## 'BOY FIEND' **MAKES PLEA FOR MERCY**



OSTON-Jesse H. Pomeroy, the one prisoner in Massachusetts who is doomed to solitary life imprisonment, has writunt of his prison life in an effort to have the conditions of his coffnement ameliorated.

Pomercy has been in prison for hirty-six years. He was fourteen at he time be committed the frightful crimes which won for him the title of the boy fiend." Only his youth saved him from hanging. The condition on which his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment was that his conforment should be "solitary," and be slone of the inmates of the Charlestown state prison is never permitted to see his fellows. There is a convict whose duty it is to shut the door of Pomeroy's cell whenever a visitor enters the corridor.

He was a newsboy, and his reading was confined to fime novels. But in the course of his imprisonment he has educated himself. He understands several languages and is an omni-

He has made at least ten efforts to escape, all of them characterized by the utmost ingenuity. Aside from this he does not give his keepers much crouble. In his written statement be does not ask for liberty, but for the mitigation of the hard terms of his imprisonment.

The statement in part is as follows: Mussachusetts State Prison.

"Whether my case can have your ympathy I do not know. Still, an same to me (1988) was: "I am not warrant. (See council records July, ton, Boone and the Wetzels.

"You know all about my case. Pubwas due to newspaper exaggeration

and notoriety in 1874. "Of course it cannot be denied that the crime was dreadful and that pub- that a little boy was found tied to a tie fellow was in a terrible state of the truth is no effort has been made | Boston, Hartford & Erie road, hor- when they came to murdered and mufrom that day to this to better this ribly mutilated, with his back in rib- tilated little Horace Millan, lying in al aid could reach them. Deadly prisoper's condition.

"I have no friends, no influence. I nor. I have been left to my own de age, or anywhere near it, would be the footprints in the mud near where vice in this cell all these years. features in my case.

Mitigating Features.

arrested in 1874. That was illegal

"I. The attorney general was so abusive that the jury interrupted

mercy by the jury. Calls His Penalty Cruel.

old is contrary to the constitution One boy's name I remember—the the law says it is a dark cell on bread a liar you are, Ollie Whitman!" and water. (See G. S., c. 1748, s. 18;

conditional, if so intended.

"All of which gives rise to a wellstitution No. 12, which by Article 6 came to, I think, the Bigelow school. to a Massachusetts governor to set of said constitution is the 'supreme law of the land."

"I will conclude by saying that the master to the little victim. documents berewith are authentic and official. "My case is now pending on habeas

corpus. "I will add that some records peces-

eary in my case are denied to me, as by the list herewith; and if you can the boy screamed: in any way assist me to obtain them I shall thank you. I submit, too, that him by his eye!" my case is exceptional worthy of consideration, both as to privileges, found guilty and sentenced to the tary confinement in a state prison, as on its legal aspect, because 'cir- Westboro reform school. If Jesse had but to an asylum for the criminal incumstances after cases."

move you to uplift, in some way, the be rivaling Jack the Ripper now." friendless life, I am, respectfully TOUTS.



In Solitary Confinement Since He Was a Boy of 14, Thirty-six Years Ago.

as follows:

records in his case. Record of His Crimes

One of Pomeroy's playmates wrote his recollections of the murderer Curran sent her little eight or nine about twenty years ago. He said that as a boy Jesse was quiet, retiring. fort to uplift this life would bring taciturn, and not fond of games. His you pleasure, as it brought pleasure favorite reading was the dime novels o Governor Gaston in 1875. His mes of Beadle and Munro. They used to whiff of cigar smoke in a stormy midplay "Indians," and Jesse's favorite Atlantic. Her mother was frantic sorry, I am glad I saved that boy's hero was Simon Girty, the renegade, He would not sign my death while the other boys swore by Ken-

"It was all wildly extravagant talk," said Jesse's schoolmate, and not he feeling against me is responsible worth writing about but for the fact for the deeply rooted and persistent that at that very time Boston was in newspaper misrepresentation, all a sea of excitement over the outrages these years, and that public feeling perpetrated by some unknown person on little boys of from eight to Dorchester marshes which were as nine years of age.

lic justice required satisfaction; but telegraph pole on the Old Colony, or excitement, and soon the officer was bons and caked with salt. The next the mud and grass. They carried the week or month another little boy, it body to the station house, and then cannot get a hearing from the gover- was never a boy of Jesse's size or had plaster of paris casts taken of found in Chelses, or East Boston, or the boy's body was found. They then incessant, it continued without inter-"I put down a few of the mitigating Jamaica Plain, or Dorchester, muti- went to Mrs. Pomeroy's house, Jesse mission until November 26, when, in lated and cut in the same way. Some- was in bed. sight for half a day.

Jesse Always Silent.

"We used to talk of the acts of this and little Millan. him, saying. 'Cease your invective.' earlier 'Ripper' among ourselves, but "She had come into the store for "4. My case was recommended to Jesse never had anything to say about the thread her mother had sent her it, one way or the other. Then the for. Jesse was alone in the store. number of boys who were 'chased,' He told her to go back and get it-"Solitary imprisonment at hard is and escaped by the enamel of their to turn to the right. ber for life, on a boy fourteen years reath, at about this time was legion. and laws of Massachusetts. It is a others I've clean forgotten-was Oli- the key in the front door, leading to cruel penalty; ex post facto; it vio- ver Whitman. The Ripper' had been the street, returned, followed the littates the statute of pardons-(G. S. in his clutches, and he fought like a tie girl, and as she started back from c. 177, s. 12, &c., St. 1827, c. 181,) in tiger to run like a comet. With awe the cellarway he sprang upon her, not defining what he meant by his we looked upon Ollie after that Jesse pushed her down the cellar stairs, solitary; it is uncertain and vague: said nothing. But he thought: 'What | mutilated, then killed her. He then

"One fine day there came into the came upstairs, washed his hands and c. 179, s. 42). And he should have schoolroom in which Jesse had a seat face, unlocked the front door, had his and desk the head master, a Mr. dinner, and went to bed. He was the By the constitution and laws, no Barnes, I think; an officer, and one only one in the world who knew of one can be put out of the protection of the unknown's victims. The little that little corpse in his mother's celof the law, or suffer illegal penalty; fellow had been found, I think, in lar." (see G. S., c. 174, s. 1, 12 Allen, p. Chelsea hung up and cut up. When Pomeroy was tried a petition 581) for customary penalties; finally be recovered he said it wasn't a man signed by thousands of mothers was the warrant does not show it to be with red whiskers and hair who had treated him so, but a boy who looked hang Jesse. Because of his youth, to be four or five years older than however, the sentence was commuted. founded doubt, if I was convicted by himself. So they took this poor little good process of law; as per article mutilated chap around to all the cure his release. On one occasion a of amendment to United States con- schools in Boston, I believe, until they number of Virginia women appealed

His Identification. "Do you see him here" said the "'No-o,' besitatingly replied the little fellow. Then, sharply, from the

lady teacher "Pomeroy! why don't you hold up your bead?

"Slowly Jesse raised his head and "'That's him! that's him! I'd know

been ill that day-ill enough to have same. "In the sincere hope that it may kept himself in the house-he might

JESSE H. POMEROY." time he had always stopped short of Charlestown prison.

To this he appends copies of the | murder. What happened after his release was told by his old schoolmate

> "In the following summer a Mrs. year-old girl out for some thread." (Pomeroy's mother kept a small "The little girl-Katle-never came back. She disappeared like a with grief. Everybody became a detective. The months rolled away. One rainy day a little deaf-mute pulled at a policeman's coat, and by signs indicated that he wished the policeman go along with him, which he did.

Murderer Apprehended. They went out of the highways and byways until they came to the gloomy in those days as the marshes "One week the news would come of Abel Magwitch and Pip. The lit-

times a boy was found tied to a tree. "His shoes exactly fitted the casts. "I. I was fourteen years old when sometimes in an old barn, but oftener He was arrested. While he was in to a telegraph pole on some railroad. jail his mother moved away from the T Public feeling swayed the Fathers began to tell their boys to old home on Broadway for obvious course of justice to my prejudice. The be careful of a man with red hair and reasons. Then the house was torn judge at the trial told the jury to beard," as the Goth was described by down to make room for a better one. bring in a verdict in the first de his victims, and mothers were anx. While the workmen were digging in ious if their boys were out of their the cellar they unearthed the little corpse of Katie Curran. Then Jesse confessed that he had murdered her

Fate of Little Victim. "In the meantime he had turned dug a grave in the cellar, buried her

sent to the governor praying him to Many efforts have been made to se-

Pomeroy free. The governor wrote back "If Pomeroy had committed his crimes in your state he would have been burned alive at the stake, and there would be no necessity for a

pardon. Yet it is probably true, as has often been asserted, that if science in 1876 had progressed as far as it has in 1910 in explaining the pathological causes for such crimes as Pomeroy's, "And so Jesse was arrested, tried. he would have been sent, not to soli-

Pomeroy was arrested in 1874. The Millan boy, for whose murder he was Pomeroy got out of the reform tried, was only four years old. In school in about a year. Up to this 1876 Pomeroy began his life in

A woman of thirty-two has had a

Her Only Way of Knowing. "Le Gallienne's wife says that poets WHEREMANUELFLED

Gibraltar, Great Britain's Greatest Naval Stronghold.

Its Defense During a Famous Siege a Memorable Event - For Four Years Spaniards Bombarded Impregnable Rock.

Gibraltar.-When King Manuel fied from Portugal he quite naturally sought refuge at Gibraltar for the simple reason that it was the safest as well as the nearest place which offered him protection. Furthermore, since Great Britain is supposed to have guaranteed the integrity of Manuel's rule it was probably as wise a move as he could have made. Gibraltar is a strongly fortified point commanding thhe entrance to the Mediterranean sea, and it is regarded as the greatest naval stronghold of Great Britain. Besides a small town at its foot, it consists of a mountainous rock towering, at its highest point, about 1.453 feet above the sea level.

One of the most obstinate and famous defenses made in history was that of Gibraltar by the British in 1779-83 when that stronghold was besieged and blockaded by allied French and Spanish forces. At this time England was engaged in the American revolution and Spain, well aware of the consequent weakness resulting from the American broil took occasion to improve her opportunity by attacking the impregnable rock.

On the 21st of June, 1779, a strict blockade was established by the Spanish fleet. The British forces numbered in all 5,382 men, including 1,045 Hanoverians under General Eliot, the governor. The first calamity that faced the besieged British was famine. The first general firing began on the 12th of January, 1780, and five days later Admiral Rodney overcame the Spanish admiral, threw a good supply of food provisions into the fortress, added 1,000 men to the garrison and, removing all useless mouths, left it dependent on its own strength. For a year everything was quiet, nothing important happened and all the while the besieging fleet were maneuvering to cut off all chance of food supply from the British.

Faced Starvation. In 1781 the 7,000 defenders of Gibraltar were face to face with starvation. On the 12th of April Admiral Darby conveyed 100 merchant vessels into the bay. The Spaniards instantly opened fire, hoping to reduce the debilitated garrison before any effectumissiles were poured into the place by 114 pieces of artillery and for many days the bombardment lasted with unabated vigor, and, though less



The Rock of Gibraltar.

a desperate midnight sally, the Brit ish succeeded in destroying the more dvanced of the enemy's lines, in set ting fire to many of the Spanish batteries, and in blowing up their principal depot of ammunition. This daring enterprise, successfully carried out in the face of 135 guns, was attended with surprisingly small loss, and forms one of the most brilliant incldents in a magnificent defense.

After this repulse the Spaniards ceased severe hostilities for several days, up to which cessation the garrison had been incessantly bombarded for eight months. In July, 1782, Duc de Crillon took command of the assailants and preparations were made for the grand assault. Additional batteries were erected on the land side and floating batteries built to batter the fortress from the sea. The marine battery consisted of ten large vessels whose sides were fortified by seven feet of timber and other materials supposed to be obstructive to shot; they were covered with slanting, shot proof roofs and were intended to be moored by massive chains within half range of the rock. Covered boats, destined to embark 40,000 men, were prepared at the same time. The effective force with which General Eliot had to withstand these efforts comprised about 7.000 men. The Famous Attack.

The attack began September 8 by a bombardment simultaneously on all sides; nine line-of-battle ships poured in their broadsides; 15 gun and other boats approached the town; while from the Spanish lines, 170 pieces of ordnance of large caliber opened in one magnificent dicharge. This terrifying fire continued till the 12th, when the combined French and Spanish fleets, numbering 47 sail of the line, the ten battering ships mentioned above with many frigates and other smaller vessels, anchored in the bay of Gibraltar. On the 13th every gun of besieged and besiegers was in play. The battering ships proved invulnerable to shot and shell. The defenders, as a last resort, began firing red-hot balls on the shot-proof ships and after continuing this for a day succeeded in burning the ship of the Spanish admiral and also the ship second in command. By the end of the 14th all the battering ships were destroyed by flames. The great bombardment of September 13 was the crowning triumph of the siege that lasted four years. The firing continued from the Spanish lines until February 2, 1783. when Duc de Crillon called for peace. The thanks of parliament were cordially awarded to the gallant band, while Gen. Eliot received the decoration of the bath and the title of Lord Heathfield.

MADE HIS APOLOGY AMPLE

Irish Legislator Even Withdrew the Words That He Was About to Utter.

There is in congress a western representative of Celtic origin who has more than once "stirred up the animals" by his propensity to bait the opposition.

On one occasion he rose to denounce the statements made in a speech that had been delivered by a member of the other party. His impetuosity led him to phrase his remarks rather strongly.

"Order, order!" exclaimed the speaker, pounding with his gavel. Again, in a minute or two, did the son of Erin return to his charge of wilful misstatement. Again was be called to "order."

It was a critical moment. His colleagues, for motives of policy, did not wish him to be put out of the debate, so they hinted so by tugging vigorously at his coat tails.

Now, it's a very dangerous matter to trifle with the tails of an Irishman's coat, save in the cause of friendship. Nevertheless, the indignant yet goodnatured member recognized the command of his party and sat down after delivering this Parthian dart:

"I obey the ruling of the house and I beg to retract what I was about to observe!"

That one touch of Irish oratory took the whole house by storm.-Lippin-

Its Advantages. "There is one appropriate use of a good poker hand. "What is that?"

"It will shovel in the money."

Taking His Meals Out. "And do you take your meals out?" asks the village probe, who is garnering information from the former resident who is home from the city for a few days.

"Not until after I have eaten them," wearily responds the unwilling victim.-Judge.

ENCOURAGEMENT.



First Boy-Mother says if I go swimming she'll lick me when I get back.

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"Did yew sell 'em enny gold bricks, Silas?" queried old Daddy Squash-"Naw, I didn't." answered Uncle Silas, "but I seed a feller peddin' arti-

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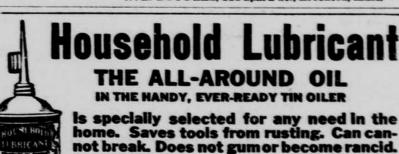
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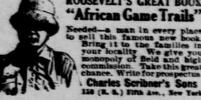
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FADELESS DYES

Utica Doctors Say Left-Handed Persons Are Such Because Eyes Demand It.

Every human being has a "domcant eye," and failure to recognize this fact has caused the race untold misery, say Dr. George M. Gould and Dr. A. C. Durand of Utica, after a aindy of bundreds of cases in their

The great superstition of "the evil eye," they assert, has arisen through instinctive appreciation of the fact of the dominance of one eye over the other and over the mind and body of inant" eye are given by Gould and

Right-handedness and left-handedseeing eye and in 8 per cent. It is stuttering and stammering.

MIND CONTROLLED BY EYE child inevitably produces diseases of hand. In two weeks she was profimany kinds, awkwardness, liability to cient. Her other symptoms have disaccidents, incapacitates, and it handi- appeared with the use of ordinary caps in all the subsequent life. It bifocal spectacles. seriously lessens the validity of the

person in the struggle for existence. also that the public school law of New York city which forbids a lefthanded child to write with the left hand should be repealed. It is not the hand, but the eye, that is wrong, and back of the eye is the brain, all of whose functions are disturbed by any change in the use of the hand.

Many strange instances of the ef- stead of butter into the icebox. fect of interfering with the "domhis fellow worker.

ness, say these two investigators, but was compelled to write with the fusions and other symptoms are alarise in the first year or two of life, right hand. The result was that soon ready disappearing and her memory and are caused by the dominance, re- she began to reverse words having is greatly improved. spectively, of the right or left eye. In similar letters or sounds, saying relatively 92 per cent of infants the "was" for "saw" and "on" for "no" right eye is the dominant or easier and "of" for "for," etc. She fell into

Four years later she came under The attempt to change the establishe observation of Professor Gould. lishing habit of left-handedness in 2 He put her to writing with her left her."

life of great suffering since her moth-Gould and Durand unite in saying er forced her into right-handednessswooning, insomnia, swelling of the eyes and of the flesh around the eyes, nervous prostration, and, finally, after several suicidal attempts, she was put in a convent and again in an insane asylum. She has always had great confusion of mind, speech and action, as, for instance, putting flowers in-

By Gould's advice she got spectacles to restore her "dominant" eye to its functions, and has taken up wri-A girl of twelve was left-handed, ting, etc., with her left hand. Her con-

make poor husbands."

"Some poet's wife must have told