

WAS EVER HUBBY WORSE HENPECKED?

Hammer, Razor, Wrench, Gas Stove Just a Few of the Things She Threw.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—August F. W. Siebel, attorney in the Fort Dearborn building, made an answer to his wife's bill for divorce, which, if all the tales told therein can be credited, brands him as the most henpecked husband in America.

Siebel's answer avers that so far as the cruelty and desertion is concerned, the shoe is on the other foot. He chronicled his married life in detail, and, if his aversments are accurate, matrimony for him was a continuous war.

Mrs. Siebel, said her husband, not only beat him regularly and earnestly, but boasted of her pugilistic ability.

Weapons of Warfare.
Among the instruments of her wrath were the following: A hammer, scissors, her fists, her feet, a plate, a section of gas hose, a small gas stove, a foot rule, her shoes, his razor, a wrench, a butcher knife, their furniture.

Also, said Siebel, his wife locked him in the house and locked him out of the house. When she grew weary of beating him herself, he stated, she called in her mother and her sisters to finish the job. Sometimes some of her neighbor friends came in and operated on him, he said. On May 20, 1905, his bill stated, he was under orders to take the part of marshal in the Spanish War Veterans' division of the Memorial day parade. He had just got his uniform on, said Siebel, when his wife, without provocation, struck him with a hammer. Then began a battle, which continued until some of Siebel's comrades appeared to inquire why he had not started downtown. Mrs. Siebel, said the bill, went to the door to answer these inquirers, whereupon Siebel escaped to the street via a back window.

Bit Him "in the Chest."

Another time, said Siebel, he called at the house to take the children for a street car ride. His wife, he said, tried to drag him into the house, "tearing his clothes and biting him severely on the chest." Being unable to get him inside, he said, she "called to her assistance one Leola Dodds, who came with a hammer, and both of said women thereupon attempted to drag your orator into said house, and do him bodily harm, and your orator was released from the grasp of both said women,

only when he called to a passing stranger."

One of the things that made Siebel want to leave home, said his bill, was his wife's curtain lectures.

On other occasions, said Siebel, his wife refused to allow him to go to bed, but looked him and herself up in a bathroom.

"He was obliged to lay on the floor," said the bill, and endeavor to sleep, but said Patricia B. Siebel, by her continual abuse, spitting in your orator's face, and striking him, prevented him from even securing sleep in the bathroom."

Here's Climax of All.

The crowning catastrophe occurred on New Year's evening, December 31, 1907. Mrs. Siebel, said the bill, went out celebrating while her husband remained at home with their children. She was out on the streets, said the bill, until 1:15 in the morning, when she returned and invited him to join her in the festivities. He refused, according to the bill, and she struck him and locked him out

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of the house. He stopped that day at a hotel, but returned to his residence January 2.

When she had got him safely inside, said the bill, his wife attacked him with an "eight-foot gas hose, breaking his nose and greatly bruising his face, continuing such beating for over half an hour, and, while she was so enraged, she threw a small gas stove at your orator, bruising him on the back, and she ceased only when her mother came to the room, and said: 'There is no use doing that, you cannot hurt him that way,' whereupon she took a one-foot rule and struck your orator on the shoulder, thereby breaking said rule."

Shoes Tore His Jaw, He Says.

After that, said the bill, Mrs. Siebel threw her shoes at her husband, lacerating his jaw, and followed this by hurling a pair of scissors at his head with such violence that the scissors were broken. These weapons, said the bill, apparently having failed of their desired effect, Mrs. Siebel went for her husband's razor. He took the razor from her and ran out of the house. She followed with the gas hose and beat him in the street till he bled. He finally got away and established himself in a separate residence.

DEMOCRATS MAY WIN FIGHT FOR LEGISLATURE

Almost as interesting as the struggle being put up by A. W. Montague for the state senate is the great fight being made by his Democratic confreres, Hagood and Fiegel in the contest for place on the list of 12 who will represent Multnomah county in the lower house at Salem.

Every indication is that Hagood and Fiegel will be elected. Carpenter, King and Upton, the candidates who were branded his undesirable by The Journal, bring up the rear of the 12 regular Republican candidates. The vote counted up to 1 o'clock give the two Democrats substantial pluralities over each of the three Republicans mentioned. The other Republican candidates, however, will probably be successful, as they are hourly rolling up greater pluralities over the Progressive field and the Democrats exclusivs of Hagood and Fiegel.

FINISH COUNT IN LARGE EAST SIDE PRECINCT

Precinct 121, second largest in the city, with 828 registered voters, completed its count at 5 o'clock this morning. Precinct 121 is at East Thirty-ninth and Broadway streets. Precinct 105, at Union avenue and East Washington streets, is the largest in the city.

CHARGES MADE IN SUIT CLUB CASE

Attempted Extortion Alleged Against Restaurant Man, at Hearing.

Allegations against Jake Kessler, proprietor of the Kosher restaurant at Second and Yamhill streets, charging him with attempted extortion were made

this morning in the municipal court. This evidence came out in a case of the city against Benjamin Somylo and Fred Stein, owners of a suit club in the Sweetland building.

Somylo refused to implicate Kessler, defying Judge Taxwell, Assistant City Attorney Cahalin and his own counsel. Stein went on the witness stand and told that Kessler came to himself and partner, threatening them with prosecution if they did not give him money. Kessler also represented that he could keep the newspapers quiet. Stein and Somylo refused to consider Kessler's proposition, they say, and they were arrested for conducting a lottery.

Denies Seeing Stein.
"Kessler came to me at Fourth and Washington streets," said Stein. "He said he was a good friend of Captain Riley, and that he stood well with the police. He said that the other suit club men had been arrested, and we would get the same. Soon after this we were arrested."

When asked about the matter, Kessler denied seeing Stein and Somylo, even knowing them, or ever making such a proposition.

Captain Riley led the raid against the suit clubs, and says that Kessler told him several days ago that the club was a fake. This information did not cause the suit club, but action was taken from complaints made by women who became dissatisfied.

Captain Riley further says that a man by the name of Simon, who is now on trial in San Francisco for questionable dealing in a suit club, declares \$500 was raised by three local clubs for protection. Simon came to Portland last Sunday, having been called when the clubs were raided. He further told the police captain that he went to the district attorney's office Monday to see how the matter could be settled. Not being able to settle the matter, he returned to San Francisco that evening.

Among the witnesses testifying this morning about joining the suit club were: Mrs. J. Stewart, 458 Williams avenue; Mrs. Burton, Tenth and East Market streets; Miss Flemming, 564 East Davis street; Mrs. Hazel Plummer, 329 Grand avenue; and Miss Hill, 451 East Eleventh street. Somylo testified he often refunded money, where the customer left the city or became ill.

TAX POWER REPEAL MEASURE CARRIED

The county tax power repeal has carried over the state by a good majority. In Multnomah county the vote counted now stands 12,045 for the repeal and 10,322 against. The statewide vote is running even a little higher in favor of the repeal.

Journal Want Ads bring results.



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