

# True Story of a Bootlegger's Moll in Cape Charles, Va.

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This unusual story deals with a Cape Charles (Virginia) bootlegger, who many years ago, had so much power that when he was finally put in jail his "moll" was allowed to stay there with him the first two nights. This man is now serving two years in Richmond, on the road, following his last arrest.

James Twitchell is a light brown skin man, 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighs 200 pounds. He is between 30 and 32 years of age. His people are well known in society on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

His "love" wife is a very beautiful dark brown skin woman, with long black hair. She was the gypsy type of woman, 5 feet tall and 150 pounds in weight. She was well educated, and had at one time been a teacher.

### He Meets His "Moll"

One day in July, Jim and one of his friends, whose name was Sharpley, were playing checkers, which was Jim's favorite pastime, in front of an ice cream parlor. Jim and his buddy had just spent the night before at the swamp, making whiskey.

A pretty girl entered and the two men stopped their game long enough to gaze at her. After she had purchased a box of ice cream she left the store. As she passed the two men, she spoke to them in a very sweet voice. Jim winked at his buddy, arose and asked the girl her name. She told him that her name was Molly, and that she was a stranger in town. Jim then told her his name and introduced Sharpley. Jim asked Molly if he might take her out that night. The girl accepted the invitation and promised to bring a friend

Molly entered the ice cream parlor and the two men stopped playing checkers to look at her.

## Pretty High Brown School Teacher Gave Up Her Job to Become the Love Wife of the Town's Liquor Maker. He Had so Much Pull that His Wife Stayed in Jail with Him.

of hers for Sharpley. That night the four of them had a good time at Jim's road house. The party lasted for five hours.

### Boys Her a Car

After Jim had closed his place, he escorted the girls home. Before he left Molly that night, he told her of his love for her and about the great amount of pull he had around town. He even told her how much money he had been making and Molly, thinking of the money alone, accepted his offer of love.

Things picked up at once for Jim; he bought a car, then he opened a very fine restaurant, installed a radio and hired four girls as waitresses. He also bought Molly five or six dresses and was getting along fine until the white people became jealous of his progress.

### O'fay Offered \$10

One September day when Molly was out walking, she passed an o'fay, who was well dressed. He stopped her and offered her ten dollars if she would make a date with him. Molly refused his offer and when she returned home she told Jim about it. Jim became sore and went to find the man to give him a piece of his mind. The white man apologized.

The next night Jim's place was raided. Every one in the place was arrested except Molly and Jim. The next morning the case was brought up in court. Jim's lawyer whispered something to the state's attorney and

the case was dismissed. The people were freed.

### Still Raided

One rainy night Jim was in the swamp making whiskey as usual, when all of a sudden he was told by a voice to throw up his hands. There were but two cops in Cape Charles, and they were Negro-haters. They were Charles Tennis and his son, Charles Jr.

When Jim had raised his hands, one of the officers slapped him in the face. He was ordered to carry the still to the jail, which was seven miles from the swamp. Jim refused. The police found a barrel stave and began to beat him after they had handcuffed him and tied him to a tree.

They beat him until the blood ran, then took him to the city jail and locked him up.

### Stays in Jail

When Molly heard about this she went to the attorney and told him the story. He accompanied her to the jail, and Molly was allowed to stay with Jim for two nights.

After spending 23 days in jail, he was tried, and the case was thrown out of court. Jim tried to get a warrant for the two o'fay officers who beat him, but was unable to do so.

Jim is now serving a term for another misdemeanor. Molly, this gangster's love wife, has not been heard of since his last arrest.

## Cavalryman Gets Medal



LEVI ANDERSON former private of Troop D in the 10th U.S. Cavalry, who is shown receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from Brigadier General Edgar T. Collins at Fort Myer, Virginia. Anderson's medal was given for rescuing a comrade from drowning.



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