

HONEST WOMAN'S THE JUDGE'S PRAISE

Ante-Quake Case Dismissed, but Defendant Returns.

COURT GIVES VINDICATION

BY JAMES C. CRAWFORD.

Among the accused persons who were at large under bail and due for hearing in the Police Court on that fateful 18th of April was Mrs. Nora Finn, then residing in what is now designated the burnt district. She was charged with having battered Mrs. Mary Ford, and at the time of her arrest deposited \$10 as security for her appearance before Judge Conlan. When that magistrate resumed active duty he respectfully announced "dismissed" to all the misdemeanors calendar for the memorable day mentioned, because the misdemeanants in custody were liberated on the morning thereof and those who had put up bail were not likely to appear and demand trial. That was how it came to pass that Mrs. Nora Finn created something of a sensation when she bobbed up before his Honor yesterday and respectfully announced that she was ready to meet Mrs. Mary Ford's charge.

"You must excuse me, Judge," she said, apologetically, "for not coming to court on the day appointed by you, but there was an earthquake that morning, you may remember, and it left me with so many things to do that really I was rather confused. After the quake there was a big fire, you know—and—well—"

"It destroyed your home, I suppose," the Judge murmured, staring in mingled astonishment and admiration at the woman's comely and honest countenance. "Yes, sir. The flames kept coming closer and closer to my house and I was afraid that if I'd go to court I might not have time to save any of my things, and—"

"Mrs. Finn, you're a marvel," exclaimed his Honor, rising and bowing most courteously. "Your case has been dismissed and your bail forfeited, but the good intent you show by coming here entitles you to exceptional consideration, and you shall get it. I now dismiss you again for lack of prosecution and order that your bail money be restored. Mrs. Finn, may I be permitted to shake your hand?"

Ere the lady could respond an attorney leaped to his feet and declared that he, as Mrs. Ford's counsel, objected to a dismissal of the case without hearing, and he demanded a continuance.

"Objection overruled," thundered the court. "The defendant is here and ready for trial and the complainant is absent. I'll wager that you haven't seen nor heard of the complainant since the case was originally set. Have you, now?"

The lawyer sidestepped the query and the Judge reassured Mrs. Finn of his distinguished consideration. When she asserted that her visit there was prompted less by desire to recover the \$10 bail money than by yearning to have her treatment of Mrs. Ford publicly vindicated, his Honor said he believed her.

"And now that you're dismissed," he added, "you may without fear or compunction inform us why you battered Mrs. Ford?"

"Mrs. Finn readily complied with the hint. "We were next-door neighbors on the 200 block of Clara street," she said, "and because my mother owed her some money for groceries she tackled my husband every time she saw him and demanded that he pay it. So I went and asked her to let him alone, and we had some words and—"

"Did you hit her hard?" inquired the bench.

Work for California Men and Women
Within forty-eight hours after the earthquake our brightest agents representing THE SATURDAY EVENING POST and THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL in San Francisco and throughout California were trying to find Mr. Daniels, the manager of the San Francisco office. Four days after the disaster Joseph Leonard wrote in that he had several hundred subscriptions and would report them later during the week. Ten days after, Mr. Leonard received currency by Wells Fargo Express to the amount of Four Hundred Dollars. This was his cash prize for the month of April in addition to a liberal commission. Not so bad for a month's work?

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"Just a couple of little jolts," was the reply. "She had a doctor's certificate to prove that she was severely beaten," remarked the erstwhile special attorney for the prosecution.

"Doctors' certificates ain't hard to get if you're able and willing to pay for 'em," was Mrs. Finn's crushing retort.

"And all that you have testified happened in the city and county of San Francisco," said an able pleader interrogatively, to a witness whom he had just examined at unnecessary length.

"That, tut," quoth his Honor Cabaniss, impatiently, for he was hurried. "I desire to have the testimony of this witness as complete as possible," was the lawyer's rejoinder, in tone semi-explanatory, semi-defiant.

"Then why don't you have it perfectly complete," said the Judge pleasantly, "by asking him if all that he testified did not happen in what remains of the city and county of San Francisco?"

Mrs. Cordelia Irwin, a swart and buxom matron, attired that if the gown were not a perfect fit for her and ridiculously a misfit for Mrs. Mollie Rankin she would not contest the lady's possession of it. Indeed if Judge Mogan could only see and compare the figures cut by Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Rankin in that same gown he would not hesitate to award the former lady undisputed custody of the garment—at least, she thought so.

Mrs. Rankin and her husband were employed in the commissary department of the refuge camp at Market and Laguna streets and Mrs. Irwin and her spouse were retained in the culinary department of the same. "It was rumormongered that Mrs. Irwin entered the clothing tent at 4 o'clock a. m. and took the gown and gave it to his wife. When its disappearance was discovered by Mrs. Irwin she procured a search warrant for its recovery."

Captain Lake, Mr. Rankin and other camp attaches testified that Mrs. Irwin was of notoriously greedy disposition, as was manifested in divers ways during the year since the earthquake. They swore that she took money for the meals which she served and that she had two trunks and a box laden probably with relief supplies.

To which Mrs. Irwin retorted by asseverating that the money she took for meals she spent for butter, which was consumed by her accusers, who managed to monopolize whatever luxuries or delicacies were obtainable, while the refugees who were not in places of authority lived perforce on plain rations.

She was ordered to vacate the camp. The gown produced in court, was of gray woolen fabric and appraised at about forty-three cents.

John Lund was endeavoring to convey a heavy load of inebriety from San Mateo to San Francisco when patrolman A. J. Gordon found him drunk and helpless near the Six-Mile House and was engaged in propping him up when Thomas Sutter, also freighted with ardent spirits, fell from a passing street car and demanded that the officer leave Mr. Lund to slumber where he lay. Mr. Sutter, too, was placed under arrest.

John Catush, whose restaurant is on Twentieth street near Illinois, was accused of having violently cast forth John Cullinan of 236 Missouri street after that gentleman had eaten only three of twenty-one meals for which he had paid \$6 in advance.

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BURNS COMES AFTER PUTER

Ready to Take Fugitive Who Escaped Him to Oregon.

S. A. D. Puter, convicted of timber land fraud, will be taken before United States Commissioner Heacock this morning for examination preliminary to his extradition to Oregon for trial on an indictment found against him and others by the United States Grand Jury. A warrant for Puter's arrest was issued yesterday on a complaint sworn to by William J. Burns, United States Secret Service Agent, who has made himself famous for bringing to light extensive timber land frauds on the Pacific Coast, and for working up successful cases against them. Puter was arrested in Oakland a few days ago by Secret Service men who had been put on the trail by Burns.

The defendant was indicted with Franklin Pierce Mayes, Horace G. McKinley, Marie L. Ware, Emma L. Watson, D. W. Turpley, Robert Simpson, John Doe and Richard Roe for having on December 24, 1901, conspired to defraud the United States out of a portion of its public lands in township 24 south, range 1 east, Willamette meridian, Oregon. Puter was convicted upon one of several indictments and escaped on January 31 of this year. Burns at once went upon the trail and traced the fugitive to Boston, where he captured him in a parties office station on March 28. As Burns was taking him to a police station, Puter suddenly drew a revolver from his breast and covered Burns with it, declaring at the same time that he would blow out the officer's brains if he attempted to lay hands upon him. Undeterred by the threat, Burns rushed in upon him and seized the revolver, at the same time backing the desperado man against the wall of a restaurant, but Puter, who is a man of great strength and agility, wrenched himself loose and covered the officer with this weapon until Puter jumped behind a woman who was passing and made his escape down an alley.

This episode put the detective upon his mettle, and he went hot footed upon the chase. He next located the fugitive in New York and finally in Oakland. Burns had sent two of his own men ahead of him to Oakland and they shadowed him night and day, for the purpose of having him on tap when Burns should arrive, but Puter having purchased a ticket for China, Burns arrested him before he could get away.

Marie Ware, at the time of her indictment, was a United States Commissioner. She afterward married Horace G. McKinley, another defendant who escaped to China on the same steamer with Little Egypt, a notorious muscle dancer. She was acquitted on the trial and came to Oakland where she and Puter had several meetings.

Agent Burns has been highly commended by Secretary Hitchcock for his bravery and his faithfulness in the pursuit of the fugitive and the prosecution of all the parties concerned in the frauds.

In the Divorce Court. Milton F. has sued Olivia M. Frary for divorce. They were married in 1898, but she left him after two years, so he alleges.

Minnie Markle of Mendocino County, who has been granted an interlocutory decree, asked Judge Murasky yesterday to restrain her husband from drawing any of the money he has in the Crocker-Woolworth Bank.

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