

## SINGULAR CASE.

A person, supposed to be a man, was taken up a few days since in New York for drunkenness. It proved, however, that the individual was a *woman*, and likewise a *husband!* The New York Express has the following particulars of the affair:

**A FEMALE HUSBAND.**—In our Police report of Friday, was noticed the case of a person calling herself James Walker, but who afterwards confessed that she was a female, and not a male as her dress denoted. She said her real name was Jane Walker. She was examined by a surgeon, and it was found that the statement as regards her sex was correct, when she was removed for further examination.

On Saturday morning a female applied to Mr. Lowndes, the magistrate, for permission to see a prisoner named George Wilson. After a few questions from Mr Lowndes, it appeared that the individual she wished to see was no other than the said Jane Walker, who she said had been her husband for fifteen years. The magistrate expressed his surprise at this communication, when she requested to speak with him in a private room. She then stated that she had married the prisoner in 1821 in Scotland, thinking him at the time to be a male, but that she had been deceived. She did not discover the prisoner's real sex until some days after marriage, when they set sail for this country. She has not told any one of the circumstance, not even her own relations, some of whom live in the same house with her. Jane Walker is not the real name of the prisoner, but George Wilson.

On receiving this information, the magistrate ordered the prisoner to be brought up for a second examination.

Jane in being brought in, was quite confused at seeing her *wife* in the office. She then admitted that her real name was Wilson, and not Walker, and that the tale she had told on her former examination was totally false.

She said she was not born in Ireland, but at No. 20 Atherton street, Liverpool, and that her parents were Scotch. The maiden name of her wife was Cummins. She was the daughter of a cotton spinner at Glasgow, in Scotland, at which business the prisoner is also proficient.

The certificate of the marriage was then produced. The following is a copy:

Glasgow, 2d April, 1821.

**CERTIFICATE.**—That George Wilson, cotton spinner, of Brighton, and Elizabeth Cummins, residing there, have been three Several Sabbaths lawfully proclaimed in the BARONY CHURCH, in order to marriage, and no objection has been offered.

The above parties were lawfully married by me,  
JOHN MARFORTAINE, Minister.

The prisoner then stated that after being married on the Sunday, they set sail on the Tuesday following for this country, and that Elizabeth Cummins did not discover her (the prisoner's) sex until after they were on board. On arriving in this country they went to Canada, when they purchased land in New Limerick. After having been there several years the wife's father was sent for, who has been living with them ever since, and has worked with the prisoner at Clarke & Robinson's cotton factory, at Paterson, New Jersey, whom he always thought to be a man. During the examination, the prisoner was perpetually taking snuff, and seemed perfectly at ease. She was attired in striped pantaloons, a plaid stock, and a grey roundabout.

Considerable merriment was caused by Justice Hopson asking the prisoner how many children they had since their marriage? She was again remanded.