

RELICS OF WAR

And a Deserted Wife

Although Frank Dvoretzky was described as an earnest seeker after work his daily visits to a bureau and brewery failed to provide him with remunerative toil. He said he had worked three months out of the last 12 months, two of these being in the last six months.

He said the cause of his continual unemployment was due to his physical powers, which had been weakened through war injuries. His left hand, which was barren of a perfect and whole finger, prevented him

FROM DOING MANUAL LABOR

the type of work he was only capable of doing ordinarily.

His wife, Clara Dvoretzky, who lived apart from him, petitioned Mr. A. B. Kidson, acting-P.M., and Mr. J. McKinnon, J.P., in the City Court on Friday for a maintenance order to be made against him.

She said her husband had left her five years ago. He had gone to live at a boarding house in the

COMPANY OF A GIRL

named Lynch. Before he left complainant told her he would not live with her again, and promised to pay over to her his pension of £1/1/ per week. This was regularly paid until a fortnight previously, when it was stopped. Witness herself was not strong enough to work for her living, and the £1/1/ per week together with

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Under cross-examination, she admitted her husband's eyesight was falling, and that his general physical condition did not allow him to take on heavy work. He had promised to make a home for her, but she had returned to him before, and

ALWAYS HAD TO LEAVE

again because of his interest in another.

Defendant said he deserted his wife in the first place because he objected to attentions she showered upon a Mr. Florist. He had promised to pay his wife £1/1/ per week and had kept that promise.

During the last six months he had worked two months. The remainder of the time he had lived on charity—with his father at Mt. Lawley, and a Mrs. Gallagher of Bulwer-street. The latter he was

SUPPOSED TO PAY

for his board, but his circumstances did not allow him to do so.

Each day he visited the R.S.L. Bureau of Labor and the Emu Brewery, but he could not get any work whatever.

The official in charge of the bureau described defendant as a "tryer." It was hard to obtain work for a man who was injured like Dvoretzky was, but whenever a position was found for him he did his best to retain it.

The magistrate considered the matter was essentially a case for a private arrangement to be arrived at, but as the parties could not arrive at a satisfactory settlement an order for 10/ per week was made in complainant's favor.

