

## MADE LIVING BY MARRIAGE.

**Bigamist Johnson Tells How He Charmed Women.**

**Deceived and Deserted Wives in Many States.**

**Gives His Rule For Winning the Fair Sex.**

San Francisco, July 14.—The most remarkable confession ever made by a bigamist in the United States has been secured by the Examiner from Christian Johnson, who, facing a seven-year sentence at San Quentin imposed on him at San Jose, flung aside reserve and admitted that he is John Madison, who has made a profession of polygamy and has deceived and deserted wives in almost every state in the Union.

Johnson declares in his confession, which was signed and sealed in the presence of Sheriff Langford and other officers of Santa Clara county, that he had been making his living by marrying and making love to women since 1906.

Amazing admissions are contained in almost every line of the confession of this most bewitching of bigamists, who boasts that he made love to ten women at one time in Portland, Oregon, after having married one of them in the autumn of 1906. His confession follows:

**JOHNSON'S CONFESSION.**  
By Christian C. Johnson, alias John Madison:  
"I was born at Elensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on March 11, 1845. My father was a horse dealer. He bought horses for the German and French Governments.

"After I completed by education at Kiel, I came to the United States in 1871. I landed in New York in October of that year, and went to work in the Union Iron & Steel Works, in Trenton, N. J.

"I got a job from the United States Government in 1876 buying horses on commission. I was buying for them over three years, then I got a recommendation to the British Minister at Washington, and I bought for the English Government on and off for thirty years, horses, mules, ponies and mustangs, and also shipped for them.

"During the Russo-Japanese war I bought horses for the Japanese Government. During all this period I made my headquarters in New York during the summer, and in New Orleans during the winter. My occupation brought me in contact with the sporting people, and I led rather a sporty life, and I want to say right here that whatever I got out of the women I spent on them right away. They kept me broke.

"In November, 1905, I married the first woman, a Mrs. Mary Brown, of Springfield, Mass. She was a well-to-do widow. I was in New York at the time and read a matrimonial advertisement in a Boston paper.

"I went to Springfield, and married her inside of a month. She gave me \$500 on the wedding day. We remained in Springfield one night and the next day we took a train for New York. I left her because I did not like her. She did not suit me and I simply left her.

"I went from there to New Orleans and then to San Francisco. My second marriage was to Mrs. Sylvia Pollard De Bonnet. I first met her in San Francisco through friends. We were married on Dec. 28, 1906, in San Rafael, I at that time being known as Christian Johnson. I think I lived about two weeks with her, and then told her that I had to go to Germany on important business.

"Then I went to Portland and put an advertisement for a wife in the paper. There must have been 500 replies. I remained there for two days, and was paying attention during that time to ten different women. I only married one, however. Her name was Eliza Jones, if I remember rightly. I was then going under the name of John Madison. I got \$1,800 with her because she said she loved me. I lived with her for two weeks.

"Then I went to Los Angeles, and from there to Memphis, Tenn. All this time I was traveling under the name of Madison. At Memphis I became acquainted with a Mrs. Bertha King, and we lived together six weeks at Memphis. At that time I read in the newspapers that the police were hunting all over the country for John Madison for marrying Mrs. Jones in Portland and robbing her of \$1,800.

"I left Mrs. King in Louisville, and then went to Chicago, thence to New York, New Orleans and St. Louis. In St. Louis I advertised and received over so many answers. It was there I met Mrs. Minnie Allen. I never married her, though, but I made violent love to her, and she paid me \$200. I was courting several other women at the same time, and I got money from at least five of them.

"Mrs. Cataline Baughman was one of them. I promised to marry her and she let me have \$500, which I took. Mrs. Maggie Bloom, of Hannibal, Mo., whose name has been mentioned in the papers, I know nothing about. One of the seven women whom I courted and promised to marry was Mrs. Alice Richardson, of St. Louis. She was a widow and living off her income. She gave me \$400 and a diamond ring, which I have since lost. In St. Louis I met a woman. I left her at Long Beach on the 6th of the present month. I came to San Jose on July 3 and had been corresponding with Mrs. Minnie Gather. It appears that during this time she had made arrangements with the detectives to trap me.

"In East St. Louis I met, through advertisement, Mrs. Mary Frick, a widow. I made love to her but she was too smart for me and I never got a cent out of her. I also received a letter from Mrs. Eliza M. Jackson, of Iowa, Kansas, I corresponded with her and then went to see her. Going to Kansas City I corresponded with Mrs. Jackson all the time. I went altogether three times to Iowa to see her, and got \$1,400 from her. It was arranged that she was to come to Kansas City to marry me, and after I learned that she was coming I skipped out for Hot Springs, Ark. I got away from Hot Springs just a few hours before I would have been arrested.

"I went to San Francisco again. On the second day I put an ad. in a San Francisco newspaper, advertising for a wife, and I received over 200 answers.

"I married Mrs. Leopold on the 12th of February, and got \$520, and left her that same night.

"I then went to Stockton and met Mrs.

## EVELYN THAW IN WITNESS BOX.

**Refuses to Say That Harry Threatened Her—Breaks Into Tears and Pleads Poverty.**



MRS. EVELYN THAW.

White Plains, N. Y., July 13.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, pretty, petulant and school-girlish, and dressed in the blue which she affected so much during the trial of her husband, Harry K. Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White, was before Justice Mills in the supreme court here today, subpoenaed by the state in its fight to keep Thaw in the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan.

Deputy Attorney General Clark tried hard to get her to admit that Thaw had threatened her life when he visited him on one occasion at Matteawan, but she repeatedly refused to answer, and after a clash between counsel Justice Mills ruled that he would hold the conversation a confidential one between husband and wife, and therefore privileged, unless the state presented proof to show that Daniel O'Reilly, the New York lawyer, present at the time, was not then acting as counsel for both Mr. and Mrs. Thaw.

This Clark promised to do. His question was:

## WORLD'S PRETTIEST GIRL LIVES IN AFRICA, SAYS GLOBE TROTTER



THE TANGIERS DANCING GIRL BEAUTY AND EDWARD WILBERN.

In far away Morocco, that land of dreams and romance, in the city of Tangiers, lives the most beautiful girl in the world. So says Edward Wilbern, 39, wealthy bachelor of Cincinnati, who spends most of his time in the city of Tangiers, and thinks because of his vast experience he is competent to judge of woman's beauty.

"I want to say that I married all of the women just to have a good time. The doctors told me I did not have long to live and I should enjoy myself while I lived, as my time was limited. I found pleasure in duping women and getting their money from them. I am not a hypnotist, but I only had to meet a woman a few times and I knew just how to handle her and how to talk to her.

"I have found that it did not pay to be soft and sweet with a woman; treat her a little harsh, and be a little distant, and she will come to you."

Tretheway there and married her on the 15th of May in San Jose.  
"I then went to Oakland and got \$200 from Mrs. Josephine Hennings, after promising to marry her.  
"There was one woman in San Francisco, whose name I cannot recall, from whom I got \$120.  
"After Mrs. Tretheway kicked me out of the house because she found one of Mrs. Mitchell's letters, I went to San Diego, where I met Mrs. Catharine Hoene. We went to Los Angeles, where we were married on the 15th of June."

## ENTRANCE IN COUNTY.

**Results In Various Centres of Waterdown District.**

The following pupils who wrote at the various centres in the County of Wentworth, affiliated with the Waterdown High School, have passed the entrance examination, and are now eligible to be admitted into any High School or Collegiate Institute in the Province.

Binbrook—Leta Guyatt, Norman Krick, Franklin Tossel, Nellie Weaver, Hazel Laidman.

Hamilton—Maggie Almas, Florence Anderson, George Awey, Robert Baldwin, Beatrice Bates, C. B. Bolton, Stewart Bolton, Lena Brightman, Grace Cameron, Estella Cline, Irene Crockett, Bessie I. Dunn, Ida Evans, Harvey Fletcher, Roy Game, Bertha Harris, Herman Roth, Mary E. Jarvis, Georgina Kerr, Eva Lutz, Cecil Marshall, Mabel McIntosh, Constantine Morris, Helena Owen, Mary A. Radford, E. Roberts, M. Schwenau, Helen Sharp, B. Shrive, L. Smallman, Doris Webb, J. R. Wooley.

Stoney Creek—Olive Brand, C. Carpenter, L. Corman, Mary Corman, J. Davey, Violet Dunham, Francis Fevez, W. Fortman, George Gage, Hilda Green, J. Hopkins, Louisa Lambier, Ora Lee, Orla Lee, Lillie Lenz, Vera Letbridge, Clifford Millen, W. O'Brien, M. Patterson, S. Peterson, C. Pickering, R. H. Ptolemy, Marjorie Reid, Eva V. Sifton, B. M. Soley, Mary R. Stewart, Gordon Street, Clarence Thompson, Maitland Watt.

Strathane—Jessie Alger, Myrtle Bailey, Morley A. Bush, Ora Cook, Helen Florence Grey, Olive Grey, Charles Hood, Sadie Hood, Edith M. Long, Muriel McNiven, Marie Peebles, William Rogers, Mary E. Scott, Elta Weir.

Waterdown—Ethel Allison, G. Allison, Lloyd Allison, Ellen Anderson, Vera Campbell, Lita Carey, Kathleen Carson, Samuel Cook, Norman Fillman, Charles Flatt, Vera Gorman, Ina Griffin, O. Hetherington, Betsa, Jessie Lemon, Mary Kirk, Fred. Lemon, Jessie Lemon, Clair Morden, Douglas McGregor, M. Nicholson, Flora Rothman, Clara Sowell, Stuart Simpson, Mary Smiley, Frank Smith, Marjorie Sparks, Wilfred Stewart, Roy Tuck, Edith Walker, Jessie Walker, Hiram Wallace, Bessie Wilson, Norma Wilson.

## QUESTION OF VALUE

**Wanted—Quotations on Sermons by the Barrel.**

(Pittsburgh Gazette.)

A Minnesota clergyman has brought a suit against a railroad company which contains one feature of decided interest to laymen as well as to his brethren of the cloth. He seeks damages for the loss of a barrel full of sermons in transit. The plaintiff recently received a call to a church in another part of the country, and he thought it prudent to have a barrel of his sermons shipped by rail. He was offered, for his loss, he believes the railroad should be made to pay for its carelessness.

Since there are no official quotations on sermons by the barrel, the jury will have a fine question to decide. An Ohio sermon factory which recently closed its doors, possibly because its prices were too low for reasonable profit, asked 25 cents apiece for first quality home-made sermons guaranteed to keep in any climate. But identical discourses were supplied to a large number of customers throughout the country. The manufacturer, as expressed to the reader, would undoubtedly have commanded a much higher price. In 20 years a clergyman will deliver about 2,000 sermons, provided he addresses the same congregation all the time. But these sermons were not new. They were second-hand, and that, naturally, impaired their value. Unfortunately we have no Solomon in these days to settle such a perplexing matter, but the hardship of having to buckle down and compose 2,000 new sermons, when the reverend gentleman was anticipating a delicious long snooze on flowers bedecked with will appear to everybody who possesses a genuinely sympathetic nature.

**GAME LAWS.**  
Mr. A. Kelly Evans Named as Government Commissioner.

Toronto, July 14.—The Ontario Government are planning a complete revision of the Provincial fish and game laws, and their measure will probably be submitted to the Legislature at its January sitting.

With this project in view, the Government have issued a Provincial Commission, appointing Mr. A. Kelly Evans to examine into the whole existing situation relative to game and fish and make a full report thereon with a view to improving the present laws. Mr. Evans will commence his work almost immediately.

In making the announcement yesterday, Sir James Whitney expressed the opinion that the Government had been fortunate in their choice of a commissioner. "Mr. Kelly Evans," said the Premier, "has always devoted much time and labor to the subject, and has already a large store of valuable information upon it. He is probably the best man in the Dominion for the work, and the Government have entrusted to him."

**ENJOYED LECTURE.**

Last night in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. the students of the Hamilton Summer School for Oratory assembled and profited by an instructive and able lecture, delivered by County School Inspector J. H. Smith. His subject was the qualifications of the true orator. Mr. Smith advised the young men to study diligently the speeches of the last of England's great Puritan orators, John Bright, who was an example of the true Anglo-Saxon. There was a large attendance of pupils, and Principal James L. Jolley announced that the new school would soon have to seek a more commodious class room.

## SCRAP BOOK POETRY.

THE OPTIMIST.

A motor car had run him down,  
His leg was amputated,  
But he with n'er a sign of frown  
Remained very much undisturbed.  
"A wooden leg," quoth he, "is fine,  
For there is little doubt  
That timber-logs like these of mine  
Can never suffer gout."

His party at the autumn pool  
Was totally rejected,  
But he, O bright and sunny soul,  
And showed himself undisturbed.  
"If things go wrong at all," quoth he,  
With n'er a tear nor sigh,  
"It really won't be up to me  
To tell the reason why."

When by Perilla fair one day  
He found that he was jilted,  
He simply smiled at grief away,  
And showed himself undisturbed.  
"She might have married me," he said,  
"But now she's taken wing  
I'm forty honest ahead  
On the engagement ring."

And later on when he became  
A prey to indignation,  
He took his troubles just the same,  
With neither doubt nor question.  
"Tis hard," said he, "to lose one's health,  
And yet how nice that I  
Will never have to squander wealth  
On lobster broiled or pie!"

And when at last he went to jail,  
And found himself in limbo,  
He neither wept, nor turned he pale,  
But, with his arms akimbo,  
Right jauntily he went his way,  
And to his labors bent,  
Rejoicing that for many a day  
The public paid his rent!

—Harper's Weekly.

## FAREWELL.

**Salvation Army's Best Wishes to Capt. and Mrs. Merrett.**

A farewell social was given Captain and Mrs. Merrett by the Salvation Army last night. The evening was spent in a song and praise service and refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, was served.

Messrs. E. Earl, A. Cruise, W. Beckett and N. R. Rowe gave short addresses, in which they expressed their appreciation of the services rendered to the Army by the captain and his wife, and their regret at their departure. The unity of feeling existing among the various members and classes of the corps showed a healthy condition and this was largely due to the consistent and energetic work done by Captain Merrett. Mrs. Merrett has taken a special interest in the children, and this important branch will probably feel her departure most. A feeling of deep regret was expressed at losing those who have done so much toward building up the spiritual life of the organization. All joined in wishing Captain and Mrs. Merrett increased prosperity and happiness in their new field of labor and expressed their hope of seeing them frequently in the days to come.

Mrs. Carter, who has been a faithful worker in the corps for the past two years, starts for her home in England on Saturday.

The new captain and his wife are expected to come from St. Thomas July 20th.

## PICNICS.

**Christ's Church and Charlton Avenue at the Falls.**

A large crowd from Christ's Church Cathedral Sunday school, and their friends, left Stuart street station this morning for Niagara Falls, where they expected to have a very enjoyable day picnicking. The Grand Trunk ran a special train of nine coaches for their accommodation.

At 9 o'clock this morning about 400 young people from Charlton Avenue Methodist Sunday school, with their friends, left Hunter street station for the Falls, to spend the day in games and sports of various kinds. The T. H. & B. made up a special train of eight coaches to convey the picnicers to and from the park.

The annual picnic of Gospel Tabernacle took place this morning over the B. & N. Electric road to Mohawk Park, Brantford. About 800 attended.

The picnic of the College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was held today at the Brant House. About 150 enjoyed the outing and the pleasant ride on the water.

A joint picnic of the Charlton Avenue Methodist Sunday school and Zion Sunday school was held today at Niagara Falls. Altogether about 400 attended.

## THE KILTIES.

**Fine Time on Their Moonlight Last Evening.**

The Kilties' moonlight, which was held last night on the steamer Modjeska, was an unusual success. The night was hot in the city, and hundreds took advantage of this opportunity to get out for a while and enjoy the cool and refreshing lake breezes. It is estimated that there were 900 on board. The music was supplied by the Highlanders' Band and Dixon's orchestra, and was exceptionally fine. The boat left shortly after 8 o'clock, sailed through the canal and cruised around Lake Ontario for over two hours, returning about 11 o'clock.

## ORGANIZE MANITOBA

**Provincial Convention of Young Liberals.**

Winnipeg, July 13.—A political organization of potent force was effected today by the Provincial Convention of Young Liberals. About three hundred delegates from all over the Province were present and in addition to perfecting Provincial organization, they decided upon local committees to supervise the work in every riding. Officers of the association elected are: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Patron; Hon. Clifford Sifton, Honorary President; J. H. Ingram, President; F. Simpson, Dauphin, Vice-President; L. Laidlaw, Brandon, Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of a member from each of the 42 constituencies.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
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Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson

## Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

STORE CLOSING AT 5 O'CLOCK DAILY (EXCEPT SATURDAY)

## 120 Dainty White Waists

**Will Sell Thursday for 88c each**

Think of it! 120 new, stylish and neat Shirts, this season's stock going at what might almost be termed a ridiculously low figure—88c—but this is our offer to you and we are sure that this bargain could not be duplicated anywhere in the city. Ordinarily any one of these 120 waists would sell up to \$2.00, but our buyer made a fortunate purchase enabling us to sell them at this ridiculously low price to-morrow.

120 only, new and dainty shirts, made in seven different styles, including embroidery fronts, lace or embroidery insertion, also in the plain tailored style. All these waists are neatly finished with tucks in back and front and also have the new long sleeves finished with tucks or insertion with dainty collars to match. These waists are open either front or back. We have not got all the styles in each size, but in all from 34 to 44. Come early Thursday morning and secure one of these rare bargains at 8.30 sharp. **88c**

## Specials in Undermuslins

UNDERSKIRTS.—Many styles to choose from, in white, of extra good quality cotton, made with a 20-inch flounce in a cluster of ten pin tucks and finished in dainty embroidery, deep and full, with dust ruffle. Skirts are of generous width, in sizes 38, 40 and 42, on Thursday, special. **2 cans 25c**

GOWNS.—In varied styles. These are of fine quality white cotton or nainsook. Some are in the slip-over style, with round yoke of embroidery and three-quarter length sleeves, made in good, generous widths, some with open front and shaped or square neck; sizes 36, 38 and 40, on sale Thursday, only. **98c**

3 Grocery Specials

"Pure Groceries" is our motto and we have stood by it consistently since our Grocery Dept. has been opened. Here are the specials:

10 lbs. Redpath's Granulated Sugar 50c

10 cases Golden Net Salmon, Regular 15c value, from 8.30 till 11 on Thursday. **2 cans 25c**

10 boxes of Fresh Jam and Jelly, Regular 15c value, on Thursday. **11c 1/2 lb.**

10 boxes of Mixed Tea, 25c each. Special Blend Coffee, Regular 40c value. **33c lb.**

Prepared Mince Meat, for pies. Vinegar, white wine or cider. **3c per can**

Best Japan Rice, 4 lbs. 25c Pearl Tapioca, 4 lbs. 25c

Fancy Mixed Biscuits, 15, 17 and 20c. Fancy Mixed Pickles, 10, 15 and 25c. Sardines, 5, 10, 12 1/2 and 15c

200 YARDS NEW SCOTCH Ginghams in stripes, checks and broken plaids, plain and over cord effects, all popular colorings and fast shades. Worth regularly 15 and 20c yard, on sale Thursday morning. **12 1/2 and 15c yard**

AMERICAN AND CANADIAN Prints, full 27 and 32 inches wide, fast colors, for women's and children's dresses; regular 10 and 12 1/2c, on Thursday at 8.30 sharp. **6c yard**

NEW CHECK LAWNS for blouses or children's wear, fine even weave, small, medium and large checks. On Thursday. **15c yard**

25 doz. English Bath Towels, cream and brown, with white stripes, fine weave and extra heavy; a splendid beach towel. Worth 35c pair, on sale Thursday morning. **25c pair**

**Stanley Mills & Co., Ltd.** Beach Delivery Every Wednesday

## JULY SALE NEWS

## Cool Summer Wash Suits

**Regular \$7.50 and \$8.00, July Sale \$4.98**

Just the sorts are underpriced that women want for these hot summer days. They are in India Head and repp, in navy, sky, pink, white and natural. Semi-tailored, 32 inch coats, some with lace, self and button trimmings. Gored skirts. Regular \$7.50 and \$8.00, July Sale price. **\$4.98**

## Odd Summer Skirts July Sale of Blouses

**\$2.50 to \$3.75 for \$1.49 \$2 and \$2.25 for \$1.29**

After a big selling, odd sizes and styles of these Summer Wash Skirts have been left. Out they go. In India Head, lawn, pique and cream serge; self and embroidered trimmed; \$2.50 to \$3.75, clearing. **\$1.49**

## Two Important Muslin Prices

**40c Black Swiss Muslins 25c 15c, 18c Muslin Batists 9c**

A special purchase of scarce Swiss Muslins, in black grounds, with embroidery, white spots and figures, 30 inch, very stylish for older women or those in mourning. Regular value 40c. July sale price. **25c**

A great July outlet of these Summer Muslins for pretty dresses and blouses. They are in spot and floral patterns, in light colors, navy and black, fine qualities, in 27-inch. See them. Regular 15 and 18c. July sale. **9c yard**

## Hot Weather Wants in Hosiery and Underwear

Women's Fine Lisle Hose, best German makes, all summer colors and black, in plain and lace ankles, double makes, regularly 30c, July sale 33c, or 3 pairs for \$1.00.

Women's Extra Fine English Black Lisle Hose, soft cashmere soles, stainless, sanitary dye, all sizes, special value at 45c.

Women's Fine Balbriggan Vests, right summer weights, part and sleeveless makes, full sizes, regularly 35c, sale price **25c**

A large shipment, underpriced, of Women's Fine Rib Cotton Vests, elastic makes, fancy lace trimmed, July sale prices. **10, 12 1/2, 15 and 18c**

A special purchase of Women's Fine Cambric Underskirts, wide tucked and embroidery flounce, with dust frill, large and full sizes, regularly \$1.00 and \$1.50, sale price. **.69 and .98**

## FINCH BROS.,

Store Closes 5 p. m. Except Saturdays Hamilton's Coolest Shopping Place

## MISSION CAMPAIGN.

**Laymen's Movement to Conduct Many District Meetings.**

The Canadian council of the laymen's missionary movement, which has the direction of the work throughout the Dominion, has just issued a statement as to its policy and plans for the immediate future.

The policy was adopted and then submitted to the different denominational committees and heartily endorsed by them. The denominational secretaries each agreed that the best results come to their work through the larger inter-denominational meetings, and will therefore all co-operate in the campaign of the fall and winter. This will include district meetings covering two days each, in every Province of the Dominion, so located that every church may be able to send one or more delegates without great outlay of time or money.

It is expected that invitations will be received from the different centres, and the council will make selections with the best interests of the entire work in mind. The first few meetings will probably be held in Ontario in September, and those in the western Provinces in October and November.

An earnest call to prayer for wisdom in locating and planning these meetings has been issued to co-operating clergy and laymen throughout the Dominion.

**Accepts Carnegie's Gift.**  
Peterborough, Ont., July 13.—Peterborough has accepted \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie, for a new Public Library, and the contract for the building has been given to Rutherford Ross, of this city, for \$27,880. Work has been started on the building, which will be located at the corner of George and McDonnell streets.

Stanley Sukovsky, a Polish lad, aged fourteen, was killed by a Winnipeg street car on Tuesday afternoon.