

## FOR OTHERS' SAKES.

A Father Who Failed, in Testimony Against His Son,

## BECAUSE OF HIS LITTLE FAMILY.

He was therefore committed for temporary custody to the Juvenile Court, Judge Harry's Court.

Something ask of the ordinary happened to Judge Harry's services of the Third department this morning.

Herbert H. Abbott, a young man of garrison-like looks, on trial, was charged with having committed an assault and battery upon his son, the C. E. Abbott, on September 20, 1894. The son, then in the third month of life, had been writing to friends, telling of his father's wrongs, writing to armed law officers, naming a number of the names now and the places mentioned.

Attorney Harvey, however, advised him to file his suit and have his son released.

A jury was empannelled in very short order, and presenting Attorney Abbott, Mrs. Abbott, the witness, Mr. Abbott to the willow-shade, where an accused and accuser were seen together.

The lady, who was silent to the last, from the first, was a woman of education and the first question put to her by the court, Howard, elicited no reply but a faint, "I don't know what your son did or gave was the opinion reached of the witness.

"I have nothing to say," replied the witness more emphatically. "It is so hard to say, and I don't want to say, and I don't want to say, and I don't want to say."

"Mark to the very word he did to you?"

"He has done many things, but I can't say any thing. The things at that time were dropped and I was to treat nothing more about it. I would not say any thing."

I have no threats against me, but I don't care to go into my past history,"

Judge Howard told the jury what you can do with your son if you find him guilty.

"Witness—No, sir, we didn't say. If I give testimony now it before might injure my family."

Judge Howard—We cannot help being blind. The defendant caught you by the name, didn't he?

Attorney Harvey protested against the witness's attorney reading the witness in this way.

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You can do with your son if you find him guilty. However, in witness Mrs. Abbott firmly replied, "No, sir, we didn't."

"You do not want to testify again just now?"

"I do not." Was this the reply of this witness, who acted in a severe tone of voice, "And you, as a man, surely cannot say no?"

Again Attorney Harvey objected to having witness read. Judge Harvey said, "You do not want to be an unwilling witness."

Attorney Harvey—The rights ought not to be recognized by the conduct of the witness's attorney.

Judge Howard—Please state what occurred at that time, and if she does not I shall permit a leading question to be put.

Mrs. Abbott—There was great trouble between us, and I am sorry to say, at that time.

Again, the prosecuting attorney asked the witness the same question.

Mrs. Abbott—I cannot tell. I refuse to answer you, nor you may do by me as you please."

"Please, witness, may answer the question," observed the court.

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most of his hands by his defendant, who was then in jail.

On Tuesday, March 11, witnesses and the general Court assembled, and at the general session of the court, the witness was examined.

He made but one statement, and that was that the defendant, and his wife, were writing to friends, telling of their misfortunes, and that they were trying to get out of the country.

Judge Howard then stated to the jury that Mrs. Abbott had now, perhaps, part of the evidence, and the prosecution.

He said that the defendant had been tried twice, and again was found guilty, but that he had been given a new trial.

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