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IS IT ANNIE MOONEY?

A Father's Search for His Child.

The Sequel of the Belmont Mystery.

Clara Johnson of Sacramento Is Said to Be the Missing Girl.

"Little Annie Mooney," whose sudden disappearance at the picnic of the Carpenters' Union at Belmont eleven years ago caused one of the greatest sensations the city has ever experienced, has been found. That is the statement of her father, James F. Mooney, contractor and builder, of 1317A Twenty-fifth street. The girl is now at his home, treated as one of the family, and Mooney says he is positive that she is his long-lost daughter. Mrs. Mooney is equally positive that the girl is not her child, but no other stranger. The father and mother, who have been searching for their lost one for a decade, are both determined people, and each is certain in the convictions expressed. Meanwhile the young lady maintains a discreet silence, and declines to commit herself one way or the other. Her parents, however, will give her the blessing of an affectionate and joyful greeting.

Mr. Mooney is a carpenter and, like all good craftsmen, belongs to the union. He was a member of the order on Sunday, July 31, 1881, when, with his wife and children, he attended the picnic given by the Carpenters' Union at Belmont. During the day many children's games were given at the racetrack at the picnic grounds, and there Mooney went with his little ones to enjoy the sport. It was while at the racetrack that Annie disappeared. At first it was supposed that she had strayed down among the gullies in the neighborhood or among the trees on the main road, and give her the blessing of an affectionate and joyful greeting.

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On Tuesday, July 2, 1881, the father reported the disappearance to Chief of Police Crowley and gave a description of the missing child. She was 4 years and 6 months of age, and was also called by her name and residence and was of a delicate build, a fair complexion, was sickly built, a fair complexion, was sickly built, and the loss of one foot caused an slightly, the was dressed in a dark calico dress and wore a white sun hat with ribbons and notwithstanding the description given with the old woman on Montgomery street. The child was crying and saying, "I want to go home to my papa." Decided thought the child he saw was the missing Annie Mooney.

On Saturday, July 30, 1881, Chief Crowley sent out a circular to all towns in the interior of the State, asking for all in-ob-taining information regarding the little girl. Nothing was heard of the matter, and during the years of his hard labor for his little girl traveled many miles and spent much money in endeavoring to recover her. One of the most remarkable stories that came to his ears was that of a woman who was confined in the Stockton Insane Asylum, the claimant to the Blythe millions, was none other than his missing girl. He went to the Asylum and was allowed to see the woman, but was told that if a stranger was pointed out to him as his daughter. He could not identify her, however, and dropped that trail more wisely that he had been made a dupe. Then he heard that Mrs. Ellen Blythe, one of the Blythe claimant in the case caused a sensation at the time, for it was at that period that the fight for the fortune of the dead millionaire was about assuming its present proportions.

Year after year Mooney ran down every missing girl, and there were many of them, but all resulted in naught. His perseverance was remarkable, for he was known to have traveled as far as Oregon trying to unravel the mystery of her birth. The story came by telegraph from Denver and stated that Miss Freeman remembered living many years ago in Oakland, Cal., with a family named Mooney, from whom she had taken her name. Mrs. Robins, and was for a time at inmate of St. Mary's Academy at Denver. She said that while with Mary Cuneo she had been told that she was not a child of them all though the drunkenness of the woman. The girl said she believed her self to be the daughter and heir of a rich Californian, and she was desirous of securing her rights. Mrs. Robins, who had entertained the idea that this Emily Freeman referred to was his long-lost daughter Annie.

On April 19th last another story regarding the child reached Mooney. This girl was the daughter of Mrs. A. Johnson, a hotel-keeper of Seattle. He said the Freeman girl was Clara J. Johnson. Johnson's story is as follows:

Johnson says that he knew the mother of a woman child for a number of years, and was in the child. He placed the little one when 2 years old in charge of a woman, apparently poor to be, Mary Cuneo, then living in Oakland. Mrs. Johnson promised to take care of the child three years for which [illegible] Mary Cuneo would have to [illegible] the parentage of the child.

Johnson says that he met her there, but one day [illegible] Cuneo, and observing that she was not a proper person to educate the child, he [illegible] her from the care of Mrs. C. G. Rollins, a wealthy woman. She [illegible] that Mary Cuneo was [illegible] and that she had [illegible] her husband and [illegible] Mary Cuneo had no knowledge of