

MRS. THOMAS PLATT WANTS BIG DAMAGES

Begins Action Against the Washington Post for \$300,000 and the Times for \$200,000.

SHE DENIES "COACHMAN" STORIES

Brands as False Story Told of Western Trip and Says Good Name is Hurt, and That She Has Been Subjected to Public Ridicule and Hatred.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Lillian T. Platt, wife of Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, through her attorney, H. Winship Wheatley, has begun a libel suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia against the Washington Post Company and the Washington Times Company for \$300,000 and \$200,000 damages, respectively.

She recites in her declaration that "she is and always has been absolutely honorable and was a person of good nature, credit and reputation and deservedly enjoyed the esteem and good opinion of the community in general and enjoyed a good reputation among a large circle of friends and acquaintances and was and is the wife of Thomas C. Platt, a member of the United States Senate, and was and is wholly free from the matters hereinafter complained of."

She brings suit on three counts against the Post and two counts against the Times. The suits against the Post are based on stories connecting the name of J. K. Hedges, the Platt family coachman, with that of Mrs. Platt.

Mrs. Platt also reviews the published stories of her alleged intimate relations with Hedges on a trip made by her, Senator Platt and others in the West, and declares that "each and every charge, statement and innuendo made and implied in and about any part of such matter published against plaintiff by the defendants aforesaid, except that part alleged as true herein, is absolutely and unqualifiedly false."

The parts admitted to be true relate simply to the fact that Hedges was employed, that he did go on the California trip, etc.

By reason of the stories complained of Mrs. Platt alleges that she has been greatly injured in her good name, credit, fame and reputation, and has been exposed to public ridicule, hatred and contempt and caused to suffer great anxiety of mind. She denies the allegations that she forced a marriage between Senator Platt and herself.

The suit against the Washington Times is also based on the publication of stories in which the family coachman figured.

GIRL BABY'S AWFUL ECZEMA

Slight of Eye Destroyed by Disease—Tried Five Doctors but Grew Worse—In Agony Eight Months—Parents Discouraged, Until They Tried Cuticura Remedies

IN ONE WEEK ALL SORES DISAPPEARED

"Our little girl, one year and a half old, was taken with eczema or that was what the doctor said it was. We called in the family doctor and he gave some ointment and said she would be all right in a few days. The eczema grew worse and we called in doctor No. 2. He said she was teething, as soon as the teeth were through she would be all right. But she still grew worse. Doctor No. 3 said it was eczema. By this time she was nothing but a yellow, greenish sore. Well, he said he could help her, so we let him try it about a week. One morning we discovered a little yellow pimple on one of her eyes. Of course we phoned for doctor No. 3. He came over and looked her over and said that he could not do anything more for her, that we had better take her to some eye specialist, since it was an ulcer. So we went to Oswego to doctor No. 4, and he said the eczema was gone, but that he could help it. We thought we would try doctor No. 5. Well, that proved the same, only he charged \$10 more than doctor No. 4. We were nearly discouraged. I saw one of the Cuticura advertisements in the paper and thought we would try the Cuticura Treatment, so I went and purchased a set of Cuticura Remedies, which cost me \$1, and in three days our daughter, who had been sick about eight months, showed great improvement, and in one week all sores had disappeared. Of course it could not restore the eyesight, but if we had used Cuticura in time I am confident that it would have saved the eye. We think there is no remedy so good for any skin trouble or impurity of the blood as Cuticura. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abbott, R. F. D. No. 9, Fulton, Oswego Co., N. Y., August 17, 1906."

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Form of Infantile, Children, and Adults Eczema, Itching, and Skin Diseases. Cuticura Soap (25c) to Cleanse the Skin, Cuticura Ointment (50c) to Heal the Sores, and Cuticura Resolvent (50c), (in the form of a Laxative) to Purify the Blood. Sold throughout the world by Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Proprietors, Boston, Mass. Beware of cheap imitations. No Money Refund.

THEATRICAL TEMPESTS.

The Way a Rainstorm is Produced on the Stage.

Probably not more than one person in a hundred stops to consider how a rainstorm is produced on the stage. Few perhaps have ever given the subject any serious thought.

During the coming up of the storm there is seen vast clouds of dust, the wind blows a gale, and suddenly the rain comes down in torrents. It is an effect so natural that one almost imagines the elements are genuinely on the warpath. Yet, though the rain is real water, not a person is actually drenched, because the water comes down at the very front of the stage, while the players are well back and not at all exposed to its moisture.

It might be thought that to produce a storm many intricate bits of machinery would be necessary, yet such is not the case, for the simplest devices produce the effect desired. These are some gas pipes punctured by myriads of holes, through which the water runs from small barrels, each about half full, at either end. The sound of the wind is made by a revolving barrel which touches a heavy piece of canvas in its rounds. The thunder effect is caused by the artistic manner in which a man beats a bass drum, and the gusts of dust are blown across the stage by an electric fan. The flashes of lightning come from an electric battery connected by wires which when placed in contact throw out the dazzling flashes. A metal plate, which had been specially prepared by first being heated to white heat and then scratched by a knife, is placed in a calcium light machine and gives the effect of lightning in the distance.—New York Mail.

POETICAL DEATHS.

Welcoming the Grim Reaper With a Greeting in Verse.

There have been numerous instances of poetical deaths. The Emperor Adrian made a poetical address to his own soul as death was casting the seal of final silence over his lips, and Margaret of Austria while almost within the grasp of death in a terrific storm at sea calmly sat down and composed her epitaph in verse. The ship weathered the gale, however, and the epitaph was not needed.

Philip Strozzi when imprisoned and awaiting death on the gallows resolved to commit suicide. Before he killed himself he carved with the sword upon which a few minutes later he impaled himself the following verse from Virgil on the wall: "Rise some avenger from my blood."

The Marquis of Montrose when he was condemned to have his limbs nailed to the gates of four cities said that he was sorry that he did not have enough limbs to nail to all the cities in Europe, and this he put into beautiful verse as he was walking to his execution.

Patric, a poet of Caen, finding himself at the door of death, composed a poem, and De Barreux, it is said, wrote while on his deathbed a well known sonnet which was soon afterwards translated into English.—New York Tribune.

His Horse's Finish.

"Dear me, cobby," said an old lady as she alighted from a four wheeler at Liverpool street station, "your horse's knees are bad."

"Don't you go and think it's becoss 'e's got into a silly 'abit of tryin' to stand on 'is 'ead in the street, ma'am, 'cos it ain't," was the reply. "That there 'oss is a serious thinkin' 'oss, 'e is, ma'am. A werry prayerful animal 'e is too. 'E's been prayin' this last six year as 'ow 'is pore old master! 'one of these days come across a kind 'earted party what'll give 'im a copper or two over 'is bare fare, but, Lor' bless yer, ma'am," he added as he looked at the shilling the old lady had handed him, "'e's losin' faith fast, and unless somethink soon 'appens 'e'll die a bloomin' hindel!"—London Tit-Bits.

Why We Get Indigestion.

Recently a medical man gave it as his opinion that the oven was responsible for more dyspepsia than any other household contrivance. The modern cook finds it much easier to bake than to roast. The spit dog has almost gone out of existence, and there is seldom any one in the kitchen to take its place. It follows very reasonably that any food cooked within a confined space will not be so digestible as that done before an open fire, where all gases have freedom to escape.—Country Life.

A Jolt.

"Did you tell your teacher that I helped you with your French exercise, Sidney?"

"Yes, father."

"And what did he say?"

"He said he wouldn't keep me in to-day, 'cos it didn't seem fair that I should suffer for your ignorance."

How We Do Change!

"Aha!" exclaimed Mr. Jellus, "Been treasuring another man's picture all these years, hey?"

"Not exactly," answered his better half. "That's a photo taken of you, dear, when you had hair!"—Washington Herald.

Brought Home to Him.

Cfush!—After all, right doesn't always make right, does it? Frankman—I don't know about that. The matrimonial rite seems to have made a mile of you.—Richmond Dispatch.

Hear, Hear!

"Pa."

"Well?"

"What's women's rights?"

"Everything they want. Run away!"—Cleveland Leader.

CAPITAL DRY GOODS HOUSE

WASHINGTON AVE. AT 30TH ST. THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY.

A Silk Sale for One Day

MONDAY WE WILL PLACE ON sale 500 yards of regular fifty-cent China Silk, in white, black and all good colors at, 39c yard

NEW WHITE DRESS FABRICS AND WAISTINGS.

The new spring weaves are now on sale, clean crisp and fresh from the manufacturers.

DAINTY EMBROIDERED Swisses, yard 25c

IMPORTED EMBROIDERED Swisses, very choice styles, yard 50c

FINE DOTTED SWISS, Dress styles, yard 15c

PRETTY DOTTED SWISS, yard 10c

CHECK MUSLINS, GOOD quality, yard 8c

CHECKED MUSLINS, FINE grade, yard 12c

HANDSOME STYLES IN FINE Mercerized Madras, yard 25c

40-INCH INDIA LINONS; EXTRA special bargain; very sheer and fine, yard 11c

NEAT EFFECTS IN MERCERIZED Madras; special value, yard 12c

36-INCH FINE WHITE LINEN, for Suits or Waists; special, yard 25c

EXTRA SPECIAL. ENGLISH LONGCLOTH, 40-inches wide; worth 20c yard. We will sell a full 12-yard piece for \$1.00

FINE WHITE CROCHET Quilts, each 99c

WHITE SPREADS; REGULAR \$1.98 value special at \$1.50

PILLOW CASES, MADE OF EXTRA good Bleached Cotton, each 10c

GOOD BLEACHED SHEETS, 72x90, each 50c

SALEM BLEACHED BOLSTER Cases, size 42x72, each 35c

CRESCENT CAMBRIC, YARD-wide, fine finish, yard 10c

A Big Sale of New Dress Goods

ADVANCE SHOWING OF THE POPULAR FABRICS FOR THE COMING SEASON—ALL AT SPECIAL PRICES FOR MONDAY'S SALE.

WOOL FABRICS.

NEW SPRING STYLES, DOUBLE fold, Half-Wool Novelties, Plaids and Checks, light and medium shades of greys and tans, yard 25c

CHECKED MOHAIRS, ALL colors, yard 50c

PLAIN MOHAIRS, NEW Spring colors, yard 50c

NEW SPRING WEAVES IN PLAID and Checked Wool Suits-lings, yard 50c

36-INCH BEIGES, IN ALL THE New Spring shades of grey, yard 50c

38-INCH PLAID WOOL TAFFETA; remarkably handsome styles, yard 75c

CHECKED VOILES, 40-INCHES wide; new effects, yard \$1.00

NEW SPRING STYLES, IN WOOL Plaids; 52-inches wide, yard \$1.00

CHECKED PANAMA; 52-INCHES wide, white grounds, with colored woven checks, yard \$1.25

SPECIAL FOR MONDAY ONLY—45-INCH WHITE PERSIAN Lawn, yard 18c

EXTRA SPECIAL. 19-INCH COLORED TAFFETA SILK, IN FANCY WEAVES, at yard 25c

As the quantity is limited, you had better come in the morning. These Silks formerly sold at 59c to 75c yard.

PRINTS AND GINGHAMS—SPECIALS FOR MONDAY.

YARD-WIDE PERCALES; light grounds, yard 9c

YARD-WIDE PRINTED AND corded Madras; 12 1-2c grade, yard 10c

DRESS AND APRON GINGHAMS; good styles and regular 8 1-3c values, yard 6c

WE WILL GIVE A SPECIAL DISCOUNT OF 10 PER CENT. OFF THE PRICE OF ANY BLANKET OR COMFORT IN OUR HOUSE.

MONDAY WE WILL SELL WHITE Figured Curtain Swisses at yard 10c

FIGURED CRETONNES at yard 9c

BEST YARD-WIDE SILK—ollines at, yard 12c

WASH FABRICS.

IMPORTED SILK GINGHAMS; English make, in large and small plaids; all colors; beautiful effects, yard 25c

THE POPULAR HENLY SERGES; thirty different patterns to select from, yard 18c

NEW ORGANDIES; COPIES OF the French designs, yard 12c

ONE LOT MORE THAN 500 yards of regular 12 1-2c Flowered Organdies; on special sale Monday at, yard 7c

SILK NOVELTIES, IN ALL COLORS; white grounds, with colored cords in checks and stripes; all evening shades; greys and champagne, with embroidered figures and corded checks. The handsomest line ever shown in this city at, yard 25c

IMPORTED ORGANDIES, FROU-Frou Silk Fabrics; all colors, yard 50c

ORIENTAL ALL-OVERS, IN cream and white; some at, yard 50c

Prices range up to, yard \$2.00

VENICE ALL-OVERS, CREAM and white; very special at, yard \$1.25

ORIENTAL BANDS, CREAM AND white, all grades; some styles at, yard 12c

GERMAN AND FRENCH VALS; prices range from yard, \$1.00 to, yard 25c

Special discounts by the piece.

MEDALLIONS.

ORIENTAL AND VENICE, BEAUTIFUL styles; 12 1-2c and up, each 25c

BABY IRISH LACE EDGINGS and Insertions to match; all grades; some pretty styles, at yard 12c

ORIENTAL EDGES, IN BUTTER and white, wide and narrow; all styles; some at, yard 10c

LOCOMOTIVE OF THE FUTURE

For more than a year the New York Central Railroad Company has been making tests on the experimental tracks near this city of the electric locomotive as a means of handling trunk-line traffic. From time to time some inkling of the result has become public, but not in sufficient detail to satisfy public curiosity or give a fair idea of its probable bearing on the future of railroad traction power. There now come, however, official statements of what has been done and the details are of surpassing interest since they seem to point the way toward a radical change in the means of railroad power in the no distant future.

It appears from the reports of the experts in charge of the experiments, that the new electric locomotive can hold its own in drawing a ten-car passenger train with the best team engines, in the matter of economy of operation and at higher speed. The latest of the new machines has a normal rating of 2,200 horsepower, which is capable of being increased to 4,000 hp power, when exigencies demand its extreme output. During the long trial this locomotive has been run over 50,000 miles, in all sorts of weather and consequent varying conditions. At one time it was run continuously for eighteen hours, in a driving snowstorm, and under conditions which would have put a steam locomotive out of commission. On this occasion the train load was 335 tons or approximately that of the Empire State Express or the Black Diamond Express.

Under lighter loads the electric locomotive easily maintained a speed of eighty-five miles an hour; and at this high rate of speed proved to be easily controllable. In comparative tests, tests with the same weight of train and the same weight on the driving wheels the electric locomotive is said to have demonstrated its superiority over the steam locomotive to the satisfaction of the experts.

Another feature of the tests is in the matter of cost of maintenance of the electric locomotive, in comparison with its older foster-brother.

A careful record was kept for the entire period, and it was found that the cost of maintenance of the electric locomotive was less than 2 cents per locomotive mile, as against from 5 to 7 cents per locomotive mile for steam locomotives in similar service.

Incidentally several other advantages have been credited to the electric locomotive, as the result of the exhaustive tests to which it has been subjected. Its construction is such that the center of gravity is comparative low, thus eliminating several factors of danger incident to high speed. Then again, the ability for controlling, and if need be, stopping a train suddenly is one of the most prominent features of the electrical machine. The entire absence of smoke, while being perhaps a minor merit, is one which will commend itself generally. That the electric locomotive will finally supersede the steam motor, for passenger traffic at least, on through trunk railways, is the belief of many experts. However this may be, the results of the tests made indicate that a pronounced step has been taken in that direction.—Schenectady Evening Star.

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Loudest Whistle in World.

East St. Louis now has the biggest steam whistle in the world. It is a remarkable triple machine, with three voices—a three-chime whistler, whose capacity for the annihilation of pace is extraordinary. This whistle blows a 10 mile blast at half steam, and with favorable wind has a disturbing power of 20 miles. It costs \$1 every time it is blown. But this great whistle is not all noise. It is an idea in economy, a whistle trust, a noise combine. Almost all the little noises, yelps, toots and whines of smaller mechanical throats

In East St. Louis are now dumb The giant whistle trust whistles for them. The independent whistles have to whistle off time to be heard Within the range of this whistle are said to be one hundred thousand people who tell time by it.—From the New York Tribune.

Adam and Eve.

(Stuart Maclean in the Milwaukee Journal.)

What was it Adam got from Eve? An apple?

That's not what scientists believe Who grapple

With learning deep and ore profound, Who everything thus expound

And wear strange buttons all 'round Their lapel.

Not to be out of date, or worse, Was Eden's,

For there's things happened which you'd scarce

Give credence;

And so these learned men declare With gesture deft and debonaire,

The story that we used to hear Is pretense.

The ancient tale is one to ban Both them on,

And one that we should any man Condemn on;

For, if the truth you would receive The fruit that Adam got from Eve

Was only, these wise men believe, A lemon.

Telephone to The Shah!

Adispatch from Teheran to the Daily Mail states that, Persians having complained that the Shah's entourage prevented them from approaching His Majesty with grievances the Shah has ordered that a telephone communicating with the palace be fixed in the public square and has invited the people to converse with him direct.

Long Live the King!

is the popular cry throughout European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder Palne, Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Palne's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it's the only sure cure. Guaranteed by the Ideal Pharmacy. 50c and \$1.00.

New, 2-Clasp, Silk Gloves

IN WHITE AND BLACK; BEST Glove ever offered at the price, pair 50c

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THE GRANDEST COLLECTION of these goods ever shown in this city. Beautiful embroidered Skirt patterns; very wide embroidery; full 5 yard pattern \$3.75

FLOUNCINGS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, from the finest to the cheapest. The handsomest patterns we have ever shown. One lot especially effective styles; worth 98c. at yard 75c

DAINTY CORSET COVER EMBROIDERIES; 35c value, yard 29c

44-INCH DRESS NETS; 60c value, yard 50c

SWISS EMBROIDERIES, EDGINGS and Insertions; special values in matched Sets; some at, yard 12c

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Social-Personal

The ladies of the public library committee will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Pocatontas hotel. All interested are invited to attend.

Rehearsals for the oratorio "The Crucifixion" will be held at Trinity Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Helen Loylander, a student at the Woman's College, Richmond, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Kennedy Corss, on West avenue.

Mr. William Roth is ill at his home on Huntington avenue with grip.

Mr. C. E. York is in Chicago on a business trip.

BE MY SWEETHEART.

Sweetheart, be my sweetheart When the birds are on the wing, When bee and bud and babbling food.

Bespoke the birth of spring; Come, sweetheart, be my sweetheart And wear this posy ring.

Sweetheart, be my sweetheart In the golden summer glow Of the earth afresh with the gracious blush

Which the ripening fields fore-show;

Dear sweetheart, be my sweetheart, As into the noon we go.

Sweetheart, be my sweetheart When falls the bounteous year, When the fruit and wine of tree and vine

Give us their harvest cheer; O, sweetheart, be my sweetheart, For winter it draweth near.

Sweetheart, be my sweetheart When the year is white and old, When the fire of youth is spent, for sooth,

And the hand of age is cold; Yet sweetheart, be my sweetheart, Till the year of our love be told.

—By Eugene Field.

In the Garden of Eden.

Adam—I'm afraid you'll find your paucity of clothing a bit trying when winter comes.

Eve—At all events, I'm well fixed for the opera!—From the Bohemian