

RUTH EVERETT BELIEVES MOTHER SEEKS FOR HER

Has No Birthmark. Thought That Would Aid Her Identification

New Clues Received — One Involves a Murder in Alaska

How will the mother of Ruth Everett be able to identify the baby she deserted twenty-three years ago?

No physical defect, no peculiar birthmark will help in the identification and the clothes worn by the baby have long since disappeared together with the medalion of the Virgin that is said to have been worn by the baby.

So far as Miss Everett herself knows, there is no necessity of disposition and no special talent, unless it is a fondness of music and an early religious nature, that differentiated her from the others in her adopted family.

"I feel sure that my mother has wanted to claim me," says Miss Everett. "I don't believe that she deserted me because she wanted to get rid of me. She must have had some other reason. And I am willing to accept her no matter what reason she had, and no matter what sort of woman she is."

"A week after I was taken from the almshouse, a woman asked a sergeant of the police in the vicinity of Seventh and York street if he knew anything about the deserted baby. Fifteen years later the same sergeant was approached by the same woman who recalled the circumstances and again made eager inquiries. That is one reason why I believe my mother did not part with me willingly and without regret. I believe that the woman was either my mother or knew my mother."

New clues have been received to the identity of Miss Everett. One one tells Miss Everett that her mother died in 1909, and another in-

Old Issue of Paper Tells of Desertion

In the PUBLIC LEDGER for July 21, 1896, appears the following paragraph:

Deserted an Infant

Eight-year-old Katie Overiser was standing in front of her home, Seventh and Emeline streets, yesterday morning, when an unknown woman asked her to hold a three-months-old girl, while the stranger did some shopping. Katie held the baby but the woman failed to return, and the little one was turned over to the police. The woman is described as five feet four inches in height, dark complexioned and about thirty years of age. She wore a black dress, black and white striped waist and a black hat.

voices an Alaskan murder, Hester street, New York, and McGill University in a case of complications.

It is rather discouraging to live twenty-three years with a family and then on the eve of your marriage be told that the family doesn't belong to you; and that, if you really want to know who your parents are, you must discover the father and mother of "Katie Emeline."

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line." The name which was given you at the Philadelphia Almshouse in 1896. Furthermore, "Katie Emeline" won't help much for Katie is believed to be the name of the young girl with whom the baby was left when its mother deserted it, and Emeline was the name of the street in which the young girl stood.

"I do so much want to understand that the circumstances in which my mother is living now make no difference," says Miss Everett who has taken a room in Philadelphia to help her in the search for her parents.

"Because I was left here, I feel sure that the story of Katie Emeline must reach either my mother, if she is still living here, or at least some of her relatives and friends who cannot all have gone away."

No One Need Know
"I have no reason to think that my parents were other than the best but there may be some reason why my mother would not wish to tell me who she is after all these years. I want her to understand that no one need know but I."

Yesterday afternoon Miss Everett visited a woman on the edge of the city who remembered the infant that was brought to the station house at Fourth and York streets, July 20, 1896. She remembered giving the baby a bottle of milk and changing its clothes. Nothing distinctive about the dress of the baby

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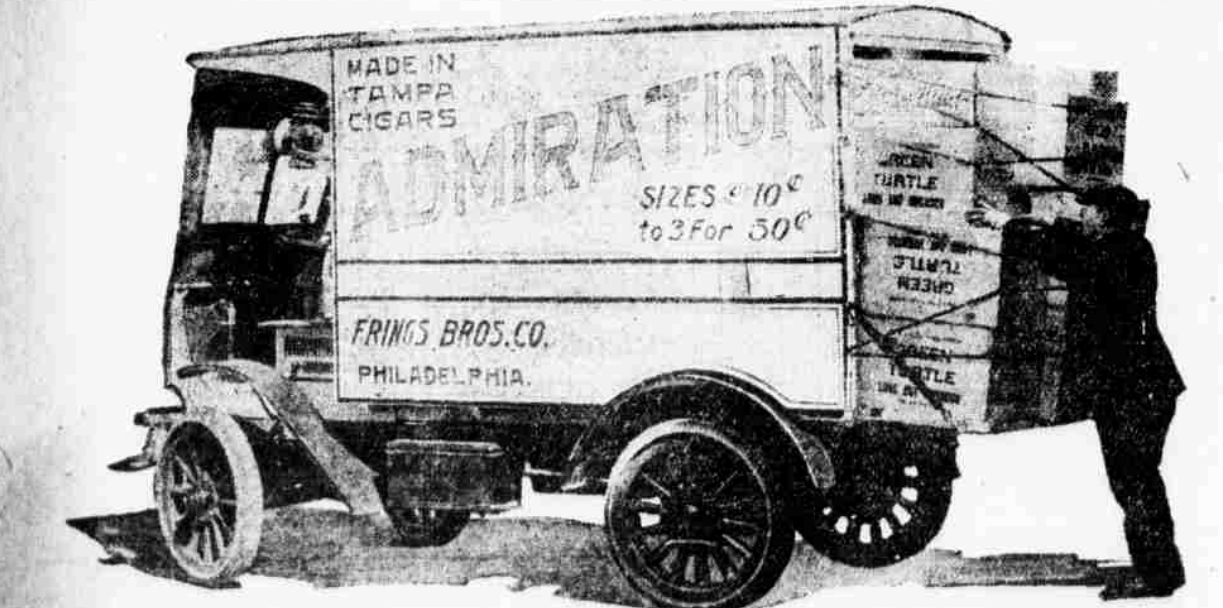
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was recalled, however, and Miss Everett found no new lines for search. Yesterday a postcard was received. It was really two postcards, sewed together with black thread and was written in a cramped style, and telling of murder and mystery. The card read as follows:

"The woman who left you years ago was Beth McAuliffe, daughter of Pierce Strommer, who was killed in Nebraska in 1894. She was married to Frank McAuliffe. She went to Alaska to join her husband in 1899. He was known there as Red Frank. She had two boys, Francis and Donald. One of them came to New York in 1914. He went to live with a family named Toos. Donald worked in a grocery store on Hester street. Find him and maybe he can tell you who your mother was."

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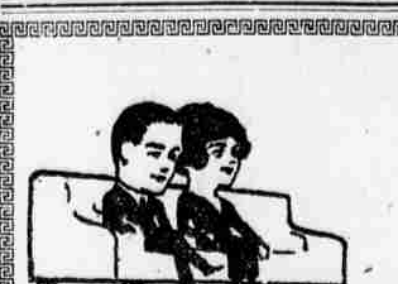
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the information that most of her relatives lived in California. The man who gave the story said he would return last night, but failed to appear.

Another man, however, called early in the evening, bringing a tinsy of Miss Everett's supposed mother. He told of knowing the mother well in 1896, when she lived in a boarding house. He appeared to be confident of the details of his narrative, and offered to give more news provided the name "Jim Wilson" were used in the

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press to signify that further information was wanted. "Jim Wilson" said that the mother was living here in Philadelphia, that he could take Miss Everett to her, that she was married and had a family.

Miss Everett is not going to leave a stone unturned in her search for her mother. All clues that reach her through 4301 Walnut street or 516 Lincoln Building, the office of her attorney, are being investigated.

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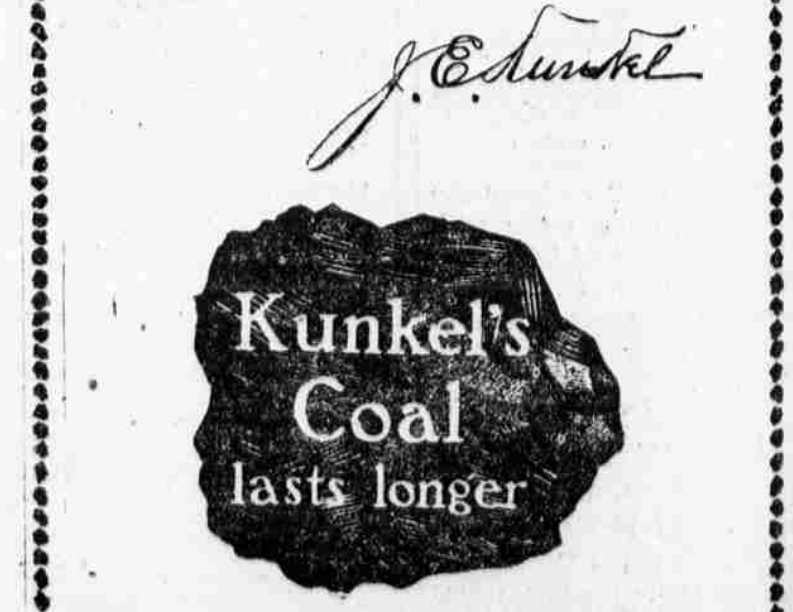
Last Spring I advised the public to buy coal, which they did in a larger measure than ever before. This Winter they reaped the benefit in comfort and lower cost and besides did more to relieve the coal shortage than anything else.

There is a shortage of coal in Philadelphia today, because everybody didn't take my advice last Spring.

Some dealers are entirely out of stove and nut sizes and many are paying from 75 cents to \$2.15 premium per ton; to get these sizes.

If a great portion of the public had not bought coal during last Spring and Summer, the situation this Winter would have been unbearable and coal dealers would not have been able to get enough coal at any price.

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