

only man in the family, I presume your influence would count. If I should wish to marry Miss Dora, I suppose you would favor my suit?"

you will meet me at my note at 2 o'clock, I will answer whatever other demands you may have upon me. I think you know that you may trust me to keep the engagement. Now, gentlemen, we will proceed." Saying which, he and his friends filed out of the room and down the aisle of the church, much to the relief of the immense throng awaiting them, leaving Mr. Barnes utterly discomfited. The ceremony then proceeded without further delay, and in half an hour Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mitchell were taken in their carriage to the Fifth Avenue hotel. Mr. Barnes did not wait to see them leave the cathedral, but hurried away almost immediately after having read the document which Mr. Mitchell had handed to him. This was a certificate of marriage dated the day before, and performed at the mayor's office. Thus, whatever reason the bridegroom had for stopping the marriage telegram from Sefton had enabled Mr. Mitchell to once more outwit Mr. Barnes by simply allowing a civil contractor to antedate the religious ceremony.

CHAPTER XV. MR. MITCHELL EXPLAINS A FEW THINGS. Immediately upon his arrival in New York Mr. Barnes went to his office. Here he was slightly surprised to find Langite.



"You need not hesitate to speak," said a grumble. "Her plotting was entirely successful, and she was as good as a widow. I was away, and once he had become thoroughly acquainted with the young creole's charms he became so ardent a suitor that at length she listened to his pleading and married him. Then he was in the power of the Montalbon, and she bled him for five years, by which time little Rose had been born."

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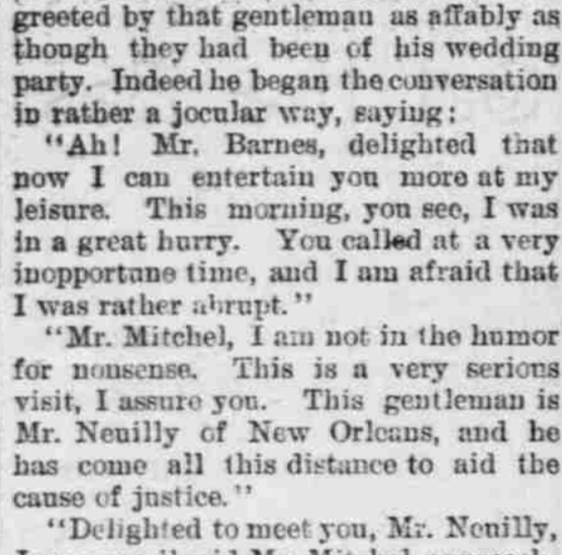
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"One moment, Mr. Barnes. There is no time to lose, and I do not wish you to speak too openly. Let me talk for you. You have reasons, which I can guess, for wishing me not to be married. Am I right?"

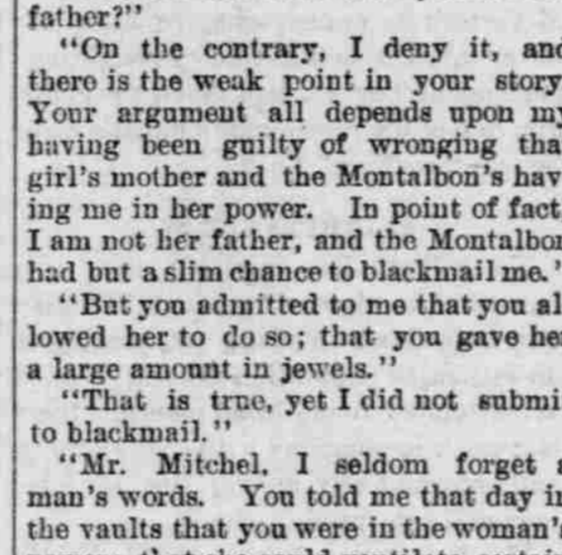
"If I can prove to you that you gain nothing by hindering this ceremony, will you allow it to proceed and then act as you may please afterward instead of now?"



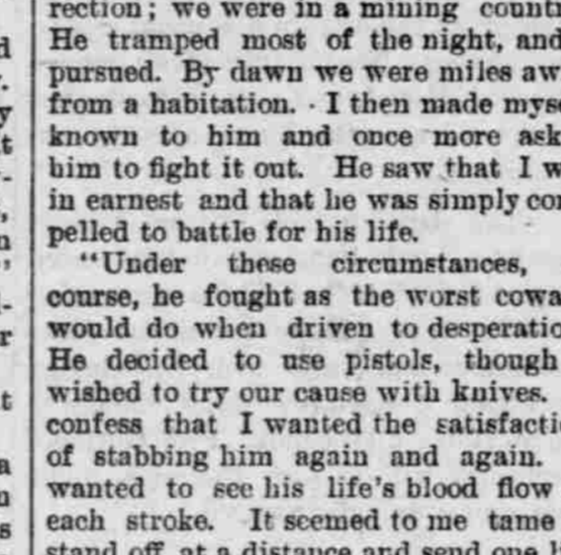
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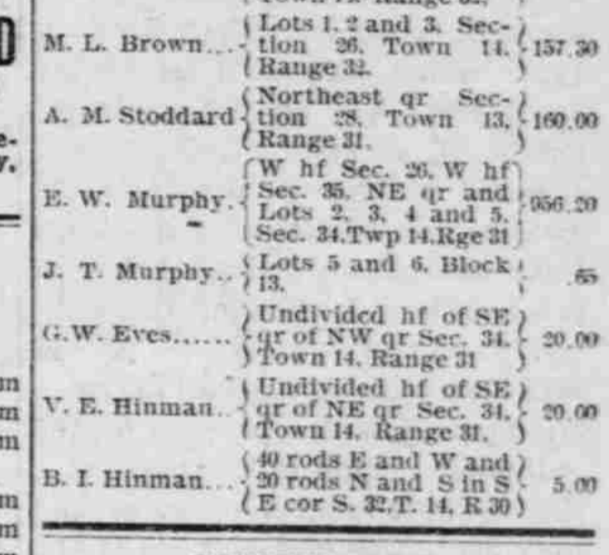
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