

Second Trial of Harry K. Thaw

Martin W. Littleton, Leading Lawyer For the Defense, a Graduate of the School of Hard Knocks—His Remarkable Rise to Prominence—Judge Dowling a Hustler. Luxury For Jurymen.



MEN who seek jury duty do not commonly belong to the class called prominent citizens. The "prom. cit." will usually go several blocks out of his way to avoid sitting on a jury, and the modest fee customarily awarded for such service does not, as a rule, reconcile him to abandonment of the duties of his ordinary vocation. In the case of the second trial of Harry K. Thaw the judge presiding was anxious to secure representative men as jurymen and determined that they should have as good accommodations while on such duty as the best circumstances of them could have in their own homes. No sleeping on benches or "cold victuals" for Thaw jurors were his orders, so a suit of rooms in one of the swellest hostleries of the city was engaged at an expense, it is said, of \$200 per day. It is a hotel which contains mural paintings and statuary by famous artists and tapestries worth a small fortune. The chambers of the jurymen and the smoking and dining rooms fitted up for them are luxurious. The first Thaw trial made a household word of the name of the prisoner's leading counsel, Delphin M. Delmas, a lawyer noted in the west for his forensic ability long before Thaw had attracted attention by his erratic

It was twenty-one years later, when the fame of his speech in nomination of Judge Parker for the presidency had spread over the country, that Mr. Littleton was again in Texas, and he looked up his old friend the foreman. "Well, Martin," said the latter, "you've changed some since I was your boss, ain't you?" "I'm older," was the response. "And you're a big New York lawyer, too, ain't you?" "Well, I don't know about the 'big,' but I'm a New York lawyer anyhow." It was in 1896 that Mr. Littleton, having been admitted to the Texas bar and established a record as assistant district attorney of Parker county, determined to tempt fortune in a larger field, and, taking his bride and his office shingle, he started for New York. There was no fire on the North river in celebration of his arrival, and for a time the big city seemed cruelly oblivious of his budding genius. But success came in due season, and in 1903 he was chosen president of the populous borough of Brooklyn. His administration was so successful that he could have been nominated for a second term, but he preferred to retire and devote himself to his profession. The judge who presides in the second Thaw trial, Victor J. Dowling, is not much older than Mr. Littleton. He was born in New York in 1836 and is said to be the youngest judge on the supreme bench of New York state. He has a reputation for exceptional promptness and swiftness of rulings. It was only a short while before the

HER CHOICE.

A Parable Concerning the Smart Woman of Today.

A very pious and beautiful woman sat in her hall bedroom and read a book of virtuous maxims.

"Ah," she exclaimed at last, casting her book from her, "would that I might ever attain those altitudes of goodness for which I pine. If I could only succeed in subduing every frivolous and erring impulse and live as certain saintly women have done, a benediction and a blessing to others, I should ask nothing more of life."

But that invention of the evil one, a mirror, hung directly before her, and upon lifting her eyes she encountered her own image and saw that she was fair.

"It is a pity," she mused, "that any one with a face and figure like mine should have to wear clothes which make her look like 30 cents. Alas, it is very difficult for the poor to live the higher life!"

At that moment there was a flash of red in the corner of the room, and Satan appeared.

"Do not be alarmed," he said gently. "I happened to be passing and overheard your words. Let me confess that my curiosity was aroused and I felt impelled to try a little experiment. Now, my dear, I happen to be in command of certain facilities which will enable me to grant one of the two wishes you have just expressed. You may have your choice of a beautiful soul, a soul without a stain, or you may have these beautiful gowns which I shall show you."

He drew a gown from the rainbow-like collection and held it up that the lady might the better gaze upon it.

"Here is a dainty little creation from Paquin," he said carelessly.

But after one quick glance the lady read aloud and hastily from the book of virtuous maxims.

"This is a superb thing from Doucet," remarked Satan, lifting another garment from the heap—"the new sleeves, you see. And here is a lovely evening wrap from Jeanne Malice."

The lady still continued to read the maxims aloud, but falteringly. It might be said that she read with one eye and viewed the gowns with the other, but still she vouchsafed no word.

"Come, come," said Satan impatiently. "I have no time to waste. What is it? A beautiful soul or beautiful clothes?"

And the lady chose—which? Do you know?—Mrs. Wilson Woodrow in Life.

CAULIFLOWER IN SHELLS.

A Palatable Way to Serve Left Over Cauliflower.

For this dish the remains of any cauliflower left over from dinner may usefully be employed. Separate the cauliflower into neat sprigs and lay three or four of these in each little



shell. Cover them with some white sauce to which has been added a tablespoonful of grated cheese for each gill of sauce, sift brown crumbs over the top and dot some small bits of butter here and there. Place in the oven for ten or fifteen minutes. To make the white sauce melt one ounce of butter and stir into it the same quantity of flour; add gradually a gill and a half of boiling milk, stir till smooth and thick and then sprinkle in two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese. Place a tablespoonful of the sauce in each shell.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

Cereals are seldom overcooked, but rather undercooked. Thus always allow plenty of time in preparing cereals.

If a bedstead creaks at each movement of the sleeper, remove the slats and wrap the ends of each in old newspapers. This will prove a complete silencer.

In using linen dollies on the highly polished table cut asbestos pieces to place beneath the mats, especially if there is any danger of the hot dishes marking the table top.

The polished appearance of starched clothes will be increased if a piece of wax the size of a small bean and half a teaspoonful of powdered borax be added during the boiling.

The new heavy embroideries of raised gold and silver work should never be brushed in the ordinary way. If rubbed gently with a piece of crimson velvet, a good result will be obtained.

Visit the Attic.

The woman with ancestors can plume herself more than usual—that is, provided the ancestors had money for frills and the middlemen (or women) didn't discover those frills twenty or more years back.

Stiff, rich brocades, an old friend which has long been slighted, is once more being "taken up," and lucky that woman whose grandmother or great-grandmother kept her trocks.

If there be not enough for a gown for the girl who does not think it sacrilege to make over grandma's belongings, perhaps one of the new capelike evening wraps can be evolved.

If the brocade has big velvet figures, then "cinch" it at once, for it is the newest of the new and lends itself admirably to the long straight lines that at present prevail in wraps and gowns.

Nothing New.
Mr. Hardapple (reading)—By heck, Mandy, it says here that in Russia they actually show the goose. Mrs. Hardapple—That's nothing, Hiram. Don't we show the hens?—Chicago News.

The Only One.
"I'd like to come across a man who knows how to manage a wife."
"Well, I know a man who knows all about it."
"Gad, I'd like to meet that man!"
"All right, I'll take you some day when the doctors at the asylum will let anybody see him."—Baltimore American.

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MARTIN W. LITTLETON AND A CARTOONIST'S IDEA OF HIM.

doings. The second trial brings into the limelight another leader of the bar, this time a young man, Martin W. Littleton. After the campaign of 1904 a friend of Mr. Littleton introduced him to Mr. Roosevelt thus: "Mr. President, permit me to introduce the man who elected you." "Indeed!" said the chief executive. "And how was that?" "He nominated Parker," was the reply.

It was perhaps Mr. Littleton's speech at the St. Louis convention of 1904 placing the New York jurist in nomination for the presidency that gave him a national reputation, but he had previously won more than local renown as an orator. Even as long as twenty-five years ago it was recognized that he was a worthy disciple of Demosthenes or Cicero. That was when he was a boy of twelve and was astonishing the habits of the village store by the fire he could throw into his declamation of Fifth Reader masterpieces. The scene of these early efforts in oratory was Weatherford, Tex., but Mr. Littleton was born in Roane county, Tenn., and his father was an officer in the Union army in the civil war. The elder Littleton removed to Texas when Martin was about eight years old. The latter was educated chiefly in the school of hard knocks and was at various times farm hand, baker's assistant, printer's devil and laborer with the track gangs of the Texas Pacific railroad. But he had an ambition for higher things. It was in 1883, while he was a track walker, that the foreman of the gang said to him:

Thaw case was called that another prisoner charged with murder was brought before him, and in this instance also it was alleged by the defense that the man was insane at the time the crime was committed. After forty minutes of expert testimony Judge Dowling handed the case to the jury. A few minutes later the jury returned with a verdict of "not guilty on account of insanity," and that same night the prisoner was on his way to the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminal Insane.

On the first day of the second trial the sessions of court lasted from 10:15



EVELYN NESBIT THAW.
in the morning until 11 at night. The next day while talesmen were under examination one of them left the chair at one minute of 1 o'clock, the luncheon hour.
"Having worked rather late last night"—began District Attorney William Travers Jerome, addressing the court.
"It is not yet time for adjournment," interrupted Justice Dowling, and the clerk took the cue and called the name of another possible juror.

"You're a pretty bright young fellow. I suppose some day you expect to be the conductor of a freight train, don't you?"
"No, sir," replied the track walker; "I expect to be a big lawyer in New York city."
The foreman laughed and remarked, "Pretty big jump, isn't it, from track walker to New York lawyer?"
"Yes, sir," modestly replied Martin, "but not further than from rail splitter to president."