

A Sad Case.

A young lady, Miss Sophia Gunderson, over whose head nineteen summers have passed, came down from her home, eight miles north of this place, Saturday last and lodged a complaint of seduction against Sorn H. Berg, a store keeper at Ottawa. The girl is prepossessing, though in a very "interesting" condition, and our local court worshipers began to congratulate themselves on rich developments as the case proceeded. However, they were disappointed, for the defendant promptly agreed to pay the price set by the irate father upon his daughter's ruin, namely, \$500.

It seems that Berg had been keeping company for some time with the young lady, and accomplished her down-fall through promises of marriage, and now goes back on his plight, alleging as his reason that the girl's character is tainted. Cases of this same nature are too painfully numerous in this great home of the free, and it always makes us shudder with shame at the laxity of our laws every time we hear of a seducer, upon whom guilt can be fastened, getting off free. It's a poor law that will deprive a community of justice because the parties directly injured can find solace in a greenback salve, and thus allow a high crime against decency and morality to go unpunished.