Soulful Poet, Accused of Plagiarism, Dedicated Book to Society Matron Here

SEES BLACKMAIL PLOT

attempt to blackmail made on me in August, 1920, when I was threatened with the publication of certain letters of mine, harmless letters of poetry and passion, that had been stolen from the "Dorian Hope," alias Bret Holland, to use the name that "irritated him as an artist," has come to life again. The soulful poet accused of having stolen almost bodily a book of verses called "Pearls and Pomegranates," and dedicating it to a society matron of this

cating it to a society matron of this city, has bobbed up at No. 24 Earls Court Gardens, London, S. W. -6.

"Pearls and Pomegranates" had been dedicated to Mrs. Florence Earle Coates, 2024 Spruce street. The book was put out by G. P. Putnam's Sons and almost immediately withdrawn from the market after Miss Miriam Vedder, 142 East Nineteenth street, New York, had appeared at the publishing house the market after Miss Miriam Vedder, 142 East Nineteenth street, New York, had appeared at the publishing house and proved that twenty-six of the pearls of poesy in Dorian's book had been written by her. Then Dorian dispersional leaving the police for a form appeared leaving, the police say, a few bad checks in his wake.

Dorian, in a temperamental storm, that jibes well with his tall, dark, esthetic look and limpid eyes, has written to his home paper, the Gastonia Gazette, of Gastonia, N. C., with demals that he ever gave bad checks, seets aparther's signature; denials that wrote another's signature; denials that be ever stole any one else's poetry, and vivid descriptions of his soul storms since the placid surface of that deep pool of feeling has been ruffled by the unkind criticism of a crude, cold world.

Why He Changed His Name In this connection, it may be said at he takes the name of "Dorian that he takes the name of "Dorian Hope," because this reminiscent of the decadent character he so much admires in Oscar Wilde's "Dorian Grey."

In one splendid flight Bret explains about his name.

"And as to my name, it is not mere-

ly a pen name; it is my legal name, dwen me by my mother, and affidavite to this effect are in three courts. It was with her sacred sanction and suggestion that I changed it because I had been first named for a great-uncle by marriage whom I had never learned to love and who mutually shared the ignerance, and because association with the name became irritating to me as an srtist. No name other than this should be used in regard to me. When a man chieves a name and lives up to it he

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sore eruptions and I could not sleep. I tried different

remedies but they did not help me any. I saw an

was seized and the drayman, William Broadley, of 2918 East Rosehill street, was arrested last night charged with arceny and having stolen goods in his Detectives Severn and Murphy, of

Central Station, made the arrest at Kensington avenue and D street. They said the shoes were stolen from Camp

Broadley denied knowing the shoes were stolen. He said he was engaged by two men at Camp Dix to convey by two men at Camp Dix to convey twenty-eight cases, in which the shoes were packed, to this city. The men helped load the cases, he told the de-tectives, and accompanied him to this city. They later departed, he haid, ex-plaining they would return this morn-ing. Broadley will have a hearing in Central Station this morning.

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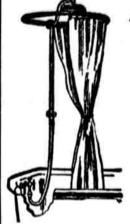
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