

A Fool who Wanted a Wife.

Mr. Jessop is a widower residing in Princeton Ind., and he wanted a wife.— This is nothing strange as many men have the same desire, but Jessop believed in the power of a fortune-teller. He is a good natured man, and possesses sufficient money to make him eligible as a victim to such a scheme as was laid for him. He told his story to the Court :

"When I first met Mrs. Worton last fall, she wanted to tell my fortune and said that she would tell me many things that would benefit me. First she said she would charge me \$20, but if the fortune did not suit she would not charge me anything. She explained, however, that it was necessary to hold in her hand a certain sum of money in order to portray and develop my whole fortune to me. She named the sum of \$4,000. I told her I did not have so much money on hand. She then went away and stayed a month or two.— When she came back she met me in my woollen factory and said she might get along with \$3,000. I told her I could not raise so much ready money at once and she went away again. She returned on a third visit and said she could probably get through with the fortune if I could let her hold \$3,000, but that it was very desirable that I should add something to that sum. This last conversation was in December. In January she called again, and then I agreed that she might tell my fortune.— I went to the bank and got \$2,000 in four packages of \$500 each. I afterward added \$125 to it on her assurance that it would make the charm work better. I handed this money to Mrs. Worton at my mill.— She then asked me if I had a handkerchief. I handed her one and she wrapped the money up in it, tied it up with a peculiar kind of knot, and then went through some strange manœuvres, peculiar signs, made strange gestures, and talked to herself in a language I could not understand. She did not tell my fortune. She said it would require time. It was a hard case, and the perils hanging over me were great. She gave me the handkerchief containing the money, and told me to keep it and not look into it myself nor suffer any one else to do so. I took it, kept it in a trunk until she came back about a week afterward, and then I gave it to her again. She opened the handkerchief; I saw the money. She went through the same manœuvres as before, tied up the money again, and told me to keep it as before. This was repeated three or four more times after this. The last time she acted more strangely than at any previous time. She opened the package, went through some strange sort of talk, then arose from her seat, went toward the door, then north, then south, all the while holding the package in her hand. As yet she had not told my fortune, but at each time she promised to do so at the next meeting. After our last meeting I kept the handkerchief as usual until after the time she had again promised to return. I began to suspect about this time that all was not right, I opened the handkerchief and found strips of brown paper the same size as bank bills. Our last meeting was on the 9th of February last."

On the cross-examination Mr. Jessop added : "I might have said I would pay her well if she would bring about a marriage, but I did not agree to pay her \$2,125. I had great confidence that Mrs. Worton would use the money for my benefit. It was understood that she was to get me a woman."

The next time Mr. Jessop saw the woman was in Brooklyn after her arrest.— She there told him, he said, that she had not stolen the money, and that intended to return it. He recovered \$1,200.

Deputy Sheriff R. T. Tingle testified that after he had made the arrests in Brooklyn Mrs. Worton admitted to him that she had got the money, but that it was on a contract with Mr. Jessop that for that sum she would procure a wife for him, and that she was to have till May 1 to do this; that she would have returned to Indiana before that time, and would have carried out the bargain, had she not been arrested.

Mr. Jessop, said in court that she wholly failed to tell his fortune, and that he yet did not know what it was.

The jury retired at 9 o'clock at night, and did not render a verdict until the next morning. They declared Timothy Worton not guilty. The verdict in regard to Mrs. Worton was as follows :

We, the jury find the defendant guilty, as charged in the indictment, and assess her punishment at a fine of \$1,200, and that she be sent to the penal department of the reformatory for five years.

A motion for a new trial is to be argued. The names of the two widows were carefully kept out of the proceedings at the trial.

Mr. Jessop's account to his friends of the manner in which the brown paper slips were substituted for the money is that after the gypsy had come out of her trance on her last visit, with the bundle of money in the palm of her hand, she said :

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