

So Says a Woman Who Posed as a
Husband.

"Why, I know ten women right here in Buffalo who wear men's clothing and who held men's positions," said "Harry" Gorman at the Sisters' hospital, relates the Buffalo Times. "Harry" Gorman is the woman who for twenty years has masqueraded as a man and whose sex was revealed when she was placed on an operating table at the Emergency hospital recently after slipping on an icy sidewalk and fracturing her leg.

"Four of these women are employed by the New York Central railroad," said "Harry." "Two of them are engaged in the most laborious kind of work—they are baggage men who load big trunks into cars. They are as muscular as the ordinary men and hard work has no terrors for them. I know these women well.

"Did we have an organization? No, hardly an organization, but we ran across each other once in a while and, over our beer and cigars in saloons, we have had many a good laugh at the expense of the men. You know, men consider themselves smart. Well, sometimes a woman can fool them. I fooled them and other women are fooling them right here in Buffalo every day.

"I passed for a man more than twenty years. When I get out of the hospital I intend to be a man again. I couldn't be hired to wear women's clothes. I'd die first.

"I hear that they're going to arrest me as soon as I get out of the hospital. Well, let them. But just as soon as I get my liberty I'll be a man again. I couldn't be like a woman if I tried."

Rev. Thomas B. Berry, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Jewett avenue, called at the hospital to see "Harry" Gorman this morning, but she refused to receive him. The clergyman wanted to persuade her if possible to don woman's clothing on leaving the hospital.

"Tell the clergyman for me," said "Harry," "that there is not a woman in the world who some some time or other has not wished that she was a man. Ask him if he ever heard of a man who wished he had been born a woman?"

It was learned today that "Harry" was for several years a regular customer at a Seneca street saloon and that she had dropped in almost every evening after work and drank three or four glasses of beer. She generally smoked two or three cigars in an evening.

"The day I didn't smoke a half dozen cigars and drink two or three beers or highballs I was out of sorts," said she. "I could have gone to work as a bartender on three or four occasions, but I could get more money as a cook."

District Attorney Thomas Penney says he is in no hurry to express an opinion as to what can be done with the woman. There is little doubt that "Harry" Gorman will be brought into court to answer to charges of illegal voting.