

GIRL GETS EUGENIC LICENSE AS MAN



Cora Anderson (Ralph Kerwineio)

Milwaukee, Wis., May 9.—Miss Cora Anderson, who for 10 years successfully disguised herself as a man and went about under the name of Ralph Kerwineio, still refuses to tell what prompted her to take this strange course, but her chum, Mamie White, who during the most of the 10 years lived with "Ralph" as the latter's wife, explains that Miss Anderson posed as a man to earn a better living.

The Anderson girl's secret was disclosed recently by her marriage to Dorothy Klefnowski, after she had obtained the right under the new statute requiring a eugenic marriage license.

"It is so long ago," said Mamie

White, in telling the story of her chum's deception, "and we have kept the secret so well that at times I almost got to believe Cora was a man. I called her Ralph, because we agreed that would be safer.

"It all came about because we were discouraged working for girls' pay. We couldn't seem to meet our expenses. Cora liked to masquerade in men's clothing, and we said she made a fine boy. One day, when we had been discussing our dark future, Cora declared she would be a man.

"The suggestion seemed a joke at first. But the more we joked about it the more serious it became, and Cora finally insisted that the scheme could be carried out.

"I can act like a man and look one," she said, "and I can earn a man's wages. We can remain chums as we are now, and my larger wages will help our your woman's wages."

"One night, after our work was done, we took men's clothing to a room in another part of Cleveland, where we were then living. I helped Cora cut her hair short. Cora intended to try to get men's work in Cleveland, but we gave it up because it seemed dangerous.

"Then we came to Milwaukee. Cora had no difficulty in getting a position here. She worked as a man in several offices. We wanted to be together, so we rented a room and the people with whom we lived never doubted that we were man and wife. Cora worked for one company six years."

The police say their investigation shows that the girl who has posed as a man obtained a marriage license in the regular way and was married by Justice Edward J. Burke.