

**ACTOR MAKES THEATRICAL ENTRANCE TO BIGGAR CASE**

**Former Husband of Actress Says Bennet Told Him They Were Married.**

New York, Dec. 18.—Dashing into the crowded courtroom at Freehold, N. J., where Laura Biggar is on trial, charged with having falsely claimed a marriage with the late Henry M. Bennett for the purpose of claiming his fortune, James William McConnell, an actor, all the way from Wisconsin, announced that he was there to take the stand and swear that Laura Biggar, his former wife, was indeed the wife of the rich man.

"I have come more than a thousand miles to tell what I know of the marriage of my former wife to Bennett," he said in a voice that sounded clear and deep throughout the courtroom. Breathless excitement prevailed.

The witness, a tall, stalwart fellow, walked to the witness stand, while Laura Biggar beamed and the prosecuting attorneys, who had just closed their case, got their heads together and whispered excitedly.

"Do you know Laura Biggar, defendant in this case?" asked Lawyer Noonan for the defense.

"Yes, she was my wife before she married Henry M. Bennett," was the reply.

"Are you here as a voluntary witness with no offer of reward to testify in behalf of your former wife?"

SUMMONED BY FORMER WIFE.

"I have come for that purpose alone.

I have had no communication offering any compensation for this act of mine. I have only received a telegram from my former wife asking if I would come. I felt it was my duty to come for the sake of justice to my former wife—justice to the boy who bears my name.

"What do you know of the marital relations of this woman and the late Henry M. Bennett?"

"Mr. Bennett, told me that he was married to her."

Lawyers for the prosecution sprang up with objections. They were waved aside by Judge Wilbur A. Heisley. "Go on, tell all you know of the marriage," said the court.

"I went to get my boy away. I had been divorced by my wife, and knowing that she was living at the home of Mr. Bennett, I went to get our son. I wanted to care for him. I called at the Bennett home at Avon-by-the-Sea, was met at the station by my former wife, who drove me to the house. There I met Mr. Bennett. We were left alone, and he then told me that he would be able to care for the boy better than I could, traveling about the country as an actor."

"Did he tell you that he was married to your former wife, Laura Biggar?" asked Lawyer Noonan.

**SAYS BENNETT TOLD OF MARRIAGE.**

"Yes, he said that he was her lawful husband, and that as long as they were married he would educate the boy and take better care of him than I could. I would like to explain, how he came to say this—to tell all that he said."

Objections were sustained.

On cross-examination Actor McConnell said that he was married in 1893; that he was divorced about six years

**TRIPLETS, BUT NO MONEY**

Astrosky Had to Pawn Mattress to Get His Wife Food.

New York, Dec. 18.—Never did triplets enter the world under happier auspices than those that were born to Mrs. Samuel Astrosky at No. 15 Suffolk street on Tuesday. There was not a cent in the house.

The triplets were very tiny, weighing but five pounds apiece, and the wan mother said yesterday that it had been a month since she had enjoyed a good meal. Astrosky is a coat finisher, and when he has work earns \$3 a week. He has not had work for the last month.

There are three other children—Lottie, Nettie and Bessie. Lottie, the eldest, is 5 years old.

Mrs. Astrosky and her three newly-born babies were lying yesterday upon an improvised mattress composed of old garments, for the father of the triplets had to pawn the mattress to get his wife food and the family lived a week on the proceeds.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup** has been used for over FIFTY YEARS BY MILLIONS OF MOTHERS FOR THEIR CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, WITH PLAIN SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

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York's ancient city mounds will probably be laid out as public gardens.

**THE GREAT DEMAND** for a pleasant, safe and reliable antidote for all affections of the throat and lungs is fully met with in Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It is a purely vegetable compound, and acts promptly and magically in subduing all coughs, colds, bronchitis, inflammation of the lungs, etc. It is so palatable that a child will not refuse it, and is put at a price that will not exclude the poor from its benefits.

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Millinery Bargains**

We have decided on doing an unusual thing in Millinery Selling. It's a habit most merchants have of holding back good things until after the Christmas rush is over, and then reducing them as an inducement for people to spend their money when customers would otherwise be scarce. We're going to break away from the old habit this year and sell a lot of very choice Trimmed Hats at greatly reduced prices—Hats that will make exceptionally choice gifts. All we have will be sold, be we've only a limited number—so be sure to come early.

**One Table Trimmed Felt Hats**  
Worth \$4 00, selling at ..... \$2 50  
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Worth \$4 50, selling for ..... \$3 00  
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Worth \$5 50, selling for ..... \$5 50  
Worth \$6 00, selling for ..... \$6 00  
Worth \$6 50, selling for ..... \$6 25  
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When we say WORTH, we mean that they sold at that price up to yesterday, when they were reduced to the present selling price. It means money saved for you to get one.

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You'll have to move out of this world before you'll find a more select range of Gloves than we are showing, and we doubt that the merchants of any of the other planets can outdo us in anything nicer for a Christmas gift than a pair of good, perfect fitting, guaranteed Gloves?

Fine French Kid Gloves in white with black embroidered points, and black with white embroidered points, two pearl clasps and novelty cuffs. Only ..... \$2 00

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A full assortment of Misses' and Children's Kid Gloves in tan, brown, and beaver, with two clasps. Only 60c and ..... 85c

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Fine assortment of White Turkish Bath Towels in good qualities, fringed, at each, 15c, 20c and ..... 25c

Other good qualities hemstitched and of larger sizes at each, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 3.60, 3.70, 3.80, 3.90, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 4.60, 4.70, 4.80, 4.90, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 5.60, 5.70, 5.80, 5.90, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 6.60, 6.70, 6.80, 6.90, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 7.60, 7.70, 7.80, 7.90, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 8.60, 8.70, 8.80, 8.90, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 9.60, 9.70, 9.80, 9.90, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 10.60, 10.70, 10.80, 10.90, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 11.60, 11.70, 11.80, 11.90, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 12.60, 12.70, 12.80, 12.90, 13.00, 13.10, 13.20, 13.30, 13.40, 13.50, 13.60, 13.70, 13.80, 13.90, 14.00, 14.10, 14.20, 14.30, 14.40, 14.50, 14.60, 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