

ODD REASONS FOR ATTACKING WIVES.

"I Beat My Wife Because I Love Her," Dr. Charles T. Laffin Declared.

Mrs. Laffin's Brothers Came to Her Assistance and Had the Man Arrested.

Often, After Ill-Treating His Wife, the Doctor Would Go to the Opposite Extreme in His Manner.

MRS. LAFFIN TOO ILL TO GO TO COURT; MRS. M'HENRY ASKS FOR MERCY.

The Physician is in Belieue, and the Doctors Will Report on His Sanity—Ex-Missionary and Prominent in Church Work.

"Why did you beat your wife?" was asked of Dr. Charles T. Laffin, in the Harlem Police Court yesterday.

"Because I love her," was his strange reply.

It is a story of interest that leads up to this paradoxical statement of the doctor's.

Dr. Laffin is thirty years old, tall and athletic. For three years he was a missionary in Africa, under Bishop Taylor. In 1890 he returned to this country and studied medicine. He was graduated from the New York Medical School in 1893, and that same year returned to Africa as a missionary doctor. He remained in Africa until 1895. He caught the African fever and for three months was confined to his bed. It is believed that this disease affected his mind.

After returning he took up his home in Belvidere, N. J. There he met Miss Clara Freeman. While she was visiting her brother, Rev. T. D. Freeman, at Milton, Nova Scotia, Laffin joined her, and they



Dr. Charles T. Laffin. He was arrested on a charge of having beaten his wife, and when asked why he did it, replied: "Because I love her." She was too ill to appear against him, and the doctor was committed to Bellevue. The doctors will report on his sanity.

were married last June. Rev. Mr. Freeman accompanied them on their wedding trip to Fredericksburg, Nova Scotia. While on this trip Dr. Laffin gave evidences of his peculiar character. One day he said to his wife:

"I have no idea of economy. I will spend this last cent on you and then commit suicide."

He often accused his wife of being insanely jealous of him. During the three days they passed at Fredericksburg, Dr. Laffin frequently attempted suicide.

The couple established their home on July 31 last at No. 1542 Madison avenue, a three-story brownstone house. Mrs. Laffin let out rooms. In a short time the doctor's practice brought him in a good income.

He soon began to act queerly and talk strangely and to treat his wife brutally. Their weeks ago the doctor visited Miss Truesher, at No. 129 East Tenth street, and while waiting in her parlor the doctor pinched his wife's arms and struck her several times. He told Miss Truesher that he intended to kill his wife, and if she ever heard of his wife's death she would know he killed her. On the way home his manner changed to the opposite extreme and he loaded his wife with flowers.

Mrs. Laffin wrote to her brother in Nova Scotia two weeks ago about her troubles. He advised her to leave him, but she refused to do so. Then he telegraphed her brother Lemuel in Worcester, Mass., to come to New York and investigate the trouble. Lemuel Freeman came here, and says he found Mrs. Laffin's arms and throat badly bruised and discolored. He accompanied Dr. Laffin on a sick call, and found the doctor rational when attending to such duties.

On Wednesday morning Laffin made a severe attack upon his wife, knocking her down and beating her severely. Her brother Lemuel induced her to leave the house. On Saturday her brother from Nova Scotia arrived, and it was decided to have the doctor arrested. This was done on Saturday night.

Mrs. Laffin was unable to appear in court yesterday morning. She returned home after her husband's arrest, and has been confined to her bed since.

Dr. Laffin has just been elected president of the Philip and Andrew Society of the West End Presbyterian Church. He was to join the church on next Sunday. He will be arraigned again in the Harlem Court this morning if his condition when he was committed to Bellevue Hospital and the doctors will report on sanity.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE. More Than 1,000 Wanted to Become Part of the National Association.

A largely attended meeting of Post Office clerks was held yesterday afternoon in Central Term Verin Hall to reorganize a branch of the National Post Office Clerks' Association. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

Good Times for Steel Workers. Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 29.—The Ohio Steel Company will start its large plant to-morrow, and it is expected will run steadily until the holidays. It is said that an order has been received by the company for 15,000 tons of steel billets, which will be used in making wire nails. The Brown-Bonell Iron Company and the Mahoning Valley Iron Company will have nearly all their mills in operation during the coming week.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDIBURN & CO., Dept. F. L. Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for free literature and our list of 1,000 inventions wanted.

MEANS 1,056 HEADACHES.

One of Those Who Suffers the Noises from St. George's Church Bell Brings Deadly Arithmetic to Bear.

"It's just a plain 'ding-dong,' without any fancy trimmings," said Mr. Amner. "There's a headache in every stroke of it," said Mrs. Amner.

"And there are more than a thousand strokes every Sunday," said Mr. Amner, producing a sheet of paper covered with figures.

The Amners live in East Seventeenth street, within ten minutes' throw of St. George's Church, and are enrolled with their neighbors in a vigorous campaign against the bell wherewith Dr. Hastingsford's parishioners are summoned to worship.

It is, as Mr. Amner expresses it, "just a plain ding-dong." A single bell of resonant tone serves the double purpose of announcing the hour, and giving warning of the various services in the church. In the former operation it rings by clock-work; in the latter by a man at the end of a rope. Those who live within a radius of ten blocks from St. George's church, the bell disturbs their peace of mind and makes life a burden to them; yet they hesitate to say that they would prefer a set of chimes.

"You see," said Mrs. Amner when this scheme was advanced, "there's chimes over in Fourteenth street, at Grace Chapel. They play 'Auntie Lantlet' and 'Rock of Ages' every Sunday morning. It's not quite so bad as St. George's bell, because the chimes are three blocks further away; but if they had ten at St. George's they'd be enough to make us deaf. And, besides, the noise would keep ringing 'em all day."

"No, it's not chimes we want," said Mr. Amner. "It's a rest."

Gustavus W. Pach, a Broadway photographer, is another resident of East Seventeenth street who resents Dr. Hastingsford's bell. He sent a strongly worded letter to the Board of Health on the subject.

In response the Board had an inspector stationed near the church yesterday, listening to the bell and talking to the neighbors about it. Whether this will result in "good news" coming from the Board's "strong arm," as Mr. Pach perfectly phrased it in his letter, remains to be seen.

The sexton of St. George's, whose name is Chapman, is inclined to depreciate the agitation against the bell.

"Why, it don't ring so often," he said yesterday. "Now, on Sundays it starts at five minutes to six, for the 8 o'clock service. Then there's another five minutes for the 11 o'clock service. After that it don't ring again for a service until 8 o'clock in the evening. But, of course, it strikes all the hours."

"On week days there's only one five minutes every morning for the 9 o'clock service, except on Thursdays, when there's service at noon. But the hours are sounded week days just the same as Sundays. I don't see what people have to grumble at, do you?"

Mr. Amner's figures show that St. George's bell tolls 1,056 times every Sunday. And Mrs. Amner says that 1,056 headaches are involved in the performance. "Striking the hours alone requires 156 blows of that blamable clapper," said Mr. Amner. "You count 'em and see if it don't. Then, when there's a service, you count on the bell rings at least once every second for five minutes. That's 300, ain't it? And with three services, it makes 900."

"One thousand and fifty-six headaches," repeated Mrs. Amner triumphantly. "I told you so!"

X RAYS MAY LOCATE IT.

Kudlich Holds Surro, Accused of Swallowing Gutter's Diamond, and Makes a Suggestion.

Antonio Surro, who is accused of having made a safe deposit of his stomach for the concealment of a \$43 diamond ring that he is alleged to have stolen from Jeweller Bernhard Gutter, was held by Magistrate Kudlich to the Grand Jury, after examination in the Centre Street Police Court yesterday, in \$3,000 bonds. The bail may be reduced if Surro will produce the diamond.

Gutter told the Court his story, as it has already been published, and Surro, with many tears, asked the Court how he could, as was charged, substitute his stomach for a genuine one in Gutter's tray, at the same time putting the jeweller's tax on the belief Gutter or Surro, when they are the missing ring, and the police in the police in question of that part of his defence.

The Magistrate was undecided whether to believe Gutter or Surro, when Magdoche Zetoun, an Algerian Arab, who was in court as a complainant in another case, pushed forward, and pointing an accusing finger at the Italian, burst out into a torrent of excited and acerbic Tunisian French.

"That is a bad man," said he. "I know him! I met him three years ago on a steamship going from Tunis to Marseilles. He had many rings then. Some were good diamonds, and some were imitation. He said he was making money trading the bad for the good."

Surro smiled grimly, but did not attempt to deny acquaintance with the Arab. In fact, he said nothing more in his defence. The police from the Oak Street Station said that Surro had acknowledged having taken to the station the diamond ring, and that he would get it if he could.

Magistrate Kudlich suggested that X rays might be tried as a final resort.

JUDGE MAKES A CONVERT.

Man Charged with Drunkenness Encouraged to Join a Church.

Polleeman Rlnn, of the West Thirtieth Street Station, testified in Jefferson Market Court yesterday that he found Charles E. Burbank, fifty years old, of No. 314 East Fourteenth street, endeavoring to climb the lamppost at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-sixth street at midnight Saturday. He placed him under arrest and preferred a charge of intoxication against him.

"Work all day, Your Honor," said the prisoner, "and nurse my dying mother at night."

"But you were intoxicated, the officer says, and you're laughing at me!" "Well, Your Honor, you can't take care of a dying mother, who is eighty years old, every night without taking something to eat and drink. But I lay down to get out of drinking, and if you let me go I'll join the Methodist Church to-day."

"I will not stand in the way of such a laudable purpose," said the Court. "You may go this time."

Check to Run, War in Cigarettes. Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 29.—It looks as if the liquor dispensing bill, which seeks to establish in Alabama a liquor system identical with that in effect in South Carolina, will eventually pass. A strong sentiment in favor of the bill is being expressed by the way. Cigarettes is also developing. A lobby of marauders is beginning to make a hard fight will be made in favor of both measures.

Cuckoo Clocks, Carved in oak and walnut, are one of our many holiday attractions. Our stock of French Travelling and Porcelain Clocks, Opera Glasses, and Sterling Silver Table Ware is one of the most extensive. All are suitable holiday gifts.

A. FRANKFIELD & CO., Jewellers and Importers, 52 WEST 14TH ST.

Open Evenings from Dec. 1 to Xmas.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDIBURN & CO., Dept. F. L. Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for free literature and our list of 1,000 inventions wanted.

LODGE SUMMONED TO MCKINLEY'S HOME

Massachusetts Senator Gets a Telegram and Leaves in a Hurry.

He Would Like Very Much to Succeed Ambassador Bayard in England.

That Position Would Fill Him with Deeper Joy Than Would His Appointment as Secretary of State.

REVENUES TO MEET DEFICIENCIES.

Belief is Current That the Dingley Bill Will Be Presented as a Temporary Emergency Measure at the Coming Session.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, left for Canton, O., at 7:10 this evening by way of Pittsburg.

WANAMAKER'S.



BLACK AND OTHER PLAIN COLORED DRESS SILKS--All the Hilton, Hughes & Co. Fancy Silks were sent away. The plain Dress Silks were kept here. We bought them cheap. They are offered now at half prices. That story is simple enough. Many of the goods are splendid. An equal chance will not come your way again.

Sewing Machines and Aluminum Goods are controlled by the same price conditions as the plain Dress Silks.

The pure white light of the Rotunda will show you exactly what the Silks mentioned in the following list are. They are mostly new, some are not; some are slightly soiled—all are cheap. We know the history of Silk retailing, but we never have known prices for good Silks so low as the following:

- LOT 16. All Silk Satins for Bridal Dresses:— \$3 kinds at \$2. \$3.50 kinds at \$2.50. \$4.50 kind, cream only, at \$3. \$6 kinds at \$3. \$6.50 kinds at \$4. LOT 17. French Bengalines for evening wear, pink and blue only:— \$1.75 quality is now \$1.25. LOT 18. Faille Francais (cream):— \$2 kind is now \$1.10. \$3 kind is now \$1.65. \$5 kind is now \$2.50. LOT 19. Moire Antique and Moire Francais:— Were Now Were Now \$3.50 \$2.75 \$1.50 \$1.00 \$2.00 \$1.50 \$1.25 75c. \$1.85 \$1.25 LOT 20. Rich Twilled Silks, 32 inches wide, in light blue, pink and cream:— \$1 quality is now 50c. LOT 21. An odd lot of Changeable Silks for petticoats:— 75c. qualities are now 40c. LOT 22. An odd lot of Colored Satin Rhadamases:— 75c. qualities are now 35c. LOT 23. A lot of rich Satin Duchesse from the best looms of Lyons and Como:— \$2.50 and \$3 qualities are now \$1.40.

BLACK DRESS GOODS each of the following are here. It is not our way to disappoint visitors who may come from a distance to find the exceptional offerings told of in our Store News.

Cold types are not vital enough to tell the story of these bargains in Black Dress Goods. Each item has been double in the market down to date!

- AT 50 CENTS A YARD:— 42-inch Armure Diagonal. 45-inch Mohair Armure. 46-inch Etamine. 46-inch Serge. 46-inch Wide Wale Diagonal. 46-inch Granite Cloth. Were \$1.00 goods this season. AT 60 CENTS A YARD:— 42-inch Fancy Worsted Diagonal. 46-inch Small Figured Camel's Hair. 46-inch Mohair Diagonal. 46-inch Armure Granite Cloth. 46-inch Armure Canvas. 46-inch Figured Canvas. 46-inch Grape Granite. Were \$1.25 goods this season. AT 65 CENTS A YARD:— 46-inch Surah Twills. 44-inch Figured Granite Cloth. Were \$1.25 goods this season. AT 75 CENTS A YARD:— 49-inch Mohair Diagonals. 50-inch Worsted Diagonals. 46-inch Granite Cloth. 46-inch Mohair Figured Granite. 52-inch Diagonal Armure. 45-inch Boucle Camel's Hair. 50-inch Shark Skin. 46-inch Granite Canvas. 46-inch Armure. 56-inch Chevot.

The fact that he did not even tell his wife where he was going shows the secrecy with which he desired to "guard his trail." But he got a telegram from Mr. McKinley, and away he went.

Affairs of state and Cabinet will be discussed by the President-elect and Mr. Lodge, who has long had aspirations for the British Ambassadorship. It is asserted that he would rather be Ambassador to Great Britain than Secretary of State.

The Massachusetts Senator and whilom backer of the Reed Presidential boom will probably seize the occasion to "make himself solid" with the President-elect, and to fill his ears with the choice news of foreign affairs, of which Secretary Olney, his close friend, has kept him posted. Cuba is to the forefront, and Senator Quesada, Secretary of the Cuban Junta, arrived in Washington but a few hours before Mr. Lodge departed.

As a leading member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, Senator Lodge is in a position to discuss the situation to the mutual advantage of Major McKinley and himself. Foreign relations, Cuba and Senator Lodge, will, therefore, probably hold the carpet at Canton to-morrow to the displacement of tariff, tin plate and the entanglements of Ohio Republican politics.

Dingley Tariff Bill May Come Up. Canton, Ohio, Nov. 29.—Major McKinley still maintains profound silence on what the policy of the Republicans of the Fifty-fourth Congress will be in providing revenue to meet the great deficiency created by the Cleveland Administration. It is currently believed, however, among his more

intimate friends that before the session of Congress opens some definite plan will have been decided upon.

It is believed, too, that the Dingley Tariff bill will be presented as a temporary emergency measure to provide for revenue that will in some measure meet the present requirements of the Government. This, say the friends of the President-elect, will be in line with the promises made prior to the election whenever the tariff was spoken of.

It is hoped by many Canton manufacturers that an immediate tariff measure will receive favorable attention in December, or the two months following, should the session last that long. They believe it would require many months to prepare a bill satisfactory to all parts of the country and that time would be gained by the present plan.

There are some friends who would like Major McKinley to have the honor of signing the first protective tariff law passed after his election, but others are satisfied that the President-elect would be willing to forego this honor in order to maintain the credit of the country and protect capital and labor by the passage of the Dingley bill.

Senator Foraker, although he was quoted as being in favor of waiting until a Republican could sign the tariff bill, would, his friends believe, favor the bill. He realizes as well as Major McKinley evidently does that the promise made by the Republican party in the platform adopted at St. Louis must be carried out, and as speedily as possible, or the result will be disastrous to the party two and four years hence. This is the feeling here to-night, and so intense is it that it overshadows Cabinet talk, and slates for the time being.

Major McKinley did not attend his own church this morning; instead he listened to a sermon by the Rev. Dr. D. H. Bonald, in the Trinity Lutheran Church. He was attended by his nephew, George Morse, of San Francisco, and Judge George E. Bell, of this city. After the service the Major and Mrs. McKinley took dinner with

his mother. They returned home an hour or so afterward to meet a few callers.

Captain John R. Thomas, of Alexandria, Ill., was a caller this afternoon at the McKinley home. The Captain was mentioned as a possible Secretary of the Navy under President Harrison, and it is hinted that he hopes for favors from the President-elect.

NOISY BRIDGE ENGINES GO.

Will Be Supplanted To-Day by New Electric Motors.

Beginning with to-day Chief Engineer Martin says all the trains on the Bridge railroad will be switched by electric motors at both ends of the structure. The motors will supplant the noisy little steam switching engines, which made so much noise and filled the stations with steam every time they switched a train. Several motors are ready for use; twenty have been ordered.

By their use it is said trains can be run every three-quarters of a minute. When the cables are out of order trains will be advanced across the bridge by the motors. By January 1, it is calculated, the double track system of transportation will be in full operation.

Trunk Lock Makers in a Tussle.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—The leading lock makers of the country are said to have formed a new combination to regulate the prices of locks in general, but more particularly trunk locks, on which it is claimed prices have been unusually low during the past two or three years. Prices have been advanced from 25 to 50 per cent within the past two weeks, and it is thought there is every prospect of a further advance. Provision has been made, it is said, against any dissolution of the present combination for a term of five years by requiring all of the firms interested to make a cash deposit of \$500, to be forfeited in case of any cut in prices.

FACTS FOR QUESTIONERS

The price statements that follow are surprising. Such as best know real values will be most astonished. Your question quite naturally is, "How are such offerings possible?" The answer follows:

BLACK DRESS GOODS--Forty distinct styles. We have just made an enormous purchase to close the stock of a great importer, and dictated prices that ignored values. It is thus that we give you these fine goods, that were made for the best retail trade, at literally one-half prices.

BLACK AND OTHER PLAIN COLORED DRESS SILKS--All the Hilton, Hughes & Co. Fancy Silks were sent away. The plain Dress Silks were kept here. We bought them cheap. They are offered now at half prices. That story is simple enough. Many of the goods are splendid. An equal chance will not come your way again.

Sewing Machines and Aluminum Goods are controlled by the same price conditions as the plain Dress Silks.

- 50-inch Diagonal. Were \$1.50 goods this season. AT 85 CENTS A YARD:— 52-inch Diagonal Chevot. 46-inch Boucle Camel's Hair. Were \$1.50 and \$1.75 this season. AT \$1.00 A YARD:— 52-inch Diagonal Chevot. 46-inch Camel's Hair. 48-inch Camel's Hair Granite. 47-inch Camel's Hair Diagonal. 48-inch Camel's Hair Armure. 58-inch Chevot. 47-inch Zibeline Camel's Hair. 48-inch Bison Cloth. 46-inch Basket Chevot. 48-inch Whipcord Diagonal. Were \$1.75 and \$2.00 this season. AT \$1.25 A YARD:— 52-inch Black Broadcloth. Was \$2.00 this season.

Wanamaker, Quaker City and Stewart Sewing Machines are identical. They are successful because first-class and satisfactory. We took fifteen from Hilton, Hughes & Co. We do not want mixed trade marks in our stock. Therefore the Stewarts will go thus:

- 2 Machines from \$12.75 to \$10.00. 9 Machines from \$18.75 to \$14.75. 1 Machine from \$20.75 to \$16.00. 3 Machines from \$24.50 to \$17.75.

A group from the Hilton, Hughes & Co. stock KETTLES—bright, beautiful, perfect—ready for the supper table or five o'clock tea.

Prices were \$1.75 to \$20.25. Prices are exactly half.

Coffee Pots and Pudding Pans, with all the aluminum ilk, have had prices divided by two.

Sewing Machines, Tea Kettles, aluminum goods should vamoose before to-night.

Basement. We keep a perfect WOMEN'S stock of the finest that the great Glove business of the Stewart regime may be restored. Special Glove offerings constantly.

At \$1 a pair you have been buying lamb-skin Gloves. We begin now with real kid at that price, and propose to go on with them for days, weeks, months and years to come. The colors are English red, tan, black, white, modes.

At \$1.50, The Burmont. Thousands of dozens have been distributed by us at retail with less resulting complaints than any other Gloves ever sold by us. Two clasps. Every shade.

North of Rotunda. Third floor.

JOHN WANAMAKER, FORMERLY A. T. STEWART & CO., BROADWAY, FOURTH AVENUE, 9TH AND 10TH STREETS.