

TROUSERS NOT ALLOWED; SKIRTS MEAN ARRESTS

Woman Who Dressed as a Man
for Nine Years, in a New
Predicament.

HAS TO SEEK AN INJUNCTION.

Police Think She's a Man Masquerad-
ing and Jail Her Three
Times a Week.

Mrs. Augusta Sieb, who masqueraded in men's clothing for nine years in New York, working as a waiter in leading Manhattan hotels, and whose identity was only revealed through heat prostration on the Fourth of July, has retained a well-known lawyer to obtain an injunction against the police, restraining them from interfering with her in her travel about New York City. Mrs. Sieb, who was commonly known as "Gus" when she wore men's attire, finds her predicament more troublesome than was her task in concealing the fact that she was a woman. Since her release from Roosevelt Hospital, and her subsequent sentence of five days on Blackwell's Island for her escapade, Mrs. Sieb has been intercepted by the police several times a day.

Her identity being known, she can no longer wear a man's suit without being arrested, and inasmuch as she looks more like a man than a woman, even when she wears women's clothing, she has been detained on several occasions under suspicion of being a man masquerading in women's clothing. She finds it difficult to move about the city in any attire except a man's suit, and to avoid detention when she wears her own clothing she will ask for an injunction to keep the police away from her.

Three times during the past week "Gus" has been held up in the street in different parts of the city and released only after she has summoned other women to exonerate her.

Yesterday she was held up on a Brighton Beach train in Brooklyn while on her way to a seaside vaudeville show, where she has been engaged for the past week. She has been late for her performance every day on account of the police activity and, fearing the result of further harassing by the police she has made up her mind to appeal to the courts for a restraining order.

"It is a shame that I am continually bothered," said Mrs. Sieb. "I wore men's clothing to find my husband and to get employment in a man's capacity and now that I wear clothes like any other woman I can't walk along the street without being molested. Because my face looks more like a man than a woman, I am grabbed and held until I prove my story. I can't wear men's clothing, without arrest, until I get proper permission, nor can I wear women's clothing without being taken for a man. What am I going to do? I want to live as a man the rest of my life and I hope that the necessary proceedings to permit me to do so will soon be completed."