

At true Copy

P. A. Stephens  
Chief of Police

Philip O'Brien

1859. 12. 5



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Somersetshire Constabulary.

Chief Constable's Office,

Glastonbury 1<sup>st</sup> May 1862

This is to certify that Alexander Smart joined the Somersetshire Constabulary as constable on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1859. and resigned at his own request on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1862.

His conduct was good.

Yours faithfully

Chief Constable  
for Somerset

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## STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS.

## AN INQUISITION,

Taken at the house of Coroner's Office  
 No. 13 Astor Street, in the 4 Ward of the City of  
 New York, in the County of New York, this 12 day of November  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 81 before  
 John H. Brady Coroner,  
 of the City and County aforesaid, on view of the Body of Alexander  
 Smart lying dead at

140, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Upon the Oaths and Affirmations of  
 six good and lawful men of the State of New York, duly chosen and  
 sworn, or affirmed and charged to inquire, on behalf of said people, how and in what manner the said

Alexander Smart came to his death, do  
 upon their Oaths and Affirmations, say: That the said Alexander Smart  
 came to his death by injuries from a fall on  
 the sidewalk in front of 138, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue caused by  
 a blow at the hands of John White.

We believe from the evidence that the prisoner, John  
 White, is irresponsible for his action, and we therefore  
 recommend that the proper authorities place the said  
 John White in an institution suitable for his condition.

In Witness Whereof, We, the said Jurors, as well as the CORONER, have to this Inquisition  
 set our hands and seals, on the day and place aforesaid.

## JURORS.

William W. Reed.

450, 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

C. Young

1444 South

Eugene Shreier

1638 Lexington Ave

Emil Reeser

524 - 6 Av.

Geo H Holden

387 - 6 av

Ludwig Bornman

410 - 6 Ave

John H. Brady CORONER, E. S.

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The People of the State of New York, on the  
Complaint of

vs.

List of Witnesses.

John White

NAMES.

RESIDENCE.

M. G. Raeffe	M. S. Cornues Office	Cornues Office
Geo. B. Grytes	112	9 <sup>th</sup> Av.
Alexander H. Smart	140	10 <sup>th</sup> Av.
Herrietta Kessler	"	" "
John Kessler	138	" "
John S. Bohlmann	136	" "



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## Coroner's Office.

## TESTIMONY.

Officer Robert G. M. Campbell of 16 Kent  
living room says: Last night at about 7.30  
Pm. I first heard of the assault by John  
White, 466 W 20 St, upon Alexander Smart,  
140 tenth avenue. Went out to investigate  
the case. At 3 Am. Today was informed  
of the death of Alexander Smart, whom upon  
I arrested, at about 6.30 Am, the prisoner  
John White at his residence. He was in bed  
and made no resistance to the arrest.  
After I told him on the way to the station house  
that Smart was dead, he told me that they  
had had a difficulty about a faying pan  
last Thursday. White's mother in law had  
purchased it on that day and it was not  
proving satisfactory she sent the prisoner  
back to exchange it <sup>for the money</sup> upon the dif-  
ficulty occurred. They did not meet again  
until last evening at about 6 O'clock at  
Hessler's bakery 138, 10th Avenue where  
they again had some words about the same  
matter. Alexander Smart left the bakery first.  
The prisoner followed shortly after and as he  
reached the sidewalk Alexander Smart called  
him "a son of a bitch", which made the prisoner  
so excited that he struck Smart with his  
hand or fist when Smart fell and struck his  
head on the sidewalk.

Taken before me

this 30 day of October 1881

Robert F. M. Campbell

John H. Brady

CORONER. (1)

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Mr. S. R. Raper being sworn says I have made an Autopsy on the body of Alexander Smart at 140, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> 1881.

The only external mark of violence observed on the body was a blackened and bruised eye of the right side. Opening of the skull disclosed a large blood-clot on right hemisphere of the brain, causing a deep flattening of the brain convolutions of that side. Brain substance was somewhat softened and its ventricles contained considerable clear fluid. There was no laceration of the brain tissue and no fracture of skull. A small blood-clot was also found at the base of right hemisphere.

Heart was covered with fat, and muscular tissue rather flabby, but otherwise normal.

Lungs: normal.

Liver and kidneys - slightly fatty.

Other organs were normal.

From the Autopsy I am of opinion that death was caused by Compression of the brain from blood clot, the result of violence.

W. S. Raper and

Taken before me

this 30 day of October 1881

John H. Waddy

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Dr. George R. Gyles of 112, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
and am a practicing physician. Was called  
on the evening of Oct. 29 to see a man, named  
Alexander Smart of 140, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Went  
there and found the man in a dying condition.  
Was again called at 3 A.M. Oct. 30, but  
found him dead. Was informed that he had  
received a blow, but I do not know by whom.

Geo. R. Gyles M.D.

Taken before me  
this 12 day of Nov. 1881

Wm. H. Brady

CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

John Kessler of 138 tenth Ave living room says: I keep a bakery and remember the prison and accused being in my bakery at about 6 P.m. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1881. Was making out a bill for her. While in the backroom and did not hear much of it. I went up first. Did not see the fight. Did not hear a quarrel in my store, but heard them talk. They did not seem to be angry, but they did not seem to be good friends. While was a little excited was about 20 feet away from them.

John Kessler

Taken before me

this 12 day of Nov. 1881

John H. Brady

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Hemmick's Resolers of 140, 10 "Darning  
 living room says: Was in our store at the  
 time and waited on deceased. Mr. White  
 was in the store to pay a bill. He asked to  
 see my husband and I told him that he  
 would have to wait a little. Mr. Sandoz  
 said to White: "I did not know you young  
 man to which White replied: "I show you".  
 Sandoz then said: "Are you crazy"? They both  
 then left. I thought there would be a fight  
 and called my husband. Just then I heard  
 the fall <sup>on the sidewalk</sup> but did not see it. Did not go  
 outside of the store and did not see the  
 man lying on the sidewalk. Noticed both  
 hands of Mr. White move convulsively,  
 which made me afraid. Did not know  
 Mr. White was subject to fits until I saw  
 it in the newspaper.

Gaugörla Safflan

Taken before me  
 this 12 day of Nov. 1881

John H. Brady CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

John D. Bollmann being sworn says: I  
reside at 136, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Know deceased  
but did not see the occurrence. Helped to  
carry deceased into his apartment from the  
sidewalk. Went downstairs after hearing the  
excitement of a crowd on the sidewalk. Heard  
next morning that he had died.

John D Bollmann

Taken before me

this 12 day of June 1881

John H. Brady

CORONER.



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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Alexander Smart ~~son~~ being sworn says: I am the son of deceased and resided with him at 140, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. On the evening of Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> as I was coming up towards home from my work I saw White coming out of the bakery and follow up my father. Saw him strike my father with his fist. My father fell to the sidewalk and I heard the noise caused by his head striking the sidewalk. White then stood over my father's body as if to kick him. I rushed up and asked White whether he had struck my father, to which White replied: "Yes, God damn you and I will strike you too." Father fell right on his back. Was about 40 feet away from him. Heard no words between them. Would have heard them if they had spoken.

Alex J. Smart

Taken before me  
this 12 day of Nov., 1881

John H. Wadley

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

Officer Robert F. M. Campbell, recalled:  
After the arrest of the prisoner took him to  
stationhouse and at 10 o'clock A.M. I took  
him to the coroner's office where he had  
two fits, during which it took 4 or 5  
men to hold him.

Robert F. M. Campbell

Taken before me  
this 12 day of November 1881

John Keil Brady

CORONER.

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Coroner's Office.

TESTIMONY.

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Chartered White bringsword says: I am  
the wife of the prisoner. Know nothing  
of the affair itself. Am married about  
ten years. During all that time he was  
subject to epileptic fits. Had the first one  
about 5 months after our marriage. Had  
a fit on the morning of October 29<sup>th</sup>. Last  
summer he jumped out of the window. He  
was unable to work for 8 or 9 years and  
myself and mother have supported him.  
He became a kind of foolish.  
Charlotte White

Taken before me

this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1881

John H. Brady

CORONER.



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Coroner's Office,

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

\_\_\_\_\_ being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge, and being informed that he was at liberty to answer or not, all or any questions put to him, states as follows, viz.:

Question.—What is your name?

Answer.—

Question.—How old are you?

Answer.—

Question.—Where were you born?

Answer.—

Question.—Where do you live?

Answer.—

Question.—What is your occupation?

Answer.—

Question.—Have you anything to say, and if so, what, relative to the charge here preferred against you?

Taken before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188

CORONER.

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## MEMORANDUM.

AGE.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE, When Reported.
56 Years. — Months. — Days.	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>140, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue</i>	<i>Oct. 30 / 81</i>

*Bill M. M.**422. 304*

HOMICIDE

AN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

*Alexander James*

whereby it is found that he came to his Death by the hands of *John Allen*. He being from the witness *the testimony*, *John Allen*, is responsible for his actions and manner. *That the proper authorities have been in consultation with the* for his condition.

Report taken on the 12 day of November 1881 before

*John H. Barry* Coroner.

Committed November 17.

Died

Discharged

Date of death

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AGE.	56 Years. - Months. - Days.	PLACE OF NATIVITY.	WHERE FOUND.	DATE When Reported.
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MEMORANDUM.

4th Dec. 1881

HOMICIDE  
IN INQUISITION

On the VIEW of the BODY of

Alexander Smart

whereby it is found that he came to his Death by the hands of John White. He being from the witness that the prisoner, John White, is responsible for his action and remains that the proper authorities place him in an institution suitable for his condition.

Request taken on the 12 day of November 1881 before

John H. Brady, Coroner.

Committed November 19.

Bailed

Discharged

Date of death

B. W. Brady



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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,

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York by this indictment accuse  
*John White* <sup>against</sup> *John White*  
of the crime of *Murder*

committed as follows: *John White*  
The said

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the  
*twenty ninth* day of *October* in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy eight~~ <sup>one</sup> *eighty* with force and arms, at the City and  
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Alexander Smart*  
in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously, wilfully and with a  
deliberate and premeditated design to effect the death of *him*

the said *Alexander Smart* did make an  
assault, and that *he* the said *John White*  
then and there feloniously, wilfully, and with a deliberate and premeditated design to  
effect the death of *him* the said

*Alexander Smart* did with great  
force and violence pull, push, cast and throw the said *Alexander Smart*  
down unto and upon the ground then and there, and that the said

*John White* with both the hands and feet of *him* the said  
*John White* then and there, and whilst the  
said *Alexander Smart* was so lying and being upon the ground,  
*him* the said *Alexander Smart* in and upon the neck,  
head, stomach, breast, belly, back, and sides of *him* the said *Alexander Smart*  
then and there feloniously, wilfully, and with a deliberate and premeditated design to  
effect the death of *him* the said *Alexander Smart* divers times, with great  
force and violence, did choke, strike, beat and kick, and that the said

*John White* with both the hands, feet and knees of  
*him* the said *John White*

and whilst the said *Alexander Smart* was so lying  
and being upon the ground as aforesaid, *him* the said *Alexander*  
*Smart* in and upon the neck, breast, belly, head, stomach, and  
sides of *him* the said *Alexander Smart* then and there  
feloniously, wilfully, and with a deliberate and premeditated design to effect the death  
of *him* the said *Alexander Smart* did with great force and  
violence, choke, strike, push, press and squeeze, giving to the said *Alexander*  
*Smart* then and there, as well by the choking, pulling, pushing, casting and  
throwing of *him* the said *Alexander Smart* down  
unto and upon the ground as aforesaid, and by the choking, striking, beating, and kick  
ing of *him* the said *Alexander Smart* whilst he was so  
lying and being upon the ground as aforesaid, in and upon the neck, head, stomach,  
breast, belly, back and sides of *him* the said *Alexander Smart*

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as aforesaid, as also by the choking, striking, pushing, pressing, and squeezing of  
him the said *Alexander Smart* whilst he, the said  
*Alexander Smart* was so lying and being upon the ground as aforesaid,  
in and upon the neck, head, belly, breast, back, stomach, and sides of him  
the said *Alexander Smart* with the hands, knees, and feet of him  
the said *John White*  
in manner aforesaid, several mortal bruises, lacerations, and wounds, in and upon the  
neck, head, belly, breast, stomach, and sides of him the said *Alexander*  
*John Smart* of which said several mortal bruises, lacerations, and  
wounds the said *Alexander Smart* from the said *twenty*  
*ninth* day of *October* until the *thirtieth*  
day of *October* in the same year, in the said Ward,  
City and County last mentioned, did languish, and languishing did live; on which last-  
mentioned day the said *Alexander Smart*  
of the said several mortal bruises, lacerations, and wounds, then  
and there died; and so the ~~jurors~~ *Grand Jury* aforesaid, ~~upon their oath aforesaid~~, do say that the  
said *John White* him the said *Alexander*  
*Smart* in manner and form and by the means aforesaid, felo-  
niously, wilfully, and with a deliberate and premeditated design to effect the death of  
him the said *Alexander Smart*  
did kill and murder, against the peace of the people of the State of New York and  
their dignity,

DANIEL G. ROLLINS,  
~~BENJ. K. PHELPS~~ District Attorney.