

ELLIS GLENN JUST CAN'T BE GOOD

**She is Now Said to be in Trouble
Again for Forgery.**

**It Is Not Certain Whether She or Her
Brother Is the One Under
Arrest.**

OLD MYSTERY IS REVIVED

Ellis Glenn is again in trouble. Her case has become almost a national mystery since she was arrested at the general delivery window of the Paducah postoffice by former Lockup Keeper Bob Menifee three or four years ago. She was supposed then to be a man, and was employed at the Rehkopf collar factory. The charge against her was forging the name of a wealthy farmer over in Williamson county, Illinois, to a \$5,000 check. She was tried here in police court and turned over to Illinois officers.

After being tried and convicted in Illinois and leaving her broken-hearted sweetheart, a buxom country girl over in Illinois, for the Chester penitentiary, is was discovered that Ellis Glenn was a woman.

After several months of legal proceedings, Illinois threw up her hands in disgust and sent the woman to Parkersburg, West Va., for trial on another charge of forgery.

They recently dismissed the case there because the woman-claimed her twin brother committed the forgery and no one could swear positively which it was.

She or her twin brother, it is not known which, has now bobbed up in Lapeer, Mich., and a dispatch says:

Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 25.—The apparently simple fact that a person is wanted in Lapeer, Mich., on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses has revived the interest which so long centered about Ellis Glenn, known as one of the most clever sex masqueraders in criminal annals. Incidentally, it has mystified the authorities of two states, as there is none to swear whether the person wanted in Lapeer is Ellis Glenn or her brother, Elbert Glenn, to whom she bears so remarkable a resemblance.

Sheriff Glenn of Wood county, today received a telegram requesting him to arrest Ellis Glenn, to be held on a charge of obtaining \$500 from Stephen Lockwood of Lapeer, under false pretenses. The telegram stated that Ellis is expected to arrive here soon. As a matter of fact, either Ellis Glenn or her brother is here now. If it is Ellis she is not wanted.

The authorities believe the Glenn who is here is Ellis, and that the Glenn reported to have been in Lapeer, however, is Elbert. The authorities in Lapeer however were evidently made to believe that the Glenn who visited Lapeer was Ellis and that her brother Elbert was in West Virginia. If an arrest is made under the instructions from Michigan the authorities who make the arrest will be unable to say whether they are arresting Ellis or Elbert Glenn.

That the identity of each Glenn will have to be established definitely before an arrest is made, and that all of the tedious legal proceedings which took place in the state and federal courts of West Virginia for two years will have to be repeated, is the assumption of those interested in the remarkable case.

A Lapeer, Mich., dispatch says: Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 25.—Ellen Glenn, alias Ellis Glenn, the notorious woman-man, sewing machine agent, barber, waiter, real estate broker, paper hanger, forger, "good fellow," again has appeared in the limelight. This time it is as the star performer in a land deal in Clare county. Stephen A. Lockwood, a local merchant, was victimized for \$2,500. The papers for the sale recently were found to be clever forgeries.

Glenn conducted the negotiations, masquerading in male attire as a real estate agent. She was arrested today and the disclosure of her sex led to her identity, also, being discovered.

Residents of this village were shocked in the extreme, as she appeared the model young man, and was admitted into the best homes, playing court to various pretty girls.

Ellen Glenn first flashed across the newspaper horizon in 1899 when

she was arrested at Hillsboro, Ill., on a charge of forgery while wearing male attire. At that time she was engaged to marry a pretty girl, Miss Ella Duke of Butler, Montgomery county, Ill. Her masquerade as the debonaire and accomplished young man had never been questioned.

Miss Duke's father signed bonds for the appearance of the alleged forger after her arrest, and she was taken into the Duke home on the same close relationship she had held before the accusation of crime was made against her. She remained with the Dukes almost until the day set for her wedding to Miss Duke. Then she went to St. Louis and from there came word by letter that she had been drowned.

After a long search Ellis Glenn was located in Paducah, Ky., and taken to Hillsboro to face the charge against her. She still posed as a man and on her return pleaded her suit with the woman she had deserted on the eve of her wedding with such success that the Duke family remained her friend and were the last to believe, when the proof was finally forced, that the debonaire young sewing machine agent who had won the heart of the pretty daughter was a woman.

Many a romantic tale she has woven about her past, and while there are many things tending to connect her with a woman who formerly lived in West Virginia, positive identification has always been impossible. Those who have followed the case with interest wonder if this remarkable woman, who has demonstrated her ability and her willingness to keep not one but several secrets, will disclose the mystery of her peculiar life. She has promised to do so in a book. Will the explanation be the truth or will it be a continuation of her romancing?

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