

MASQUERADED AS A MAN.

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This Woman Will Stand Trial for Forgery—Strange Career of a Woman Who Acted the Part of a Man, Even to Becoming Engaged to a Prominent Young Woman of Butler, Ill.

New York, June 18.—Ellis Glenn is to be placed on trial for forgery to-day at Parkersburg, W. Va, a World dispatch announces. The case is remarkable. Glenn is a woman, although for many years she was supposed to be a man, and was sentenced to the Illinois penitentiary as a man.

In this instance she had been sentenced to an indeterminate term of from 1 to 14 years, and for forgery committed in exactly the way as was the forgery of which she is accused at Parkersburg.

Ellis Glenn declares that the forgery committed at Hillsboro, Ill, in 1899, for which she was sent to prison, was committed by her twin brother, E. B. Glenn, of whom she is the counterpart; that as her brother was on his way to prison she secreted herself on the train, by agreement with him, and that they exchanged clothing. The brother made his escape and she went on to prison, where her sex was discovered.

As there was no woman's department in the penitentiary at Chester, she was returned to the sheriff at Hillsborough. The authorities surmised that she was E. B. Glenn, wanted at Parkersburg for forgery. An officer from Parkersburg identified her as the supposed man known as E. B. Glenn, and the Illinois authorities surrendered her to West Virginia. Ellis Glenn declares that she was never before in the region of Parkersburg and that she did not know that her brother, Elbert Glenn, was wanted there, or she would not have undertaken to go to prison in Illinois.

E. B. Glenn, presumably this very woman, was known in half a dozen Ohio river towns, where, as a man, she did all kinds of rough work, and finally at Butler, Ill, built up a good business as a sewing machine and real estate agent. She or he became engaged to a Miss Duke, daughter of a prominent family, and even after her arrest for forgery the Dukes stood by her, the father going on her bond. She went to St Louis, ostensibly to purchase her trousseau, and caused a report to be sent to Butler that she had been drowned. This report aroused suspicion, and she was traced, caught and sentenced, with never a thought by anyone that she was not the man she pretended to be.