ENDS $500,000 LOST LOVE SUIT

Mrs. S. J. Vlasto Ceases Action Against Senator W. A. Clark's Daughter, Mrs. Culver, for Alienating Husband's Affection

ALSO ENDS PROCEEDINGS FOR LIMITED DIVORCE.

Plaintiff Returns to Former Arrangement of Living Apart from Husband and Payment of $25 Weekly.

Although the greatest secrecy has been maintained in the matter, The Evening World learned to-day of the settlement, out of court, of the $500,000 suit for damages brought against Mrs. Culver, former wife of Dr. Everett M. Culver and daughter of Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, by Mrs. Solon J. Vlasto for the alleged alienation of her husband's affections. Incidentally, Mrs. Vlasto has discontinued an action which she brought against her husband for a limited divorce.

Mrs. Vlasto, who left the city about the time the suits were instituted, is back in New York. It is understood that she has consented to resume her former arrangement with her husband, whereby they lived apart and he paid her $25 a week. There has been no settlement made on Mrs. Vlasto by the representatives of Senator Clark.

Suits Discontinued Nov. 1.

The formal discontinuance of the suits was consummated on Nov. 1 in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Vlasto was not represented as formerly by Howe & Hummel. Her counsel in the release papers was Forbes J. Hennessy, of No. 32 Nassau street.

Mr. Hennessy said to-day: "I will not discuss the Vlasto matter under any circumstances."

For the daughter of Senator Clark appeared Henry G. Atwater, of Atwater & Cruikshank, No. 43 Cedar street. Mr. Atwater said to-day:

"I have nothing to say."

Louis F. Doyle, of No. 41 Park Row, represented the interests of Mr. Vlasto, who is prominent among the Greeks, being the American representative of the Bank of Athens. Mr. Doyle said:

"There is nothing to say; go to the other side."

Vlasto Family Stopped Suits.

The sudden wind-up of what promised a big sensation is understood to have been accomplished within the Vlasto family. Mrs. Vlasto, an Englishwoman of considerable refinement, has lived apart from her husband for twelve years, although not divorced. When the actions were begun last fall under the guidance of Howe & Hummel, she went to Walston, Mass., and there remained until last week.

Mr. Vlasto is a courtly, handsome, elderly man, who speaks French, Spanish, German, Greek and Italian. He is known in every large city of Europe, and it was his presence in Senator Clark's family circle abroad that started the talk which resulted in his wife's suits. He also figured in the divorce proceedings between Mrs. and Dr. Culver.

It was believed that Mrs. Vlasto would press the two actions. However, her withdrawal from the case is all the more remarkable when it is known that she does not receive one cent more than the back allowance which her husband held up pending the suits.

An intimate friend of Mrs. Vlasto explained the settlement to an Evening World reporter thus:

"Mrs. Vlasto yielded to the wishes of her son, a fine young man, employed in New York, who has taken an apartment for his mother. They felt, mother and son, that the notoriety was more than they cared to bring about, and the son engaged for his mother an outside lawyer, Mr. Hennessy, who represented her interests in the settlement.

Clark Family Paid No Money.

"Not a cent was paid by Senator Clark's family to Mrs. Vlasto. Her action was taken of her own free will in a desire to advance the best interests of her son."

Mr. Vlasto will not be able to marry Mrs. Culver by the arrangement made with his wife, even should he so desire, and the Clark family wish it. She remains his wife as before. There has been no divorce and legal separation. They are living apart under an agreement made some years ago.

According to Senator Clark, Mr. Vlasto was introduced to his daughter by Dr. Culver himself. Concerning the relations existing between his family and Mr. Vlasto, Senator Clark said:

"Mrs. Culver looked upon Mr. Vlasto as a cavalier. He was entertaining and interesting. Any talk about her infatuation for him is nonsense. Why, he is old enough to be her grandfather.

"A photograph of my daughter and Mr. Vlasto in Oriental costume has been widely reproduced. The pictures were taken at my own home during a fancy dress party."

PASSER-BY SAVES MANY FROM FIRE

Hero Refusing to Give His Name Arouses Tenants in Burning Building and Helps Women and Children Downstairs.

A man who refused to give his name played the hero to-day at a fire in the three-story brick building No. 229 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn. Through his prompt action thirty-five persons made their way out of the burning building in safety.

The man was passing the cigar store of Andrew Bottel, on the ground floor of the building, when he noticed that the rear of the place was aflame. Five families occupied the flats above. He rang all the electric bells communicating with the apartments, and shouting the cry of "Fire!" ran down the street to the nearest alarm.

Then he returned to the fire, and, going from hall to hall, aroused the tenants who had not been awakened by his first alarm. He helped many women and children down the stairs, and by the time the firemen arrived all the tenants were on the street.

The damage was $2,500. Bottel's loss amounts to $1,000.

LARGER DRAKE PARK.

Historical Societies Urge Larger Space for Bronx Memorial Plot.

Representatives of the New York Historical Society, the Municipal Art Society, the Westchester Historical Society and the North Side Board of Trade appeared before the Board of Estimate to urge the enlargement of the proposed Joseph Rodman Drake Park, in the Bronx.

The matter was referred to the select committee on small parks. The plans provide for the laying out of a park containing the grave of Drake and adjoining property.

KILLED WOMAN, ATTACKED BY MOB

Chauffeur Whose Machine Causes Tragedy on Seventh Avenue Has Narrow Escape from Lynching by Onlookers.

William Vanderheyden, a chauffeur employed by the New York Electric Vehicle Company, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court to-day on a charge of manslaughter, and remanded to the Coroner without bail. His head was bound up and his face and body were covered with cuts and bruises, he having narrowly escaped death last night at Twenty-ninth street and Seventh avenue at the hands of an infuriated mob, after his electric brougham had run down and killed an Italian woman.

In the brougham at the time of the accident were Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Solis, of Philadelphia, who are stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria, and who had asked Vanderheyden to make all possible speed to the Cafe Martin, at University place and Ninth street, where they were to be guests at a dinner party. While the excitement was at its height, and the chauffeur was being beaten by the mob, the Philadelphian and his wife escaped from the automobile and disappeared.

Told Chauffeur to Hurry.

It was after 7 o'clock when Mr. Solis got into the automobile and asked Vanderheyden to hurry to the Barnard apartments, Central Park West and Seventy-first street, where his wife was awaiting him. When Mrs. Solis joined her husband the chauffeur was again asked to make speed, and the automobile started down Seventh avenue. Several times there was a block of traffic, and Mr. Solis called out to the chauffeur to take Seventh avenue, where the streets were freer of vehicles.

Vanderheyden sped down Seventh avenue and was crossing Twenty-ninth street when a woman started from the east to the west side of the avenue. The chauffeur sounded his bell again and again, but the woman did not heed him, and as the automobile came upon her she stepped directly in front of it. So slippery was the asphalt that the wheels refused to hold when the brakes were put on and the machine felled the woman.

Woman Killed Instantly.

Vanderheyden jumped from his seat quickly and picked her up. He bore her to the sidewalk, when the crowd which had witnessed the accident gathered about him. The woman had been killed instantly. No one knew her, but she was recognized as an Italian. There were many of that nationality in the crowd, and they began abusing the chauffeur and then attacked him. Vanderheyden was knocked down, and was being kicked and beaten unmercifully when the police came and rescued him.

Then the police looked in the automobile for the Solises, but they had fled. At the Cafe Martin it was said that a dinner was being given there last night. It was denied that Mr. and Mrs. Solis were among the guests.

The dead woman's body was taken to the Morgue. She has not been identified.

Later Mr. Solis was seen at the Waldorf-Astoria. He said:

"I did not know that anybody was killed, and I am deeply grieved. My companion and I had an engagement to meet a party of friends, and I engaged the brougham to take us there. I have nothing to say about the speed of the vehicle, for I paid no attention to how fast we were going.

"At Twenty-ninth street I felt the vehicle swerve violently to one side toward the curbing and I thought it was going to plunge against the sidewalk. When I saw the crowd gathering my companion and I left the brougham and hurried away to avoid any unpleasantness. I did not know that the trouble was serious and thought that a pedestrian had been injured."

When asked if his companion was not his wife, Mr. Solis said that the identity of the woman with him did not concern the public in the least.

Mr. Solis has long been a lawyer of national repute. After fourteen years of successful practice he allied himself with Wall street interests and in 1891 he became affiliated with the banking house of Dick Bros. & Co. He afterward assumed control of the firm's stock business. Mr. Solis's maternal grandfather was one of the organizers of the New York Stock Exchange and since then the members of the family have been closely associated with financial pursuits.

BURNS HOUSE TO CONCEAL TRAGEDY

Mother and Two Children Dead in Ruins of Handsome Residence—Bullet and Knife Wounds Indicate Murder.

AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 11.—In a fire which destroyed the handsome residence of Julius Weber, Mrs. Weber, Miss Bertha Weber and Master Paul Weber perished, and it is thought that the remains of Mr. Weber will also be found in the debris.

Suspicious looking wounds were found on the boy in the shape of cuts on the head and a bullet wound was found in the mother's breast. Miss Weber's body was badly burned, but no wounds were visible.

If the husband and father was burned no one is left to tell the tale, as the only survivor of the family, Adolph Weber, aged twenty, was not at home.

The Coroner is investigating.