

"HE" WAS A WOMAN

Death Reveals the Secret of a Tammany Politician:

MASQUERADE FOR TWENTY YEARS

Murray Hall's Wife Quarreled With Him Because He Got Drunk and Caroused.

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New York, Jan. 18.—In the death of Murray Hall, proprietor of an employment agency at 145 Sixth avenue, a remarkable state of affairs is disclosed. Hall died from cancer of the left breast, and when Dr. William C. Gallagher made an examination he found the victim to be a woman. Dr. Gallagher learned from other occupants of the house that "Mr." Hall's wife died a few weeks ago, after a married life of twenty years. Many who had known Hall for years have never suspected that she was not a man.

Hall was a professional bondsman, politician and all around sport. He was a member of the Tammany association of the fifth assembly precinct and was well known to every politician on the west side of the city.

Mrs. Murray Hall's maiden name was Hobbs. Her will bequeathed some of her property to "My beloved husband, Murray Hall." The will contained a provision that upon the death of Murray certain property should go to our "dear beloved daughter, Minnie." She is an adopted daughter.

The story that Murray Hall was a woman spread through the neighborhood, but no one in the neighborhood would believe it. The only other tenant in the house said she had been acquainted with Murray Hall ever since he moved in there several years ago. She said:

When he came he brought with him his wife and daughter Minnie. I don't believe it possible that Murray Hall could have been a woman in men's clothing. He came home tipsy from political meetings, and now and then his wife quarreled, and, like other women, she accused him of paying attention to girls whose acquaintance he made. There was a great many of these girls who came to the intelligence bureau looking for places as servants, and Murray Hall, who was a sport, frequently invited them out to the corner saloon, where for hours he would sit in the back room and drink with them. This is what caused many quarrels between Murray and his wife. Once his wife told him she would get a divorce from him if he did not stop his carousing. From the way she talked, I always supposed she was his second wife.

Mrs. Murray Hall told her neighbors that she was going to leave her husband because he was in the habit of staying out late at night and carousing with the politicians and losing money at the poker table. She also told them that her husband was in the habit of coming home drunk after attending the chowders of the Tammany organization and that she could stand him no longer.