

Love Dead Even When Jilted Sue

Few Plaintiffs in Such
Cases Have Emotional
Stake in Issue.

BY GRETNA PALMER
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NEW YORK, May 8.—It has been bruited about, according to the papers, that his former fiancee is thinking of filing a \$2,000 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 spareribs 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, a nasty glint 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 table-cloth. 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 flickle fiance, 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 whirr 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 command to our legislators a paragraph in the current American Mercury 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 somebody 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 clothes 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

QUILT MAKING TO BE DISPLAY TOPIC

Mr. 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.

A "Tribute to Mother" will be the response given at a meeting of the Indianapolis Current Events Club with Mrs. O. G. Merrill.

Portfolio Club will elect officers at a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Mansur B. Oakes, Miss Blanche Stillson and Miss Marie Chomel will be in charge of supper.

Mrs. F. B. Malloch will be hostess for the Thursday Lyceum Club. Mrs. W. M. Sommers will talk on "Cure It with a Garden," by L. H. Robbins.

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. Wattis, R. 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.

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