

ROMANCE BEHIND CHAPIN SUIT, SAYS FRIEND OF WIDOW

Mrs. Phillips Seeks \$50,000 Damages for Breach of Promise, Declares Mrs. Hughes.

WERE FRIENDS 15 YEARS.

She "Devoted Her Life" to Millionaire, Who Gave Her Costly Gifts, It Is Declared.

The woman who is suing Chester W. Chapin, multi-millionaire, of No. 331 West End avenue, lives in an imposing gray stone mansion at No. 37 West Eighty-fourth street, which is closed at present. Its occupant, the plaintiff in the action, Mrs. Janet Hamilton Phillips, is in Atlantic City.

An intimate friend of Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Anna Hughes, of No. 3415 Avenue H, Flatbush, today told an Evening World reporter the mysterious suit is a breach of promise action to recover \$50,000 damages. Mrs. Hughes, who has known Mrs. Phillips since her girlhood, today revealed the alleged cause of the suit and some of the history leading up to it.

"Mrs. Phillips," said Mrs. Hughes, "has been an intimate friend of Mr. Chapin for fifteen years. She is suing Mr. Chapin for \$50,000 breach of promise of marriage. The summons was served on him the first week in December, although the action was begun before Nov. 21 because it was on that date that the suit would have become void, as the time limit was passed under the statute of limitations.

"Mrs. Phillips was not treated here, as she would under the circumstances. For years they were the most intimate friends. He told her he loved her and that she was the only woman he did care for.

"The affection for him was a true one as she was devoted to him. In fact, up to the time of his second marriage, six years ago, he appeared to be just as fond of her. He gave her the most costly and handsome presents. He gave her the house where she is now living. That was one of his last presents.

"Ever since she was divorced from her husband, who, I believe is still living, she has given her whole life to Mr. Chapin.

ILL TWO YEARS AFTER HE MARRIED COUSIN, FRIEND SAYS. "The marriage to his cousin in Chicago prostrated her, in fact, nearly caused her death. For two years following she was seriously ill.

"Their relations up to the day he left for Chicago were most affectionate, but from that time he contemplated getting married. No word or action of his had created the least suspicion on her mind.

"When he left for Chicago he told her he was going there solely on a business trip. Two days later she read in the newspapers he had married his cousin, a woman young enough to be his daughter. The news was such a shock that for a time her friends feared she was going out of her mind. It was two years before her health was fully restored.

"Even after his marriage Mrs. Phillips told me he occasionally corresponded with her, and that he still gave her presents. Once he presented her with an automobile, and as she did not need it, she decided to sell it for \$100.

"Many of her friends thought, through Mr. Chapin's kindness to her, Mrs. Phillips was a very wealthy woman. This suit is a surprise to them.

"For three years Mr. Chapin has written and telephoned time and time again. No amount of entreaty on her part would induce him to come and see her, although he still sent her many valuable gifts.

"When she saw he was not going to answer her appeals for aid she thought she had decided to begin the action before the statute of limitations had expired.

Let the Masher Beware! Girl May Flash Her Sheriff's Badge and Walk Him to a Cell

To Suppress This Pest in Street and Big Hotels Is One Object of Harburger in Naming Women Deputies—Gives Her Full Authority.

Will Be Useful in Enforcing Laws Protecting Girls in Dance Hall and Factory—Other Lines in Which They "Are Better Fitted Than Men" for the Job.

By Nikola Greeley-Smith. If you are a woman and have not been appointed a special deputy sheriff of the County of New York it is your own fault, not that of Julius Harburger, sheriff and friend of woman-kind, who announced upon taking office the other day that women are just as eligible as men to appointment as deputy sheriffs.

As the result of Mr. Harburger's proclamation all women whose ambitions incline to public office are flocking to ask him for a job and the nice, shiny badge that goes with it. In fact, there have been so many fair applicants that the sheriff increased his order for badges for special deputies from 500 to 1,000 yesterday afternoon.

Why women deputy sheriffs? Mr. Harburger told me why—many ways in fact—all interesting, plausible and likely to please the women.

1. To protect young girls in dance halls. 2. To enforce the law forbidding the sale of liquor to children. 3. To obtain better conditions in factories. 4. To suppress mashers, not only in the street, but in the hotels in New York.

Hereafter any woman possessing a deputy sheriff's badge will be empowered to arrest and take to the nearest station house any man who annoys her or another woman within the range of her observation. The adventurous Broadway masher tripping behind a pretty woman and calling brazenly over his shoulder: "May I take a walk with you, girlie?" may be confronted by blazing eyes and a shining deputy sheriff's badge, may feel the grip of a firm hand on his collar and hear the fatal words:

"Yes, you may take a walk with me to the nearest police station. Get a move on!"

THE BADGE, NOT FORCE, WILL COMPEL OBEDIENCE. Will the "masher" yield to the fair deputy sheriff and walk merrily up to the captain's desk and into a cell?

Mr. Harburger says he will. Force is not needed to make an arrest. The badge is the thing to catch a masher or a king or any one else.

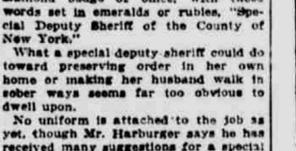
"Certainly, my lady deputy sheriffs will have no trouble making arrests," he said. "All they will need to do is to show the badge. I am not a big man," Mr. Harburger is just a little more than five feet in height and proportionately slender—but when I was Coroner I could walk into the vilest dens of vice in this city, show my badge and everybody would fall back. I believe there are a great many places in which women deputy sheriffs would be more useful than men—in dance halls, for instance, for the protection of young girls. In factories they could obtain better conditions both of health and of morals for the women workers. I was born on the east side and have lived there, and I know what I am talking about, but," Mr. Harburger added, "as a fine man, I cannot go into it in the public prints. As for mashing, that you mentioned just now, a woman deputy could arrest a masher either on the street or in any of the big hotels where 'mashers' abound. All she would need to do would be to show her badge and take the offender to the nearest station house."

Another way in which women deputy sheriffs can serve the county is in the arrest of persons who sell liquor to minors. These women will be empowered to enforce all laws. They must be persons of standing in the community," mentioned Mrs. Janice Less Laidlaw with Mrs. Belmont and some other ladies as showing the kind of women I would like to name as special deputies.

MRS. LAIDLAW DECLINES, BUT SUGGESTS ANOTHER. "Mrs. Laidlaw has written me declining the appointment on the ground that her duties as a mother do not allow her sufficient leisure for the duties of a deputy sheriff, but in the name of the Woman's Suffrage party she urges me to appoint Miss Cornelia Swinerton."

"I am having a special design made for the badge of a deputy sheriff. There will be the same badge for men and women deputies. The ladies can't complain of discrimination on account of sex even in the badges."

For the benefit of women with aspirations toward assisting Mr. Harburger, I should be mentioning on the ground that a deputy sheriff can have her own badge made, if she likes, and, of course, this would mean a series of badges, if she wishes to be "correct."



evening dress, it would be entirely appropriate for deputy sheriffs to wear a diamond badge of office, with these words set in emeralds or rubies, "Special Deputy Sheriff of the County of New York."

No uniform is attached to the job as yet, though Mr. Harburger says he has received many suggestions for a special costume for women deputies.

At present the lady sheriffs will wear ordinary street costume or evening dress, as the occasion calls for.

But at any and all times they will be clothed with a badge, a pistol and a little brief authority.

WIFE NO. 2 STILL CLINGS TO HUBBY IN SPITE OF NO. 3. Mr. Sherman Loses Suit to Shake Off Spouse Who Succeeded No. 1 at Funeral.

While Frederick W. Sherman, the wealthy real estate dealer, may cling to wife No. 3, he is by no means free of wife No. 2, in his series of spouses.

ASKS HIS WIFE WHEN AND WHERE THEY MARRIED. Wealthy Mr. Hall Files Odd Answer to Motion in Divorce Suit.

Augustus H. Hall, a wealthy real estate owner, whose wife, Emma L. Hall, began suit for divorce recently in the Supreme Court through Lawyer Benjamin J. Allen of No. 150 Broadway, asked today that Mrs. Hall be directed to furnish a bill of particulars as to the date, hour and place of his marriage and the name of the clergyman who performed the ceremony. What is behind this odd proceeding is not disclosed by the papers in the case.

Mrs. Hall in her complaint named Jess Vance as respondent, alleging that Miss Vance was responsible for breaking up her home at No. 316 West Ninety-eighth street.

When a motion was recently made in behalf of Mrs. Hall for \$500 a month alimony Mr. Hall asserted that he had given her jewelry worth more than \$25,000. Among the gems was said to be a 12-karat diamond valued at \$2,500.

Mr. Sherman became aware of this embarrassment today, when Justice Deagan entered an order in the Supreme Court dismissing his complaint against Mrs. Christina Ross Sherman, in which he sued to set aside the terms of an alleged quit claim agreement.

The case was heard in the Justice's Chambers before Justice Delany yesterday, with Mr. Sherman under the opposing lawyers' prod during most of the session. J. D. Hall, wife No. 2's attorney, whom Sherman charged with obtaining the agreement by unfriendly methods, drew from the witness admissions sufficient to show that Sherman willingly entered into the terms of the agreement.

By the agreement Mrs. Christina Ross Sherman was to have \$120 in two payments, one in \$50,000 and the other later, for which Sherman bound himself by delivering to wife No. 2 a law-fully a deed to a house on the South shore. Sherman wanted the deed back and also wished to have the document set aside to prevent wife No. 2 from being in a position to claim dower rights in his estate.

Wife No. 2 has a suit for divorce on the calendar against Sherman, in which she names wife No. 3 as co-respondent. Sherman denies that wife No. 2 was anything other than a servant in his house, but admits he is the father of a child, of which wife No. 2 is the mother. Wife No. 1 is dead. In her testimony wife No. 2 swore Sherman asked her to be his wife on the way home from wife No. 3's funeral.

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HEIRESS IS IRATE 'CAUSE SHE CAN'T SHAKE HER HUBBY

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh Storms Court House in Furs and Protests Against Suit's Delay.

Mrs. Veda Van Valkenburgh, who, prior to her marriage to Philip Van Valkenburgh, was known as "the ten million dollar widow," visited the County Court-house in anything but a peaceful state of mind, today, and demanded to know why her suit for separation from Van Valkenburgh had not been tried.

"Mr. Van Valkenburgh was served with the summons and complaint in this case a year ago," said Mrs. Van Valkenburgh, "and there has been absolutely nothing done about it since. Why? Is there no justice in the American courts? I suppose I must be kept 'waiting at the church' for the rest of my life!"

The fascinating young heiress stormed and fretted until J. Benjamin Franklin Smith, clerk of the divorce court, imparted the all-important information to her that her case was on the Supreme Court calendar, but no special date had been set for its trial.

"I came over from Europe last June," said Mrs. Van Valkenburgh, "thinking my case would be disposed of in a few weeks and I would be free to return. But alas! I have been unable to get any satisfaction from my lawyer, Mr. Edward Lauterbach, or anybody else, until today. I have urged Mr. Lauterbach to rush the suit to trial, as my friends here and on the other side give me much annoyance by continually asking me about the delay."

"Well, why don't you study law yourself and try your own case?" asked Clerk Smith.

"That would be just the thing if I had to earn my own living. I don't know of anything I'd like better," answered Mrs. Van Valkenburgh.

Mrs. Van Valkenburgh came to the court-house in her automobile. She was dressed in a black velvet creation and fairly covered with white furs and feathers.

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