

A strange case has come to light in Waupina Wisconsin town around which there still hangs an air of impenetrable mystery. Every woman is gossiping about it. Last spring a young woman named Gertrude Fuller became the bride of a young man—calling himself Frank Dubois, and to all outward appearances they have since lived happily together. They have gained a livelihood by painting and other odd bits of work, and not even their most intimate friends have ever thought of them except as passing a quiet, happy honeymoon at their modest little home. Last night S. J. Hudson, of Belvidere, Ill., a former resident of Fond du Lac, Wis., presented himself at their door and claimed Gertrude Dubois' whilom husband as his wife, who had deserted him and his two children. The gossips are greatly excited over the matter, some going so far as to claim that the woman herself has been deceived as to the sex of the person she married. This was the story told by a reporter sent out to investigate it. Gertrude, in reply to this question, maintained that the person she lived with through the summer is a man, and her stepmother upholds her in this assertion.

Hudson, who lived in Fond du Lac previous to his departure for Belvidere early last spring, left here for the former place last night, being unable to obtain an interview with his wife. He states that when he left Fond du Lac, Mrs. Hudson was to follow him, he having left her a ticket for that purpose, and that he has not seen her since. Frank Dubois, otherwise Mrs. Hudson, left here on the noon train north. In spite of the assertions of Gertrude and his step-mother the people here believe Dubois to be a woman. Looking at past events in the lights of the present, many little things, unnoticed at the time, point directly to this conclusion. There is, in fact, no doubt upon the subject, and the people are satisfied that Miss Fuller's husband is Mrs. Hudson. Why the two women should have done so remarkable a thing as to marry each other cannot be imagined. Mrs. Hudson is a masculine-looking person, and it did not require a great deal of trouble to disguise her sex.