

**'FRENCH CHICKEN'
BLAMED BY WIFE**

**Mrs. Van Wie in Divorce Ac-
tion Says Husband Was
Lured Away.**

Vice-Chancellor Foster began hearing testimony in Newark yesterday in the suit for divorce brought against John E. Van Wie of 278 Berkeley avenue, Orange, N. J., by Mrs. Lela Van Wie, who named a "little French thing" as correspondent and identified her as Mrs. Bertha Frazee, wife of William H. Frazee of Brooklyn. Two alienation suits have also been started as a result of the alleged intimacy of Mrs. Frazee and Mr. Van Wie, one filed by Mr. Frazee against Mr. Van Wie for \$100,000 and one brought by Mrs. Van Wie against Mrs. Frazee for \$150,000.

Mrs. Ruth Frances Bescardi of 33 Woodruff avenue, Brooklyn, who said she was Mrs. Frazee's "most intimate friend," was the first witness before the Vice-Chancellor. She corroborated certain details of Mrs. Van Wie's complaint, saying that she had often seen Mrs. Frazee and Mr. Van Wie together. The first time she met Van Wie, she said, was five years ago in an apartment occupied by Mrs. Frazee in 159 St. James place, Brooklyn. After that, she said, Van Wie came often to the Frazee apartment, and they frequently visited cabarets and restaurants together.

In her complaint Mrs. Van Wie says that on January 12 of this year she saw her husband and Mrs. Frazee emerge from a house in 106 West Forty-fourth street.

"I've got you now," Mrs. Van Wie says she told her husband. "You and your little French thing have been in that house for nearly two hours."

On another occasion, Mrs. Van Wie says, she accosted her husband and Mrs. Frazee in a Broadway hotel and upbraided them.

"You are a man with three grownup daughters," Mrs. Van Wie declares she said to her husband, "and yet you are running around with this French chicken."

Mrs. Van Wie says that Mrs. Frazee took exception to her statement that she had five other men besides Mr. Van Wie, and retorted that she never had fewer than a dozen men after her.

Mrs. Bescardi testified that she and Van Wie and Mrs. Frazee went on a four day automobile trip through New York, with Mrs. Frazee and Van Wie occupying the same room, when they stopped for the night. She said that Van Wie frequently visited Mrs. Frazee in an apartment in East Orange, and "invariably remained over night." Once, she said, she saw Van Wie and Mrs. Frazee in an envelope containing five \$1,000 bills and fifty-one \$50 bills.

Mrs. Van Wie alleges that her husband made gifts of money, automobiles, jewelry and real estate to Mrs. Frazee. She asked that the residence in 137 South Munn avenue, South Orange, be held in trust pending the outcome of the suit. She alleges that her husband paid \$20,500 for this property and gave it to Mrs. Frazee.

The case will be continued to-day.

MILLER AT WELLS DINNER.
Gov. Miller returned to Albany yesterday, but said he would be in New York city again to-morrow night to attend a dinner in honor of H. G. Wells, English writer.

**MURDER AND SUICIDE
MOTIVE IS MYSTERY**

**No Reason Found Why Teacher
Killed Little Daughter
and Himself.**

Police of Springfield, N. J., have not learned why Martin Smith, a teacher in the West New York High School, shot and killed his three-year-old daughter, Barbara, early yesterday morning, seriously wounded his wife and killed himself. They cannot find a motive for the crime, but believe Smith must have suddenly gone insane. The insanity theory is supported by Dr. Henry P. Dengler, who visited the Smith home soon after the crime.

Mrs. Smith was struck on the head with a club or an iron bar, and is believed to have a fractured skull as well as a bullet wound in her head. She is in the Overlook Hospital at Summit, unable to tell the police any of the details of the tragedy. Her husband died in the hospital at 6 o'clock yesterday morning without having regained consciousness. The child is believed to have been killed almost instantly.

Smith was a graduate of Lehigh University and taught mechanical drawings in the High School in West New York, N. J. W. Masson, superintendent of schools there, said he saw Smith last Friday, and that the teacher then seemed rational and happy. The family was well known and liked in Springfield, where they had lived for five years. Their home is in Morris avenue, between Salter and Profit avenues.

The house next door to the Smiths is occupied by William Denman, who was awakened by screams about 5 o'clock. They heard some one crying "Oh, Martin, get a doctor! I am dying!" Mr. Denman hurried next door. He found the Smith house locked, but finally got inside by breaking a window. He went upstairs and found Smith, his wife and child in the bedroom on the second floor. The child was dead in her crib and Smith and Mrs. Smith were lying unconscious on the bed. Near Smith's body was a pistol with four exploded cartridges in the cylinder.

FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON.
**Restaurant Man Accused in Plot
to Get Insurance.**

Jack Wend of 318 East Ninety-second street was found guilty of arson in the second degree yesterday by a jury before Judge Burt J. Humphrey in the County Court, Long Island City. The fire marshal's investigators testified that Wend and Harry Gross of Freeman avenue, The Bronx, bought a restaurant at 108 Hunter avenue, Long Island City, for \$1,150 and had it insured for \$3,000. Following a fire there on July 18, they said, oil soaked rags and newspapers and bits of candles were found. There was evidence the fire was started in two places.

Gross was tried two weeks ago on an indictment charging arson in the second degree, but the jury disagreed and he is awaiting a retrial. Wend will not be sentenced until the second trial of his partner is concluded.

Broadway **Saks & Company** at 34th Street

Specialists in Apparel

Direct Especial Attention to
Their Extensive Stocks of

**American-Made and Imported
Apparel for Tiny Tots**

FROM the prettiest of Paris-made Frocks to rough-and-ready Rompers—from dainty satin Quilts from Japan to cute little party dresses from Brittany—you will find just what little brother or sister needs at Saks and because of our very extensive purchases both at home and abroad our prices are *always the lowest in New York City!*

**A Delightful
Paris-Made Frock of
Handkerchief Linen**

7.50

It's really nothing more or less than a straight little affair of handkerchief linen, but by adding rows of drawn work down the front, and a lawn ruffle to the collar, shoulders and down the sides, true French chic is achieved. It may be had in lovely shades of cherry and Copenhagen. Sizes 2, 3 and 4 years.



**A Hand
Smocked Frock from
England**

7.50

Decidedly and distinctively English is this little frock of imported chambray—and while it is sturdy enough for playtime, it is equally pretty for dressier occasions. Besides being elaborately smocked, it has dainty touches of hand embroidery on the collar, cuffs and front. In blue, pink and brown. Sizes 2 to 6 years.

**The Daintiest of French
Baby Dresses**

11.50

When Baby is to be all dressed up, nothing is finer, or more in keeping, than these dainty dresses. Sheer batiste fashions them, every stitch made by hand by French fingers, and the yoke and skirt are embroidered in a beautiful spray design. And last but not least, the bottom is edged with a two-inch band of real Irish crochet lace. What more could anyone ask? Sizes from 6 months to 2 years.

**A Paris-Made Baby Dress
of sheer Batiste**

3.25

A really unusual frock for 3.25, for every stitch has been made by hand, and besides, boasts a panel front and yoke lavishly embroidered by hand in lovely designs that one usually sees on far more expensive dresses. Soft batiste fashions them. Sizes 6 months to 2 years.

*A complete collection of Hand-Made
Baby Dresses. . . . 1.75 to 35.00*

**Adorable Party Frocks
from Brittany**

9.50

Frocks of fairy loveliness that start with a foundation of soft net, and add embroidery in morning glory design with a lavish hand over bottom of skirt and yoke. The ruffle and skirt are likewise edged with lovely blue beads, and the blue is repeated in the ribbon bows on each shoulder. Sizes 2 to 6 years.



Satin Baby Quilts From Japan

2.85

As soft as down, and yet delightfully warm, are these lovely quilts, made of soft satin in pink and blue, either plain, or embroidered in cherry blossoms. Size 27 x 36 inches.

Crepe de Chine Booties

1.00

embroidered with a spray on the toe.



Rompers for Play Time

1.00 1.50 1.95

At 1.00—Checked gingham play romper that is as pretty as it is practical. It boasts dear little Dutch pockets, and may be had in pink or blue. Sizes 2 to 5 years.

At 1.50—A sturdy creeper in pink or blue chambray, with a novel hemstitched yoke, and collar and cuffs of white lawn. Sizes 1 and 2 years.

At 1.95—Dainty hand-smocked creeper in pink and blue chambray, with collar and cuffs of ruffled lawn. Sizes 1 and 2 years.

Many other models up to 5.95

FOURTH FLOOR



**A Cozy
Ripolo Cloth Coat**
12.95

comes in the favored shade of cinnamon brown in a delightfully youthful model that boasts the full flare so becoming to youngsters, as well as a high, crossed-over rolling collar. Sizes 3 to 6 years.



**A Boy's All Wool
Chinchilla Coat**
9.85

It buttons high to the throat, is belted all around, and boasts patch pockets. In cinnamon and navy. Sizes 2 to 4 years.

Cap to Match 1.45



**A Downy 4-piece
Sweater Set**
8.95

A soft covering from head to foot that simply must keep him warm. The set includes Sweater, leggings, cap and mittens, in brushed wool, with knitted-belt and bands for contrast. Colors: Buff, Brown and Peacock Blue. Sizes 2 to 3 years.



**A White
Chinchilla Coat**
6.50

is very becoming to a youngster, and the most favored for Winter wear. These coats are unusually charming, made with fancy yoke in front and back, and fastening with white pearl buttons. Sizes 1 to 3 years.



**White Coney
Fur Sets**
4.50

Pretty enough to make any little girl happy and proud to have one, and just as warm as they are attractive. The set includes a scarf and muff, adorned with imitation emine tails that are very effective.



Real Squirrel Sets
22.00

A really unusual value, for the skins are soft and silky, and carefully selected. The throw neckpiece is much like a grown-up's, and both the neckpiece and 22 inch muff are lined with gray satin. Suitable for a child up to 8 years.



**White Sheared
Coney Coats**
49.00

Soft, silky skins fashion a delightful coat that any child will delight in wearing—with high rolling collar and deep cuffs, half belted in back. Trimmed with large pearl buttons, and lined with white satin. Size 1.

Polo caps to match . . . 6.75



**Natural
Coney Coats**
42.00

Wide collar and cuffs slashed pockets, and a half belt in back are the distinguishing features of these coats—adorned with big brown buttons, and lined with brown poplin. Size 1.

Cap to match 6.50



Saks & Company

Offer Most Exceptional Values in

A Special Collection of

**CHAUFFEURS'
SUITS**

tailored in all wool whipcord
and fine oxford gray serges

at **39.50**

Suits designed expressly for Saks & Company and tailored with that keen regard for quality characteristic of all Chauffeur's Apparel put forth by Saks & Company.

*Four-patch pocket model, in single
breasted effect, tracing the figure
in the smartest fashion*

Sixth Floor

Saks & Company

Broadway at 34th Street