

think? Don't YOU think that the owner of the paper in which she read that advertisement owes that poor woman \$500?

Wouldn't YOU like to read an editorial by Arthur Brisbane, in Hearst's Chicago Examiner, on this particular case?

I would. And I dare Brisbane to write it.

GIRL KEPT IN JAIL WHILE FATHER IS BURIED

Judge Mahoney sentenced Mrs. Mary Jones, 26 East Twenty-third street, to three months in jail and a fine of \$10, because she stole a black shirtwaist and a veil to wear to the funeral of her father.

Mary Jones had been working in a restaurant until she was taken sick. In the restaurant she wore white waists, and when she received a telegram that her father had died at Tallula, Illinois, she had just enough money for her railroad fare—but she hadn't anything to wear that would show a daughter's respect for a dead father.

They arrested her Saturday night. She had stolen a black waist and the veil from Mandel Bros. and she was arrested in her room while she was getting ready to go away.

Saturday night and all day Sunday she spent in jail. This is almost as curious as the sentence that was imposed on her under the circumstances, for Judge Mahoney had received quite a little publicity due to his expressed sympathy for the men arrested Saturday night who miss their Sunday dinners if they are kept in jail. In fact, the judge has let men go on their own recognizance and repeated this after he found that few of these men didn't bother "coming back." But Mary stayed in jail all day Sunday.

Monday she stood before the judge. The two store detectives of one of the biggest department stores stood there, also. They only had to tell their story. "We caught her stealing a black shirtwaist and a black veil."

Mary did not try to deny it, instead she sobbed out a story about it being her first offense, and she didn't have

the money to buy mourning and she couldn't go home to her father's funeral wearing a white shirtwaist—It would seem like insulting him, and the last thing she could do was to show him respect before they put him in the ground—and she had never stolen before, but she was desperate, crazy, she just couldn't go to her father's funeral without a black waist and a veil.

The detective admitted that she was a "new one" at the game, and then Judge Mahoney passed sentence.

"The death of your father does not excuse crime. Three months in the House of Correction and fine of \$10."

Well, perhaps it doesn't matter. Mary's father was buried Sunday while she was lying in the jail that is not fit for drunks and disorderlies, and the people at home are perhaps speculating why Mary didn't come and declaring that the girl who gets in Chicago never comes to any good end anyway, and she just like as not forgot she had a father—

"Three months in the House of Correction."

SPENCER TO FIGHT

Henry Spencer, on trial in Wheaton for the murder of Mrs. Rexroat, will throw out his confession and attempt to prove that he wasn't in Wayne, Ill., the night of the murder.

This much became known through questions asked prospective jurors by his attorney, Anton Zeman.

While this news might sound startling to those who have read of his many confessions and his desire to die on the gallows, it is said that Spencer will only fight the case because he has been assured that if they find him guilty under the "not guilty" plea he will be assured of the death penalty.