

The End Not Yet Reached.

San Francisco, March 3.—There is likely to be a very sensational ending to the trouble that arose through the stage marriage of Miss Inez Mercer, of Portland, to R. B. Westcott, a San Francisco drummer, last year. The matter did not die out by any means with the trial of the suit of Miss Mercer, or rather Mrs. Westcott, to have the marriage annulled. This matter was tried before Judge Slack, January 19. The plaintiff's story was that she was engaged in a private theatrical performance in Portland and that Westcott was also a participant. In one of the acts these two had to undergo what was presumed to be a mock marriage. After the performance was over, the lady declared, she found to her surprise, and even horror, that she was formally wedded to Westcott. He had, before the performance commenced, secured a marriage license, and the person who had performed the ceremony was one authorized to unite people in matrimony. In all such cases it is necessary that the wife have at least one corroborative witness. There appeared to testify for Mrs. Westcott William C. Isaacs. Isaacs testified that he was present at the theatrical marriage, and that it took place under the circumstance narrated.

The sequel that it is supposed will develop to a sensation in the case occurred last night when Isaacs was arrested at his room by Detectives Wren and Gibson, who booked him on a charge of perjury.

The officers claim that Isaacs was in San Francisco at the time of the alleged marriage. They say that Isaacs was never in Portland. Westcott is now in the East.

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In a recent number of a metaphysical magazine a new genius tells how to do it. "Mental suggestion" is the the coming method. Hypnotism succeed the dark cell. All you have got to do is to take a young rascal and mentally suggest to him to be good, and the thing is done in a jiffy. The writer says that he has tried it and that it works. He would be willing to tackle Jessie Pomeroy, or the Boy Firebug, or any other youthful offender against the laws, and sooner or later convert him into an estimable citizen. "Some cases of moral infirmity are reached in ten minutes," he says. "Others may take ten days, weeks or even longer. But we must not be discouraged."

Never give a negative suggestion, cries this learned pundit, always a positive one. Suggest to a boy that he is going to be honest and industrious. That will fetch him. To suggest the negative is repellent. It does not catch on. That is the great fault with teachers and parents. They do not take the right

side of the matter. They should lead, not attempt to drive.

Just as soon as the hypnotists have a chance to get in their fine work there will be a millennium among the growing generation. Elmira will go broke for want of custom, and Randall's island can be turned into a public park. Three cheers!—New York World

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