

INTEREST OF WOMEN

IS JUSTICE A FARCE?

Courts Geared to Secure Convictions, Says Mr. Chanler.

If the members of the Women's Municipal League ever entertained the pleasant delusion that the courts of New-York, which the taxpayers maintain at great expense, are places where even handed justice is dispensed they were rudely awakened from their dreams by an address on "Our Criminal Courts," delivered before them yesterday morning at the City Club by Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler.

The gist of Mr. Chanler's remarks was that judges and prosecuting attorneys had reputations to make, and that accused persons were sacrificed to this necessity.

"I am not blaming any one," he explained, "and I consider the situation much better than it was a dozen years ago, but at the same time these are facts. Our whole court machinery is geared to secure conviction because all the persons connected with it want to justify their own existence. The policeman is judged by his arrests, even if the persons arrested are afterward acquitted.

"The Judge wants to secure convictions because he knows that if he doesn't the District Attorney won't give him any cases to try, or only small ones, and the prosecuting attorney wants to secure convictions because he knows that this is the path of advancement. The result is that the counsel for the defence enters the court with the case practically prejudged against his client. The judge and the jury are chosen men, and the counsel is plainly given to understand that he is only taking up the time of the court uselessly. I have had judges intimate to me that they intended to give me very short shrift, and I got short shrift.

"There are a great many misconceptions abroad about the men who practise in the criminal courts, and much is written about their tricky ways. It is true that some of them are the dregs of the profession, but they are not all such by any means. Many of them are young men trying to gain experience, and they have great need to contend against. One of their greatest hardships is the power of the District Attorney to keep them waiting indefinitely until he is ready to go to court, and compelling them to be on hand any time he chooses to do it. He can keep you in court every day for two weeks if he wants to, and the judge does not choose to intervene.

"Last summer I tried in vain to get some information from the District Attorney as to when he meant to try a certain case, and as my client had been in the Tombs for over a year I had to get an order compelling the trial of the case. Under our present laws the practitioner in the criminal courts has absolutely no rights except the right to defend his client when the case comes up. It is so disheartening that I know nearly a dozen men who have given it up, declaring that they couldn't stand it any longer. Under the existing constitution of our courts, I don't blame any one for giving up, but when the persons concerned pretend to be actuated by a high sense of duty it is very annoying.

To remedy these evils Mr. Chanler considers it is necessary to begin with the grand jury. There are too many indictments, he thinks, judging by the larger number of acquittals that always appear in the District Attorney's report. The grand jury, in his opinion, cannot help this, as it has too much to do to examine each case carefully, but a preliminary grand jury might lighten the labor of the grand jury. The dismissal of cases in which conviction was manifestly impossible.

"If this were done," remarked Mr. Chanler, "we might have one less judge at a salary of \$15,000 a year."

An enlargement of the machinery of the courts would not, the speaker thought, give any more time for the proper administration of justice, as the new officials would want to justify their existence and business would be increased in proportion. He said that the District Attorney should not be allowed to postpone a case without good and sufficient reason. Mrs. Rosalie Loew Whitney, who was present, confirmed everything Mr. Chanler had said, and quoted one order as saying:

"We are doing the best we can, but we can't do justice."

MRS. TONJES RE-ELECTED.
Peacefully Chosen President of West End Woman's Republican Club.

The annual election of the West End Woman's Republican Club, held yesterday, after a meeting which was held at the club, made a much stronger impression on the minds of the members. It began with the appearance before the meeting was called to order of a man. He had an air of feeling quite at home, and for a few minutes the members speculated as to what he could be a reporter, a secret service man, one of the employees of the Post Office, or a member of the club. At last he was waiting for Mrs. Van Dusen. They assured him that there was no Mrs. Van Dusen in the club, and he departed. But the name attracted the attention of the president, Mrs. Helena Scott Tonjes, and she came forward with the information that one of their members, Mrs. Williams, had recently been married to Henry Van Dusen of Saratoga.

Just then Mrs. Van Dusen called for a speech, and responded by describing her honeymoon in Washington, where she called on the President and had it prepared to become a member of the Woman's West End Republican Club of New-York.

"I have used it as my sole table drink ever since. Soon after I began to drink it my nerves steadied down to normal, the heart trouble ceased to annoy me, and my head has been clear, my mentality more active and efficient during these five years than ever before in my life. My son-in-law was a victim of dyspepsia, until I induced him to stop drinking the old brandy and begin the use of Postum Food Coffee. His digestion rapidly improved until it became perfect and, as he still uses Postum, it has remained so." Name given by Postum Co., Boston, Mass.

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AN EMPRESS'S GIFTS.

Miss Karl Tells Y. W. C. A. About Wonderful Chinese Jewels.

The only unmarried girl in the world who resembles the American girl in her freedom and her social importance, according to Miss Karl, is the Manchurian girl. Miss Karl is the American artist who painted the portrait of the Empress Dowager of China which was exhibited at St. Louis. Yesterday afternoon, in the course of a paper which she read at the Waldorf-Astoria for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association, she gave a highly flattering word portrait of "the Old Buddha," as the Chinese love to call the Empress Dowager, in which, among other things, she touched on the independence enjoyed by girls of the Manchurian race to which her majesty belongs.

"The Manchurian girl may marry if she chooses," said Miss Karl, "but many remain unmarried voluntarily, the Manchus being the only Oriental race, so far as I know, where this condition exists. The Chinese regard the birth of a daughter as a misfortune. The Manchus are different. They want one son, but welcome daughters, and allow them much personal freedom and a voice in family matters. The result of leaving them thus untrammelled is that many of them develop great executive skill and powers of initiative."

Miss Karl said the Empress Dowager's great force and resolution of character might in part be traced to this atmosphere of liberty and respect which surrounds the Manchurian young woman.

Although the audience was dying to hear how it feels to live eleven months in a Chinese palace and go boating and lurching with an Empress Dowager, Miss Karl led little to quench their curiosity. Instead she led them through the intricacies of modern Chinese statecraft, justifying the Empress Dowager and the Emperor for their part in the Boxer uprising, and laying the blame for the latter upon "the whole of Christendom." Afterward Miss Karl explained that she was not down on missionaries at all, as she had many good friends among them.

Miss Karl wore some wonderful jewels over her black and white gown, and when the paper had been read some of the women ventured to ask her about them. Nearly all had been presented to her by the Empress, they found.

One of the most significant was the Star of the Double Dragon, with silver rays radiating from a coral centre, which was worn on a broad crimson ribbon passing from the left shoulder under the right arm.

"This," said Miss Karl, "carries with it official rank. The button of the palace was a lovely creation of coral and seed pearls, with the flaming pearl of dynasty in the middle—pearls, as the speaker told them, being the special symbol of the reigning house.

"This," said Miss Karl, pointing to a corsage ornament composed of two carved branches of scarlet coral, held by two large pearls, "was a hair ornament of the Empress. In fact, she took it out of her hair to give to me."

A long chain of amber beads hung from her neck, below the waist. At intervals they were punctuated by great balls of bright green jade.

"That carries with it the official rank of the second mandarin degree," explained Miss Karl, who had the words of her own making.

The bangle of black wood studded with pearls, which she wore on her right arm, was of scented wood, she added, the wood being supposed to perfume the flesh it came in contact with.

"When the Empress gave me a sabbat cap," said Miss Karl, "she had this ornament made to decorate the top." The ornament looked like a necklace of jade and pearl in swastika design, interspersed with dragons. Miss Karl wore it near the top of her head, and a string of pearls, which she graduated pearls, also the gift of the Empress.

Later there were tea and music in an adjoining room, with the following women, in addition to Miss Karl, present: Miss Karl, Miss Helen Bangs, Miss Marjorie Kendall, Miss Kathleen Harper, Miss Louise Harwood, Miss Katherine Kendall, Miss E. C. Grant, Miss Nancy Harris, Miss Mabelle Price and Mrs. Harold Prior.

TO HELP FOREIGN WOMEN.

Home for Teachers and Educated Persons To Be Founded.

A class of persons that has heretofore been much neglected by New-York philanthropists will be provided for by an organization to be formed next Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otto Killian, No. 116 East 57th-st. It will have for its object the assistance of educated foreign women, mostly teachers and governesses, who are constantly coming to this country to gain a livelihood. The German consul is much interested in the enterprise, as these women are constantly coming to him in their perplexities, and among others associated with it are Mrs. Isaac Gugenheim and Mr. Ludwig Sutor. The real originator of the movement is said to be a German governess whose experience during twenty years of self-support in America has taught her many things about the hardships which women of her class endure.

Her work began in a small way about six months ago, and the first step toward the establishment of a home for the class of women in question was taken in the renting of a couple of rooms. It is now proposed, as soon as the permanent organization is formed, to take a flat, where good board will be provided at reasonable rates, which will serve as a social centre for those who often know absolutely no one in the city and where everything possible will be done through advice and sympathy to aid the foreign woman in the difficult task of adjusting herself to her new environment. Ultimately, it is hoped that the flat will become a clubhouse, and one floor will be used as a home for aged governesses and teachers.

TIFFANY & CO.

The Price of Silver Notwithstanding the increasing cost of silver bullion, Tiffany & Co. will continue until further notice to offer their current copyrighted patterns of Sterling Silver Forks and Spoons at

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DISMISSES HAYS WRIT.

Justice Davis Says Sunshine Treasurer's Relatives Acted Wisely.

Supreme Court Justice Davis yesterday effectively settled the complaint of Miss Margaret Blake Robinson, of the Sunshine Settlement, against Miss Lucy K. Reynolds, aunt of Miss Anne Kissam Hays, distantly connected with the Vanderbilts, who, Miss Robinson declared, was being deprived of her liberty by her husband and brothers, by dismissing the writ of habeas corpus issued by himself the day previous.

"I am inclined to believe," Justice Davis said, addressing Melvin Dalberg, the lawyer, who represented Miss Robinson and others, "that it is a very good thing for this young woman, from what I have heard here to-day in court, that she has escaped from the hands of her clients and, by dismissing the writ of habeas corpus issued by himself the day previous."

"I don't see why your honor should say such a thing," Mr. Dalberg said.

"The court has very good grounds for saying so," Justice Davis replied. "It is not necessary to go into the circumstances, but I think the parties who got the control of Miss Hays from your clients were acting from the highest motives and for the very best interests of this young woman."

Dalberg tried to impress upon the justice that Miss Hays had ignored a mandate of court, when Justice Davis firmly said:

"I have dismissed the writ, and the proceeding is terminated."

Later the justice declared that before issuing the writ of habeas corpus he had examined Miss Robinson, who said she had seen Miss Hays taken by force from her home in New-York.

"It was mainly on that allegation that I issued the writ," Justice Davis added.

In the hearing Mr. Dalberg told how Miss Hays, in her mutual interest in religious work, he related in detail how Miss Hays became sick and was taken to the cottage at No. 8 Tower Place, New-York, rented for her by Miss Robinson. It was in this place that Miss Hays' husband and her aunt, George Gordon Battle and Mr. Foley, counsel for the relatives of the young woman, sat down to a dinner, having a proper regard for their sister and niece.

Miss Robinson issued the writ, and the Hays brothers had attempted to besmirch her character, and maintain that Miss Hays was still deprived of her liberty.

COUNTESS LOSES SUIT.

General Brooke Not Liable for Revocation of Havana Monopoly.

An opinion was handed down yesterday in the United States District Court by Judge Holt dismissing the suit brought against Major General John R. Brooke, U. S. A., retired, by Donna Francesca O'Reilly Decamara, Countess of Buena Vista, to recover damages because of an order issued by General Brooke abolishing her hereditary right to slaughter the cattle used for beef in Havana, Cuba.

Although the court holds that the countess has no remedy at law against the defendant, Judge Holt had no hesitation in saying that, in his opinion, she had no claim for damages against the United States government, which confirmed officially all of General Brooke's orders.

The family of the countess is one of the oldest in his section of Cuba, and one of her ancestors, Major General Brooke, appointed the countess, Mayor of Havana. The office carried with it the right to slaughter the cattle used for beef in Havana, Cuba, and the sum of \$2 for each beef killed.

ATTACKS BANK COMMISSIONERS.

Moran, Boston's Jerome, Demands Their Removal for Incompetence.

Boston, Jan. 11.—As a result of his investigation to-day of the Eastern Bank and Banking Company, of this city, District Attorney John B. Moran to-night sent a letter to Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., asking that the Massachusetts Savings Bank Commissioners be removed from office.

Mr. Moran charges that the Commissioners, James O. Otis, of Malden; Frederick B. Washburn, of Boston; and Warren E. Lockwood, of New-York, were "grossly careless and willfully negligent" in connection with the failure of the Provident company and other institutions.

QUEENS TAX RECEIVER RESIGNS.

Frederick W. Bleckwern, Receiver of Taxes for the Borough of Queens, has sent his resignation to David Austin, Tax Collector, to take effect on February 1. Mr. Bleckwern has been Tax Receiver for Queens since consolidation. Mr. Bleckwern said last night that the salary of his position was only \$2,500 a year, and he could not afford to continue to hold it, as his private interests were suffering. His successor has not been named.

MRS. TOLLA LEARNS OF RESPIRE.

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Antoinette Tolla and Jerry Rossa were formally told to-day by Sheriff Mercer in the county jail that they had been reprieved for thirty days. The sheriff informed last night to both prisoners that they were not to die on the scaffold to-morrow, but he withheld the news until the reprieve arrived here this morning.

CONDENSED CITY PARAGRAPHS.

The home of George Noakes, at No. 42 Riverside Drive, was entered by burglars yesterday morning. This is the third time within a year that Mr. Noakes has been the victim of burglars.

The eighth annual meeting and dinner of the Society of the Genesee will be held at the Waldorf on January 27. General Stewart L. Woodford is to be the guest of honor.

John McCabe, a coachman, of No. 252 West 4th-st., who was run over by an automobile on January 9, died yesterday in Roosevelt Hospital. Ralph Taylor, who was in charge of the machine, is held in \$1,500 bail pending the inquest.

Melton Gans, ten years old, was kicked by a horse which was in charge of Michael Mallon, one of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt's grooms, yesterday.

The boy received an injury to his head, and was removed to the hospital. The groom was held on a technical charge of assault.

Charles Lewis, of No. 261 West 98th-st., a bartender employed in the saloon at No. 641 6th-ave., owned by Patrick O'Brien, known as "Faddy the Pig," was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Cornell yesterday on a charge of violating the Excise law by serving four men and four women with drinks in a rear room of the saloon at an early hour yesterday morning.

While trying to board a Broadway car at 43d-st., last evening, Isaac Clear, of No. 324 West 83d-st., was knocked down by an automobile owned by George Ehret, the driver, and driven by Harry Taylor, of the Hotel Wellington, Lexington-ave, and 91st-st. Clear was slightly injured, refused medical attendance and went to his home. No arrest was made.

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Men's \$32, \$35, \$38 and \$40 Overcoats at \$25
Men's \$45, \$50 and \$55 Overcoats at \$28

Every man knows why. With beautiful Autumn weather right up to the Eighth of January, the manufacturer who is ready to meet the demands of his trade is bound to be caught with too many Winter Overcoats—particularly in the finer grades.

These Overcoats came from the manufacturer of our very finest clothing. He held them, waiting for orders which never came. He came to the conclusion, the other day, that they must be sold at once. Our Philadelphia store got a share, so we have only a hundred and six coats to sell; and, if shrewd men realize what is being offered, those who do not come quickly will miss this greatest Overcoat chance of the year.

These \$50 and \$55 Overcoats are just what your tailor would charge you \$75 for. They couldn't be made of better materials, and they couldn't be more finely finished. Think of securing such a luxurious overcoat for \$28.

Remember that these are not Overcoats that have been tossed and pulled during a whole season of selling. They are spic-span-new, just from the manufacturer—and the best overcoats to be found in New-York City. Of chevrons, unfinished worsteds, meltons and velours, in black, Oxford, and Cambridge gray. All sizes in the lot, as the selling starts.

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Sale of Twelve Hundred BOYS' WASHABLE SUITS

For several years we have been seizing the January opportunities to secure specially made, high-grade Washable Suits for Boys, to sell at very stirring concessions from real values. Manufacturers can do now what would be out of the question to do later on. And we have always found parents quick to appreciate the opportunity.

Rarely have we known of an offering equal to this, that will be presented tomorrow.

Sailor Suits, with sailor or Eton collars, for boys of 5 to 11 years. Russian Blouse suits, with sailor or Eton collars, for boys of 2½ to 7 years. Materials are white and colored Irish linens, chambrays, drills and imported repps; made by the foremost manufacturer of boys' washable suits in the business.

Just twelve hundred suits in the offering, made up in advance styles that will sell next Spring at \$2.50 to \$5—

Now at \$1.85 a Suit

Second floor, Ninth street, and Basement, New South Building.

Mid-Winter Sale of FURS

Presenting an Unusually Fine Collection of Women's Fur and Fur-Lined COATS at Striking Reductions

This has been a season to highly favor the buyer of Furs. Winter has just begun when we are ready to offer the most radical price-concessions, to clean up our Fur stock.

Here are many of the finest coats brought out this season. Some in foreign models; some copies of best foreign designs; others of American origin and beauty. All made in first-class manner, by best furriers in the craft. All from our own carefully selected regular stocks. Here are descriptions in detail:

- Fur Coats**
 - All that remain of our choicest novelty coats are reduced today to exactly half of original prices. These:
 - Choice Persian lamb Coat, Paquin model; short sleeves, velvet collar, embroidered in silver. Originally \$550, now \$275.
 - Choice Persian lamb Coat, loose front with silk vest. Originally \$425, now \$212.50.
 - Choice quality Broadcloth Coat, with deep shawl collar and cuffs, embroidered in gold. Originally \$600, now \$300.
 - Broadtail Persian lamb Eton Jacket, with blue velvet vest, gold embroidered. Originally \$325, now \$162.50.
 - Close-curl, loose Persian lamb Box Coat. Originally \$350, now \$175.
 - Exclusive Broadtail Jacket, Paquin model, with red and gold vest and cuffs. Originally \$475, now \$237.50.
 - Exclusive Broadtail Short Coat; close-fitting girde, loose front, handsomely trimmed with braid, collar and double lapels of violet velvet. Originally \$450, now \$225.
 - Persian lamb Eton Jacket, trimmed with braid—one of our newest styles. Originally \$185, now \$92.50.
 - Exclusive imported model, of green velvet and choice broadtail, handsomely trimmed; lined with red and gold vest of hand-crocheted lace. Originally \$750, now \$375.
 - Choice Persian lamb Coat; short, loose front, short sleeves; embroidered vest of green velvet. The newest Paquin model. Originally \$450, now \$225.
 - Chinchilla Cape, 30 inches long, made in three rows of beautifully matched whole skins. Originally \$500, now \$250.
 - 24-inch, half-fitting Coat of Mink, an example of remarkable mink work. Originally \$750, now \$375.
 - Astrakhan Jacket; blouse front, with large very handsomely embroidered. Originally \$185, now \$92.50.
 - Caracul Jacket; military collar and cuffs of embroidered velvet. Originally \$350, now \$175.
 - Astrakhan Jacket; shawl collar and cuffs of embroidered tan broadcloth. Originally \$175, now \$87.50.
- Evening Coats**
 - Dark Brown Broadcloth Coat, lined with very dark squirrel lock; unplucked otter collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$200 to \$130.
 - Scarlet French Broadcloth Coat, lined with dark squirrel lock; collar and cuffs of broadtail. Reduced from \$175 to \$100.
 - Violet Broadcloth Traveling Coat, lined with dark squirrel. Reduced from \$150 to \$90.
 - Light Tan French Broadcloth Coat; deep shawl collar and cuffs of half-plucked beaver. Reduced from \$185 to \$115.
 - Castor-color Broadcloth Coat, lined with squirrel lock, with mink collar. Reduced from \$155 to \$95.
 - Tan Broadcloth Coat, lined with dark squirrel lock; collar and lapels of dark Eastern mink. Reduced from \$195 to \$120.
 - White Evening Coat, very elaborately trimmed; ermine scarf and short cuffs; skirt lined with satin; body lining of squirrel-lapels of violet velvet. Originally \$250 to \$225.
 - Black Silk Broadcloth Coat; Empire effect; embroidered velvet yoke; chinchilla collar; body lined with squirrel lock. Reduced from \$350 to \$225.
 - Pale Pink French Broadcloth Cape, lined with squirrel lock, trimmed with gold bands having an ermine scarf, lined with very dark squirrel lock. Reduced from \$250 to \$250.
- Black Broadcloth Coats**
 - Lined with squirrel lock; deep shawl collar of black lynx. Reduced from \$160 to \$100.
 - Lined with squirrel lock; Persian lamb collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$140 to \$85.
 - Lined with squirrel lock; Persian lamb collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$175 to \$105.
 - Lined with squirrel lock; black lynx collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$160 to \$100.
 - Lined with squirrel lock; Persian lamb collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$175 to \$110.
 - Lined with Japanese mink; collar of bleached mink. Reduced from \$165 to \$100.
 - Lined with squirrel lock; black lynx collar. Reduced from \$125 to \$80.
 - Lined with gray squirrel; black lynx collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$240 to \$150.
- Women's Fur-lined Coats**
 - A number of superb Fur-lined Coats made from beautiful French broadcloths, with linings of dark gray squirrel backs; collars of natural mink. Fine Persian lamb, lynx and other furs—all of which are reduced this morning for the first time.
- Evening Coats**
 - Heavy Black Silk Coat, semi-fitting, lined with gray and white squirrel, trimmed with imported passementerie; ermine collar, tie and cuffs. Reduced from \$265 to \$165.
 - Butter-color Broadcloth Coat; Empire effect; made in plait; short sleeve; body and sleeves lined with squirrel lock. Reduced from \$200 to \$125.
 - Semi-fitting Coat, of Sage Green Broadcloth; body and sleeves lined with squirrel lock. Reduced from \$200 to \$125.
 - Coat of Scotch tweed, lined with dark squirrel lock, with collar and cuffs of Eastern mink. Reduced from \$200 to \$125.

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QUINCY COMPANY DIVIDEND INCREASED.
Calumet, Mich., Jan. 11.—The directors of the Quincy Mining Company declared a semi-annual dividend of \$5 a share to-day, an increase of \$2 over the disbursement six months ago. To-day's dividends will result in the payment of \$60,000.