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Q. Have you ever heard that men who are appointed officers of high standing, take what is known as the civil service examination and they are supposed and presumed to be promoted according to their percentage in that examination, and do you know that men have passed as high as 90% and a man who passed 35% received that position? A. I did not know that.

Q. That is a fact. That is the kind of a man who says he does not do anything except what he is told.

Executive Session. Milwaukee, Wis., July 16th, 1914. 7:30 P.M.

STATEMENT OF MISS MARY SHAEFER.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Where do you live? A. 522 Edison Ave.

Q. How long have you lived there? A. Very near -- it will be next Sept. 10th, twenty-four years.

Q. You are the owner of the property, are you? A. I bought the property, yes sir.

Q. A. H. BARTELT: How old are you? A. I am 63.

Have you always lived in the city of Milwaukee? A. No sir.

Q. When did you come to the city? A. I came here about 25 years ago.

Q. From where? A. Kalamazoo.

Q. Where were you born? A. Missouri.

Q. When did you first get in this business? A. Oh, I never had no mother nor father and I couldn't tell you. I was a girl in a house when I was a girl.

Q. Who was you brought up with? A. Well, I left the south when I was a girl about 12 years old.

Q. And you never had anybody to look after you at all? A. Why, no sir, only as I looked after myself.

Q. Nobody to tell you what to do? A. No sir.

Q. Did you commence this kind of life early in life, in years? A. Well, I might say yes sir.

Q. About what age? How old were you? A. Well, the first man ever touched me was a lieutenant in the army, or a major.

Q. How old were you? A. About 12 years old.

Q. Did he pay you for it? A. No sir.

Q. Did he force you? A. No sir.

Q. How long before you had anything to do with other men? A. I didn't have anything to do with any man for six years.

Q. How did that come about? Were you paid for it? A. No sir.

Q. Who was he; your lover? A. No sir.

Q. Did you then go on -- A. I worked five years in one family and that is where the first thing happened, at Olivet, Mich.

Q. And when did you become an inmate of a regular house? A. Well, the first house I ever attempted to run was in Kalamazoo.

Q. How many years before you came to Milwaukee? A. I run a house about five years.

Q. Then you come to Milwaukee? A. Yes sir.

Q. Where have you been; what places have you occupied? A. I roomed around a little while on River St. and then I got hold of this house and been there 25 years.

Q. Have you owned that property all the while? A. No sir, I bought it.

Q. Recently? A. I bought it when they closed the houses; I had no home to go to, and I had a little means laid up.

Q. Have the police department known you were there all the time? A. They knew I was there when the houses were running.

Q. They have known you have been running a disorderly house all these years, the police department? A. Why, yes sir. Everybody I presume; it was the line.

Q. How many times have you been arrested for keeping a disorderly house; the last four or five years how many times? A. I think once in that time. Before that, when I first come to the city at first I

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did quite a number of things that was wrong, and did not know the ways of the city. In Kalamazoo I never was arrested there but twice.

Q. Then when you came here first you were arrested quite frequently? A. Yes.

Q. What was the reason? A. Well, doing things that I ought not to do.

Q. What? A. Well, once for putting out a loud sign; another time for being noisy, too loud; something of that kind.

Q. In late years you were not arrested at all? A. I don't think I have been arrested but once in three or four years. I don't remember just the date.

Q. You were arrested last year once, A. Yes sir.

Q. How did it happen you were arrested that time? A. I done something I ought not to do.

Q. The detectives come into your place? A. Once in awhile.

Q. How often do they come in there? A. About once in three or four weeks.

Q. What do they do and say when they come in there? A. Want to know who I got there. Got an old lady there that stays with me and she is just a companion.

Q. When the line was open, did they come around quite frequently then? A. Why, they used to come in and see how things were going. Sometimes I would call them in if the people would get too noisy. Sometimes they would come in of their own accord.

Q. How many girls did you usually have before the line closed? A. Sometimes I had more and sometimes less. There was about 10 or 12.

Q. Do you ever make any presents to the members of the police department? A. No sir.

Q. Not even cigars? A. I couldn't say that and tell the truth. I think around about Christmas time --

Q. Did you give them a box of cigars? A. Why, no sir.

Q. Did you ever give them any other presents? A. No sir.

Q. Never give them any money? A. Mister, I never give a policeman a dollar, that I know of. Mr. J. asked me that question once. I don't make money to give away.

Q. How many girls did you have in there just before the line closed? A. Sometimes 12 and sometimes more. Some would come in and stay two or three days.

Q. What were their prices that they charged, these girls, for service? A. Why, the price of the house was \$1.00.

Q. And you got one half and they got half? A. Why, yes sir, when we divided up. We gave checks.

Q. What share did they get? A. They got half that they made. I had one girl made \$300 in a week. Of course she got her share, most of them board.

Q. How much board did she pay? A. \$3.

Q. Their earnings there would average how much? A. Some more and some less.

Q. What would be the least? A. That is a question I couldn't answer and tell the truth, because a girl that couldn't make \$10 or \$15 to herself was no girl to take up a room. I am here to tell the truth.

Q. How much is the most any one ever made in one week? A. I just told you.

Q. Then you sold liquor in the house too? A. I sold liquor until I was ordered not to. After I was ordered not to I never sold a bottle.

Q. Whose liquor did you sell? A. I didn't sell whiskey. I sold beer.

Q. Whose? A. Millers and different ones.

Q. What price did you get? A. I got -- half bottle or pint 50¢ and for a quart I got a dollar.

Q. How did the girls come to your house? A. Well, some come one way and some come another.

Q. What way. Explain one way. A. Well, some would come there of their own accord and others would be brought there.

Q. Who would bring them there? A. Men.

Q. Some man? A. Yes sir.

Q. Some man that you knew? A. No. I didn't know hardly anybody that would bring them there; they would come and ask me if I had a spare room and if I needed another girl, and say they had a good girl and wanted to put her in a house and if I had a room I would take her if she suited me, and if she didn't I wouldn't.

Q. Would that be some customer of yours? A. No sir, not as a general thing.

Q. Did you pay this man anything for bringing the girl there? A. Well, I have paid three parties. I tell you the truth just as it is. I didn't pay them for bringing them there; I paid them because they told me they were in hard luck. The last girl I paid for, I guess he was a married man from New York; he brought the girl there. He said he picked her up on the streets of Chicago. I don't know no different.

Q. How much did you pay him for her? A. He asked me to let him have \$10 and I did.

Q. Was that the usual price? A. I never saw the man before or since. I learned he was a married man from New York.

Q. How old were those girls usually that were brought there? A. Well, probably 20 years old --

Q. Do you know how those girls happened to start in that kind of life? A. Not always. One girl I had come there just as the line was about to close, just as it was closed, and she acted so peculiar that I thought, the line was closed and I didn't think it would be necessary to have her booked, but she acted very peculiar. Said she came to town and couldn't get no place to stop so she had to go to some home. I tell you just how it was. So after she stayed all night in this home she had no money, someone told her about my place; she come there and then she told me that she didn't want to let her people know where she stayed all night, so they thought she was a respectable girl, and she said she would telephone over there and have the boy bring the satchel down at the corner and she would meet him. Told him not to tell where the satchel came from. So she stayed there about two weeks -- the time they gave me to close in.

Q. Have you ever talked very much with these girls as to why they started? A. Yes sir, I talked with all of them.

Q. What do they usually say is the reason why? A. I was just explaining to you. She went astray simply because some man had got around her and she had got a baby in her arms, and she stayed there two weeks and made enough to go to some place where they took babies, and finally there was a fine looking man came in and wanted to know if such and such a girl was there. I am telling you how that happened. I said yes sir. He says Can I see her; so I called her down. I found she had this baby in the home and this was some man, I don't know whether it was her husband or not; I didn't ask. I told her she couldn't stay there any longer, just a day, because the line was ordered closed; so she come back to get her things and she had this beautiful child in her arms. That was the cause of her going astray.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Is it on account of being deceived? A. Yes some deceived and some turned out of doors. I had one from Madison that went wrong just because -- it was in her home -- her father and mother were nice people, and she come there and put up a pitiful story that they had turned her out. She was taken very sick and wrote a letter to her mother. When her mother got there she told me all about her people; that the girl was going astray and she was better off there than she would be at home, because she was afraid she would ruin her sister. Lots turn bad the same as I did. It was just my desire to go wrong. That is all.

Q. How long ago was it that Madison girl came? A. That has been ten years ago, and the mother came there about a year ago; the girl come back to town here; she married some scoundrel; and the father came here with her, come after her to take her back home. That was since the line closed up.

Q. The girls were all registered up at the police department? A. Some of them. I had to. The minute a girl came in the house I would find out how old she was and then telephone for someone to come and book her.

Q. Did these girls have any agents that brought trade to them?

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A. Oh, I don't know.

Q. Did they send other men? A. No sir, the house had its own customers. We didn't have to do that.

Q. Did you have any medical inspection? A. ~~at~~ Had the doctor. Dr. Byers and Dr. Stack. He was a fine doctor. He was from the old country. Then I had Dr. Byers --

Q. Did you pay him, or the girl? A. I had to pay him,

Q. Did you subtract that from the earnings? A. No sir. Whenever he would get through doctoring and give her a certificate he would put in his bill and if the girl could pay it all right, and if not I would pay it.

Q. How often did he come around? A. Once a week to see the girls.

Q. What was the price the doctor charged? A. \$1 a call.

Q. He merely made an outside examination? A. Why, if he thought the girl was not just what he thought she ought to be he would say she was not fit to do business; some of them he would take to the office to examine and some of them he would examine right in the house.

SENATOR MONK: You say he charged \$1 a call? A. He charged \$1 for each one. (BARTLET)

MR. MINKLEY: What class of men did you have come to your house?

A. Well, most generally American men.

Q. Working class of men -- A. Mostly working men.

Q. Any high school boys come to your place, between the ages of 15 and 20? A. Never allowed no boys there. I always told them they had to be of age before they could come in. Had men bring their sons there and ask if I had a good clean girl; that their son needed this and needed that for the good of their health; quite a good many men bring their sons; come right with them.

Q. How old would those sons be? A. I presume pretty near of age; ~~high enough~~ young enough, but the father always came with them and I took it for granted he knew what was wanted.

Q. Since the line closed you have been having some girl there? A. No sir. Once in awhile a girl visits there, comes there to see me, that used to be in the house; comes to see how I am getting along.

Q. You were arrested once since the line was closed? A. Yes.

Q. Had some girls there then? A. One girl.

Q. What are you living on now? A. From what little I laid by.

Q. Who is Sam Tenison? A. Used to be my husband. I got a divorce from him because he drank so heavily. (He is the same as my husband now.) Afterward Dr. Stack come to me and thought maybe he would pick up and be a man if I would live with him, though we were not remarried.

Q. You support him? A. No sir.

Q. What does he do? A. He works out in the country once in while. He has quite a little money.

Q. Did you make any political contributions to any political funds, last spring or the year before, campaign funds for any officer for election? A. No sir.

Q. You never did that? A. All that I -- once in awhile I have -- used to be when the line was running; I would sign their names for schools or something going to be built, or a church -- salvation church I mean.

Q. Since the line closed have you signed any? A. No sir.

Q. Did you know of any sexual perversion practiced in your house; that is, doing this in an unnatural way? A. Why, I never allowed anything of that kind; not to my knowledge.

Q. You know what I refer to? A. Yes sir.

MR. MINKLEY: I would like to know about how the girls in general were in regard to religion.

MR. BARTLET: What religion did the girls belong to? A. Most of them to the priests.

Q. Did they still go to church afterward? A. No sir, not after they come with me, they didn't.

Q. How long would a girl stay with you on the average? A. I have had some long and some short. Some stay a month or two and some a week or two, and some three or four years; five years.

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Q. The trade I suppose called for young girls? A. Well, I don't know. I don't know as young girls do any more business than some of the girls that were along in age.

Q. Has the property decreased in value down there? A. I don't know anything about that. I am too ignorant to know about that.

MR. DOLAN: What did you pay for your property? A. \$9,000.

Q. What taxes do you pay? A. \$100.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Do you know anything about the proportion of married men that went there? A. No sir.

STATEMENT OF KITTIE WILLIAMS. (Mrs. Sam Miller).

MR. A. H. BARTELT: How old are you? A. 52.

Q. When did you come to Milwaukee? A. I was about 18 years old.

Q. What did you do before you came to Milwaukee? A. Well, I worked in a law office. I copied testimony and I also did copying in different offices.

Q. Had you ever had connection with men before you came to Milwaukee? A. Oh, yes.

Q. The lawyer that you worked for? A. Well -- (Question not answered).

Q. At what age? A. Well, I started out when I was young enough and old enough.

Q. How did you happen to? A. Well, of course mine was different from most others. I had a step mother. That was one reason why. My family was a very nice family. She was unkind to me. Of course she had her own children.

Q. What schooling did you have? A. Common ordinary school.

Q. When did you first commence to do it for pay? A. Well, of course not for a long time. I had a friend that was taking care of me.

Q. Then you came to Milwaukee when you were about 18? A. Yes.

Q. You started out immediately? A. No, I lived here about two years with Fannie Fitzgerald, the same place I am living now. She had a private house there.

Q. Did you have medical examination of your inmates? A. No, I didn't compel them to, but they all did that themselves, for girls of our kind of course are very particular. They are anxious to look after themselves and any time they thought it necessary they would have themselves examined. Of course there was no compulsion about it, but I always looked after that; I always knew the girls were clean; any girl coming to my house I thought did not understand how to take care of herself, I would have the physician -- I always had mature girls that understood -- not always, but most of them.

Q. Did you ever make inquiries from these girls as to why they led that kind of a life, why they started? A. Well, I will tell you. Of course a good many of them, I think a great many of them, work out. They leave home; that is one thing; a great many leave home because they are mistreated.

Q. What do you find the first half dozen or dozen times -- they usually do it for pay? A. I think a girl just starts out for the fun of it. I don't believe she thinks anything about the pay. They run around from one place to another, until they think it is foolish, perhaps, and finally some man will tell them what is best for them to do. The most of the girls start out, I guess, about the same.

Q. How many girls did you have when the line was open? A. 8 to 12.

Q. What was their average earnings per week? A. Well, of course some earn more and some less. Some of them would -- it all depends on the girl; some would average maybe \$100; some less; but of course it would make a great deal, because the pay would be in tens and twenties and so on. Maybe some girls made \$25 a night. Other girls possible \$10, and so on.

Q. What was your regular charge? A. \$10 and \$20, -- and \$5 was the least.

Q. It depends on how long they stay? A. Well, yes, of course over night it made a difference.

Q. What class of patrons? A. Of course I catered to the very best people here in the city, and all over the world in fact. Young

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men and old men. They were most always married men.

Q. Mostly married men? A. Most always. Most all the men were married men that I catered to. There is a great many reasons for that which a great many do not understand. At home those gentlemen are entirely different. Sometimes their wives are invalids; other time the wives do not care for any more children; other times they are not happy at home; sometimes their wives do not care to cohabit, and of course a man to keep his home and to keep happiness at home, he goes elsewhere and goes on just the same, and in many cases I think it has kept the man with his family, because at home if his wife was disagreeable and was not pleasant he would naturally leave her, go way, and come back and forget it. It is natural for men; it is a thing they have got to have.

Q. It was usually done with the knowledge of the wives? A. I don't think so. Most of the gentlemen always loved their family just the same.

Q. Of course if the wife found out it might be the cause of disrupting the family. A. Oh yes, that might be possible, but of course the wives were to blame a great many times.

Q. What intoxicating liquors did you sell there? A. Beer and wine.

Q. What beer did you handle? A. Two or three. I sold Killers beer and Blatz, and, well years ago it used to be Pabst and in later years it was Millers and Blatz.

Q. And your price for beer? A. Was \$1.

Q. And the wine? A. \$5. Just the same as they are asking now in these cabarets and so on; they get the same prices.

Q. And the girl got half of what she earned? A. Yes sir.

Q. And she paid her own room? A. No, they paid just \$2.50 a week and those that wanted a maid would pay \$1 a week for the maid. They would get the maid and pay this maid if they wanted it. A great many girls would not care to.

Q. They furnished their own clothes? A. Yes, those that wanted to. Many would come and would want an advance and I advanced it.

Q. How frequently did that happen. A. Very frequently. If a girl asked for anything I would get it.

Q. The clothes were quite expensive? A. Whatever they wanted.

Q. Did the clothes last long? A. Well, you know some girls are more careful than others. Some take better care of their things. Some are more reckless.

Q. Would the men sometimes completely tear the dresses off? A. Oh no, not in my house.

Q. You have heard of that? A. I have in lower houses in different places, but not in ours. We did not come in contact with that class of people.

Q. Did you permit any intoxicated men to come there? A. You might call them so, but they never behaved.

Q. How did the girls come to your place? A. Of their own free will.

Q. Ever pay any man \$10, \$15 or \$20 for bringing them? A. Oh no. I didn't have to do that, because there was always plenty of girls and plenty of letters. I always had plenty of letters ahead.

Q. But you have heard of that? A. Oh yes, I know plenty of them.

Q. Are your girls registered with the department? A. Yes. Of late years of course.

Q. How frequently did the police department come to you? A. That depended, of course. When we got a new girl we were obliged to call up the police and they would send a couple of ~~men~~ detectives down.

Q. Would they come in other times? A. Oh yes, they come in and out a great deal.

Q. Were they ever patrons of your place? A. Never. I allowed no detective or no officer in my house. I made it a business.

SENATOR MONK: How about the religion of the girls; did they have religious training? A. Yes sir, I think most of these women have. They have all got a good heart.

Q. Now, what different creeds -- did you ever pay any attention to that? A. Yes, and it was very strange. There were more Catholic girls than any other girls in the house. We often mentioned it and

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spoke of it so often. Maybe they would be, out of ten of my girls, eight would be Catholic.

MR. BARTELT: Do you know what was the situation outside in other houses, as to that fact? A. I think it was so all over, because we talked it over many times and these girls would all tell me the same thing, that in their life they would find there was more Catholics.

SENATOR MONK: Did those girls ever go to confession while they were in the house? A. Yes sir. They went to church. I know a lady, a girl, that lived with me, that after she got to keeping house she would take the girls and go to church down here.

Q. Did you ever make any contributions to political funds for any political candidate? A. Well, of course, I don't know whether you would call it any political funds. I have often made many a donation.

Q. For candidates running for office? A. Maybe so -- I don't remember that.

MR. BARTELT: In recent years? Did you make any contribution last spring? A. Sure I have; I have paid out plenty of money for everything.

Q. Did you pay anything last spring for the election? A. No sir.

Q. Did you the fall before? A. I did the year before, I think it was the year before. Either that or the year before. It was before the closing of the district.

Q. Haven't you paid anything since the closing of the district? A. No, I don't think so.

Q. Any promise been made to you by candidates or their representatives if they were elected the district was to be opened up? A. No, not that I remember of.

Q. Did the persons make any representations of that kind a year ago last fall that they would open up the district? A. No, I would have good sense to do anything of the kind. I wouldn't take a hand in anything of that kind.

Q. Ever make any presents to the members of the police department? A. Well, of course -- not to the police department.

Q. To the individual members? A. At Christmastime I would make them little presents.

Q. What were the nature of the presents? A. Oh cigars and different things.

Q. Any checks at any time? A. No.

Q. Did they come around and expect presents? A. Well, of course -- I guess they expected them all right.

Q. Did you ever present any presents in the nature of watches to any members of the police department? A. Well, I don't like to say. I can't remember that.

Q. Well, you know anything you say will never be used against you. This is perfectly confidential. Were the presents of about that value, a watch or -- A. Well, now, of course there was little presents I have given to officers that were on the beat, at Christmas, you know.

STATEMENT OF JESSIE MC CALMAN.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Where do you live? A. 626 Grand Ave.

Q. What flat is that? A. Apartment 40.

Q. What is the situation up in that flat? A. The Norman flat. I don't know anything about it up there.

Q. Is there any prostitution carried on there? A. Not that I know of.

Q. Ever hear of any? A. I hear of things, but I didn't see things so I don't know anything about it.

MR. BARTELT: How long have you been there? A. It is going on two years.

Q. Live with your husband? A. Yes.

MR. MINKLEY: Do you know Mr. Reinhardt's wife? A. Yes, I knew her when she lived on 2nd St.

Q. She used to live over Kalt's? A. Yes.

Q. She was sick at the time? A. Yes, she was sick at the time I

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was there. I took care of her flat while she was sick.

Q. What was going on in that place? A. She used to rent out rooms and I used to keep the flat clean.

Q. How long did you stay there? A. Must have been five or six years ago. She had some steady roomers there.

Q. Were rooms rented out for a short time? A. Well, I wasn't there at that time; I don't know if she did. There was a man staying there steady I know.

Q. A barber? A. Yes.

Q. Work in the Plankinton House? A. I don't know where he worked.

Q. Did you ever notice that girls were taken over there from the Boston store during the time you were there? A. Why, I heard so. I know she went over to get girls, and that is all I know.

Q. For businessmen that came to the flat? A. Her husband told me a lot; I don't know what else.

Q. Did it happen in the afternoon or evening, what time about was that? A. Well, I found out the most through her husband telling me.

Q. She was using different names; was she not Miss Roberts? A. I never knew any way but Reinhardt.

Q. Are the divorced now? A. I don't know, but he was getting it.

Q. Do you not know of your own knowledge that she got the girls from the Boston Store? A. I never saw her go over and get them. I heard she did.

Q. How were the rooms arranged there -- each one separate or connected with each other? A. Why, there was the front room --

Q. She never rented that front room? A. Yes, that is where the barber was staying.

Q. Do you know where she is now? A. No, I haven't seen her for a long time.

Q. How long ago did you see her last? A. Going on two years now. But I never really much had anything to do with her after she left her husband. Her husband is working at the water station.

MR. BARTELT: Did anybody talk to you when you come up on the way here? A. No, only Mr. --- that man out there, a little bit of short fellow -- Collins.

Q. What did he say? A. Oh we knew him. He just spoke to us.

STATEMENT OF SARAH WORCESTER.

MR. BARTELT: Where do you live? A. 41 Biddle St.

Q. How old are you? A. 46.

Q. What was your occupation before you went into this business.

A. Well, I had no occupation before I went into this business. I have been twice married, and when I was a girl, before my first marriage, I was a school teacher. I taught in the public schools at Findlay, Ohio for three years before my first marriage. I was left a widow and married a man in Nebraska. I was left a widow and married a man in Boston, and of course I really don't like to talk about much about such things, but I might as well tell you the truth. My second husband was very unnatural in his desires, and that was very repugnant to me, and I couldn't live with him, so I left him. He has since died. After I had left him I went up to Marquette, Mich., and spent a summer there with a friend. Coming back to Chicago I was stopping at some hotel and restaurant on Clark St. It didn't appeal to me, but I had very little money; but I did the best I could until my money was about gone. After that I began to look around to see what I could do. There were not very many things I was fitted for, except school teaching, and I had gotten out of the way of teaching school, and then it did not appeal to me like it did when I was young. So in looking around for a position that I could earn my living in I thought of housekeeping, and I answered an ad. for housekeeping, and it was in a sporting house in Chicago, and I went to see the woman. That was the first time I ever was in a sporting house or sporting house district and I was pretty well along in years, then. I called on this woman, and of course I knew that I was going into a sporting district. I knew where I was going. I wasn't misled at all. She seemed to take quite a fancy to me. The first month I was to give her my services gratis

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but to make it a little easier for me she gave me the cigar privilege; that is, the money on cigars; I could buy the cigars and sell them to the customers and have that money for the first month, and I made pretty good money, but of course everything was strange to me, and a great deal that was shocking, coming from a very nice family, if I may say so myself, as I had been properly brought up. After I had been with her a month she finally called me to her room one day and said I had given her such good satisfaction that if I wanted to stay that she would give me \$10 a week. Then I was still to have this cigar privilege, and used to make some nights \$4 or \$5 on cigars. It would all depend on the kind of night. Of course she catered to first class people. She kept a \$5 house, and those people were very generous with their money, and then I stayed with her almost a year, and I was economical. I never was a woman that cared to run around and spend my money and drink, and I assure you honestly I don't think I have ever been in a saloon in Milwaukee, and I don't frequent palm gardens; in fact I don't care for drink; so I saved my money and I had about \$300. She came to me one day and said she wanted to go back to Toledo, and if I wanted her house that she would let me have the house by paying her -- she knew how much money I had, about, -- that I could pay her what I had and I could make the other payments in monthly instalments, so I took the house, and I never was a boarding girl. I never was seduced. What I did I did of my own volition and with my eyes open. It was simply a matter of a livelihood for me.

Q. Did you receive a percentage when you received the \$10 a week? A. I never have had intercourse with men promiscuously. I will not say that I never have had, but never promiscuously; never for money. I received the money that other people have taken up, but I never have sold my own body.

MR. BARTELT: When did you come to Milwaukee? A. I came to Milwaukee in the fall of 1905.

Q. And did you live on River St.? A. Yes, I was located at 514.

Q. Then you run a sporting house? A. Well, I will tell you how I came to leave -- I sold out my house there and went to San Francisco. I had been there about a year when the earthquake came along and I was left penniless again. I came back to Chicago and I was on Wabash Avenue and I happened to meet a lady there from Milwaukee, and she told me that if I wanted to come to Milwaukee that she knew a very good place that I could get into, and just by paying weekly rental, and she said the lady was coming down to Chicago and if I would like to meet her she would introduce me to her. I didn't have any money, because I had even had free transportation back to Chicago; so I met the lady, and the lady told me that if I wanted her house -- said she wanted to go away for three months and she would let me have the house for \$50 a week and I said: "Well, I will take the house". So I had friends in Chicago that I knew I could borrow some money of, and I borrowed \$300 and came to Milwaukee. Then I had her house for three months and I made wonderfully good money.

Q. How much did you make in a year? A. Well, I never made less than \$10,000 a year. But you know with a sporting woman, she can make \$10,000 a year and at the end of the year there isn't much left. There isn't a more charitable lot of people in the world than the sporting women.

Q. To whom do you give? A. To everyone. It is simply a matter of never being able to save.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Do you have to give to the police here? A. No, not one penny, Mr. Teasdale.

Q. Who do you have to give to here? A. Why, to charitable organizations, to religious organizations, to beggars, to friends, to people that are in distress and in bad luck.

MR. BARTELT: What religious organizations? A. Well, the sisters and the salvation army principally.

Q. How many girls did you have in your place? A. I usually had from 6 to 10.

Q. And did you have medical examination? A. Yes, unless it was a girl I knew positively could take care of herself. You take an

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older girl, they know how to take care of themselves, and just as well as any physician. I will tell you this matter of disease is very much over estimated. There isn't the disease that people seem to think there is. Of course girls new in the business—those were carefully looked after. I gave them my personal attention. I will tell you frankly that I never have had a man come into my house and claim that he was diseased in my house.

Q. They got 50% of their earnings? A. Yes.

Q. Pay you board, A. No, nothing for board.

Q. What was your price? A. \$2. That is, here in Milwaukee.

Q. Have you ever talked with the young girls that go in, as to the causes? A. Yes, I have talked to them often.

Q. When they first have relations with men, is that usually for pay or what is it? A. No. Most girls have been betrayed. And many, many -- I will not say a majority, but many, many of the girls have been married. I have known times when most of the girls in my house were girls who have been married. They were mistreated by their husbands or some other cause, but of course that is no reason for people being in the house.

Q. Did you ever pay for any girls brought to your house? A. Never. I always had plenty without it. I always treated my girls very nicely, and I never had any trouble.

Q. Your girls have agents soliciting trade for them? A. No, nothing of that kind.

SENATOR TEASDALE: What was the mental ability of a majority of the girls there; were they subnormal? A. Well, their mentality was all right, but you will find as a rule they were not educated girls. The educated girl was the exception.

Q. What was the religion of the girls? A. Well, the Catholic religion predominated among the sporting girls.

Q. Do you know why? A. Well, I never really asked them why. I don't know as I could say, but I know that a majority of the girls that have lived with me have been of the Catholic religion. There must be something lacking in their training, and yet they are more religiously trained than the other denominations. They have more religion trained into them, and yet they seem to fall.

Q. What would be the effect if drink were taken from these places? A. Well, if drink is taken away from them, they can't get it in the house they will go outside and get it, and I have found it is very much better if you have girls in your house and they want a bottle of beer, to let them have it.

Q. Would the men come there just as well? A. I never cared very much about selling drinks, because I don't like to have my girls drink.

Q. Some places they claim it would reduce it 50%, such as Fond du Lac. A. Well, I can't say that. When the liquor was taken out of the houses here, I cannot say that my business decreased to any such extent as that, because I presume I never catered very much to the drinking element.

Q. Did it decrease any, A. Perhaps a little. I can't say that it made any very great difference, because I never sold very much drink. I used to accommodate the girls. I always had it in the house and used to accommodate my girls more than I did the men. If a girl wanted a bottle of beer I would let her have it. Most of the girls liked to drink.

Q. Did you ever have any that didn't drink at all? A. Yes, I have had girls that always set their glasses back on the tray, and I have always done that myself. I don't care for drink and I don't care for the effects.

MR. BARTELT: You have not been running since the line was closed? A. Oh no. At the time the line was closed I was taking a trip around the world. (trouble one time?)

Q. You were in ~~xxxxxxx~~ A. Just when I came back -- no, that was in the following February. I came back just after the line closed, and I think it was in the following February that my place was raided, and then again in September, and both times it has been without any real cause at all. I don't know what cause there was the second time, but the first time there was nothing to it, only this man came in and rented the room. He paid for the room and

wanted some beer. I informed him I didn't keep beer for sale. He wanted to know if I wouldn't send out. I have done it many times before, got beer just for an accommodation, and this happened to be a plain clothes man. They took me over to the station. I had a married couple living with me at the time. Judge Neelan found nothing against the married couple, but fined me \$25 for getting that bottle, so that was a costly bottle of beer I had. The next time I don't know what was in it. I didn't care for the publicity. I never like to see my name in the papers. That is one reason I objected to this investigation. When I went by the name of Stella Wheeler I didn't care, but I don't want my friends or relatives to read about me.

MR. MINKLEY: Some of the houses cater more for direct trade and others more for selling drinks to men. Is that not a fact? A. Well, I think if I could have my way of running a house, and I wanted to run a house -- which I hope I may never wish to do again -- I think the way I would like to have these things would be if a man really feels the call of nature and he must have that, to have him come in and get what he wants and walk out. I don't believe in all this entertainment.

Q. Some have to do that? A. That is what draws the business. You know those kind of houses -- in fact all houses -- have been that way when they had those entertainments. It was a lot of "Hurrah Boys!" and maybe nine out of ten men that come in, that was all they did, was to have some music and dancing, unless they wanted to buy a drink.

MR. BARTELT: Did you ever make any contribution to any campaign fund? A. I never did. The only contribution I ever made was when I first came to Milwaukee -- was for the building of the Auditorium, and I think that is a crying shame. You know they went around and canvassed the territory and built that auditorium, and since it is over there we are not fit to live over there, but our money went into it. I had ten shares, which cost me \$100. I afterward gave my shares to Milwaukee. Anything like that hurts a little.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Do you desire to continue a place of that kind again? A. No, I never intend to. I wasn't in business when they closed the district. I had left the line over a year before that, and at the time I was touring the world. I had been gone all that time.

Q. Who were the main patrons of your place, married or single men? A. Well, both.

Q. What was the percentage of each? A. I can't say.

Q. About half and half? A. About half and half.

SENATOR MONK: If you had your life to live over again would you ever go into the life, knowing what you know now? A. If I had my life to live over I would be an old maid school teacher. I would never know a man. If I had only known in the start all I know about men now I never would have looked at a man. I would still be teaching those little children.

Q. What is the feeling of the women who have been prostitutes; if they had the life to live again do you think very many would go into the business again? A. Well, it is hard to tell. You know sometimes people may say, well, they do it because they want to do it, and that they would not do anything else if they could, and maybe that is what the tongue is saying and in the heart there is something entirely different. You know sporting women have good hearts.

MR. MINKLEY: We have had women too who are not sporting women. A. Yes, but there are so many good ones that you kind of overlook the bad ones.

MR. HILLYER: Do you ever have men bring their sons to your house as patrons? A. Yes, they called on me and asked if I would give them a girl that was perfectly safe; that they preferred that to masturbation.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Have you any remedy for this? A. Oh, my dear man, you will never prevent it.

Q. I mean to make it as hard for girls to fall, as possible; what would you suggest? A. Well, the first thing I would do would be to eliminate the dance halls, because there girls go and men are only waiting for their prey. The class of men that go to those dance halls are only waiting to make some virtuous girl their prey. There is the first thing I would do. I think it is one of the most harmful amusements there is for young people.

The so called public dance halls.

Q. That is not the dance itself? A. Oh no, but I think those public dance halls -- and there are so many young girls go there, and that is where they get their first drink, their first invitation to go with a man, and these men are past masters in the art of winning young girls. If I had a daughter I don't know what I would do. If I think I would keep her constantly -- if I could afford to I would have her with me, I would take her around and give her enough amusement that she would want to be with me. I would be almost afraid to trust her away from me.

Q. You would never want her to be a sporting woman? A. No; if my daughter had lived I probably never would have been one either.

SENATOR MORRIS: If parents made more companions of their boys and girls they would be better. A. That is the one great trouble.

STATEMENT OF MISS ANNA WEBB.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Where do you live? A. 211 Third St.

Q. How long have you lived in the city? A. Oh, about five years.

Q. How long have you lived at that place? A. Since last fall.

Q. Ever been arrested? A. Yes.

Q. Why? A. For disorderly house.

Q. Was that a fact; did you plead guilty? A. I pled guilty, but I didn't try to run a disorderly house. I run a hotel and people come in and registered as man and wife.

Q. And you were pulled? A. Yes; they were registered there.

Q. How many times were you arrested? A. Three times.

Q. What house did you run? A. 211 Third St.

Q. What was the name of the house? A. U.S. Hotel.

Q. Did you have any girls there that carried on prostitution?

A. No.

Q. Never have had any? A. No.

MR. BARTLETT: How long have you been in the city of Milwaukee?

A. About five years.

Q. And what have you been doing? A. A rooming house I have.

Q. What did you do before that? A. I was working.

Q. Your place was arrested three times the past year? A. Yes.

Q. You are still in that place? A. Yes.

Q. How many girls have you got there? A. Nobody but myself.

It is hard work trying to make it pay, and the minute I got a couple in there they just take them out.

Q. You have a register? A. Yes.

Q. You inquire -- A. Yes. I had young people in there not long ago and I told them they looked suspicious; the girl did not look as though she were of age. There were two couples. They both showed their marriage certificates.

Q. This last time were there not a number of couples? A. They were 20 years old. I never seen them before.

Q. Did they have any baggage? A. No.

Q. Did they register as husband and wife? A. Yes.

Q. How long do they usually stay? A. They rent a room for the night.

Q. Who owns that property? A. I don't know. I pay rent to Miller and Rout.

Q. Have you ever been in a sporting house? A. No, all I ever had was a rooming house.

Q. Are you yourself a prostitute? A. No. Oh no.

Q. Ever been married? A. Yes, I been married.

Q. Is your husband dead? A. Yes, he is dead.

Q. Now, how long were you married? A. About two years and a half.

Q. Where did you come from? A. Well, from the south. Used to live in Alabama.

Q. You lived with your husband there? A. Yes.

Q. Then came to Milwaukee? A. Yes.

Q. Come with him here? A. No, he died there.

Q. How did you happen to come to Milwaukee? A. My mother married again.

Q. Then you started a rooming house? A. No, I worked several places.

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Q. Then you started a rooming house here in the city of Milwaukee? A. Yes.

Q. You say you never have had any girls? A. No, I never kept any girls there.

Q. None of your girls ever stayed with fellows? A. I have no girls. I don't keep no girls.

Q. Didn't your girls stay with some fellows last fall? A. Why, I don't have no girls there. Women might have got in but I never kept no girls.

Q. Girls who were supposed to be working there, who these fellows stayed with? A. There was no girls there. They said they were working there but they were not working there.

Q. How often were they around there; how much were they around your place? A. They was not around; I never kept no girls there.

Q. What did you do to prevent couples from using that place; what precautions did you take? A. Why, when they come in and tell me they are man and wife what more precaution can I take.

Q. Do you ask many questions? A. Why, they go in any hotel and register as man and wife.

Q. Usually have baggage? A. Some have and some have not.

Q. Register from Milwaukee at anytime? A. Some Milwaukee and some Chicago and some from different places. Green Bay; I have had them register from different places.

SEN. DOLAN: How long have you been away from Alabama? A. I left there 15 years ago.

SENATOR MONK: How many rooms in that place? A. 24.

STATEMENT OF MISS A. DOMER. (Rose Miller).

SENATOR TEASDALE: You are Miss Domer? A. I used to go by the name of Rose Miller.

Q. Where do you live? A. 465 Case St.

Q. How long have you been there? A. About seven months.

Q. What flats are those? A. 3 and 4, Coma Apartments.

Q. They are new apartments? A. Yes. Now, I refuse to answer your questions. I have reformed, and have lots of respectable people there and if I am written up in the newspapers --

Q. This is absolutely confidential and will not be given to the public in any shape. A. I know what I am up here for. I wish you would excuse me. I don't care to answer anything about my past.

Q. We want to get your experience for the benefit of others.

A. I really do not care to be reminded of it again.

Q. Have you any suggestions to offer? A. I do entirely different from what I have done.

Q. What is the reasons girls go wrong? A. I don't know anything about that.

Q. Did you ever find out anything about that? A. I don't know.

Q. I don't see any reason why we should not require you to answer.

A. Simply because I have reformed and I have forgotten all my past. I want to forget it.

Q. We have a right to know and have the power to make you tell. We don't want to exercise that power. A. I have forgotten all my past.

Q. Can you tell anything that will help, for the future, for others? A. I don't know, but I think I am doing the right thing --

SENATOR MONK: What would you suggest to prevent other girls -- A. I wouldn't suggest anything. I haven't anything to say.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Anybody have a talk with you before you came to this building? A. No sir.

Q. Anybody talk to you on the street? A. No sir.

Q. Any of the officers talk to you on the street before you came up here? A. No, positively nobody. The only reason I speak that way, I am up there and I am among respectable people and I am running a respectable place, and if I am written up in the papers it would hurt me a lot.

Q. Nothing will be written up.

STATEMENT OF MISS HATTIE JENNINGS. (Mrs. T.W. Jones).

SENATOR TEASDALE: Before coming here who was talking to you on the street? A. A detective.

Q. Who was he? A. Mr. Mc Gorry, Biersach and one other; I don't know who he was. They were just coming down the street.

Q. What did they say to you? A. They asked me if I was coming over here. They said: "I thought you were over there today." I said "I thought I was to be here today; I made a mistake and I had to come tonight."

Q. What further did they say? A. That is all.

Q. Say anything about testifying here? A. No sir.

Q. Say you should not testify? A. No sir. They never said any such thing.

MR. BARTELT: How long have you been in Milwaukee? A. Well, I have lived here off and on, in Milwaukee, for 31 years.

Q. How long have you been married? A. I have been married -- I have been away from the business since last September.

Q. Been married since that time? A. Yes. I haven't been in the business all that time. I was only in business ten years.

Q. You quit about a year ago? A. Last September -- well, I haven't done anything to speak of; just kind of sneaking or something like that when I was over there. I lived there in that house for ten years, and I had it all furnished, and I hated to break up; it was my home and I stayed there until last September.

Q. You were not married the ten years you were there? A. No sir, I was not.

Q. How many girls did you have in your house? A. Never over four; mostly three; I had nothing but a private flat; I never had nothing but a private house.

Q. You were not on River St.? A. No, 519 Market St.

Q. What was the price that you charged? A. \$5.

Q. And the girl would get half? A. I always gave the girl \$3; mostly \$3 out of \$5.

Q. How much would those girls average per week? A. Well, I never kept any books. Every morning I gave them their part that was coming to them. The girls I had with me for four or five years -- in the ten years I lived there I don't think I had over 12 girls, and most all of them had someone depending on them; they had folks or children. I never had a young girl. I never took a girl that never lived in a house. If they come to me and wanted to come to my house to live, I gave them money several times and I have proof that I told them not to go in a house.

Q. Were they examined physically? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you require them to be examined? A. Yes, my girls always was examined.

Q. Who paid for that? A. Themselves.

Q. How much did they pay? A. I guess it was a dollar.

Q. And they bought their own clothes? A. Yes sir.

Q. You never sold them any clothes? A. No sir. I never was in debt, I never run a credit, I never owed anybody in the ten years I kept house.

Q. Do you own that property? A. No; Mr. Quis owns it.

Q. Were the girls registered at the police department? A. Yes sir.

Q. The police department knew that you were running there? A. Yes sir.

Q. Did the police department ever come to your place? A. Sometimes; they came there very seldom, because they knew the girls I had. I never hardly changed girls.

Q. Ever come there as patrons of your house? A. No sir.

Q. Ever go to Chicago with any member of the police department? A. No sir, I never went with anybody to Chicago. I was in Chicago one time in the summer time, the time they had the flying machines; and I met one of them on the street and he said: "What are you doing in Chicago." And I said: "My folks live in Chicago and I am on a visit." He went down to a place and had a supper and drink.

Q. What was the place? A. Well, we were in Geo. Ballard's on Adams and Wabash.

Q. You didn't stay with a member of the police department? A. No sir.

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MR. HINKLEY: Is that down stairs? A. Yes sir.

MR. BARTLETT: Did you ever make any presents to members of the police department? A. Never in my life.

Q. Ever pay the money? A. Never in my life.

Q. Do you hear much of that money being paid to the police department? A. When I kept house I never associated with any women or went to any woman's house or had anything to do with anybody, even my next door neighbor. I didn't know no more -- I didn't know hardly a woman that kept house in the city of Milwaukee, except by sight, as Kittie Williams; I knew her years ago when I boarded her myself.

Q. Did you practice prostitution before you started your house? A. Yes, years ago, but I lived in Chicago for 18 years. I lived with a gentleman, though I was not married at that time. I lived there for 18 years. I did board -- I boarded here in Milwaukee. I boarded here with a woman by the name of Lizzie French. I was born and raised in Madison, and that was the first house I ever lived in.

Q. How old were you when you first commenced prostitution? A. 31 years ago.

Q. How old are you now? A. I will be 49 next November.

Q. What was the reason; how did it happen? A. I was born in Madison and raised there, and I was a young girl and I didn't know any different. I didn't know -- I knew it was not just right but I didn't know anything was going to happen to me. I left home when I was about 15 years old. I had a baby and I left home.

SENATOR WOOD: Did your mother ever tell you anything about such things? A. No. I am an Irish Catholic. It is one of the things I don't like to talk about.

Q. Who was the first man that did that? A. A young fellow that I went to school with. We were raised together.

Q. Have you any children? A. I had one and it died.

Q. You wouldn't want any of your daughters to go into that life? A. No sir, I never would advise no girl. I never cared for the life. There is nothing in it but trouble. You have to make a living, and if you have ever been in that there is no chance for you. Here I am trying to be respectable, and here the other day a woman had me for a witness for that Mahoney case, and I thought nobody knew anything about me, because I certainly have tried to live decently, and last night -- I been in Chicago to my sisters and they been looking for me, and I was in Chicago, and I came home and I brought my ~~xxxxxxx~~ sister's two little boys, and last night that man came to the door at 2 o'clock and said he had a telegram. If they had come there, or if I had known, I would never refuse to come to anything like this, because I tell the truth and I am not afraid. I nearly died. I thought yesterday I was to be here. I try to live and do right. The business I never cared for, but I had to make a living. My father was 82 years old. I have always helped my family. I never saved no money. I never saved \$2,000 in my life. It is awful hard for a girl to quit our business, because they are not going to let you. They will not let you alone. Then of course if you have been in that business, why then you leave it, if anything should happen that you better yourself or anything, you think if you can get along, you know you can always go back to that, and they seem to find it out any way, no matter how good you try to be.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Don't you think if you went to some city where you were not known? A. Someone would find it out. My folks never knew I done wrong. My mother is dead. My father was in the capitol for years. He was an old soldier. They never knew that I ever sported. I never let them know anything about it. I told them I kept a boarding house where women and men like gamblers, that paid me a good price, and that I used to do the work most myself, and I told them I made good money, and since this thing happened why I am scared to death they will find out something about me. They never knew I sported. The police raided me for nothing. I wasn't doing anything. I was out and come home and a gentleman brought me in the house and we just got in the house, and I was not doing anything. I would tell you the truth if I was doing anything -- because I was trying to make a living. I have got no income. They pinched

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me for nothing. It seems as though they had it in forme or something. They pinched me for nothing. I was away, even, and they went and pinched my house. There was noone there but my servant, who has worked for me nine years, a colored woman. I don't know what for. They were not doing anything. There wasn't a soul in the house.

SENATOR MONK: Are the girls mostly Catholic? A. No, I never met very many Catholic girls. You know the most of the girls in that business, you will not find one out of a hundred but what has got somebody to take care of. I had girls live with me that their homes are right in Milwaukee, nice families, and they were in that business to help their people.

Q. What would you suggest to prevent other girls getting into the life? A. Well, I don't know anything about anything like that. You know young girls -- it is natural -- I know there was lots of girls in Madison when I was a girl; it was the same thing; and we said there certainly was nothing wrong in it, only just passion. And I suppose there are lots of girls the same way.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Are most of the patrons men or boys? A. I never catered to no boys. Never no boys in my house.

Q. Married men? A. I guess they were. I never had any young ones.

Q. What percent would you say were married? A. Of course I didn't know everybody that came to my house. I should say most of them were married men. Of course there are lots of young fellows, single men I mean, but I kept very nice people, a very private place, and no boys could afford to go to places like that.

Q. What was your price there? A. \$5.00. \$20.00 for all night. On that street you never saw a soul on that street. I never allowed a girl -- I never had my shades up and I never allowed a girl to go near a window; anybody you can ask; and you would not know my house was a sporting house. I never had no music.

SENATOR MONK: No liquor sold in your place? A. Yes sir, I sold beer.

MR. BARTELT: Whose beer? A. Elatz.

STATEMENT OF DOTTIE KING.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Where do you live? A. 40 Johnson St.

Q. How old are you? A. I am 29. I was 29 yesterday.

Q. You live in the Tennican Flats? A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you lived there? A. Since a year ago the 4th of March.

Q. Where were you before then? A. Before that I lived on the west side, on 7th St.

Q. You are not married? A. No, I have been married and divorced.

Q. How long have you been in the prostitution business? A. Well quite a number of years. About 13 or 14.

Q. How old were you when you first started? A. Not quite 17.

Q. Did you at once make it a practice to live on the proceeds? A. At the beginning? No. When I started in, I was married and after my husband left me with a little girl I couldn't support her by working, and I naturally went to sporting. I sported about three years, and I run a house of my own before they closed up the district.

Q. Did you have relations with other men than your husband before you were married? A. Never.

Q. Started in after he left you? A. Yes.

Q. You went to a sporting house? A. Yes.

Q. At once? A. No. I worked for about a year and I couldn't make ends meet. I couldn't support my baby on the salary I received and I saw there was no other way.

Q. Did you sport during the time you were married? A. No, I never knew anything about sporting.

MR. MINERLEY: What kind of work were you doing? A. Housework and in restaurants. Waitress in a restaurant, and also clerked. Getting \$5 a week and paying your room and board and supporting your baby is a pretty hard problem.

Q. Then you went direct to a house? A. Direct to a sporting house.

Q. Whose? A. I lived in a place on 5th St. It was sort of a

private place, an assignation house. The woman advertised for a girl to come to work and of course I knew, had heard previous to that, that this was a place of assignation where people go; so I applied for the position and I worked there; and I told the woman then I couldn't live on that money; that I would rather see company.

Q. Had you been entertaining promiscuously in the meantime?

A. Never before that. I had never mixed up with anyone, but I was just in such destitute circumstances that I had to do something.

Q. Then you started your own place? A. No. I left there and lived with Mrs. Howard. I lived there about two years, until I took a place of my own; that was at 43 Biddle.

Q. How many girls did you have in your place? A. An average of about five.

Q. What were the rates? A. Strictly \$5.

Q. Medical examination? A. Every week.

Q. Who paid for that? A. The landlady. I paid for it. Of course just for examinations, but outside of any other sickness, the girls paid for that themselves.

Q. They got one half of the proceeds? A. Yes.

Q. And paid board? A. No. just half of the money they made. Had no board to pay.

Q. Stay at your home? A. Right at my house, yes sir.

Q. They furnished their own clothes? A. Yes.

Q. You did not sell them any clothes? A. No.

Q. Your girls registered at the police department? A. Yes, they were booked when we received a new girl. We would have to ring up the department and the department would inquire of the girl to see if they were of age and if they had been in a sporting house before. I made it a rule that a girl who had not been in a house like that before could not get into my place. A good many girls get foolish ideas; they think it is all velvet.

MR. MINKLEY: What is the reason you took this position, not taking girls? A. Well, because I think that a great many girls they can better conditions by not going to a place like that. The world is getting better every day and a great many girls get desperate, while if someone would give them a lifting hand they would go on about their business and try over again.

Q. You would not advise any girl -- A. No girl. If a girl had been in that business that is all right, but a poor girl that can avoid it -- many a girl I have given money to to pay her room rent, or maybe paid their doctor when I knew they were sick; had them cured by my private physician.

Q. Would you ~~xxxx~~ yourself go into that life again? A. I don't think so.

Q. You wouldn't want your daughters to? A. No, I don't think so.

Q. You still have that child? A. Yes.

Q. Do you keep it with you? A. No, I am keeping it in school; in a Catholic school.

BARTLET: Q. Have you any girls there now? A. No, I keep roomers and boarders.

Q. Since when did you stop that? A. I have not done that kind of business since they closed up the district.

Q. Sure of that? A. I am positive, yes.

Q. What do you do to support yourself? A. I take roomers and boarders. I make \$17 a week, and besides I do a little sewing.

Q. What kind of roomers? A. Just men. I have had lady roomers, last summer, but not since then.

Q. Did you ever present the police department any presents, any members? A. Never. Not as much as a cigar. They came there on business and once when called by me, when they wanted to see me about certain orders, or ask me about different people, that is the only time they came there, and that is all the information they got. During that time I run house I never had any trouble; I never was arrested, only once by the district attorney or the sheriff for selling liquor without a license.

Q. Do you want the line open again? A. It is immaterial to me. It doesn't bother me whether it is open or not. I don't care anything about it. I prefer to make my living this way. I am not bothering about the line at all. Now and then I pick up the paper and see a little item where a person is arrested, but otherwise I haven't

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bothered much about it.

Q. Know May Collins? A. Yes, I have done business with her for nearly five years. I rent from her.

Q. She has been in your place last week or ten days ago? A. She was there Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Q. Where did she go then? A. Calumet, Mich.

Q. She has a resort there? A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Also on East Water St. here? A. I don't know, but I know she rents a place to a woman. I don't think it is a resort. There is a woman with a little girl.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Do you hear anything about the religion of the girls? A. Most of the girls that came to my house were Catholic girls as far as I could learn.

Q. What majority, what percent of your patrons were single men and what percent married men? A. Well, I had very few single men. Mostly married men; business men; elderly men. I have had doctors and lawyers and all kinds.

Senator MORRIS: Did your mother teach you anything about sex hygiene, or the reproduction of life? A. No, I am sorry to say. My mother died when I was a little girl. I had no one to teach me anything. I was a poor girl. I worked out and then got married and learned what I could.

Q. Who got the divorce, you or your husband? A. I got it myself.

STATEMENT OF MISS ALICE MOSHER. (210 - 6th St. Flat 5.)

MISS MOSHER: In the first place I would like to ask one question. Where did you get my name, or who am I that you should ask me to come in before a committee of this kind?

MR. BARTELT: You have been arrested? A. Never.

Q. You are Alice Mosher? A. Yes sir.

SENATOR TEASDALE: You have kept a house here in the city? A. No sir, I never kept a house in Milwaukee or no place else.

SENATOR TEASDALE: I have this record, under date of Sept. 12th, 1913. "Occupies a neatly furnished seven room flat on the first floor; Flat 5. Is Alone." A. I have my husband with me.

Q. "Has women friends come in on call to help entertain men. Is running a \$1.00 resort. Patrons are men of the common class. Pays \$25 a month rent. Property belongs to the Gillman estate. Sells Blatz Beer and also whiskey." A. Have Blatz beer for my own use.

Q. "Keeps a colored maid, Mrs. Dix, an ex housekeeper in the old red light district and well versed in the ways of these resorts." Is that true? A. "Ex housekeeper of the old red light district", that is true.

Q. Mrs. Dix, know her? A. I had a colored lady come and clean for me last year from the first of August until the first of September; I was under a physician's care.

Q. This is dated Sept. 13th. A. I was under a doctor's care.

Q. Were you formerly an inmate on 4th St.? A. I lived on 4th St., yes sir, but not as an inmate.

Q. Your husband works in Ducey's cafe? A. Not any more. He worked there until October.

Q. "When Alice Mosher is busy Mrs. Dix acts as doorkeeper and will admit no one she doesn't know. Alice Mosher was formerly an inmate of a fourth St. resort. Her lover is the pianist at Ducey's cafe at night and sends all the 'live ones' visiting that cafe that he can, to her resort, giving them her cards. If he is in doubt about a man going there unaccompanied he calls her over the telephone and has her come and meet him. (See page 81 Report of Mrs. White). A. I have no gentlemen friends that come to visit my flat except in the presence of my husband.

Q. What do you know of the sporting life? A. I refuse to answer.

Q. Have you ever done anything of that kind yourself? A. No sir, I never did.

Q. Never had charge of a house? A. I was housekeeper at one time.

Q. Have any inmates there but yourself? A. Plenty of them.

Q. Inmates that stayed in the house? A. Yes sir.

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Q. What charges were made by them? A. I had nothing to do with their charges; they made their own.

Q. Did you get any share of it? A. No sir, I was housekeeper.

Q. Did you have any income from it? A. No, I was paid by the week.

Q. How much? A. \$10.

Q. What house? A. 606 River St., Marjorie Sutherland.

Q. Since you have lived at that place have you had any others than your husband there? A. Yes sir, I have had roomers there.

Q. Have girls there? A. No sir, they were married men and their wives. I had Jimmie Clark, who worked for the palm garden, for the Kilties band, for the six months they were in town. I have a Dr. Thomas and his wife from Kansas City.

Q. You sell Blatz Beer? A. Yes sir, I have Blatz beer in my house all the time.

Q. What do you sell it for? A. I don't sell it. That is for our own private use.

Q. How much do you buy a week or month? A. From two to three cases and if I wanted to use 10 that would be my private business.

Q. We want to know something about what is going on. A. If you want to find out what is going on you go to the court records, and don't call people's past histories up in this private apartment. In the first place this was not supposed to be a private meeting; it was supposed to be a public meeting.

Q. Do you want to make it public? A. You may if you wish.

Q. You can come tomorrow if you want to? A. You bet you. Never run a resort. Never was an inmate on Fourth St.

Q. Do you know anything about the cause of girls' fall? A. It is their own desire if they want to.

Q. Has drink anything to do with it? A. No sir.

Q. The dance? A. No sir.

Q. Have boys anything to do with it? A. Certainly, or they wouldn't go wrong. A girl couldn't make herself go wrong, could they?

Q. I don't know. A. You have been a boy, haven't you?

Q. I never happened to go that way. A. No?

Q. Do the girls go wrong through drink? A. I don't know.

Q. Ever been in the palm garden? A. Certainly I been in a palm garden.

Q. Frequently? A. Not very often, no. It is always after 12 when I go with my husband, when he gets through work where he works.

Q. Where is he working? A. Fred Leon on 5th St.

Q. Is there any information you can give this committee as to how to help save girls? A. Give them a red light district; if ~~mm~~ they want what they desire give them a place to go to; where they are provided for, instead of putting them out in the streets.

MR. BARTLET: You are a friend of Mr. Jensen? A. No, I don't know him.

Q. Friend of the detectives? A. No sir. I know a few of them when I meet them. They don't have anything to do with me. This is the first time I ever was in a court room, or in the city hall, and this is the first time I ever was arrested, the first time I ever had a subpoena served on me.

Q. We are trying to get some information to help girls so they will not go wrong. A. Give them a place where men can go; it is the men's own fault they go to those places. It is not the women's. The men want to go to those places, let them; the women don't go into the streets and drag them in.

Q. Do they go on the streets and lead them? A. No, they are not allowed to.

Q. Any bartenders have a list of girls? A. That is out of the question in Milwaukee now.

Q. Sure your husband does not send girls to your house? A. I should say not! What do you think my husband is doing? Keeping somebody else, or keeping me?

STATEMENT OF MISS JUNE DARLINGTON. (69 Martin St.)

MR. BARTLET: You were an inmate of Kittie Williams' place? A.

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Yes. I was, for nearly five years.

Q. Up until the line closed? A. Yes.

Q. And secretly for a little while after that? A. Yes. I guess everyone knew it.

Q. How old are you? A. 31.

Q. How long have you been in this business? A. Oh, about 11 years.

Q. And were you an inmate of any other house before you came to Kittie's house? A. Yes.

Q. Where? A. A number of cities. Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, New York.

Q. How old were you when you first had sexual intercourse with a man? A. I was 19 years old.

Q. Were you seduced or what was the cause? A. I don't quite understand you.

Q. What was the cause? Were you seduced? A. Is that not the usual result when you have sexual intercourse?

Q. Was it against your will? A. Absolutely not.

Q. Were you paid for it the first time? A. No.

Q. When did you first commence to take pay for it; how long after the first time? A. Something like a year.

Q. What is your education; finish the grade schools? A. Yes indeed.

Q. What did you do before you went into a sporting house? A. I was in the show business for some time.

Q. Did you go on the stage? A. Yes.

Q. And that was the time you first trespassed? A. Trespassed? Yes.

Q. Were you sold into a house? A. No. I never knew any woman being sold into a house.

Q. I mean the party who brought you there. A. I went of my own free will. I had enough decency in my makeup when I became promiscuous to go to the place where I should have been.

Q. What percentage did you get of the earnings, while in Kittie Williams' place? A. Half of what I made.

Q. Pay your own board? A. I never paid her a cent of board.

Q. Know whether the other inmates paid her any board? A. I think so in some cases. It was not the practice. Kittie Williams treated her girls different than any woman I have ever known, and I have known many, and have been half way around the world.

Q. You bought your own clothes? A. Absolutely.

Q. Did she ever buy clothes for any of the others -- sell them to them? A. She had for instance -- in her house she always had stockings and vests and slippers and things of that sort; very often girls go into a house and they have absolutely nothing when they come there; they must have clean clothing; there must be drugs -- things of that sort -- you understand what I mean, in the line of antiseptics, power, which we all need.

Q. Would you, if you had your life to live over again, go into this? A. I think I probably should.

Q. You rather enjoy it? A. It is not particularly a question of enjoying it; at least I have learned something.

Q. What is that? A. I have learned a great many things. I have learned what life means, and I know what men are. I don't think any of them could slip anything over on me now. If ever I have a family of my own I will at least know how to rear them.

Q. If you had a daughter would you want her to go into it? A. No, I don't presume I would. I should have the same feeling that any mother would, but I should not say she was lost and gone to the devil and there was no redemption.

Q. Do you think you could refrain from this business and go into something else? A. I don't know why I couldn't. I am probably of at least ordinary intelligence. I don't know why I couldn't. But it is perfectly natural for me to want the luxuries of life, the same as it is for every woman, and I am going to get them, and you can't get them on \$6 or \$8 a week, and it is men who will provide them for you. I think there are plenty of other women who are getting it just the same as I got mine, only I had the courage of my own convictions. I did it openly and above board.

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Q. Mostly married or unmarried men coming to Kittie Williams'? A. Most of these married men. Sporting houses couldn't exist if it were not for the married men.

Q. Do you know what religion most of these girls have? A. Catholics, nearly every one of them. I would say that at least six out of ten girls whom I have known, sporting, and I have known hundreds, were Catholics.

Q. Kittie Williams' girls generally employed quite intelligent inmates? A. I think so. You must have in a house of that sort. A girl can't be a fool or they wouldn't make any money. All men do not go to a house for the sake of sexual intercourse -- trespassing. We all have to have a safety valve. You all have one; every one of you, because you are all men. There is some way to get it out of your system. If you don't get drunk, it is women; you drink to excess; it is something; and the woman in a place of that sort must know a great many things; you must be able to talk to a man; you must know what is hobby is and be able to talk about it. I have known men to stay in a house a week, simply because a girl entertained them, and it was not the man who is digging in the street. Usually some very prominent man. You can't be a fool and live in one of these places. That is a mistaken idea that a great many men have. They think sporting people know nothing, that they are idiots, that there is something the matter with our minds; that is the reason we do that; they forget that God gave it to us.

Q. What is the cause of girls falling? What do they give as the reason for their first acts? A. You very often hear that asked. I think that it is natural inclination. No girl is going wrong if she doesn't want to. We all have lungs and can use them. Nobody is going to rope you and tie you up and lock you up in a room and take it away from you. They don't do those things.

Q. Is something given -- drink -- A. I have heard girls tell those things but I haven't very often believed them.

Q. The dance? A. I don't think so. No.

Q. Do you think the girls deliberately go and seek it? A. I think there have been a great many such cases, because they read those things and their curiosity is aroused and they want to know what it is like. They are not taught enough, as a rule.

Q. Are they taught anything about it, at home? A. I presume so as a rule. I was. I knew absolutely what I was doing.

Q. Would you prefer to see the girls who were there, left alone? A. Let them do it decently. There are enough. There will always be recruits.

SENATOR TEASDALE: How are they recruited? A. I don't know. I think it is natural inclination, because they want to.

MR. BARTELT: Any sexual perversion practiced in those places; by the men that come there? A. I see some of that of course. You see a great deal more degeneracy among men than among women. 75% of the men are perverted in one form or another.

Q. They commit this act in an unnatural way? A. Yes.

Q. 75%? A. Yes, I think I am perfectly right. It is unusual to find a normal man.

Q. Did you ever make any contribution to political campaigns, for any candidate, or know of anybody else? A. No. I have known a great many women, especially Kittie Williams, to be very very charitable. I know that the churches come to us and ask us for money and we always gave it to them and --

Q. The the police department? A. No. I never saw any given to them.

Q. Christmas presents? A. Possibly a man on the beat given a box of cigars, something of that sort.

SENATOR TEASDALE: Have you any suggestion to offer to this committee as to how this may be stopped? A. I don't think you will ever stop it.

Q. Make it more difficult to go wrong; more easy to go right. A. They have been trying that for some five thousand years, have they not? I am not going to try to tire my poor little brain over it. Why should I? I am learning to cook.

MR. BARTELT: You expect to get into another line of business? A. I am not. I just like it. I must do something.

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Q. Expect to leave the city, do you? A. Possibly. I rather like Milwaukee. I may come back. I have a little money. At least it is profitable.

Q. Are you hoping the line will open up? A. I will not say I am hoping. I would like to see it, for the girls' benefit. We have been called everything; no one has given us one kind word. People who took our money, who came and asked for it, have drawn their skirts aside; they have been afraid of contamination. Why do they not put us away in one place and let us do it decently; we are not harming anyone but ourselves. I was taught there was a God who gave me these things. Then He must have given me these desires just the same as everyone else.

Q. Would you call sexual perversion decent or indecent? A. Of course there are some forms which are terrible, and other forms which are pitiful. Those are the people you should be spending your time on.

Q. Did you ever meet businessmen in their offices? A. No.

Q. Ever know of anyone doing that? A. I have known of such things, yes.

Q. Ever meet any men in the hotels? A. Not for quite some time. I have very rarely. On some few occasions.

Q. Ever been to the Kirby Hotel? A. No, I got as far as the door one night and the man would not pay me my price and I didn't go in.

Q. Ever hear of women going to the Kirby House? A. Yes.

Q. Still doing business? A. So I understand. I am not doing anything of that sort. It is not necessary for me.

Q. You made enough? A. I don't come from a family of paupers; I have a little money.

