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Dec. 12, 1921.

Dear Sir:-

On Nov. 10, Mrs. Gratch came to me appealing for assistance. Her story was that she has five children and had not the wherewithal to buy them food. She said her husband failed to properly support her, and her story was one of abuse and privation, and that her husband's treatment of her was most inhuman; that she could not live with him any longer, as under such environment her children could not become healthy moral men and women.

She told me that her brothers had offered her assistance during the Summer, when she had applied for a divorce, and that these brothers had become discouraged with her because she would not go on with the proceedings. The reason that she did not press the divorce case against him at that time was because some people had influenced her against it.

She gave me the address of her brother in San Francisco, and I consulted with Rabbi Zielenka, with reference to the case, who wired to her brothers, and they sent her money to come to San Francisco.

The morning after she left El Paso, it was reported to me that her husband had appealed to the county sheriff to stop her on the way. I went to Sheriff Orndorff of El Paso county and placed the case before him. He immediately gave orders that the woman should not be stopped, that she had a perfect right to go to San Francisco since her brothers had sent for her.

Yours very truly,

San Mateo Dec. 10/21
738 Costa Rica Ave.

Mrs. Zlabofsky
President (Jewish Women's Relief)
El Paso Texas.

Dear Madam.

It is with regret and reluctance that I am subscribing herewith a few words to inform you of the unfortunate conditions my poor sister is in, of course due to past events, which you no doubt are well aware of and it is needless for ^{me} to repeat.

She has been in a very precarious condition ever since her mis-carrage, but has not confided in anyone not wishing to molest or trouble others with any burden and the result is that she underwent a capital or major operation yesterday at the Mount Zion Hospital.

Her life hung on a hair but thru some mysterious fate she is alive and convalescent.

She asked me to be sure and write to you as you were always so kind to her in her troubles.

We had a personal interview with Mr. Lipsitch of the Eureka Benevolent Assoc. San Francisco and the result was that he is communicating with El Paso to find out more details of the case and about Mr. Gratch.

It seems to me that something will be done in the near future to bring cheer to my poor sister.

If it is in your power to bring weight or enlightenment upon her case kindly communicate with Mr. Lipsitch.

With heartfelt thanks for your kindness
I beg to remain
Respectfully
M. Gootherto

P. S. I am afraid that Mr. Gratch will soon find out her whereabouts and will follow her and try to make trouble. If he is as bad as I am told, why, there ought to be a way of putting him out of reach of making any more trouble for anyone.