

Love Dead Even When Jilted Sue

Few Plaintiffs in Such Cases Have Emotional Stake in Issue.

BY GRETIA PALMER
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, May 8.—It has been bruited about, according to the papers, that his former fiancée is thinking of filing a \$2,000,000 breach of promise suit against John Jacob Astor III, although young Mr. Astor professed to know nothing about it.



Even with the price of butter and a spare rib going up this is still a respectable sum. You can have a lot of fun with \$2,000,000 if you are a young and attractive woman with a hankering for the Rue de la Paix. Even if you were 80 years old and in a wheelchair it would be nice to have it.

It is doubtful whether more than one plaintiff in ten such cases has an emotional stake in the affair. The women who bring such cases are sometimes motivated by a spirit of revenge which makes them say, "He can't do this to me and get away with it," as they march into the lawyer's office, ready to sue in their eyes. More often, perhaps, their whole case is nothing but a sordid shakedown.

But there is that one plaintiff out of ten—the girl whose heart is honestly broken because she has been jilted by a man after she had begun to hem the trousseau tablecloth.

Are the courts right in awarding her what has been recently known as "heart balm?"

Cheered by Money

There is no getting away from the fact that a fat settlement may go far toward cheering one up in such a case. It can not restore to a woman the devotion of her fickle fiancé, which is presumably the thing she wants most in the world. But it can give her a chance to travel and get away from the painful scenes of her ruined romance.

It can give her a whirl at that most feminine of all distractions—the buying of a new hat. It will provide her with a month or so in a private sanitarium if she wishes the luxury of a nervous breakdown. Oh, the court by awarding a settlement can help, all right!

But why should it?

There are any number of other grievances and disappointments in life besides those of having your betrothed go back on you. There is, for instance, the frustration of a love affair that had never reached the stage of formal engagement.

Other Mishaps Unrewarded

There are deaths in the family and loss of employment and failure to hold your husband after you have got him.

There are minor catastrophes, like spilling punch on your new dress, being stuck at a dance and drawing a losing number in the Irish Sweepstakes. But the courts do not attempt, by cash gifts, to console us for these mistakes.

Is there any reason why the young woman who was left waiting at the church should demand that the authorities bribe her into cheerfulness?

Is there any reason why she should not return to the former tenor of her ways—a little dashed, perhaps, because of the discovery that she is not going to have the chance of spending her young man's money after all?

We commend to our legislators a paragraph in the current American literature where the history of the breach of promise laws is traced.

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A Woman's Viewpoint

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

WHAT are the duties of a good mother? There are as many different answers to the question as there are individuals to give them. No two persons agree on all points.

But the chasm that divides the thinking of the old and the new woman on this subject is deep and wide. The other day I was talking to one of the latter who has four children and a very nice career besides. Her opinion is worth having, not only because of her success in combining motherhood and a profession, but because it contains hard common sense.

"It's perfectly stupid," she assured me, "for us to assume that our children can not be taught the habits of cleanliness, tidiness and household routine by some body besides their mothers. I have a woman who has been in my employ for many years and who has trained my children in all these things much better than I ever could have done, especially when you take my temperament into consideration. They put away their clothes, keep their closets neat and brush their teeth and eat their spinach with religious regularity. Two of them now are grown, and I think you will find they do me no discredit."

"My children always have gone to my housekeeper for their physical wants, but they come to me for their mental and spiritual sustenance. I am their mother in every rightful sense of the word, but I am not their body servant. I direct their reading, help with their school and social problems, and they accept my advice and court my companionship."

"We go to shows, concerts and shop together. Because I have not been with them to the point of irritation and ennu, my children are fond of my society. They listen to what I say and are not bored with me, consequently my opinions have weight with them. I have not watched over them constantly, nor trotted after them directing every physical act of their existence, yet I honestly feel they respect, admire and love me."

Here speaks the modern woman. I am convinced her voice will become more impressive as the years pass.

And every tender mother who has dinged-donged to no avail to rid her child of a careless habit and then looked on while the first school teacher turned the trick, will understand her language.

QUILT MAKING TO BE DISPLAY TOPIC

Mrs. W. E. R. Payne will talk on the "History of Quilt Making" in connection with a display of antique and modern quilts at the May meeting of the Indianapolis Current Events Club tomorrow at the home of Mrs. O. G. Merrill, 1123 West Thirty-fifth street. Mrs. Merrill will be assisted by Mrs. Alice Cosler. Responses to roll call will be in keeping with Mothers' day. Mrs. W. H. Link will talk on "Days of the Old Spinning Wheel." Mrs. R. D. Stobes, president, will preside.

Club Meetings

TOMORROW

Guests will be honored at a meeting of Wednesday Afternoon Club. Mesdames S. W. Scheigert, Roy Young Lewis Sherr, John H. Horne, Harold Trotter and Robert Campbell will be hostesses.

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Indianapolis Business and Professional Women will hold a dinner meeting with Fred Hoke, speaker.

Oldenburg Academy alumnae, the Veronica Club, will meet with Mrs. Elizabeth N. Watts, R. 14, Box 250-B.

Mrs. O. C. Neier, 5506 University avenue, will be hostess for a meeting of the Irvington Service Circle of the King's Daughters.

FRIDAY

Miss Ellen D. Graydon will be hostess for a meeting of the Clio Club. Mrs. Edward D. Evans and Mrs. Cleo Hunt will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. Charles Stiltz, assisted by Mrs. William Newman, will entertain the members of the Cedars of Lebanon Club.

Mothers of members of the Friday Afternoon Literary Club will attend a meeting at Foster hall. Mrs. W. G. Stevens, Mrs. E. F. Sunderman and Miss Alvira Clark will be in charge of the transportation.

Social committee of the Friday Afternoon Reading Club is in charge of a visit to be made to Foster hall.

Miss Kerz Is New Head of Alumnae

Kappa Kappa Gamma Group Installs President at Board Meeting.

Mrs. G. B. Taylor, retiring president of the Indianapolis Alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, installed Miss Virginia Kerz as president at the board meeting yesterday at the American National bank.

Others taking oath of office were Mrs. Harry G. Jones, vice-president; Miss Mary Estelle Sluss, recording secretary; Mrs. O. N. Newton, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. J. C. Matthews, treasurer.

Mrs. L. B. Milliken made an endowment committee report and it was announced that the state group had advanced from twelfth to third place in national standing as to size and activities.

Mrs. Mark K. Reasoner gave a talk on the national convention which will be held July 3 to 10 in Yellowstone national park. Mrs. Reasoner as Delta province vice-president, and Mrs. Everett M. Schofield as national finance chairman.

Others to attend from the local alumnae will be Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Hisey, Miss Ruth Stone, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Ruth Shull, Mrs. Charles A. Harris, Miss Jean Coval and Miss Joan Johnson.

The group is sponsoring a sale of magazines for the national fund for province convention. Mrs. John Hillman, 5009 Guilford avenue, is chairman.

Mrs. William M. Loudon, 36 West Forty-third street, will be hostess for the final meeting of the year. Members of the four active chapters in the state will be guests. Mrs. Reid Steele is reservations chairman.

MISS BROWN WILL BE PARTY HOSTESS

Miss Gertrude Brown, 3838 North Pennsylvania street, will be hostess tonight for final play in the bridge tournament of Beta Beta alumnae chapter of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Nine sections will play under the direction of Mrs. Robert L. Mason, chairman, assisted by Mesdames Orval Hixon, Joseph Coffin, J. Minneman, E. Smith, S. Walker, L. R. Zapf and Miss Brown.

Fifty players have made reservations. Others are being received by Miss Brown.

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Daily Recipe

TONGUE AND HORSE RADISH SANDWICH

1 cup minced tongue
2 tablespoons grated horseradish
2 tablespoons chili sauce
1 tablespoon minced green pepper
1 tablespoon stuffed olives, chipped, Mayonnaise

Mix ingredients together. Moisten with enough mayonnaise dressing to spread. This filling is good with graham bread.

RIDING TOURNAMENT WINNERS LISTED

Robert H. Brown stables held the last of a series of riding tournaments Friday at the club when trophies were presented the holders of the highest number of accumulative points.

Cynthia Test was winner of the junior trophy with Joan Rice, reserve; Dorothy Metzger, champion for intermediate, with Lucius Hamilton, reserve, and Joan Metzger, senior winner and Barbara Hickam, reserve.

Winners for the single tournament Friday were: Junior, Cynthia Test, first; Joan Rice, second; Linda Hamilton, third; Hazel Jane Abraham, fourth.

Intermediate winners were Dorothy Metzger, first; Lucius Hamilton, second; Letitia Sinclair, third, and Shirley Williams, fourth. Joan Metzger was first for the senior group; Eddie Maymaker, second; Barbara Hickam, third, and Bob Mannix, fourth.

Mrs. Margaret Abraham Feore and Mr. Brown, children's instructors, were in charge.

Alumnae Will Meet

Western College alumnae will meet at 2:30 Friday afternoon at Foster hall with J. K. Lilly, speaker.

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