

PATCH ON TROUSERS STARS IN LOVE SUIT

Broker Manning, Sued for Million, Wears It as Trial Opens.

WON "BRIDE" AT CARDS

Miss O'Brien Admits No Love, but Tells of Humiliation of Rejection.

A patch on the trousers of a millionaire was the thing that most interested the crowd that flocked to hear the testimony in the trial of the \$1,000,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Honora May O'Brien, 23 years old and a stenographer, of 2343 River street, Queens, against John Bernard Manning, 41 Riverside Drive and 2 Wall street, who is 34 years old and is reputed to be worth about \$100,000, which began yesterday before Justice Cropley in the Supreme Court in Long Island City.

Both the trousers and the patch thereon were Mr. Manning's and were brought to court by him. The aged millionaire sat down as soon as he had entered the room with the aid of a cane and several relatives, and hardly any one noticed the patch until attention was called to it by Miss O'Brien's attorney, Stephen C. Baldwin, who addressed the jury in ringing tones on the subject of the patch. Mr. Baldwin declared that the patch and incidentally the attorney didn't at all seem to think it was the sort of trousers a millionaire ought to have on. He had the patch proposed to Mr. Manning's action in getting a marriage license for himself and the stenographer and then jilting her over the telephone. He did not intimate that in jilting her, Mr. Manning had been trying to marry Mr. Manning. Miss O'Brien was accused solely by a desire to see patches on his clothes. By no means. He put the subject of the patch on the shoulders of Mr. Manning, declaring that one of the reasons he wanted a wife was so he could be fixed up nice and dandy when he got ready to go to his banking office and places.

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"No, but I had the greatest respect and liking for him."

"Then you have no broken affections?"

"No."

"And the tears you shed here are not tears of broken affection?"

"No, they are not."

"You knew that Mr. Manning was old and that you could not establish a family with him, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"You knew that he was pained?"

"Yes."

"And that he was a broken old man?"

"Yes."

"Then what disappointment do you claim you have suffered?"

"I have had the mortification of having my name dragged into the papers and being pointed out as the result of his refusal to marry me."

Another thing that Miss O'Brien said that the audience was deeply interested in was that Mr. Manning owed her money. She said she bought him a shirt to wear at the wedding, and also paid for the taxi cab in which she said she had to go to the house. She got stuck both times, she said.

"CHU CHIN CHOW" COMING.

Geat Gets American Rights of Great London Success.

Elliott, Comstock & Geat announced yesterday that they had bought the American rights to "Chu Chin Chow," a tale of the East, told by Oscar Asche and set to music by Frederic Norton, which has been more than holding its own in London.

Mr. Elliott, who had been trying to buy this play, but it passed to Elliott, Comstock & Geat for \$50,000, said to be the biggest advance royalties ever paid for a London success.

Oscar Asche, who has been producing "Chu Chin Chow" for more than 400 performances at His Majesty's Theatre, in London, now that he has laid the scene of it in the ancient city of Bagdad. The play takes its name from a notorious robber who slips into the city as a Chinese mandarin. The story deals with two brothers, rich and poor; a slave girl, beautiful, of course, and the wife of a merchant—fascinating, naturally. It moves through two acts and fourteen scenes with the aid of incidental music and nearly 200 assistants.

Morris Geat did the dickering for the production, which will appear in this city at the Manhattan Opera House in a few days. "The Wanderer" has returned for a few weeks.

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CITY IS DELUGED BY RECORD DOWNPOUR

Many Buildings Struck by Lightning as Two Inches Fall in One Hour.

STREETS OVERFLOWED

Cellars Are Inundated and Surface and Subway Schedules Are Interrupted.

The greatest June day deluge in the superlative records of the Weather Bureau, which has been measuring moisture forty-seven years in this neighborhood, cascaded from a phenomically murky sky yesterday afternoon. Electrical lightning scarred the gloom, with jagged flashes helping the vivid illumination from myriad windows of the lower town. It was exactly 2 o'clock when the black clouds inspired the turning on of lights, and for a solid hour thereafter the rain came down as never before in any sixty minutes of a June day.

The torpedo trolley cars rushed through the wet with bones in their teeth, sewer mouths were choked in the vain effort to carry off the sudden accumulation of water, which backed up, and the streets facing the rivers were momentarily facing themselves. In that one flooded hour two inches of rain came down, mostly in sheets, and for the other four hours that the rain continued, the total fall was 2 1/2 inches, unprecedented on a June day, and 40 of an inch in excess of the normal rainfall for the whole month of June. In the thirteen days of June preceding yesterday there had been only 1 1/2 of an inch of water.

Streets Are Deserted.

The thoroughfares of Manhattan, whose usual thoroughness was augmented in the celebration of Flag Day, became almost deserted a few minutes after the first cataraacts came roaring out of the sky. The only safe navigation was in subway trains and closed surface cars. Open cars were good for shewerbaits chiefly when the flood was at its worst.

The slashing rain pounded the earth with such force as to run many of the small water gardens. Reports from various sections indicate that in many gardens the vegetables were torn from the ground and those which had begun to come up were blown down and smashed.

The low parts of the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn suffered most from the downpour. In the neighborhood of Wallabout street and Harrison avenue, high tide helped to back up the flood, that choked the sewers. Manholes were blown off and sewers spouted ten feet or more into the air. In some districts the streets were flooded to a depth of more than two feet, and school children were forced to wait more than an hour for their homes before they could get into their homes.

In the Hamburg avenue section, from Fourteenth to Gates avenue, the streets were covered with nearly two feet of water, and hundreds were imprisoned in their homes for two hours. Cars of several lines were diverted from the flooded streets, and all car schedules were knocked out. Pumps were required to relieve the Fourth avenue subway at Pacific street.

Richmond Cellars Inundated.

Inability of the sewers to carry off the sudden inundation converted the streets of the Borough of Richmond into rivers that were in some places deep enough to float small rowing boats. Families were driven to upper floors and all dwellers in basements in the West-field section, where there are no sewers, were forced upward. About five hundred houses in the business districts had cellars flooded, and thousands of dollars worth of stock stored there was damaged or destroyed. Trolley lines were tied up until after dark and hundreds of automobiles were stalled.

Richmond borough has a strong neighborhood spirit and the Fire Department volunteered to do what it could to help householders whose cellars were choked with water. All the engines started on the job of pumping out the Richmond storm waters, but it may take weeks to finish the work, unless the Richmond smokestacks and flood quellers are game to do the trick. Some small craft, torn from anchorage by rain and tide, were driven ashore and planks were submerged, causing much damage to cargoes stored on them.

Many Bolts Hit City.

In all the boroughs most of the school children were kept indoors until the storm had let up shortly after 4 o'clock.

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