

florins and one shilling in five separate parcels, with paper between each—two or three hours after Harris was brought in she complained of being cold—I brought her out to the fire, and while she was sitting there she said, “I shall turn female policeman I think, for I consider the man who makes them ought to suffer”—she also said “I don’t believe he has any,” but she did not say what.

Cross-examined. I mentioned that before the Magistrate—I said a great deal there which does not appear on the depositions, and I called the clerk’s attention to it afterwards—some observations I overheard led me to examine the closet.

Re-examined. Mrs. Meslie was not with me when I examined it—there are no other closets; they accommodate eight or ten houses.

FRANCIS PAYNE. I am female searcher at Twickenham Station—I searched Harris at 5 o’clock on the day she was brought in—she said she supposed I wanted to know how much money she had got—I said, “Yes”—she put her hand into her cloak and took out some—I said, “That is not all,” and she brought out some more—I then put my hand in and brought out some more—there was 13s. 1d. in all, and among it was twenty-nine pence, eight half-pence, and thirty postage-stamps—she said, “You can take some of the coppers for your trouble”—I said, “No, it is more than I dare do”—she said, “No one will know it”—no bad money was found on her.

CHARLES BROOKS (*Police Sergeant 39 T*). I took the prisoners to the station—I took Webb to a cell, and afterwards took Harris to an adjoining cell—I heard Webb say, “Ettie”—Harris said, “Yes”—he said, “Don’t you know nothing and they can’t find nothing”—I received this half-crown (*produced*) from Mr. Turner.

MR. HOLLINGS to MRS. MESLIE. Q. Do both closets belong to your house. A. I believe so; I make use of both—all the persons go to both closets.

WILLIAM WEBSTER. These eighteen florins, this half-crown, and this shilling are all bad. HARRIS.—NOT GUILTY.

166. CHARLES LANGLEY (21), PLEADED GUILTY to burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling-house of William Kerridge, and stealing therein 4s. 6d. his property.—*Eighteen Months’ Imprisonment.* (*There was another indictment against the prisoner.*)

OLD COURT.—Tuesday, February 4th, 1873.

Before Mr. Deputy-Recorder.

167. JOHN DAVIDSON, JOHN DENNISON, and HENRY ROMILLY were indicted for unlawfully selling and publishing an obscene and indecent libel. *Three other Counts*—For selling indecent pictures, for having in their possession 8,700 obscene libels with intent to publish the same, and for a conspiracy to publish.

MESRS. BESLEY and STRAIGHT conducted the Prosecution; MR. SERJEANT BALLANTINE, with MR. SERJEANT SLEIGH, defended Davidson and Dennison, and MR. MONTAGU WILLIAMS defended Romilly.

JOHN GREEN. I live at 17, Newcastle Street, Strand, and am a commission agent—in consequence of certain instructions that I received I went, on 1st November, to No. 3, Tichborne Street, which is Dr. Kahn’s Museum—I purchased this copy of a book (*produced*) from the prisoner Davidson—he was sitting in the pay box as I went in—he had two piles of

books before him, one small and the other large—I asked him if I could see Dr. Kahn—he said, “Go up stairs to the left, and you will find him”—I saw a young man there and asked for Dr. Kahn, and he showed me into a room; it was almost dark; a door opened on the opposite side, and Dennison came in and screwed up the gas—I said, “Dr. Kahn!” and he bowed—I said, “I have purchased a copy of your book, but before consulting you I should like to know whether you use mercury in your prescriptions”—he said, “Not usually, but I do not altogether disapprove of mercury”—I asked him his fee—he said it was a guinea—I then bade him good afternoon, and came away—I did not pay him the guinea; I said I should first like to know his treatment, and I said further that I had not read over the book and I wished to do so—on Saturday, 7th December, I was present at the premises when a seizure of the books was made by Sergeant Butcher—on that occasion I saw Remilly there, in the room where the books were got—he took the keys from his pocket and opened the places—there was a large cupboard and an oak book-case looking thing—there was nothing in the book-case, only in the cupboard—I did not go through the museum on that day; some time before I went out of curiosity, not with reference to this case—I did not have a hand-book of the museum given to me; an advertisement was given to me.

Cross-examined by SERJEANT BALLANTINE.—I am a commission agent, a patent agent—I have several patents to dispose of—I don't know why I should name the persons; I can give you one or two, I hold one very important patent just now—it was not in my capacity of a patent agent that I visited Dr. Kahn's Museum—I was asked by Mr. Collett to go; he is the secretary for the Society for the Suppression of Vice—I went by his instructions; he asked me to purchase a book and hand it to him—I can't say what his purpose might be; I certainly had a belief—my belief was that the book was an obscene book, and ought to be put down—I believe I was to get it and hand it to Mr. Collett for the purpose of prosecuting the parties—I have not been paid anything for it yet—certainly I shall be paid, for loss of time; I have lost a good deal, probably seven days altogether—I went there as an informer, if you say so—I know other persons in this matter besides Mr. Collett—I know Mr. Shirley Deacon; he is a surgeon—I believe he is at Portsmouth at present—I met him first at the Lock Hospital—I went to see him with reference to a prosecution that he started at Marlborough Street against a quack doctor some time ago, because I was acquainted with these prosecutions against quack doctors, and he consulted me about it, about how the thing was done before—I can't tell you whether he is the person who initiated this matter; I don't know—I am not aware that it is his prosecution, and has nothing to do with the Society for the Suppression of Vice; I don't know that it is so, and I don't believe it—I believe it may be connected with it—I don't know that the Society has nothing to do with it, and that Mr. Deacon is supplying the funds; I rather believe the contrary—my payment does not depend upon the result of this prosecution; not the least—I have not made any terms about payment—I have frequently been engaged on other occasions of the same kind; about twenty times I should think—I have generally been allowed so much for loss of time.

JOSEPH SMALE. I am a printer, in Hale Street, Southwark—I have printed books like this, entitled “The Philosophy of Marriage”—on 6th March, 1868, I printed about 20,000; on 20th August, 1868, I printed

20,000 of the hand-book, and 3,000 of "The Philosophy of Marriage" in December, 1866; on 6th December, 1872, I printed 30,000, not of "The Philosophy," a different book—on 2nd September I printed 10,000 of "The Philosophy;" I printed none in 1871—I printed 100,000 of the hand-book in 1871—in 1870 I printed 10,250 of "The Philosophy" and 40,000 hand-books—this is one of them—my name is on it—Mr. Davidson has paid me for printing "The Philosophy of Marriage," and also for the hand-book—I don't know Dennison—I know Romilly, I have seen him at the museum; I first saw him there three or four years ago—he has been there ever since.

CHARLES BUTCHER (*Detective Sergeant C*). On 7th December, about 2.30 in the day, I went to this museum, in Tichborne Street—I had a warrant—I saw Dennison in the pay-box—I seized 8,700 copies of "The Philosophy of Marriage," they were all in a cupboard—I did not take any of the hand-books—Romilly opened the cupboard in which the pamphlets were—I took one of these blue books and left a great many behind—before I went to the cupboard I had a conversation with Romilly—I asked him if Dr. Kahn was within—he said no, but he was the secretary, and whatever we wanted it would be the same, and asked us into a private room—I then read the warrant to him; it charged the books with being obscene works—he said he did not know anything about that, he was not aware of it, it was a medical work—the books were all locked in the cupboard; Romilly took the key from his pocket.

Cross-examined by MR. WILLIAMS. I don't think he said that he had never even read the book—I won't swear it; I don't believe he did—I don't remember it.

Cross-examined by MR. SERJEANT BALLANTINE. I have known this museum about fifteen years—I was never in it but once; that was about fifteen years since—the entrance is 1a—the blue book is a catalogue—"The Philosophy of Marriage" is 1a.

JOHN WELLS. I was engaged in attendance at Kahn's Museum from 1856 to 1864—I was in charge of the museum for that time—I last saw Dr. Kahn in 1863—I went to America at one time—on my return I went to Kahn's Museum, in December, 1871—I saw Sidney Davidson (the prisoner); I brought a letter from New York from his brother, Edward Davidson, to reinstate me—I gave him the letter, he read it, and said that he could not reinstate me, that he was perfectly satisfied with Romilly—Romilly was in the room—I don't know Dennison at all—I have been there once since; I then saw one of the attendants—Davidson was not in—I did not see either of the defendants.

DR. JAMES R. LANE. I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, lecturer on surgery, and senior surgeon at the London Lock Hospital—I have had put into my hands a copy of "The Philosophy of Marriage"—I have read it. *Q.* Is it in any sense a medical treatise for the education or information of medical students? (*MR. SERJEANT BALLANTINE objected to the question, and requested that, if admitted, the point might be reserved. MR. BESLEY withdrew the question.*)

The Medical Register was put in for the purpose of showing that the defendants' names did not appear there.

Extracts from "The Philosophy" of Marriage were read by MR. BESLEY in opening the case.

MR. WILLIAMS submitted that there was no case against Romilly, he being a

mere servant in the establishment. THE COURT considered it must go to the Jury.

GUILTY.—To enter into their own recognisance to appear and receive Judgment when called upon.

168. GEORGE MANNING (27), CHARLES BUCKMASTER (32), GEORGE PROSS (28), and JOHN WATSON (19), Stealing 260 oysters, the goods of Charles Bell, the master of Manning and Buckmaster. *Second Count*—Receiving the same. BUCKMASTER and PROSS PLEADED GUILTY.

MR. STRAIGHT conducted the Prosecution; and MR. GRIFFITHS defended Manning.

WILLIAM GREEN (*City Detective Sergeant*). In consequence of instructions I received from Mr. Bell, I have been watching his oyster rooms (Pim's) in the Poultry—my attention was particularly called to the premises on the morning of the 15th January—Manning and Buckmaster were in Mr. Bell's employment—I saw Buckmaster come a little after 8 o'clock to the premises, with Pross and Watson, with a barrow—Manning came from the shop, and they commenced unloading the barrow—Buckmaster carried in the first sack of oysters—I saw the barrow unloaded till all but one sack of oysters were gone—I then saw Buckmaster and Manning come from the shop towards the barrow, Buckmaster carrying what appeared to be a bundle of empty sacks in his arms—Manning was close to him, on his left side—the bundle of sacks was placed on the barrow by Buckmaster—Manning took the sack of oysters which had been left on the barrow on his back, and went into the shop with it—an empty barrel and a basket were placed on the barrow afterwards—Buckmaster and Watson went away with the barrow, being followed at some distance by Pross—in Lombard Street Pross joined them, and they went on to Philpot Lane—Watson assisted in pushing the barrow and in coming likewise—half-way down Philpot Lane the barrow was stopped, and Buckmaster and Watson put on the head of Pross a basket containing a sack—Buckmaster and Watson went on with the barrow and I followed Pross—the sack appeared to have something in it, and it was taken from the place where Buckmaster had placed the sacks—I stopped Pross at the top of Talbot Court and told him that I was an officer, and asked him what he had on his head—he said, "Some oysters"—I said, "Where are you going to take them?"—he said, "To a Mr. Hughes, down here by the Monument"—I said, "Where did you get them from?"—he said, "Little Jack, from Marlow's, gave them to me in Thames Street"—I told him I had reason to believe that the oysters were stolen from Pim's, in the Poultry, and I should have to take him into custody—I then took him, with the sack, to the police-station—the sack was opened, and it was found to contain 260 oysters, which were clean—I went again to the premises in the Poultry and watched.

DANIEL HALSE (*City Detective 607*). I was with Green on two occasions when the barrow came to the premises—I took Watson into custody after he had left the premises, on 15th January—I told him he would be charged with two other men in receiving oysters supposed to be stolen—he said, "I hope you are not going to make me answerable for another man's actions, I don't know anything about it, I only gave him a push up."

SAMUEL ABRAHAM FLOCKTON. I am manager of the fish department at