

## PREACHER SAYS WIFE'S VISITOR JUMPED FENCE

Broker Rode Off in Taxi, Rev. J. E. Triplett Testifies in Divorce Suit

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 2.—The Rev. John E. Triplett, of Woodbury, a Presbyterian minister, spent most of the morning on the witness stand before C. V. D. Justice, as Master in Chancery, in his suit for divorce from his young wife, who, according to witnesses, had declared Woodbury was "too slow for her, and that she was tired of her parties."

The minister alleges desertion and infidelity and the witness testimony today was largely as to alleged familiarity between his wife and John E. Cosh, a New York broker. The minister said he surprised Cosh, whom he described as "a good-looking young man," in his home and later saw him jump over a back fence and ride off in a taxi.

Mrs. Triplett and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Nelson, owner of Pitts Island, one of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River, were in court and frequently glowered at the young minister as he gave testimony against her.

Triplett told of an incident in a New York subway station when a man whom he believed was Cosh sought to speak to Mrs. Triplett, but on seeing him (Triplett), he concealed himself behind a pillar.

The minister said he was married in New York on June 22, 1915, but did not go to Woodbury until April, 1916. He told of returning home to New York unexpectedly after a service in Woodbury on several occasions and finding cigar butts and empty wine bottles on the table.

Triplett said that on another occasion when he went home, about Thanksgiving, 1915, he found the door held fast with a chair against it and his wife conversing with a man behind the closed door. Triplett rang the bell, and his wife, after peering at him through a crack, shouted, "What the— are you doing here?" she told him he should be at work and that he "couldn't loaf there." Triplett said he pursued the visitor, but the latter eluded him.

Describing alleged intimacies he had marked between his wife and Cosh, he said they would talk for long times together and there would be prolonged handshakes. The preacher said his wife had introduced him to Cosh at her mother's home in the Thousand Islands, and he was enabled to watch the conduct of the pair. Triplett said one evening at Cosh's home, where they were all visiting, he, the husband, seeing his wife looking dreamily at Cosh, blurted out that "she used to look at me like that."

Triplett said his wife blushed at this remark and wanted to go home.

## "LIAR," GIBBONEY CALLS Foe OF LICENSE

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I would sell out to the liquor interests if they would come to me with a straight business proposition," he referred to his house at 602 Lancaster avenue, which adjoins the location of the proposed saloon.  
"Have you said this to any one else?" asked the court.

"McMullen, my attorney."

"And do you mean to say that you stood at the bar of this court and never opened your mouth," queried the Judge.

"I did," said Dennis. "I am a mechanic, not an attorney."

"How much did you tell Gibboney you would take for your property?"

"Fifty-five hundred." This was prior to the June meeting of the court, answered Dennis.

He said that he objected to a saloon adjoining his property and was tired of the whole affair.

LAWYER CALLED TO STAND  
C. Bentley Collins, attorney for the church folk, arose as Dennis sat down and asked his followers who were in court to rise. A hundred men and women did so. Collins himself was then ordered to the witness stand.

"Dennis called on me and told me he was offered \$50,000 for his property if he would stay out of the fight," he stated in answer to questions from the bench.

"Did he say that Gibboney had it fixed?" he was asked.

Collins' answer was evasive and this aroused Judges Barratt and Davis.

"I didn't want to cause any row about it," Collins explained.

Here Gibboney interposed, and this was the first intimation the audience had that

he was going to spring his sensational charges against Dennis.  
"Didn't you know that deep down in your heart it was a lie?" he asked.  
Collins replied by saying that he had known Dennis for many years and would ever might he said against him he had never known him to lie.  
"Why, you are a colleague of mine and yet you have kept these charges against me from me," continued Gibboney.  
Then Gibboney, as he explained, to "defend myself," read his lengthy statement.

"CONFESSED HYPOCRITE"  
"I have asked this opportunity to address the court because of the publicly uttered, deliberately false and intentionally misleading statements of a man personally interested in this transfer question and who wished and worked to become a financial beneficiary of it."

"I characterize the said Harry C. Dennis as a confessed hypocrite, a blackmailer and a liar."

He termed Dennis in direct language as a "man infinitely more dangerous than the outlawed woman of the streets or the bold and hardened criminal." He said he was "conscious, scheming, with itching palm and selfish ambition."

TELLS OF DENNIS'S VISIT  
Gibboney then told in detail of Dennis's visit to him. Dennis, he said, had professed his desire to get away from the place "when a man comes along and buys my place."

"Well, after tomorrow," he said Dennis continued, "I'm through with this business just as soon as I can get rid of my property. For eight years I've been doing all the work in that neighborhood to keep out saloons, but I'm tired of being the goat for the church people out there. A lot of them are hypocrites anyhow, and they don't appreciate anything any one does, and I am tired of them. They do all the talking and I do all the work."

Recently I was a delegate to a local option meeting, attended by delegates appointed by a number of West Philadelphia churches. At that meeting I was appointed chairman of the Local Option Legislative Committee. In a few days two preachers wanted me to call a meeting of my committee and endorse two gang candidates for the legislature.

"I refused to do so until an official of the Local Option League asked me to, and then I did, but it just shows what some hypocrites some preachers are, and I have had all the experience with them I want. As soon as I can sell my property, I'll move, because I've had enough and am through; but there'll never be a saloon on that corner if I can prevent it until the owner buys my property, too. I'm going to fight any one who applies until I sell my place, because I'm not going to lose two thousand or twenty-five hundred dollars in depreciated value of that property if I have to

stir up the whole neighborhood every session of the license court. Why, I've always been against that corner, and if I didn't stir up the remonstrance there wouldn't be much of a fight made. When a man comes along and buys my place I'll cease my opposition, and not before."

DEAL IN PROPERTY  
"I tried to make a deal to sell my property to Ed Trainer three years ago, when he was looking for a property for some one who wanted to establish a saloon in that same neighborhood. I asked him \$6000 for my property; he offered \$5500. But before the thing went through Trainer died, and then it was all off. Then Burke decided he wanted to pen on that corner, and I entered into an arrangement with him, through an agent, to sell my place for \$5750, but he refused to put up more than \$25 for ten options, and I wanted a thousand, so we couldn't come to any agreement. I wasn't going to remove my opposition for \$50, and then, if the transfer was refused, have him backdown on his agreement to buy my place, too. In such event it would become known I had sold my place to a liquor dealer and I would have to move and still have the property on my hands. If he had put up a thousand dollars the investment would be enough to compel him to buy my house, transfer or no transfer."

"I know that neighborhood is changing. Sooner or later a license will be granted there to some one. But they've got to take in my place first. I'm out to sell that property, and I'm going to sell it before anybody gets a license for that corner."

Gibboney, after telling of the visit and story, said he had never heard a tale "so brazenly immoral, bold and brutal."

So amazing was this revelation of Gibboney that the spectators looked from Dennis to Gibboney and then back again until the court announced that the case would be held under advisement and they left the room.

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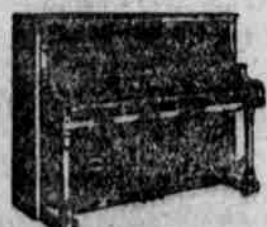
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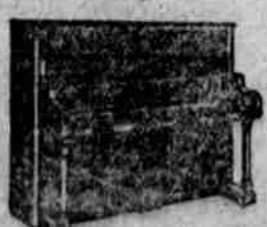
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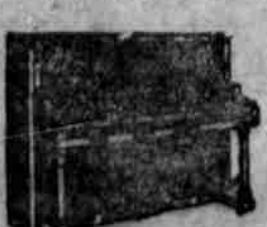
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