

WITTHOFF CONFESSES THIRTY-FOUR WOMEN

Celebrated Bigamist Now in a London Jail Writes Remarkable Autobiography.

RECEIVED A HUNDRED TO GET THEIR MONEY

Operated in All Parts of the United States, Canada and in Many of the Larger Cities of the European Countries.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Francisco, Oct. 21.—The Examiner publishes today the most remarkable criminal autobiography ever written—The confession of the arch-bigamist, Dr. George A. Witthoff. The autobiography was sent by Witthoff to Miss Alice Bell, a young girl whom he deceived and deserted in New Cross, a suburb of London, England, and was obtained from her by the London News, the afternoon newspaper owned by Sir Alfred Harmsworth.

In the letter which accompanied the amazing human document sent to Miss Bell he admitted the commission of bigamy and living quietly on a Roumanian estate.

"The number of girls and women I promised marriage and got money from totals 100. Herewith I give the real facts of all my wrongdoings, and have only 32 (married) wives."

"Chapter I.—I was born in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, of very well-to-do and respectable parents, January 18, 1864.

"I emigrated to America and arrived April 12, 1881. In 1889 I came to the United States again from Zurich, where I studied chemistry for five years, and started a pharmacy. I had a splendid income at the age of 27.

"I met a famous surgeon. We became friends and practiced together until 1896, when we got into trouble and we were put under a \$5,000 bond each. I had a friend, Signor Nicola Badillo, who gave a cash bond for me of \$5,000.

"I skipped to Canada. Witthoff then tells how Badillo followed him and suggested that he, Badillo, knew a widow whom Witthoff would marry to get money to repay Badillo. He introduced Witthoff to a Mrs. Russell and they were married. While on their honeymoon at Niagara Falls, he deserted her, taking with him \$4,000 she had given him.

"I went to see a matchmaker. He introduced me to a widow of means. We got married in two weeks.

"She had all her money loaned so I was compelled to seek another one, as Signor Badillo was hard after his balance of \$1,000.

"Many Women Wronged. I went to Philadelphia and got a Jewish matchmaker again. He introduced me to a widow of Dr. Houser. I got \$500 from her. I paid Badillo \$500 and left for Springfield, Massachusetts, where a woman answered one of my advertisements. I inserted an ad. which picked out a boarding-house mistress, and 10 days after she was Mrs. Westfield. I left her two days after. She had given me \$500 before marriage.

"I went to St. Louis and inserted an ad. There I selected a farmer's daughter and married her as 'Dr. Doanper.' I married and left her all within a week. I came to Detroit, and with her money, \$350, I started a dental practice as 'A. Houser.' In answer to my ad in a German paper, Mrs. Flier called.

"We went to Toledo, Ohio, five days after our first interview and got married. I left her six days after.

"Married Uglyest Wife. I then came to Pittsburgh as Dr. Wolfe. In answer to my ad in a German paper, a widow of Dr. Houser answered, the ugliest I ever had. Three days after we went to the justice of the peace and got married. There I slept the first night and in the morning I was on my way to Cleveland, and started a dental practice with the \$150 I had left.

"In Cleveland I married Mrs. Kriedman. She gave me \$200, but I left four days after as she was a bad woman. I went to Chicago and a matrimonial agent introduced me to a nice Jewish girl and her father gave me \$400.

"A man from Philadelphia recognized me and told her father that I was a married man just in time to prevent the marriage.

"I went to St. Louis where I started an office as Dr. A. Dresner and I advertised and selected from a number of letters that of a farmer's daughter who had \$1,000 and married her (Kathy). Six days after I left America and went to Roumania and married a girl, a Jewess, in Ploest, as Dr. P. A. Shota.

"I got \$2,000 francs. We had a quarrel and she returned to her parents."

"Career in Italy. Chapter 2. 'I left for Italy and came to Florence. I was introduced to a Mrs. Frederico Nola. I married her six weeks after as Dr. Witthoff and left her 20 days after and went to Naples as Dr. Fox. Then I courted a high official's daughter.

"Two months after we got married. While we visited relatives in Geneva a man came and told my lady's father I had false papers.

"So he came to Geneva and we had a dagger fight in one of the gardens. I was stabbed twice and I stabbed and cut him once. I pretended to be dangerously wounded and left for Rotterdam and came to England.

"I went under treatment for my wound and returned two months in Liverpool and I stopped in America again.

"Returns to America. I went to a professional matchmaker and he introduced me to a girl, Miss Goldbaum. I did not like her but she gave me \$200.

"I was introduced to her as Dr. Hoffer from Providence. I had her come to my office and there she met a German, one of several girls I was making love to. One told the other of her love, so to avoid trouble I left New York for St. Louis.

ELOPING MAD TAKEN HOME BY HER MOTHER

Officers Secure Requisition and Will Leave With Logan for California Tomorrow.

SOIL LIKELY TO BECOME WHOLLY BARREN IN TIME

Rotation of Crops and Scientific Farming Will Alone Prevent These Rich Districts From Becoming Arid Stretches.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal) Medford, Or., Oct. 21.—Captain A. Wilson of the Oakland police force passed through Medford last evening for Salem to have Governor Chamberlain validate the requisition papers which were granted this afternoon for the eloping Henry A. Logan and will receive him from the hands of Chief of Police Angle here tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Norman Ross of Oakland, mother of Ethel Cook, also arrived here yesterday evening and was met at the train by Chief Angle and on presenting letters from Chief Hodgkins of Oakland Ethel was delivered into her custody. The meeting between mother and daughter was very affecting. Released from the hypnotic influence of Logan Ethel was overjoyed to meet and return home with her mother. They departed on the early train this morning for Oakland.

When it developed that the woman had to borrow money to come after her child, Landlord of the Hotel Nash refused to accept any compensation for the board of either and made up a small purse for them in addition.

Mrs. Ross says that this is not the first escapade in which Logan has been implicated. She states that he left his wife and boy destitute.

When questioned as to his purpose in carrying the small bottle of laudanum which the police here found on him when arrested Logan stated he bought it on the road with the intention of stopping the authorities from sending him "over the bay" if he had time to drink it.

Child Nearly Killed by Smoking a Pipe. (Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) Trenton, Oct. 21.—Michael Misky, 4 years old, was taken to McKinley hospital today unconscious, as he was suffering from tobacco smoke. It was with difficulty that he was revived, as his heart was affected.

His father said the little fellow had watched him smoke a pipe, and while he was not looking had picked up the pipe and drawn a couple of whiffs of the strong smoke. He coughed until he was stricken with convulsions.

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FARMERS MAKING NEW DESERTS

Professor Withycombe Says That Eastern Oregon Lands Are Ill Used by Farmers.

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"Unless the farmers in the great wheat growing district of eastern Oregon adopt scientific methods in farming, that productive country will be reduced to a desert waste within a few generations."

This was the statement made by Dr. James Withycombe, professor in the Oregon state academy of sciences in the city hall last night. His subject was "Science and the Farm."

"Many farmers have the mistaken idea that summer following the land is of benefit to the soil," he said. "The farmer who erroneously rests his soil is not only losing the crop of that year, but he also loses strength from his soil. The loss of strength in a piece of land in one summer would always be sufficient to grow four heavy crops of wheat."

"Within a few generations, if the present method of farming is continued, eastern Oregon will become a desert waste. When the organic matter in the soil is reduced by the present method, instead of growing crops with 9 to 12 inches of rain annually, the soil will require from 18 to 20 inches. If they would occasionally alternate their crops of wheat with crops of alfalfa or vetches the soil would always be productive; if not the soil of this country will become the same as in certain districts of France where large areas once covered with farms and forests are now unproductive."

The speaker said that the white lands in Linn, Benton and Lane counties which are considered worthless could be made very productive by planting vetches to renew the organic matter in the soil.

Professor A. B. Cordley made a short talk on "Some Insects and Fungus Diseases." He stated that the losses to farm products each year from insects alone had been estimated at \$591,000,000; \$100,000,000 to forest products and \$200,000,000 to stored products or a total of \$791,000,000.

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