

DISGUISED SUITOR SHOOTS TWO WOMEN

Poses as Health Officer to Enter House from Which He Had Been Barred.

ACTRESS GAVE COSTUME

Grace Hawthorne, Arrested as Accomplice of Jersey Barber, Denies She Knew He Was Armed.

Disguised in wig and false whiskers and posing as an officer of the Health Department, Louis Felice, a barber of 77 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, obtained entrance yesterday morning to the home of Miss Margaret Cassidy at 749 Boulevard, Bayonne, shot Miss Cassidy and her sister, Mrs. Marion McGee. Neither was seriously injured, and their assailant was overpowered and turned over to the police. Felice was accompanied by a woman who gave her name as Mrs. Priscilla Sargeant, but afterward she said she was Grace Hawthorne, an actress, who in her day won a measure of fame on the stage.

The barber, the police say, met Miss Cassidy, who is 20 years old, several months ago. He fell in love, and three weeks ago asked her to marry him. She refused, and Felice threatened to "get even." When Felice met the actress at Forty-second Street and Broadway last Tuesday the plan for shooting Miss Cassidy took shape. Mrs. Sargeant says he told her that he was a member of the Felice family, several members of which had been on the stage. She says she took him to her home at 235 West Forty-sixth Street. The barber said a woman owed him money, but he was never able to see her at her home. He was sure she was at home, and if he was provided with some sort of a disguise he could reach her and demand his money, he said.

Miss Hawthorne consented to furnish the disguise. She obtained for him a blue uniform, a pair of smoked glasses, and a cap. The beard and wig she fashioned out of material she had at hand. After a rehearsal in Miss Hawthorne's home she and Felice early yesterday morning went to the Cassidy home in Bayonne.

"Do you know who I am?" Felice asked Miss Cassidy when she opened the door.

Mrs. McGee, who had penetrated the disguise, called out to her sister to look out. Felice pulled off his wig and whiskers. "Yes, it's me," he said. The girl started to run, but Felice drew a revolver and fired. The bullet struck her in the neck and she fell to the floor. Mrs. McGee, who had her 3-months-old son Woodrow Wilson McGee in her arms, started screaming from the room. Felice fired two shots at her, one striking her in the thigh. She sank to the floor and the child fell from her arms. Felice and his companion ran down the stairs to the street.

Dennis McGee, Mrs. McGee's husband, who had been asleep in another room, caught the pair about a block from the house and held them until Police Lieutenant Whalen arrived.

Miss Cassidy and her sister were taken to the Bayonne Hospital. Neither was seriously hurt. Felice was charged with atrocious assault and attempt to kill. The actress, who was held as his accomplice, says she did not know Felice was armed.

The name Grace Hawthorne was familiar to those who followed the stage thirty years ago. She was once the talk of London. She made her debut in Providence in 1876, and after three months in small parts the illness of a leading woman gave her an opportunity and she emerged from unimportant parts to play Zoe in "The Octoroon," May in "Ticket of Leave," and other leading rôles. At one time she owned the lease of two theatres. With her husband, Bernard Sargeant de Santleys, a relative of the late Duc de Chaulnes, she came to New York in 1907.

ST. LOUIS BUYS AMERICANA.

Many Purchases from Heartman Sale Going to Missouri.

A sale of Americana by Charles F. Heartman at 36 Lexington Avenue last night realized \$2,198. Mr. Jaffe of St. Louis gave \$41 for the rare speech of Jonathan Shipley on the bill for altering the charter of the colony of Massachusetts Bay. Dr. Joseph Martini paid \$41.50 for Peter Martyr's "Historie of the West Indies," London, 1597. Mr. Brown of East St. Louis obtained for \$42.50 Captain Hugh McCall's scarce "History of Georgia."

Mr. Jaffe paid \$41 for the rare Venice, 1643, edition of the "Brief Relation" of B. de Las Casas, and \$41 for a copy of the rare first Dutch translation of Louis Hennepin's "Nouvelle di Converte," Utrecht, 1698. The St. Louis Library gave \$72 for the first Dutch edition of Hennepin's "Description of the Coasts of North America." Dr. Martini obtained the "Nouveaux Voyages" of N. Bossu, Amsterdam, 1777, for \$32. Mr. Jaffe gave \$55 for the "Memorandum Book" kept by General Philip Schuyler during the revolution.