

Steinberg Runs "Stiff."

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ATTEMPTS TO HANG.

UNHAPPY MARRIAGE FIZZLES.

A couple from Palestine, Jack and Ethel Steinberg, aired their domestic differences in the Perth Police Court, before P.M. Davies, on Wednesday, when Mrs. Steinberg sued for separation and maintenance on the grounds of desertion by her husband. Mr. J. F. Walsh appeared for the complainant, and Mr. A. Haynes for the defendant.

The complainant speaks English well, with a rather pleasing accent. In her evidence she stated she was married to the defendant in Palestine in May, 1905. They arrived in W.A. seven years ago, and the defendant obtained employment two days later at his trade. He was always nagging, she said, and treating her badly, but she always forgave him because he was always sick. About a year ago the defendant enlisted, and after being in camp for a fortnight he was discharged as being medically unfit. Shortly after that he tried to hang himself, and he was saved by her mother. He went to the hospital for treatment, and while he was in there she offered to work for him, because he was in too bad a state of health to work. His reply was that he did not want to live any longer. She went to live with relatives in the country. The defendant was discharged from the hospital, but went in again as he continued ill. He then said he

as he continued ill. He then said he needed twelve months in the hospital, and that he would work when he came out again.

The complainant went again to the country. While there she received a letter from the hospital authorities saying the defendant was being sent to Claremont. She went to see him there, but he told her not to come as he did not want to see her or her child. The child, she stated, was four years old. In the meantime the complainant had been advanced some money by the Jewish Philanthropic Society, with which she opened a shop in Beaufort-street. Her parents resided at the same place. When the defendant came out of Claremont, about six months ago, he told some friends that he would rather lang than live with her. He commenced work, and she went to see him. He repulsed her, telling her she was not his wife, and that he would not have anything to do with her. He had not contributed anything to her support since he began work again. She was, however, prepared to live with him again.

To Mr. Haynes, the complainant denied that the cause of the rift was a young man, named Honig. The defendant had not ordered Honig to leave their house, where he had lived as a boarder. There were, she stated, two boarders, who were her nephews. It was untrue that she left home a couple of days after Honig was driven out. No one, she declared, had had anything to do with her except the defendant. She returned from the country because the defendant was ill, and he had "wired" to her. Honig came the same night, but he came, she stated, to re-

night, but he came. she stated, to return a book to her. She left home again in a couple of days because the defendant "chased her out." She remained away, living with her parents, for three months.

Subsequently she wrote to the defendant asking him to meet her at the Esplanade. They met, and as a consequence of their conversation they came together again. She told him she had not had anything to do with anybody else, not that she had not done anything wrong with Honig. It was untrue that the defendant found a letter from Honig asking her to meet him in Newcastle-street. She had never told the defendant in her life that the child was not his. A doctor in Egypt had said, after examining the defendant, that she would never have any children by him. The fact was, she stated, that she had had a miscarriage before they left Palestine. It was untrue she had left him while they lived in Palestine. She also denied that Honig came specially to see her while she had the shop in Beaufort-street, and that a man, named Leven, had seen him run upstairs when he (Leven) entered the shop. There had not, she said, been any improper conduct on her part. The truth was that the defendant was jealous of everybody, even of her two young nephews when they once kissed her after church.

No witnesses were called by the complainant. The defendant went into the witness box to give his version. He said the complainant left him for nine months in Palestine, after they had been married ~~for~~ ~~two~~ ~~or~~ ~~three~~ ~~years~~. He had heard for the first time that day that she had had a miscarriage in

that she had had a miscarriage in Palestine. Eighteen months ago she told him that he was not the father of the child. Honig lived in the house and used to nurse the child. The defendant objected to the presence of Honig, and finally he ordered him to leave the house. Three days later the complainant left home and went to her brother in the country. He became ill, and she returned home. That same night Honig turned up, saying he had come about a book.

In a few days they parted again, living apart for three months. In consequence of getting a letter from her he met her, on the Esplanade. She then said she would not have Honig about the house any more. They resumed housekeeping, and a couple of days later he found a letter from Honig, asking her to meet him. He showed it to her, and asked her about it. She said it had nothing to do with him, and, grabbing the letter, she tore it up. In consequence of the worry caused him the defendant stated, he became despondent, and attempted to hang himself. A little later they had a row and he went out. When he returned the furniture was practically all gone. Through his illness he was sent to Claremont, and his friends and relatives subsequently got him out again. Since he came out, about six months ago he had not heard from the complainant nor seen her until two or three weeks ago. She came to see him telling him she loved only him, that she

could get Honig at any time, but she did not want him. She only wanted the defendant.

To Mr. Walsh, the defendant said the cause of all the trouble was Honig. He had not seen any improper conduct between Honig and the complainant, but he suggested that it had occurred. The letter he found addressed her as Mrs. Steinberg, not in any endearing terms. When he came out of Claremont he went to live with his brother. He heard his wife had a shop, but he did not make any enquiries about her. Neither did he send her any money. The reason for his cold behaviour was that she had made his heart so sore. When she came to see him recently she had £100, which she offered to spend in starting life together once again. The defendant denied that his relatives had been the cause of all the disagreements. In concluding, the defendant said he could not go back to live again with his wife.

Isaac Leven said he called into the complainant's shop one evening. He saw Honig sitting in a room attached to the shop, and also saw him run upstairs. On one occasion the complainant said she did not want the defendant nor his money.

Mr. Haynes contended that desertion had not been proved. If the parties had drifted apart mutually with no desire to return to each other there was

no existing state of cohabitation to put to an end. During the argument the D.M. said it appeared that the defend-

to an end. During the argument the P.M. said it appeared that the defendant did not want to take his wife back. Neither did he want to maintain her, but to throw her on the State to keep her.

Finally the P.M. found desertion had been proved, and made an order for separation, and maintenance at 30s. per week. The complainant was also given the custody of the child.

Lunch-hour programmes are a speciality at the Pavilion nowadays. Commencing just after 1 o'clock, they provide entertainment for the odd hour in a cosy manner.

Edna Mayo and Euguen O'Brien come to Perth Majestic to-morrow in New York's most brilliant stage success of the year, "The Chaperon." "The Chaperon" is a delicious comedy-drama of a sun-kissed island, girls on holiday, Cupid—and a chaperon. It's smile and spice all through.

H. B. Walthall, acclaimed as the world's greatest dramatic actor, supported by those brilliant stars, Mary Charleson and Hazel Day, comes to Fremantle Majestic to-morrow in "Little Shoes." Eleanor Lagram's great story that Perth houses liked so much. It's a love story—and such a love story!