

SCARLET WOMEN (& Bill Hays?) to be driven out

Source: Crawfordsville (Montgomery County, Indiana) 22 July 1892

Monday the matter will be arranged in an iron clad fashion and evil doers will be given cause to shudder. In case any one under treatment gets nervous and refuses to crack he will be dieted on bread and water until all signs of nervousness disappear. The authorities are determined to break up the cussedness about town and determined upon the revival of the stone pile as one of the beat means looking to this end. Especially is it determined to clap the pinchers on those persons visiting houses of prostitution and Mayor Bandel announced this morning that all such fines would be heavy and in case of married men, the extent of the law. The police are now endeavoring to drive a number of scarlet women out of the place and are meeting with very good success.

Mr. Bill Hays, the stone pile's first victim, deserves his dose very richly. He has been entirely too intimate with the notorious Bessie VanCamp, now in jail on a twenty-seven days' sentence, and this, too, while he is a married man with a most respectable and lady-like wife. His action with the VanCamp animal have fairly broken up his family and caused his poor wife the greatest agony. He carried VanCamp fruit to the jail and last night when refused admittance went out and became intoxicated, in order, so the police say, to be incarcerated in the jail with the female wild beast. Yesterday, as Mrs. Hays passed the jail on her way up town, she was shamefully insulted by the woman who had wronged her and who spitefully derided her through the iron bars of her prison room. The stone pile was certainly resurrected with a fitting victim and the only pity is that the blushing Bessie VanCamp is not put to cracking stone herself with a ball and chain on either ankle. She lacks even the moderating instincts of the brute and brutal treatment would not affect her.

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Bessie VanCamp, the dizzy Lafayette beauty who was captured at Ladoga, had the nerve to represent herself to the WCTU of Ladoga as a sister of Ed VanCamp of this city. It may have been a great joke on Bessie's part but Mr. VanCamp fails to see it !!

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Miss Bessie VanCamp of Lafayette, languishes in the jail of Montgomery County with no one to shed a tear for her. Bessie, who is as bewitching as about 400 # avoidupous, red eyes, and another Hubbard gown can make anyone, has suffered many things during the past two days. Yesterday morning she left her apartments at the Black Hills and hiring a livery rig started for Ladoga. When she reached that town

she at once proceeded to paint it. She drove through the streets at break neck speed, scaring the pigs, chickens and little children in every direction. She tried to drive into one of the saloons to exhort the bar keeper to repentance when the town marshal who was decorating a keg jumped up and catching the sweet creature in his arms carried her to the calaboose. Bessie squeezed the marshal all the way but he dind't care and did his duty by locking her up. She was released about 10 o'clock however and arriving in Crawfordsville was locked up in jail because she persisted in putting her horse in the fire engine house "contrary to the statoots." She will be relased when she promises to return to Lafayette and this Bessie asserts she cannot conscientiously do.