

HOW ARTIST SEES PRINCIPALS IN FRAUD CASE



Using pen and ink instead of a camera, Michi Iida, American-born Japanese artist of 1733 East First street, caught the above glimpses yesterday in United States District Court where Mrs. Violet Wells Norton is charged with using the mails to defraud. The artist has sketched Mrs. Norton, Clark Gable, who denied being the father of Mrs. Norton's 14-year-old daughter, Judge Cosgrave and U.S. Atty. Powell, who is prosecuting the case.



CLARK GABLE (LEFT) AND ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY JACK POWELL.
Leaving for Courtroom After Conference
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MRS. NORTON CONVICTED IN CLARK GABLE CASE

Woman Who Accused Actor of Being Her
Child's Father Found Guilty of Fraud

Romantica Hollywood

Il nostro lettore la sa già lunga sul processo di Clark Gable. « Il Secolo Illustrato » pubblicò già nel N. 6 la fotografia della quarantasettenne signora Norton che pretendeva di essere stata sedotta quattordici anni prima, in Inghilterra, da Clark Gable, dal quale avrebbe avuto una figlia, Guendalina. Il processo (conclusosi con la condanna della Norton per calunnia e ricatto) ha richiamato una folla enorme, specialmente di ammiratrici del popolare attore, ed ha avuto una fase particolarmente romantica con la deposizione di una fanciulla. Si tratta della signorina Valentina Doerfler, che ha dichiarato come al tempo indicato dalla Norton ella fosse la fidanzata di Gable: egli era allora un misero impiegatino in una fabbrica di cravatte, e Valentina non lo aveva sposato perché non guadagnava abbastanza. L'attore è stato molto riconoscente alla sua passata « sweetheart », la cui deposizione — se pure così poco brillante nei riguardi dei suoi precedenti — è stata risolutiva agli effetti del processo. In mezzo all'aula, stringendo calorosamente le mani di Valentina Doerfler nel modo che la foto a destra ci mostra, Clark ha detto: « Finalmente ecco un'ammiratrice di cui ci si può fidare! ». Nella fotografia sotto, con l'attore e il procuratore J. L. Powell, è il padre di Clark, William H. Gable (vedete come assomiglia a Clark) citato a testimoniare come al tempo del preteso romanzo d'amore in Inghilterra suo figlio non avesse mosso un passo fuori degli Stati Uniti. — Nella terza fotografia, Guendalina Norton, la quale, tifosa di cinema come tutte le ragazze, si è dichiarata « felice in ogni modo di vedere Clark Gable se pur non di conoscere suo papà ».

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"Clark Gable Is On The Line, Mr. Powell."



Jack Powell

"Clark Gable is on the line Mr. Powell" all in an afternoon for Jack Powell who had become this movie idol's attorney and personal friend - yes, Clark Gable, that beloved actor admired by men and loved and adored by women! How did this close friendship develop? It happened years ago when Jack was only 23 and the youngest United States's prosecuting attorney in the State of California. He was assigned Clark Gable's case defending him in a paternity suit. Mrs. Morton, the notorious lady, was being indicted as she had used the U.S. mail with intent to defraud. At that time, blood tests were not used and Jack had to prove beyond a doubt Clark's innocence! He accomplished this by documenting every event in Clark's life and in Mrs. Norton's - he won the case hands down! Thus began a friendship that lasted until Clark's death! One day, years later, Clark had

called Jack to see if he'd go bear hunting with him and Spencer Tracy in Alaska - of course Jack's answer was "yes" until he found out they'd be gone two to three months. Jack had to decline as he had an active law practice and could not be away for such a lengthy trip. Later, Clark called Jack to go duck hunting with him in Mexico - the plans had been finalized when Jack was informed of Clark's unexpected death.

During the years when Jack was the Assistant U.S. Prosecuting Attorney and after he opened his own law firm in Los Angeles, he was given "carte blanche" to all of the Hollywood Studios. At that time Doug Shearer (Norma Shears's brother) was Vice President of MGM and his client - as were many other famous stars, directors and producers.

Another of Jack's famous cases was that of Father Divine, the fa-

mous Cultist. To refresh your memory, he told the world that his adopted son was the returned Messiah and called him "Jesus." It was indeed a bizarre drama and the case became a morals charge as "Jesus" had taken a female minor across a state line. Jack won again after getting the hotel register where the signature was "Jesus" and the "Blessed Virgin." He was one of the prosecuting attorneys in the federal government city of Los Angeles for six years before he opened his own successful law firm. As Jack says, "I've done it all in the legal field - the most exciting were my trial works - of course, the most stressful also!"

Jack Powell is a true southern gentleman - and I feel sure Clark Gable would have imitated him totally for his role in "Gone With The Wind" where he aspired to become the perfect southern gentleman and win Scarlet's heart. Jack

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Clark Gable

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was born in Savannah, Georgia and raised in Virginia. He was attending Wake Forest University in North Carolina when he made his first trip to California. He quickly changed coasts and graduated from the University of Southern California. Jack's family owned the world's largest luggage business and to quote Jack, "I decided I certainly didn't want to spend my life selling luggage." Jack and his family (he has one son named Jack) moved to Vista after Los Angeles and opened a successful law firm there. He still attracted clients from his many movie friends. At a later date he sold his firm and prac-

ticed privately in the Ranch.

I asked Jack how he received his appointment as the U.S. Attorney. He told me Senator McAdoo for who he had worked as an assistant had appointed him. They were life-long friends and Mrs. McAdoo (who was President Wilson's daughter) brought many famous and interesting people into Jack's life.

Jack's legal career was interrupted for four years because of World War II. He was in the Air Force and spent three of those years in New Guinea. He was the executive officer of a night fighters squadron. His commanding officer (C.O.)

often made Jack his co-pilot and they flew nightly at tree top level keeping the enemy at bay. The odds in those dangerous years were exceptionally high. Of the 323 on that mission, one in every five lost their lives. Yes, Jack did lead a charmed life.

This gentleman is an avid and dedicated golfer. He periodically has to take time off from his favorite game due to a war time injury. He's looking forward to more exciting days on the course very soon.

Jack's son did not follow in his legal footsteps but a grandson (Greg) is a practicing attorney in Portland. As he smilingly remarks

about his grandson, he says three years ago after graduating from the University of Virginia he started working at \$40,000 per year where Jack had his first law position at \$125.00 per month. Changes. Changes!

Jack Powell's talents are many but one of his favorites is cooking. He is a gourmet cook and has belonged to the "Gourmet Society." Every two months you were responsible (with one assistant) for preparing an entire dinner for a group. Everything had to be made from scratch. Yes, ladies, everything! No mixes for the Gourmets.

Jacks and his charming wife

Emma Lee reside in a lovely estate in the Ranch where they enjoy all that nature offers them - gardening, bird watching, and swimming. A true sign of confidence has been given them by their feathered friends. Birds have built their Spring nests and are now filled with wee ones, at both the front and back entrances of their home. Everyone is urging Jack to write a book. Actually many books could be written as he had had a lifetime of interesting experiences. This world would be excited to share in the wonders of Jack Powell's life. A great southern gentleman in our midst in Rancho Santa Fe.

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PHOTO AND ORBIT OF MY FATHER -
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YOU MIGHT SURMISE MY CHILDHOOD
WAS INTERESTING. LET ME
KNOW IF THERE IS INTEREST.

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