

# ANDREW IS SORRY NOW THAT HE WAS EVER DROWNED

## Has Filled a Watery Grave for 29 Years But His Second Wife Has Made Him Come to Life—Has Two Divorce Suits On His Hands Which Is Plenty for a Dead Man

(Seattle Times.)

Andrew Buckley, deceased, is working as a blacksmith's helper at Moran's.

Buckley says he is not deceased at all but for twenty-nine years his wife has been convinced he was numbered among the dear departed, has worn widow's weeds and has even taken somewhat to spiritualism in order that she might commune with the soul of him who had gone before. If all this would not convince anyone that the deceased is dead probably nothing would.

Andrew Buckley, deceased, lives at the Ohio lodging house at First avenue South and Plummer street. Mrs. Buckley, relict of Andrew, lives in Chicago. Wandering about the state of Washington somewhere is another Mrs. Buckley who labors under the hallucination that she is the wife of Andrew. The situation is complicated and in order to make it all clear it is necessary to go back nearly three decades to the city of Detroit, Michigan, where Buckley, then very much alive, lived with Mrs. Buckley and their infant son.

Even so many years ago Detroit was a nice place to live in, but just the same life was not one grand, sweet song to the Buckleys. There was something wrong somewhere. Just what it was neither Buckley, deceased, who is now in Seattle, nor Mrs. Buckley, relict, in Chicago, will state. But the two had some little trouble.

Ordinary folks might have been divorced or just separated. But the Buckleys were not ordinary folks. They were different—particularly Buckley. Weary of life as it was for him Buckley got drowned.

### Finds Grave in the Deep.

He went out rowing one day. That night he failed to come home for supper. Mrs. Andrew confided in neighbors that she was dead sick of the way Buckley was acting staying out so late at night. But next morning she regretted her hasty speech for the boat Buckley went out in was found overturned. A hat, property of Buckley, was found floating in the waters of the Detroit river. Buckley was drowned. There could be no doubt about that and the widow mourned.

For nine and twenty years she mourned. On the anniversary of the day Buckley went rowing Mrs. Buckley for thirty years has made it a practice to weep. She could not weep over Buckley's grave, because he didn't have any grave that anybody knew about. His was the fate of those who go down to the sea in frail boats, so Mrs. Buckley was obliged to mourn without the comfort of a grave with flowers growing on it to mourn over. To her son, now grown to man's estate, Mrs. Buckley would on these days tell of the virtues of her beloved Andrew, whose earthly remains knew the company of fishes and things but whose spirit even then was hovering about his bereaved family.

While Mrs. Buckley mourned Andrew, deceased was doing considerable hovering around the state of Washington and other western com-

monwealths in company with a new Mrs. Buckley—or a woman who called herself so and who thought she had a better right to the title than anybody else. Buckley didn't know he was dead. Neither did Mrs. Buckley No. 2. That's what is puzzling Buckley's friends in Seattle, how Buckley could be drowned for nearly thirty years and not know it. That's what is puzzling the management of the shipbuilding firm of Moran's, how it paid a salary to a blacksmith's helper whose remains has long bleached upon the bottom of the Detroit river.

### Knew Nothing of Death.

Enter a new element in the weird mystery of the death of Andrew Buckley. The deceased, one year ago, became weary of Mrs. B., No. 2, and left her. Mrs. B., No. 2, not knowing that "her man" was really dead and had been dead long before she met him, made a strenuous kick about the deceased's desertion and is even now making life altogether too interesting for him.

Mrs. Buckley, in Chicago, widow, was just getting ready to weep over the thirtieth anniversary of the death of Andrew when a letter came. The handwriting was unfamiliar, but the signature was not. It was that of the dear, dear deceased!

The corpse said he was in trouble—that Mrs. Buckley, No. 2, was pursuing him mightily under the supposition that she was wife of the deceased. Andrew called his widow "My Darling Philomene," and implored her to make a deposition to the effect that she was the real wife and all others merely base imitators. He also coyly intimated he might come back to Philomene—if Philomene furnished the car fare. In part, the letter read:

"Won't you please make this deposition? I want to prove to my wife that she is not my wife, but that you are. You have always been very good to me, and I am sure you will be so now. My present wife is hard to convince. You were never so. She wants alimony, but if I don't have to pay her I can have car fare enough to pay my way back to you, and I will live with you all my life. I presume our son is earning money now. Please forward by return mail. Yours, as was,

"ANDREW."

### Dear Departed Interviewed.

But Philomene proved hard-hearted. She could not forgive Andrew for not staying comfortably drowned after nine and twenty years of being deceased, so promptly filed in the courts of Cook county, Ill., a suit for divorce against Andrew.

The deceased, talking with a reporter for the Times last night at the Ohio lodging house, intimated he was really not legally married to Mrs. Buckley, No. 2, that he would willingly go back to Mrs. Buckley, No. 1; that he was sorry he had ever gone to a premature and watery grave, and asserted in the most positive terms there must be a mistake somewhere, for he was very much alive, indeed, and hurt because Philomene has not replied to his letter saving to file a suit for divorce. He will not contest the suit.

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