

# Suit Deals Death Blow To Old South Chivalry

### Both This Tradition and That of Yankee Shrewdness and Caution Knocked Sky High in Endeavor of Beverly D. Harris to Get Court Annul Marriage to Adventuress

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New York, Feb. 29.—There is no "North" and no "South" any more if the Beverly D. Harris annulment suit means anything. The old Southern chivalry which defends a woman's name because she is a woman has been knocked sky-high, and along with it has gone the Yankee tradition of shrewd caution.

Beverly D. Harris, hard headed New York banker, formerly a vice president of the National City Bank, of which James A. Stillman was president, contends that he let a slip of a girl from the Southern underworld hoodwink him into believing she was a Tennessee aristocrat, and that he married her in haste, without checking up on her story.

Arrayed on his side—against the brunette Tennessee beauty—is a whole troupe of Southerners, headed by Carruthers Ewing "of Memphis and New York," Mr. Harris' chief counsel.

The whole fight resolves itself into a question of identity.

Harris has marshalled a host of witnesses to prove that the woman he married was an orphanage waif, who fled the institution at 14, worked for a while in Memphis as a telephone girl, and then became the mistress of Eli Rayner, gambler, until she met and captivated him.

Mrs. Harris strenuously denies that she is the orphan "Susie Lee," whose past her husband has so assiduously dug up. But in order to deny that, she had to bare another painful secret which she said she had guarded for years—though she doesn't admit she guarded it from Harris. That secret was that she was Eli Rayner's illegitimate daughter.

It's an involved story, this trail from Memphis' Main Street to a setting of riches and power in New York. The lawyers say it will take three weeks to unfold it.

It was hard to believe, when Mrs. Harris swept into the court room today that she had ever been either what her husband contends she was or what she admits she was. Richly gowned in a taupe brown dress, cut with a deep V, at the side of which were affixed two pink roses, and wearing a small roll-brim hat which fully revealed her features, she seemed the essence of refinement and culture.

Snuggling in the deep fur collar of the coat which was draped over her shoulders, she appeared the most cheerful person in the court room. While Harris, across the table stared rigidly off into space, she glanced about the court room and smiled, smiled, smiled, at her lawyers, at the jury, at the audience. Her composure never left her for a moment, not even when George Gordon Battle, her lawyer, bared to the jury the secret of her parentage, which she had gone to such infinite pains to cover up.

The first witness she faced was an orphan from the home in which Harris contends her early years were spent, Miss Sammie Graves Meacham—a "working girl."

Miss Meacham told briefly of her early life in the orphanage where she had known "Susie Lee." They had played together as small children in the institution. She hadn't seen "Susie Lee" for some 15 years.

"Is this defendant the Susie Lee that you knew?" Caruthers Ewing of Memphis and New York asked her.

"To the best of my memory of the child, I'd say she is the one," Miss Meacham answered.

An hour later, as Mrs. Harris swept out in her finery and her furs to her waiting automobile, she passed Sammie Meacham sitting on a stool at the court house lunch counter drinking an orangeade.

Mrs. Harris smiled. Sammie Meacham didn't.

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# NATION'S CAPITAL HAS ITS TRIALS

### You May be Disposed to Cuss Your City Council But Suppose Congress Made Your City Ordinances?

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Washington, Feb. 29 — Helplessness of the nation's capital city to manage its local affairs is being strikingly emphasized just now. In a matter that a self governing community could submit to the voters and speedily settle, Washington is fairly "hog tied."

For years automobile owners have had to pay license and provide vehicle tags on their cars to both the District of Columbia and the state of Maryland. Recently a tentative and provisional agreement of reciprocity was entered into, and for nearly two months automobiles have plied the streets and avenues of the "city of magnificent distances," labelled like the cars of any other American city. Now, it appears, Washingtonians will have to go back to the old system of "wearing" two license tags, fore and aft, or confine their motoring within the ten mile radius of the Federal district.

It all comes about because of the fact that the officers of the city haven't the right to enter into an agreement with anyone without the

consent of Congressmen and Senators, hailing largely from small towns and rural districts, all the way from Cape Cod to the Rio Grande, and from Puget Sound to Chesapeake Bay.

Last fall, in an effort to relieve District motorists of the burden of the double taxation, the District commissioners, appointed by the President, conferred with the governor of Maryland on the matter of reciprocity between the District of Columbia and Maryland similar to that existing between all the states in the union. Maryland was willing to enter into such relations, and all that was necessary was to get the consent of Congress, which happens on certain prescribed days to be the board of aldermen or city council of Washington.

But here the hitch came. Between the tax reduction bill and the argument over Teapot Dome several District days were passed over, and the reciprocity measure still lies with the District committees of the House and Senate.

Having no voting power, residents of the District of Columbia can only

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He expects the new machine to reduce his cost to operate—perhaps to make a better product—and thus aid him in meeting competition and making larger profits.

Advertising is exactly similar. The man who refuses to consider it as a possible expedient, simply shuts his eyes on one of the problems of his business. He might as well ignore the bank as sources of credit when he has need to borrow capital.

On the other hand, the man who looks to advertising to checkmate all weaknesses and shortcomings of his business and to carry it along to victory despite these, has a childlike faith in the miraculous.

Advertising will not make his product or his service any better than they are; but it will bring him the full benefits of their merits. It will not eliminate wastefulness in his factory or his store; but it will reduce his cost to operate. It will not make illogical selling methods successful; but it will assist good selling methods, and often point the way for improving them.

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