

USED HER NAILS, MRS. STOKES SAYS

Hopes She Scratched Husband Good and Plenty, She Says on Stand

FEARED HIS FIRST WIFE

New York, April 29.—Superficially, the second day of Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes' cross-examination yesterday in the trial of her husband's suit for divorce was still the duel between the paid trier and an unwilling victim fighting against odds.

Just how? She could not explain. But she loved him far more than he did her. And again, against her picture of cruelty was placed a letter of endearment.

Referred to Mrs. Lydie. Not quite so sentimental was another letter, significant for its reference to Mrs. Philip Lydie, first wife of Mr. Stokes.

Perhaps Mrs. Stokes, leaving the witness stand, could give the most accurate summing up of the day. It was a side remark, followed by a short laugh.

"I wish I hadn't written a thing." The absence of Mr. Stokes, ill with a cold at home, was noticeable.

Again the battery of questions simmered down to this: Were the letters a true record of her marriage, or was the diary? Mrs. Stokes did not answer the question.

Billie incident, at the close of the day. She repeatedly called adverse witnesses "liars." And when Edgar T. Wallace's testimony was placed before her, she maneuvered neatly out of seeming contradictions.

"Thinking of Himself." She was asked whether her husband did not want the children with him at the Annonia. Back came the reply: "But he was not thinking of the children. He was thinking of himself."

There was a letter written to her mother, telling her if it were not "for her husband she would never have lived through her operation."

matters, although I heard Mr. Stokes was going to defraud me." It follows: "Your letter about your wife was partly sad and partly amusing. It seems money is the goal, but not me. Still I would be foolish if I did not protect my children."

Letters of Philadelphia. "You gave her (Mrs. Lydie) an apartment house for a wedding present and I feel hurt. And I think you should do something to show your appreciation of me. Weddie is as much in my affections as any one, but I do not, like the English, think that the second son should fish for a living."

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