

THE HOUGHTON BIGAMY CASE.

John J. Houghton was arrested at Yonkers last week on a charge of bigamy. On Monday last he obtained a writ of habeas corpus for the production in Supreme Court, Chambers, of his daughter Stella, 14 years old. In his petition to Judge Donohue he asked that the child should be taken from her mother, Mary C. Houghton, his first wife, and given to him, because her mother was a woman of lewd and intemperate habits, from whom he had believed himself to be divorced. He said he had recently discovered that he had been deceived about the divorce. In a return made to the writ yesterday, Mrs. Mary C. Houghton charged her husband with being an immoral man—a bigamist—who was unfitted to have the custody of the child Stella. As Judge Donohue could not decide the case in view of the conflicting statements he ordered proof to be taken by a Referee.

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