

78. You know some of the girls are incorrigible liars?—I do.

79. And yet you take their word against that of a member of the staff?—I never said that.

80. What remark did the Matron make about it when you told her? Did she believe it?—She said, "I cannot believe it."

81. Do you know that she acted as though she did believe it?—Not at all.

82. These girls were called in to substantiate these charges against Miss Howden in the presence of the Matron and yourself?—Yes.

83. What remark did F—— B—— make about the Matron then?—I do not know what you refer to. I do not know that she said anything. She was not making charges against the Matron.

84. Miss Howden asked F—— B—— to repeat something she had said about the Matron. Do you remember that?—Yes.

85. Did F—— B—— repeat the remark?—Yes.

86. What was it?—Really I cannot tell you so far back what it was. There was a lot of contradicting and high-talking.

87. You absolutely forget what she said?—Yes; they called each other different things.

88. *Mr. Russell.*] You mean F—— B—— and Miss Howden talked such a lot?—Yes, there was a lot of pretty loud talking—all four together, and all excited.

89. *Mr. Salter.*] Have you ever seen the Matron boxing girls' ears?—Not their ears.

90. What then?—Their shoulders.

91. And never nearer than that to the ears?—She may have caught a girl on the back of the plait on the head, but not on the ears.

92. *Mr. Russell.*] How many years ago was that?—About 1905.

93. Is that the only time you have ever seen it?—Yes.

J—— L—— examined on oath.

1. *Mr. Salter.*] What is your age?—Nineteen years.

2. How long have you been here?—Fifteen months.

3. You have been in the cell?—Yes.

4. How often?—I cannot tell you.

5. Do you remember in last November being put in twice in succession?—Yes.

6. On the first day, were you let out of the cell?—I was not let out until I got out at bed-time.

7. Were you visited during that day?—I was visited with my meals; that is all. There was one time I was in there I had no breakfast and no dinner.

8. When was that?—I think it was on one of the two days I was in the cell. They forgot about my breakfast and dinner.

9. What time did you have your tea?—I knocked on the wall, and Miss Hunt came in and brought my tea to me.

10. Do you remember what time you went into the cell that morning?—Just after I came downstairs—about 7 o'clock.

11. So you were in the cell from 7 o'clock until tea-time without anything to eat or to drink?—Yes.

12. Have you ever had your ears boxed?—Yes; by Matron.

13. *Mr. Russell.*] Who brought you down from your dormitory that morning and put you in the cell?—Miss Mills.

14. What were you punished for?—I think, for answering back.

15. The night before?—Yes.

16. And were you ordered to be kept in the cell for two days?—Yes. I said I did not think it was fair, and Miss Mills said it was Matron's orders.

17. What had you answered back the night before?—I had no marks, and complained about it, and I said I had lost my marks unjustly. The staff said I had not, and I answered them back about it.

18. Then you were taken upstairs to your bed?—Yes; and put in the cell next morning.

19. Did any one come to see you at all that day?—No.

20. You knew, of course, when breakfast-time came you ought to have your breakfast?—Yes.

21. Who was in the office on the other side?—I do not know.

22. When you found you had been neglected, did you call out?—No.

23. Why did you not call out when you found your breakfast had been forgotten? Was any one in the detention-yard that day?—The cell was locked, and I did not hear anybody.

24. The window was not locked at the top?—It is closed.

25. Is it not open to let the sun and air come through?—No.

26. Were you hungry when you found you had had no breakfast?—A bit hungry.

27. Were you in a temper?—No.

28. When you found your breakfast did not come, why did you not knock on the door?—I thought I was to go without any breakfast.

29. After breakfast did any one come?—No.

30. No one came into the yard?—No.

31. When it came to midday dinner, were you hungry?—I was a bit hungry, but I did not say anything.

32. Why did you not knock?—I did not want to trouble them.

33. What time in the evening did they come and take you out?—Just as the girls were going to bed at 8 o'clock.

34. Who got you then?—I think, Miss Dean.

35. What did she say?—I told Miss Hunt when she came to me at tea-time that I had had no dinner, and she said, "They must have forgotten it. I will bring you some now."