

The following are the facts in reference to the Female Home so far as relates to the American girl :

"On or about the 23rd day of December last past, Mrs. Gowan came to this Consulate-General to obtain a check for her last quarter's pension from the Government of the United States. I inquired of her how she was and how she was getting along with her Home, to which she replied in a general way ; after which, she inquired if there had been an American girl to the Consulate for assistance. I replied that there had been one there some ten days or two weeks before. Mrs. Gowan inquired if she claimed to come from Springfield. I told her I did not remember where she came from. Upon Mrs. Gowan describing her, however, I told her that it couldn't be the one she was inquiring after. She then remarked if she did come here not to help her, as she was not worthy ; that she had been an inmate of the Home ; had been confined there, and had attempted to leave without paying her indebtedness to the Home ; that she told the girl to sell her clothes, as other girls had done, and pay what she owed ; that the girl refused to do this, when she made her sign a note for \$30, the amount she owed her, and that she got her a situation as wet nurse, and had kept her trunk of clothes as security for the payment of the note ; that she understood some parties were interesting themselves in regard to the girl and the recovery of her clothes ; that she had taken legal advice in the matter, and that the note would hold, as they would find out ; that she was too smart for them, and that they could not beat her out of it.

"At this time I had not heard of the American girl, and the conversation I had with Mrs. Gowan in reference to her was introduced and continued by her (Mrs. Gowan.)

ORLANDO P. BLOSS,
U. S. Deputy Consul-General.

Montreal, January 22, 1876."

FEBRUARY 16, 1876.

DEAR MR. SHELTON,

It was in good faith and good feeling that I yesterday, in response to your proposal, said that if you paid \$15 I would myself pay \$15, and so, with due regard to the integrity of the Home's claim, and justice to other honest inmates, the girl Burnham's effects would be given up as you desired.

No doubt as we suppose and as you suppose the effects are not worth near so much money ; but still the debt exists and it is the principle in the case more than money that is considered. You can well see that, as the note is twice distinctly signed by Burnham, once promising to pay \$30 and then on the back of it declaring that she left part of her effects till the note was paid—this being witnessed by the nurse because, as Mrs. Gowan said, she had not confidence in Burnham, and as there is also the signature of the employer Levey upon it promising to send eight dollars a month of her wages, I am bound to regard the note (as anyone I think would) as given by the girl with intelligence and intention, and that it