

SHE PREFERS JAIL IN TROUSERS TO LIBERTY IN SKIRTS

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Impersonating a Woman.

CAN'T BE PERSUADED

Police Judge Appeals in Vain to
Mrs. Augusta Seib to Give Up
Masculine Attire.

Preferring to go to the Workhouse for 56 days, Mrs. Augusta Seib dramatically told Judge Kimmel in the Clark Avenue Police Court Tuesday that no power could force her to wear woman's clothing.

As she stood before the bar of justice Mrs. Seib wore a brown sack coat, dark blue trousers, a high collar, a purple four-in-hand tie, and a pair of thick goled, broad-toed shoes. In her hand she carried a black derby hat.

"Are you sure this is a woman," said Judge Kimmel, scrutinizing the strong features and noting the masculine haircut.

"Yes," she is a woman," said Detective Schenck. "She admitted it after I arrested her at Fifteenth street and Washington avenue yesterday."

Woman's Soft Voice.

"How old are you?" asked Judge Kimmel.

"Thirty-three," replied the woman in man's clothes. Her voice had the unmistakable softness of a woman's.

"Why do you dress that way?" asked the Judge.

"I am looking for my husband. I can travel about better in men's clothes."

"How long have you been looking for your husband?"

"Fourteen years. He ran away from me in Newark, N. J. I don't love him, but I am just curious to see what he is doing and how he looks."

"If I let you go, will you wear woman's attire?"

"I don't want to, Judge. I have worn these things so long that if I changed to skirts now, I would be arrested for impersonating a woman."

Is Nickelodeon Performer.

"If you refuse to wear woman's garments, I must fine you \$25," said Judge Kimmel.

After court adjourned the Judge again called Mrs. Seib before him.

"Will you wear woman's clothes?" he asked. "I will give you an order on the Provident Association for them if you have no money."

"No, I won't wear them," replied Mrs. Seib.

"It is either that or the workhouse," said the Judge. "I don't want to be harsh but I can't permit you to go about the street violating the law. Have you any children?"

"No," she replied. "If I had I wouldn't be wearing men's clothes. I like these things and I won't take them off."

Mrs. Seib is a nickelodeon vaudeville performer and recently has been living at Rilling's Hotel, Seventh and Walnut streets.