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Brodsky No Model Hubby

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WHEN Mr. Abraham Landa took in hand the case of Mrs. Sarah Brodsky, a stout, dark-eyed woman, with pleasant features, who appeared as a petitioner in Mr. Justice Owen's Divorce Court on Monday last, he asked her if her husband, Louis Brodsky, was not also known as 'Marlen.'

Mrs. Brodsky said she was, and later it was explained that "Mar-len" was a compound word, made up of "Mar" from Karl Marx, and "len" from the name of the Russian proletariat, Nicolai Lenin.

Mrs Brodsky was a Miss Sarah Marks when she wedded the Odessa Russian, Louis Brodsky on February 22, 1904. Mrs. Brodsky is a Londoner, and Brodsky's dad was a produce merchant. As Brodsky was 22 in 1904, he is 48 to-day, and his wife, who has got rid of him, is now 44, she being 18 when she married.

There are two children of the union, both being over 21.

Mrs. Brodsky told the judge that her husband came to Sydney after marriage, and they lived here. He had recently travelled the world, covering in his tour his native land, Soviet Russia. In Sydney Louis did not prove himself a model of the domestic virtues. He would bet on

ney Louis did not prove himself a model of the domestic virtues. He would bet on the slightest provocation. He was a gambler who gambled for the love of the thing itself.

Also Louis was addicted to late hours, and often chased the "Milk Ho" in the front door just before sunrise.

Another weakness Louis also had, according to Mrs. Brodsky. He was fond of the cup that cheers and inebriates.

Eventually Louis left home in September, 1922, six years ago this month. "I have never seen him since," added Mrs. Brodsky, "although he is in Sydney?"

A broad-shouldered young man, Alexander Brodsky, son of the parties, gave evidence for his mother. He confirmed her story that Dad had left Mum in September, 1922.

All that Alick knew was that he had not lived with Mum since 1922, and betrayed no desire to help fill the family larder.

The judge cut the matrimonial knot tethering the pair, granted the wife her decree, and ordered Louis to fork out the lucre needed to pay the costs of the suit.

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