

STOLEN HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Collins Values Albert Henry's Affections at \$25,000 and

WANTS MRS. HOUSE TO PAY. The Defendant the Widow of a Wealthy Pittsburg Merchant.

HER SECOND VENTURE A FAILURE. The Litigating Wife a Young and Very Handsome Woman.

LITTLE TRIPS THAT CAUSED COMMENT. A suit for \$25,000 damages brought by Mrs. Sarah R. Collins against Mrs. M. E. House in Common Pleas No. 3 may have some interesting features before its final disposition.

Through her attorney, D. F. Patterson, Mrs. Collins filed yesterday her statement in which she alleges her husband's affections have been alienated from her by Mrs. House. The paper is of some length, and the charges are somewhat sensational. What adds a touch of romance to the suit is the fact that the defendant is a lady past middle age with a family of six children, while the complainant is a young woman who has not reached the age of 26 years.

Mrs. M. E. House, the defendant, is the widow of the late John I. House, a wealthy grocery merchant of Pittsburg, and at his death succeeded to the greater part of his estate. After the demise of Mr. House his widow married Dr. Benjamin F. Lamb, a wealthy physician of Oakland.

Mrs. House obtained a divorce from him upon the ground of ill-treatment. She resided until a year ago at a handsome residence at 246 Oakland avenue. At that time her eldest son was married and she made her home with him and his wife at the foot of Marion avenue, a few doors from Bates street.

The bill against Mrs. House alleges that she has alienated the affections of Collins and has induced him to sue for a divorce from his wife in a Chicago divorce court and also alleges that it is to further her intimacy with Collins that she obtained the divorce from her second husband, Dr. Lamb.

In her statement Mrs. Collins says she was married to Albert Henry Collins in May, 1881. Everything between the two was pleasant, harmonious and happy until the bill alleges, Mrs. House came into his life. During the month of March, 1890, Collins was employed by Mrs. House as superintendent of his brickyard. During their association in business Miss House took occasion to be in Collins' company more than the work necessitated, continues the allegations, and this had a good deleterious effect upon Collins' regard for his wife.

Wanted Little Pleasure Trips Together. Mrs. House became a frequent caller at Collins' home, and on various occasions Collins accompanied Mrs. House upon pleasure trips at that lady's solicitation, to the annoyance, vexation and scandal of the complainant. Upon the 10th of February last Mrs. House induced Collins to accompany her wife and family to Chicago and institute divorce proceedings against his wife. These divorce proceedings, it is asserted, are fraudulently founded, and Collins is endeavoring to sustain them by the aid and assistance of the finances of Mrs. House. Mrs. Collins further states that Mrs. House began her seductive arts upon Collins before she obtained a divorce from Dr. Benjamin F. Lamb. In conclusion Mrs. Collins goes over the principal points in her statement and ends by saying that Mrs. House has completely won over the affection of Collins, and that she is the cause of Collins' ruin.

Collins was in Love With His Wife. The news that Mrs. House had been sued by Mrs. Collins led Dr. Lamb, the second husband of the defendant, to speak of what he knew of Collins' ruin.

"I first saw him about two years ago," began the physician, when seen in his office at 275 Fifth avenue, last night by a Dispatch man. "I had known him for some time endeavoring to get my wife, now Mrs. House, to take a mortgage upon a small brickyard of his, which was heavily incumbered with debt. Collins was quite a good-looking young man, but did not consider him very strong mentally. Being busy with my professional duties, I seldom if ever paid any attention to the business my wife was managing. It was not until regarding the solicited loan and saw but very little of Collins. When I did talk to him, I found him at first most considerate in his wife's opinions. He always spoke of her in the most respectful tones, and I inferred from his conversation with me that he was devotedly attached to her. My wife assisted him in the financial difficulty he was in, and took a new mortgage on the property.

Made Collins Her Manager. "After that I did not hear a great deal of the venture until she told me at breakfast one morning that she intended to enlarge the brick plant and starting in on a large scale. Satisfied with her business ability I made no comment, and a few days later I learned she had put considerable money into the brickyard and had employed Collins as her manager and foreman. He was paid a large salary for the position he held, and in addition was to receive a certain per cent of profits accruing therefrom. My wife found it necessary to make frequent trips to the brickyard where Collins spent the greater part of his time, but I never heard of him coming at the house, although he could have done so quite easily without my knowledge, as I was away from the house the greater part of the day. I had no words at all with my wife regarding Collins, except upon one occasion. Then she and Collins went away to purchase some machinery and were gone about 48 hours.

Just a Trifle Surprised. "I was more or less incensed, as she had said nothing whatever to me regarding her departure and I chided her for her indifference. That was the only occasion I spoke unkindly to her. When she began again for her share from me, I did not fight it, as I thought it would be better to let things go as they were. Since that time I know nothing whatever of either she or Collins.

Mrs. House is not in the city at present and her side of the story could not be obtained. When in town she resides with her son at Shadyside.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry Collins is at Elizabeth, where the brickyard about which the trouble seems to have been brewed is also located.

HAVE YOU read the advertisements to-day of Rooms To Let? THE DISPATCH Central-Word Columns give the best selection of first-class rooms.

TROUBLE IN THE HALL.

City Controller Morrow Thinks Gas Is Good Enough, but Chief Bigelow and Brown Insist Upon Electric Lights—Legal Suits Are Threatened.

Friday was the last day for receiving proposals for lighting City Hall with electric light under the advertisement made by Chief Bigelow. The Allegheny County Light Company was the only bidder, and it had been seen that the contract was awarded yesterday, but when the proposal was opened it was found to be incomplete, vague and not according to the rules in such matters, and was consequently thrown out. Chief Bigelow announced that he would re-advertise, as required by law, in spite of Controller Morrow's opposition.

The Controller still maintains his vigorous opposition to electric lights in the city building, and declares he will go into court to prevent the contract from being carried out, if it is awarded.

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VETERANS CHEER LEE.

Soldiers of the North Pay Tribute to Brave Men of the South.

Great Necessity for a History of the Army Organizations.

FACTIONAL LINES ARE ALL WIPED OUT. Last night Encampment No. 1, of the Union Veteran Legion, celebrated the twenty-seventh anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox and the eighth anniversary of the organization of the Veteran Legion, at the Auditorium.

There were fully 1,800 people present. The hall was decorated with flags and the banners of the Veteran Legion. The entire back of the stage was filled up with a painting of the famous wheatfield scene at Gettysburg. The veterans were all enthusiastic, and when Colonel Charles F. McKenna came with General Dan Butterfield, cheer on cheer greeted them. Encampment No. 6, of Allegheny, also joined in the celebration.

The feature of the evening, however, was the display of feeling by the men who fought the battles of the nation for the heroes of the South. In the more than quarter of a century since the struggle the men of the North have come to realize that just as noble men were the gray as those who upheld the blue.

Veterans Have Cheers for General Lee. They have realized that but a change in the drift of battle would have made the men of the Southern army patriots of the Second Revolution and Lee the hero of the nation. Inspired by the veterans forgo the feeling of the war, and at the mention of the brave men of the South they applauded the Southern army. Later, when the bravery of Lee in his struggle with Meade at Gettysburg was mentioned, men who gave the best years of their life to their country cheered the leader of the South. All realized that lines 'twixt North and South had faded and heroes were ready to pay tribute to heroic adversaries.

General Pearson opened the meeting by saying that Judge Collier was in jail—rather, deciding the license list—and, therefore, could not act as presiding officer of the meeting. General Pearson was, therefore, chosen to fill his place, and in his address told of how, when the last charge of the war was to be made, a rebel orderly rode up to a Pittsburg officer with the flag of truce and the statement that Lee was ready to surrender and end the war. "Just then to the right," continued the General, "we heard a shot, and it was a Pittsburg boy who fired it. It was the shot that started the war. It is but fitting that we meet here to commemorate one of the greatest events of the age. One great army fought to disrupt a nation, the other to preserve it, and to Pittsburg a due many of the honors of its preservation. The last rebel flag to be turned over to the Union was taken by a Pittsburg man, and he is here tonight."

The speaker then spoke of General Daniel Butterfield, of New York, who was to tell further of Pittsburg's work during the war. Following was the reveille by a bugler of the 10th Cavalry, and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. Then the Second Regiment Band gave recollections of the war, in which all the old ditty dear to the hearts of the veterans was played. The music of the gray-haired boys hummed the tune with the band, and at the close clamored for more.

Gourley Makes a War Record. Owing to the absence of Rev. A. W. Wurmbach the opening address was made by Mayor H. I. Gourley. He opened by saying that he had been in the habit for a number of years of eating dinner with a host of old soldiers. The Mayor was not in the war, but many a man said he voluntarily joined to manufacture then himself just to keep in line. He said that he had never seen a man who had served through the war. Then he continued: "Though I was not a soldier, I am one of the sharers in the victory at Appomattox. I have seen the flag which was planted on the battlefield of Gettysburg and again the flag of history. Bunker Hill marked the opening of the greatest battle for liberty ever known, and when the new flag was firmly planted on Yorktown it established liberty forever in this Western World. Sumter and Appomattox were taken up and treated the same. The Major spoke of an army of brave men from the South and the veterans, forgetting the animosities of the past, cheered for the men who wore the gray. Again he spoke of the brave, misguided men who battled with death at Gettysburg and again the veterans applauded the memory of the Southern heroes.

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General Pearson then read a letter from the Controller of the City, regretting that he could not be present, on account of his health. Then General Pearson announced General Daniel Butterfield, and as the General stepped forward the old bugler of Hampton Battery sounded the call of Butterfield's corps, which was "Dan, Dan, Dan, Butterfield, Butterfield." The bugler then played the march on the field of battle once more caught its inspiration and cheered and even a few tears stood in the eyes of the veterans. He said a nation's safety depended on the patriotism of its citizens and called on the young men to take up the record made by their fathers. At the close of his remarks he said he feared he was being tired of the suffering in the ranks which were now low to regard as exaggerated. Then referring to the charge at St. Mary's Heights he said the flag lay piled as thick as the living in this room.

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Joseph H. Rainor again sang the "Star Spangled Banner," and the whole audience joined in. An address by Colonel John A. Dana and several musical numbers closed the program.

FAUGHENDER'S FATE.

To be Investigated by the Police—Friends of the Dead Man Insist That He Was Murdered and Demand Action by the Authorities.

The police authorities did a little work on the Faughender murder mystery yesterday, but beyond holding a conversation with the companions of the dead man who were with him the night he was last seen alive nothing was done. It is thought by the friends of the young man that he was killed and thrown into the river, and many points in a chain of circumstantial evidence bear out their belief.

Nine young men, who were with Faughender the last night he was seen alive, were summoned to police headquarters last evening. Superintendent O. M. Schrock, who is in charge of the investigation, questioned them and a stenographer took their statements. The men were called and examined privately one by one. They were Harvey V. Dege, Faughender's friend, who has been so persistent in his efforts to unravel the case, J. J. Maguire and H. H. McFarland, passenger brakemen on the Pennsylvania Railroad; William Schroeder, a news agent on the road; Matthew A. Miller, a baggage man; P. A. Boyed, also a railway employe, and three other men whose names the police have not yet ascertained, but that they were not mixed up in the matter.

The examination consumed two hours, and at its close Superintendent O'Mara said their stories were in every way satisfactory, and he concluded they knew nothing of Faughender's fate. He said the substance of it all was that the crowd was together on the night of the tragedy, but that Faughender was seen, that all had drunk more or less and quarreled mildly, the dead man being to blame for it all, and that they were all so intoxicated that they were all more or less intoxicated and hardly knew what they did or where they went, but he was satisfied none of them had done the deed man any harm.

Chosen to fill his place, and in his address told of how, when the last charge of the war was to be made, a rebel orderly rode up to a Pittsburg officer with the flag of truce and the statement that Lee was ready to surrender and end the war. "Just then to the right," continued the General, "we heard a shot, and it was a Pittsburg boy who fired it. It was the shot that started the war. It is but fitting that we meet here to commemorate one of the greatest events of the age. One great army fought to disrupt a nation, the other to preserve it, and to Pittsburg a due many of the honors of its preservation. The last rebel flag to be turned over to the Union was taken by a Pittsburg man, and he is here tonight."

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