

BLISS THOUGHT HER HUSBAND WASH.

Says Aged Mrs. Winters Wore Numberless Rings on Her Thin Fingers. LOVED TO BE COURTED. Liked Winters Best Because Every Evening He Made Such Lovely Prayers.

The relatives of the late Mrs. Winters, who at the age of seventy married Byron L. Winters, a lawyer half her age, continued their fight before Surrogate Fitzgerald yesterday for part of the \$2,000,000 she left to her young husband.

George H. Bliss, a real estate agent, of Washington, D. C., husband of Emily Bliss, a niece of Mrs. Winters, is one of the contestants. Mr. Bliss said he saw Mrs. Winters last in November, 1895. He called at her house and found her much emaciated and shaking as with the palsy. Her thin hands glittered, he said, with diamonds.

"She told me," added the witness, "that she had engaged to Winters five years. I asked her how that could be, since her former husband (Hunt) had been dead but two years."

Describing the first time he saw Winters, the witness said: "When he first saw a young man about thirty years old. The old woman cried out, 'Here comes my boy.' Here's my baby."

"He walked up and kissed her, saying: 'How do you do, ma?'"

Mr. Bliss said that Mrs. Winters always called her husband by that name. He asked if he thought her irrational, the witness said:

"I thought her absurd, foolish, irrational. Her fingers were covered with rings. Once I saw her wearing an old, dirty, white lawn wrapper. Another time she told me of her engagement with Mr. Greenleaf. She showed me Greenleaf's engagement ring, which, she said, was a pink pearl worth \$800. She knew this because she had taken it to Tiffany's to have it valued."

The witness further quoted Mrs. Winters: "By made me break off the engagement with Mr. Greenleaf. By came after me. He told me I was the only woman he ever loved. By would have me. He said he couldn't do without me, so we went to the Little Church Around the Corner."

"After luncheon," said Mr. Bliss, "she sent for her maid and told her to bring a white satin with low-cut neck and short sleeves. The train was about five feet long. She said there was about \$18,000 worth of lace on the dress. Mrs. Winters told us she wore orange blossoms all around her waist and in her hair at the time of her marriage."

COMPARED A GIRL TO THE GIBBERER.

Young Woman in the Tombs Charged with Black-mailing a Child. VICTIM IS ONLY FIFTEEN. Another Prisoner, a Young Man, Is Held as an Accomplice in the Case.

Locked in the Tombs, charged with black-mailing a fifteen-year-old girl, is a stylishly dressed young woman of eighteen years. Her name is Bessie Street, and she gives her address as No. 1318 Washington street, Hoboken. Her diminutive victim, small even for her age, is Maggie Smith, of No. 1444 Second avenue.

Another prisoner in the case, who is suspected of complicity with the Street girl, is held on a graver charge in connection with the case, is Thomas Ambrose, 15-15th street. Ambrose is locked up in the Harlem Police Court prison.

The story begins last Summer, when Maggie Smith's mother died and her father thought she ought to go to work. About two months ago she went to live with Mrs. Nancy Taber at No. 1392 Third avenue as a nurse. It was some time before this that she met Ambrose, then an inmate in the Madison Square Theatre. He visited the girl when she went to live with Mrs. Taber, and letters were exchanged between them.

"Don't you know it was very wrong for you to write such letters?" she asked. Then she told the frightened child that she had something to do with the Society. "I should report you to the society," she continued. "It would go hard with you. You would be out in prison. She informed the girl that for \$50 she would keep the affair secret. Maggie said she did not have any money and that she earned only \$5 a month."

"Well, you'll have to get it, or as much as you can," was the reply. The next day the Street girl called in company with a young man, whom she introduced to Mrs. Taber as a Gery Society agent. They said they had money to come to say that Maggie was not working too hard and went away. Shortly afterward, however, the Street girl intercepted her, saying she would give her till the next day to get the money.

Maggie's next day she returned, however, \$2 from Mrs. Taber, which she gave to the Street girl, whom she met at an appointed place. The sum was too small and the threats were renewed. "Go and beg the money," she ordered. "Get on some of your father's feet. Your mother is ill and your father dead."

Maggie did so. She went about the stores and hats in Third avenue (where she had a little more money. This also was given to the Street girl, but still she was not satisfied. On the next day she returned with \$2 more from her father.

Maggie's sister, Mrs. Dugan, of No. 25 West 10th street, was called in to help in the case. She notified the Gery Society and the Street girl was arrested. Later Ambrose was locked up in the Tombs and the complainants were in the Harlem Police Court yesterday. The Street girl was held in \$500 bail and Ambrose in \$1000 bail.

MISS BLAUVELT NOW MRS. W. F. PENDELTON. Prima Donna's Marriage to the Well-Known Broker Announced in Dispatch from Rome.

From a private colleague received in this city yesterday. It was learned that Miss Lillian F. Blauvelt, in Rome, Miss Blauvelt is known on the stage both in this country and in Europe as one of the most talented of American prima donnas. In November of 1897, Miss Blauvelt secured a divorce in Newark, N. J. from her husband, Royal Stone Smith, also well known on the stage.

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The Wanamaker Store. Overcoats AND House Coats. COMFORT and appearance for indoors and out and economy hand in hand with each. Two of the items in to-day's story that men will find good reading. Much to follow for women.

The Overcoats. About two hundred of them in blue and black kerseys and black and Oxford friezes. They were not made especially for us, but they could scarcely be better if they had been. On our own standard we call them \$15 and \$18 coats.

The House Coats. There are 203 of them here this morning, and they are going out during the day at half prices, like this:— At \$3.75 each—29 that were \$7.50. At \$4.50 each—28 that were \$9. At \$5 each—39 that were \$10. At \$7.50 each—22 that were \$15. At \$8 each—46 that were \$16.

Men's Shoes at \$2. Note at the beginning that these are nearer \$4 shoes than \$3.50 shoes. Any one who knows will say at once that it is a \$4 sort, that may perhaps be retailed in some few large stores for \$3.50.

Some New Candies. The Candy Store hints of St. Valentine's Day. Lots of pretty candies and mottos and favors and "sentiments" together with a very attractive collection of candy-boxes and candy holders.

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Men's Trousers. A word calling your attention to the splendid values offered in Men's Trousers:— At \$5, were \$7. At \$3.50, were \$4.50. At \$4, were \$5. At \$3, were \$4. A lot of blue and black cheviot trousers, left over from suits, at \$3; were \$5.

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