

WIFE BLAMES MRS. LEEDS' FLATTERY AND "MESMERISM"

Mrs. Stillman Says Financier Succumbed to Cajolery of Those Who Sought His Favors—She Told Him Plain Truths

Philadelphia, June 16.—Mrs. Anne Pottery Stillman, in a talk with reporters last night, accused Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, the former member of the "Century Girl" chorus, with being the one who broke up her home. The banker's wife referred to Mrs. Leeds as a hypnotist and a mesmerist, who practiced her charms on the banker who started the suit. She then urged him to start the suit, and she branded the "cold sorrow" that she brought into the life of her millionaire husband and herself as the outcome of "commercialized love"—love that was guided and influenced by the use of a general. In dispassionate tones she touched on the financial career of the banker and declared his success to be due to the fortunes of both men and women. She said that the banker's success could also be traced to the way in which he was brought up, to the way in which he was brought up, to the way in which he was brought up, to the way in which he was brought up.

Does Not Seek Revenge
Even while she denounced him, the wife who is in the throes of one of the most sensational divorce suits recorded here, Mrs. Stillman, sought only revenge. She sought only revenge. She sought only revenge.

Picture-wise as a Romany gipsy, she paddled softly out to the veranda for what she called an "informal tea party." A gorgeous bandanna of cerise and green was wound around her dark hair, which escaped from under its remaining folds. Her skirt was of flaming red plaid wool, topped by a jaunty mock of rajah silk. Everything about her was striking and bizarre, from the quaint Swiss noisette dangling around her throat to the Oriental filigree belt and the rows of silver bangles jingling on her slender wrists. A green bandanna around her throat supplemented her headpiece and heightened the gipsy effect. White running shoes silenced her vigorous steps.

Fail to Flatter Husbands
"If you are going to compete with flattery where your husband is concerned you will be out of the race. Wives want to help their husbands, so they tell them the truth because they care what happens to them. That is what I did with Mr. Stillman. Frankly, I think that Mrs. Leeds is the instigator of all this. She has reshaped Mr. Stillman's mind on many things. Like all people of that class, she is fond of mesmerism and hypnotism. She is the kind that likes to carry around a rabbit's foot in the dark. Of

Mrs. Stillman's Philosophy on Financiers and Women

In a running fire of comment on the weaknesses of certain types of great Wall Street financiers, particularly exemplified by her husband, Mrs. James A. Stillman says: "Wall Street men, in their terrific drive for wealth and power, become enthralled by a money mania, a 'power complex' which impels them to avoid women of their own plane, because they will not brook equality, and causes them to seek the society of their inferiors, 'like Mrs. Leeds.'"

This mania often turns into a relentlessly destructive motif, directed against the ones they once loved, their own families. They seek the flattery that their own wives will not give them, because wives seek to aid their husbands by telling them the truth. This leads them to succumb to commercialized love, governed by the size of a jeweled gift and based entirely on their wealth and power. Women are three-quarters emotion and only one-quarter intelligence, and that is why men have the better of them all through life.

by her attendance at the hearing, which lasted more than seven hours. She admitted that the appearance of her sis-

ter-in-law, Mrs. Percy A. Rockefeller, as a witness was a surprise. "It was all very interesting," she continued. "Yes, I was completely surprised to see Mrs. Rockefeller, but one must be prepared for anything in a case like this. She had a poor time of it, seeing me there, and not a pleasant time either."

"Mrs. Rockefeller started out with one idea and when Mr. Mack got through with her she did not know where she was nor what she was doing nor where she lived—nor even names of her children."

"Mr. Mack was wonderful. When he started out with his questions it was truly remarkable. Mr. Rand, with all his reputation as a cross-examiner, can never touch Mr. Mack. They could only try, and they did try to prove things that could not and never can be proved. They, of course, did not get very far. It was not very merry for those witnesses there today."

"I'm tired after this day in a room where men must smoke tobacco and chew gum and where the windows must be closed and where Mr. Rand must walk up and down like this—"

Mrs. Stillman paced the Mack porch with her arms thrust forward and her elbows back to demonstrate her remarks.

Relative to her plans for the future, Mrs. Stillman said: "My personal plans do not depend on this lawsuit. Really, I cannot see how this case would affect my future in any way. It would not injure me even if I lost, since I feel that I am right. It's like tennis. If you are beaten in one game, you may be the victor in another."

The foremost witness yesterday was Mrs. Percy A. Rockefeller, the sister of Mr. Stillman and a niece by marriage of the founder of the vast Rockefeller fortune. His testimony was to the effect that Mr. Stillman and Mrs. Stillman did not live together during the first four months of 1918. Guy Stillman was born in November of that year. Four servants corroborated her testimony.

Attorneys for the defense widened their counter-attack against Mr. Stillman by presenting to his lawyer an amended answer accusing the banker of misconduct with three women. The document was accepted by Mr. Stillman's counsel. In it, Mrs. Stillman names a person identified only as "Helen," in addition to Florence H. Leeds, Broadway show girl, and the woman "Clara," mentioned in her previous answers to the banker's complaint.

Mrs. Rockefeller was on the stand more than an hour, and when she left the hearing she went into an anteroom from which sounds of sobs were presently heard.

Mr. Mack's cross-examination of her was described as severe. She had testified, it was learned, that Mr. Stillman from January 1 to the middle of April, 1918, lived continually at the home of his father, who died in March of that year, and that Mrs. Stillman at no time during those weeks visited the place. She had seen Mr. Stillman come home almost every evening. In cross-examination, Mrs. Rockefeller was understood to have recalled that Mr. Stillman was absent over a week-end in February, and to have admitted that she, too, left the city on two or three occasions early in 1918. Also it was said she admitted Mr. Stillman went to live at his own home after the death of his father in March.

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