

VICTORY BATEMAN EXONERATED.

So It Was Stated in Mrs. Aubrey Boucicault's Decree of Divorce.

In the Supreme Court yesterday Judge McAdam granted a decree of absolute divorce to Amy Boucicault from her husband, Aubrey Boucicault, son of Dion Boucicault. Mrs. Boucicault was permitted to resume her maiden name, Amy Busby. Miss Victory Bateman, who was named as co-respondent in the suit, is entirely exonerated.

Amy Busby and Aubrey Boucicault were married in Chicago Jan. 11, 1892, when both were acting in the same company. The action for divorce was brought a few months ago. When Miss Bateman's name was coupled with that of Aubrey Boucicault as co-respondent, she was dismissed from the Professional Woman's League after a vigorous contest by her friends. Miss Bateman, it is said, will now insist upon being reinstated. There is no evidence in the case against her, and the decree expressly states that she was guilty of no wrong.

When the case was called in court yesterday neither the plaintiff nor the defendant was present. Lawyer Hummel appeared specially for Miss Bateman, and Robert H. Griffin represented Mrs. Boucicault. The written testimony of the latter, taken before a Commissioner in Nashville, Tenn., was submitted with the affidavit of Actor Edward J. Henley. The testimony which he gave was to the effect that during the month of September, 1892, when he and Boucicault were playing together in San Francisco, they visited a number of places which furnished ground for divorce.

There was no other evidence introduced, and there being no defense, Judge McAdam signed the decree.

Mr. Devine Repented Hasty Marriage.

Thomas Devine came all the way from Kent, Washington, to this city a week ago on a particular errand. He is a wealthy lumber merchant, and President of a bank. A year ago he came to this city for the first time, and before leaving for home made a tour through that half of New-York of which the other half is supposed to know nothing. He met two young women, and, according to his lawyer, became intoxicated. One of the young women was named Nellie English. Mr. Devine married her. That afternoon he went home, leaving the young woman in this city. After a year of reflection, he decided to come back and secure a divorce. His wife was found, and proceedings have been begun.

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