

BEHEFT OF REASON.
Simon F. Gless Becomes a Lunatic.

HIS FINANCIAL TROUBLES
His Many Lawsuits and Numerous Business Complications Devised to Have Impaired His Faculties.

In 1888 Simon F. Gless was a modest young man who drove a wagon for Antonio Vignolo, the liquor dealer of East First street. His wages were few and his \$75 salary paid all of them.

The only unfortunate feature about Mr. Gless, as it has now turned out, was that he was the nephew of one Gaston Ozeart. Gaston was a living out of men, and during a residence of thirty-five years in Los Angeles had accumulated property to the value of nearly \$700,000. Gaston made up his mind to shield off his mortal coil in 1900, leaving all of his possessions to his nephew, Simon. Then lawsuits of all descriptions piled in upon the hapless inheritor. He employed a lawyer, who got him to sign a contract, by which he was to give up \$40,000. This gave rise to another lawsuit, which was resolved in Judge Van Dyke's court a few months ago, and was decided in favor of the nephew of the contract, although he was only awarded \$14,000. A number of men who had advised Gless whenever they saw an opportunity, were given a chance to tell what they knew about the contract, and out of them all the only one to admit that he had broken the poor man out of a cool \$15,000. From that day that Gless fell into his uncle's property he was set upon by a famished lion, who robbed him unscrupulously whenever he could.

The \$700,000 property under these circumstances was naturally divided down very fast, and it was not very long before Mr. Gless had practically been left.

Five he sold the old residence for \$60,000; next some property in San Diego, and as a last resort he found himself penniless and left to his father-in-law.

Some thirty-six years ago a man who goes by the name of Francisco Martin, but who claims to be an illegitimate son of the deceased Gaston Ozeart, commenced suit against Mr. Gless to have the probate of the will disturbed. Matters at this time were somewhat hot for a money consideration but were again resumed lately.

When the suit was about to be brought on a result at Brooklyn Heights on May 17, 1891, one of the latter attorneys, and he was consequently arrested the next day for battery. The case was continued for some time and was finally dismissed by the complaining witness himself. Everyone that time Gless has been more or less snooty, but nobody expected that anything so unexpected as what took place would be the result of this unhappy fray.

On June 15, 1891, from San Jose, Cal., where in the San Joaquin Valley, and Los Angeles for some time he had been in residence, arrived at the Brunswick Hotel in this evening that he developed unmistakable signs of insanity. He claimed to have been attacked by a couple of Mexicans who had, as he said, tried to "do him up." His mind was very blank, but the mental condition of the two contending and it was easy to see that he was a little off. He was confined in a light and kept in the hall for some 24 hours. In the evening he was again seized with insane notions and shot of a revolver in his bedroom five times. Since that time Gless has been absolutely devoid of reason, and although he is not dangerous now, he was not a comfortable house to be with at first. A friend of his who went to his home said that he had seen Gless in the street with a woman, but that he would have fired had it not been for the fact that the wife of the lunatic was present at the time of the danger and quieted the poor fellow.

He was removed about three weeks ago to the Alhambra ranch near Rosemead, where he is now, and his wife's routine completely shattered. He sees his wife everywhere, and he believes that they are miraculously restored out by his former history.

His condition is really pitiful. Here is a man who some years ago was fairly a millionaire and who now has hardly any property and not even enough reason to know what is done. Mrs. de Sargent and trained are attending the poor man, but they are not very sanguine that he will recover.

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