ONCE IN ASYLUM NOW FIGHTING TO HAVE GIRL FREED

Lees Says Orphan Who Never Committed Crime Is Detained in Matteawan.

TAKES OUT A WRIT.

Says Only Object Is to Remove Dora Schwam From Unfit Surroundings.

(Special to The Evening World.)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 17.—To free a girl of seventeen years from confinement in the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, Noman A. Lees of Brooklyn, himself a discharged patient or Matteawan, has obtained a writ of habeas corpus, which is returnable before Judge Morschauser in the Supreme Court, White Plains, on Monday.

Lees got the writ yesterday and immediately served it on Dr. Robert W. Lamb, superintendent of the asylum, and on District-Attorney Mack of Dutchess County.

The girl, in whose behalf Lees is acting, without, as he says, hope of fee or reward other than the satisfaction of knowing that he has performed a humane act in behalf of one whom he believes to be wrongfully confined in an improper place, is Dora Schwam, an orphan, whose uncle, John Bercowitz, a journeyman jeweller, lives at No. 1896 Pacific street, Brooklyn, and is named as petitioner in the writ of habeas corpus.

"I saw this girl a number of times while I was detained at Matteawan," said Lees to-day, "and I thought it outrageous that one of her youth, against whom there was no charge of ever having committed a crime, should be kept in such an institution under conditions that are absolutely vicious and tend to make her a criminal and immoral character. She is forced to daily associate with some of the most depraved women in the State."

An Englishman.

Lees is about thirty years of age, of English birth, married, and lives at No. [illegible] Douglas street, Brooklyn. He is the son of an English literary man, and has acted as correspondent in this country for London newspapers.

He was sent to Matteawan last April, after prolonged drinking, and was discharged in August by Supreme Court Justice Aspinall in Brooklyn on habeas corpus proceedings, instituted by my wife. As soon as possible after procuring my own liberty, I set about arranging to act in behalf of the Schwam girl, who, I believe, can be proved to the satisfaction of the Court, is wrongfully kept in Matteawan.

"She was but thirteen years old, her mother having been dead but a short while, when in 1906 she was committed from New York to the Training School for Girls at Hudson, N. Y. Mind you, this child of thirteen was not accused of any crime; the papers showed that she had no guardianship nor home, and was about to become dependent upon the city.

"Dora became wild and incorrigible. She appeared to have broken about every rule of the Hudson institution and in February, 1910, she was transferred to Matteawan, despite the fact that she had done nothing criminal. She was seventeen years old last October.

To Give Her Home.

"Her uncle, Dr. Berkowitz, in the fall decided to give the girl a home. He wrote to the hospital authorities expressing a willingness to become custodian of his niece. A letter sent him in reply by the superintendent said that the girl could not be released. The following quotation from that letter is the only explanation in it of why the girl was being detained:

"'Here she shows herself to be very nervous. She becomes disturbed over trifles and is untruthful regarding her condition.'

"I have secured a New York attorney to conduct this trial, but do not wish his name disclosed until the case comes in court on Monday. I am going to Hudson to-day to investigate certain matters connected with the girl's stay in the training school there. Then I shall go on to Albany with a view to ultimately placing before the Governor certain information which I have concerning the conduct of affairs at Matteawan."

Dr. Baker, Assistant Superintendent of the Matteawan Institution, admitted that the writ had been served, but said that he knew nothing of Lee's plan of action. The doctor declared that the Schwam girl is being held because she is still irrational.

GAS METER EXPLOSION BOWLS OVER A FIREMAN.

Taylor Missed by Comrades at Blaze, Is Found Unconscious in Cellar.

John Taylor, a fireman of Engine Company No. 151, was bowled over and rendered unconscious this morning when a gas meter exploded in the cellar of a house at No. 1127 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, which was burning.

The fire started in the cellar from an overheated stove, and when the alarm was sounded four families on the upper floors ran to the street.

Taylor was one of the first to arrive and entered the cellar just as the blaze reached the gas meter. Several companions behind him were knocked down, but got to their feet and ran. Then Taylor was missed. Firemen went back into the cellar and carried him out. After being treated by an ambulance surgeon he was sent home. The fire was put out after a loss of $600.

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Gerald Fitzgerald (Third Floor.)

2,000 Small Framed Pictures at, each, 7c
These pictures are colored prints of popular subjects. Framed in quartered mission oak and oak mat, white. Can be used for cabinet photo; each.....

$1.50 Horse Combinations

We have 200 of these combinations. 3 pictures in one frame with horseshoes, whip and bit ornamentations on frame, size 16 x36. Limit 1 to a customer. No mail orders.... **69c**

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(4th Floor.)

9x12 size..	8 ft.3x10.6 size at . . .	9 ft.x7.6 ft. size	6 ft.x9 ft. size . . . . .
13.65	12.35	11.25	8.95

Wilton Velvet Carpets, in two toned and Persian designs. Regularly $1.10. Made and laid, yard..... **79c**

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Linoleum Bargains You Should See

Very large linoleum business going on in this department all the time. Why? Because we carry tremendous stocks of popular priced goods, always priced far less than elsewhere. For instance:

75c Cork Linoleum; four yards wide. Square yard.... **44c**

65c Cork Linoleum; in 2½ yd. width. Square yard.... **37½c**

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$1.00 Inlaid Linoleum; colors go through to the back. Sq. yd. **69c**

Crex Rugs, in plain border effects:
6x9 size; regularly $4.50, at.... $2.89
8x10 size; reg. $6.50, at.... $4.39
9x12 size; reg. $8.00, at.... $6.40

Brussels Carpets, suitable for halls, stairs, etc. Regularly 85c. Made and laid, yard..... **58c**

China, Cut Glass and Bric-a-Brac at the Lowest Prices You've Ever Paid

18-Pce. Engraved Glass Service Engraved in a beautiful rich Old English letter; regular price $2. **89c**

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Dinner Plates, Breakfast Plates, Tea Plates, Cups and Saucers, Soup Plates — Values to $1.20 doz. each **5c**

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Cut Glass at Less Than ½

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Sugar and Cream Sets, values to $2.98..... $1.39
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Lemonade Jugs, values to $3.00..... $1.98
Oval Spoon Trays, values to $1.50..... 75c
Salad, Berry and Fruit Bowls, values to $4.00..... $1.98
Large Ice Cream Trays, values to $5.00..... $2.75
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This Set, $1.39 (Fourth Floor.)

Austrian China Dinner Sets, of 100 pieces, beautiful French patterns; a large turkey platter with each set; regularly $19.98 set.... **$9.98**

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Your cordial response to my Sunday advertisement has caused me to redouble my efforts and as a substantial evidence of my appreciation I have named prices for to-morrow's selling positively without precedent. All are invited to participate in this big bargain feast.

L. F. Bibbins

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MERCERIZED TAPESTRY REMNANTS, 3 bales, accumulated by one of the largest mills, arrived in time for Wednesday's business. Mostly in greens and reds. Values to $1.25. Choice, yard..... **39c**

VELOUR LIBRARY TABLE SCARFS, 24 inches wide, and 72 inches long. Assorted patterns, with deep fringe. A few satins damask in the lot. Worth regularly $1.50. Choice, each..... **$1.33**

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40-inch striped Curtain Swiss; yd.. **5½c**

Opaque Window Shades, size 36x72. Each..... **12½c**

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Silkoline Remnants, assorted patterns. Yard..... **4c**

Stamped Pillow Tops. Values to 50c. Each..... **10c**

Portiere Edging, variety of styles. Yard **3c**

Irish Point Door Panels; white and Arabe colors. Ea. **29c**

Odd Cross Stripe Curtains. Best colors. Each..... **39c**

Remnant Table Covers; solid colors. Each..... **50c**

Oriental Tapestry Pillow Slips. Each **9c**

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Fine lot of Rope Portieres, with five beautiful tapestry borders and heavy plush rope. Four elegant color combinations. (Like illustration.) Only 100 at at the price of, each..... **$3.49** (7 Fourth Floor.)

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ARABIAN BONNE FEMME CURTAINS, made of extra heavy cable net, with heavily corded designs, in panel and grande dame effects. All have deep lace flounces. Average size 28 inches by 3 yards long. Values to $6.98. Choice, each..... **$1.66**

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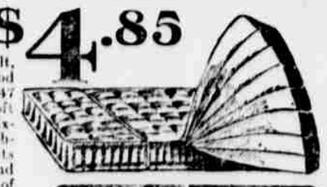

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