GRIFFIN DIVORCE CASE.

Joseph Adamson, a Witness, Files a Sensational Affidavit,

CLAIMING HE WAS PAID TO TESTIFY.

Also Arresting an Attorney of Subornation of Perjury—Counter Affidavits Filed—Numerous Decisions.

A few days ago Joseph Adamson, a witness in the notorious Griffin divorce case, filed an affidavit setting forth that he was paid by Mr. Griffin to say that he saw Mrs. Griffin come out of an opium joint on Commercial street. He further alleged that he was induced to testify falsely against Mrs. Griffin by George Westervelt, who "posted" Mr. Adamson as to what to testify to at the trial, and took him before Judge Loofbourow who, Adamson says, took down his statement. In short the witness admits that he committed perjury and practically accuses the attorneys of subornation of perjury. Today Judge Loofbourow, Mr. Westervelt, J. H. Griffin and Joseph Adamson filed counter affidavits denying in toto the accusations of the witness Adamson.

Adamson's affidavit is as follows:

"That said testimony and all of it was in every respect false; that I had not seen Mrs. Griffin in said opium joint, if I ever did, which I do not know and did not know for by sight prior to said trial. That before the trial I went to George Westervelt, who was one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, and Mr. Westervelt having posted me as to what I was expected to say, took me up to Judge Loofbourow's office, conducted me and took down my statement. I was asked with Mr. Griffin, the plaintiff, if I had seen him give to me that he (Griffin) wanted the child and that Mrs. Griffin would get the child unless he could prove that she was not a fit person to have the child. I told him I was afraid to testify to that I would lose my reputation in my business. That Mr. Griffin said he would protect me and that I would be all right. That before the trial I did not go to jail and had not, so far as knowing, left so as to avoid testifying. That I did not go to the opium joint for any purpose, or go in the direction of the joint, Griffin, poll no Hi, and further affiant saith not."

The court rules on the motion to strike statement as a matter for a new trial. Mrs. Griffin is appealed and Mr. Westervelt, who was her counsel in the trial, which did not contain any of the evidence of Adamson or any one else with regard to the opium joint, which Mrs. Griffin, because all of that evidence was stricken out by Judge Hilton on the motion to strike out the Joseph Adamson's evidence and make it a part of the statement on a new trial, wherupon the court rules that he will propound to all in the affidavit as stated today, if Judge Hilton should determine to put Adamson's testimony in the statement.

Judge Loofbourow in his affidavit as filed says: "I did not never saw Adamson prior to his giving his testimony on the stand. He admits that on evening of the 21st Adamson came to my office and said he was sorry for what he had done, and also towards Mrs. Griffin, and that he was paid by Mr. Griffin, Jr., and also towards Mr. Westervelt, and that he was sorry for what he had done. Adamson said he was paid $1.50 in all.

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