Police Court Chronicles

"I beg pardon, madam, but are you my wife?"

The man asked the question with evident sincerity. His big brown eyes stared into those of the woman with honest interrogation. He wore a checked coat, light trousers and a rather tired looking straw hat. A shoe lace moustache clung affectionately to his upper lip.

The woman whom he addressed took in his assets in one swift glance.

"I'll call a policeman," she said, as she looked around in the neighborhood of 5th street and Snyder avenue.

"But you have not answered my question," declared the man.

"You're a fool," exclaimed the woman.

"I know that as well as you," he agreed, "but now it's too late? You see I—"

"I don't care to see anything about it," replied she.

"If you're my wife, I don't see any reason for denying it," asserted the man.

"You're a lunatic," added the woman. "I'll have you arrested immediately."

She walked down to 4th street. The man followed. "Why don't you answer me?" he questioned.

The woman replied this time by slapping him in the face. The stranger glared at her, but before he could question her further a policeman arrived.

He noticed that the man was somewhat uncertain in the legs.

"He accused me of being his wife," said

the woman, "and I never saw him before."

"And still she don't answer my question," declared the wife hunter as he was led away to the police station.

"I'll appear against him in the morning," said the woman.

But when the prisoner, who said his name was Frank Herms, of Tamaqua, was arraigned before Magistrate Baker his fair accuser did not appear.

Herms said if he was in the wrong he would gladly apologize. He admitted that he asked the woman if she was his wife. "You see," he said, "I've been corresponding with a woman by mail. I never saw her. But she got to like me through correspondence. She said she would meet me at 5th street and Snyder avenue. She described what she looked like and when this woman I spoke to come along I thought she was my sweetheart of the mails. It was agreed that I was to say, 'Are you my wife?' and I did. Now that the woman didn't show up I really believe she was the right woman. She was probably disappointed when she saw what I looked like."

"Well, you'll have to get a better clue to your mysterious sweetheart," said the judge. "You cannot go about the streets asking each woman if she's your wife for your liable to land in a hospital and perhaps the morgue."

On promising to get more definite information concerning his loved one, Herms was discharged.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alexander Lanbie, 3331 Lee st., and Edna Schuck, 3062 Pulaski ave.
Sydney J. Gutis, 527 Dickinson st., and Dora Feldman, 342 Ritner st.
Edward A. Jones, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Emma C. Klein, 5509 Jane st.
John F. Carberry, 306 E. Price st., and Mildred A. Eymon, 3085 N. 16th st.
Charles Green, 2234 Stewart st., and Hattie J. Todd, 2131 Stewart st.
John A. Fischer, 631 N. 57th st., and Marion O. Jones, 133 N. 16th st.
John J. Welman, Lancaster, Pa., and Frances A. Long, 1816 Thompson st.
Robert H. Reeser, Lemoine, Pa., and Ellen E. Myers, Lemoine, Pa.
Anthony J. Fox, 2068 Livingston st., and Rose Fields, 3247 Aramingo ave.
Raymond G. Webb, 1820 Chestnut st., and Hazel J. Magee, 1843 Ridge ave.
William H. Martin, 3034 Moivale st., and Esther M. Seiger, 3069 Almond st.
Samuel Cohen, 2143 N. Palethorp st., and Charlotte Behrman, 2143 Palethorp st.
Harry C. Ryan, 3528 N. Randolph st., and Doris Cramer, New York city.
Levi H. Blouch, 6129 Jefferson st., and Miriam R. Grunbein, 5439 Locust st.
Bernard O. Fereben, League Island, and Helen E. Payne, 1108 Parrish st.
Harry F. Brooks, 1427 Marlborough st., and Elizabeth Wilson, 1427 Marlborough st.
John Klink, Camden, N. J., and Ida Lander, 1256 S. 24th st.
Francis J. Lee, 1935 S. 13th st., and Elizabeth M. Conrey, 6134 Walnut st.
Barry Brickman, 528 Mountain st., and Tillie Nadelman, 621 Mountain st.
James P. Mahoney, 807 Locust st., and Sarah J. Hamill, 1719 Juniata st.
Jeremiah Ring, 3901 Park avenue, and Anna E. Riley, 3011 N. 10th st.
Charles Delaplain, 1638 N. 27th st., and Emily Schweiser, 2520 N. Dover st.
William Johnston, 2764 N. 24th st., and Nora B. Richardson, Atlantic City, N. J.
Harry W. Tracey, 2839 N. 21st st., and Florence M. Finegan, 2555 N. Gratz st.
Thomas R. Graham, Swarthmore, Pa., and Helen Sweeten, 517 W. Clapier st.
Robert Hodgkinson, Jr., 3637 N. Camac st., and Edith Craven, 1839 Bainbridge st.
Frederick Lukewitz, 4246 Viola st., and Catharine Grundman, 756 N. Preston st.
Henry R. Cloud, Kansas, and Elizabeth G. Bender, Tioga.
Jean J. Ahern, 7821 Lyons ave., and Annie C. Faulls, 2544 Oakford st.
William M. Leader, 2916 N. Mascher st., and Julia A. Rudolph, 3008 Boudinot st.
Gaston Vallen, 1966 S. 8th st., and Margaret J. Beck, 244 Watkins st.
James J. Lodge, 4 S. Mole st., and Mary R. Hanley, 2260 N. Hancock st.
David H. Jenkins, Jr., 2870 Jasper st., and Carrie Marshall, 2101 E. Clearfield st.
Arthur J. Dyer, 5243 Jefferson st., and Susie McGrath, 5249 Jefferson st.
Charles V. Sayles, New York city, and Madaline A. Herman, 2360 E. Boston ave.

Two Divorce Suits Begun

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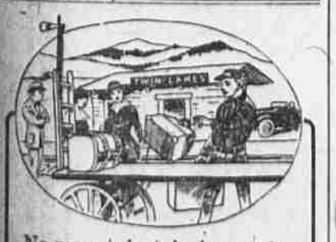
Harry J. Koehler vs. Alva T. Koehler.
Rachel Kimball Johnson vs. Ralph Ash Johnson.



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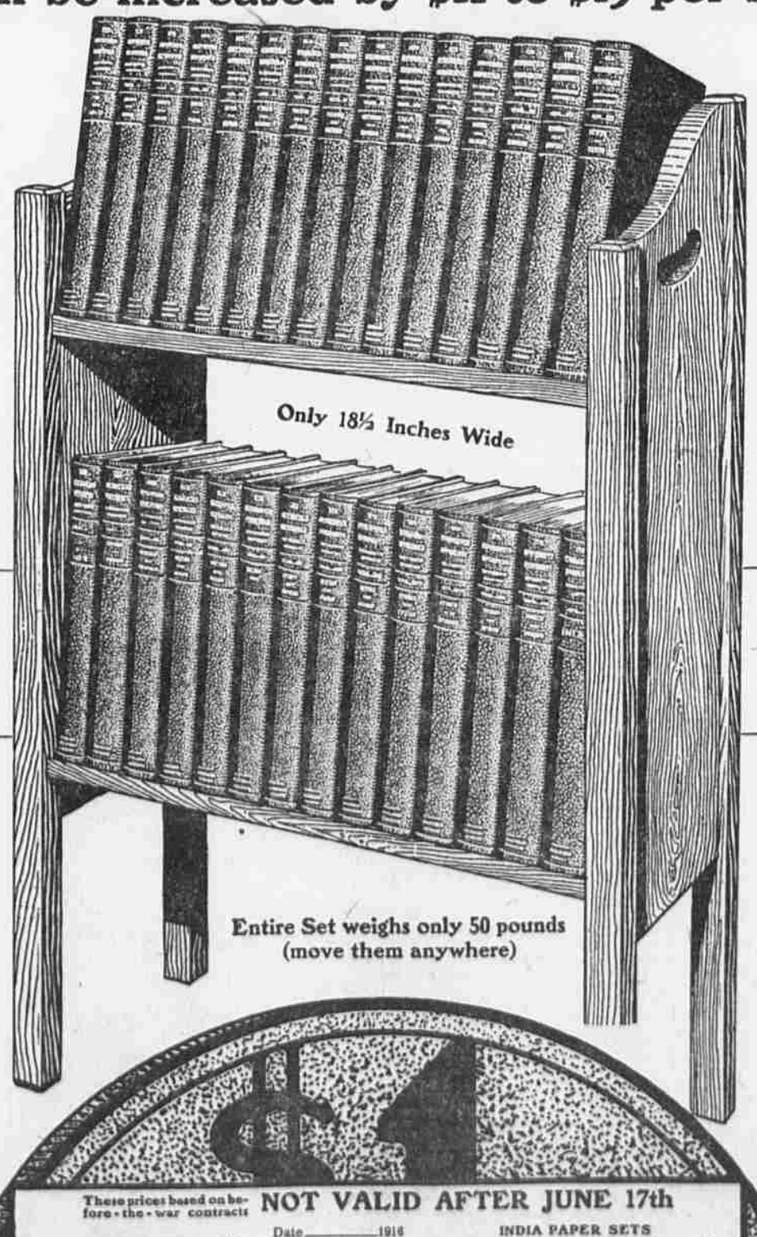

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