

TAKEN ON THE SIDE

A Society Girl of Columbus, Ohio, Disappears

OTHER PASSING HAPPENINGS

The Nephew of Adeline Patti Defendant in a Big Suit at Kansas City. Strange Acts of Persons.

Columbus, Ohio, has lately been excited by a mystery in which Mabel Sturtevant, said to be one of the prettiest girls in the city, and well connected, plays the principal part. Miss Sturtevant suddenly turned up missing. The police refer to the case as the most inexplicable brought to their notice in years.



By the inquiries of the police and anxious relatives some few facts have been brought to light, but they make the mystery only the darker. Thomas Connell, who roomed in the Sturtevant house, and was recognized as a warm admirer of Miss Sturtevant, and claimed that the girl had left him a note on the night of her disappearance, in which she said that it would be useless to make any attempt to follow her. He had burned the note. The general supposition is that Miss Sturtevant and Connell had a lovers' quarrel and that the girl ran away in a fit of pique.

The name of Miss Adeline Patti-Hoodini is being brought before the public in Kansas City in rather an unpleasant manner. Dr. Hoffman, a Chicago medical man with a large practice, has filed papers in court charging that Albert O. Barill has been guilty of alienating the affections of his wife, formerly a Chicago society belle. For this the doctor demands damages in the sum of \$50,000.

Mr. Barill is a nephew of Mrs. Patti and is said to be heir to one-fourth of her estate. It is expected that some sensational testimony will be brought out and that Patti has already threatened to disinherit the young man if the charges against him are proven.

Barill first appeared in Decatur, Ga., about 1888. He was a modest, polished Italian music teacher, and that was all that was known of him, but very soon he was discovered by people in the village that his technique as a pianist was far superior to anyone who had been before him. At that time his wife was not with him. He rapidly made friends, but no one knew until 1885 that he was a nephew of Patti. In that year a musical festival was given by Atlanta music lovers at Degire's opera-house and a noted orchestra from Berlin was secured.

The first night the leader stood on the stage and told a story of a little Italian genius, a nephew of Patti, who had created a furor in Italy many years before. He then introduced Alfredo Barill as the prodigy. Barill took the baton and wielded it in such a way that the people rose in their seats and applauded him. From that day he was taken up by fashionable people and became the rage. Later he founded the Atlanta conservatory, of which he was director. Barill's wife was very pretty. She was small, like her husband, and, with their children, the family was held up as a shining example of domestic felicity. He lived in a modest cottage, which was plain externally, but within was furnished with the taste of an artist.



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