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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the ~~Sheriff of the County~~ Sergeant of the City of Suffolk of ....., Greeting:

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to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond at the rules to be held for the said Court on the First Monday in September, 1928, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against her in our said Court by Isadore Sheffer

And have then there this writ. Witness G.E.Bunting., Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the 22nd day of August, 1928, and in the 153rd year of the Commonwealth.

A true copy:Teste: G.E.Bunting, Clerk

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A copy for

Emma F. Sheffer

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To *Rules,*

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Lawson Worrell *p. q.*

To September *Rules,*
First Monday, 1928
Nansemond County *Circuit Court.*

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND;

Isadore Sheffer,
Complainant,

Vs.

Emma F. Sheffer,
Defendant.

This day the defendant, Emma F. Sheffer, tendered her answer and cross-bill to the complainant's bill and asked leave to file the same, which is hereby granted and the same is accordingly filed.

Isadore Sheffer,
Complainant,

Vs.

Emma F. Sheffer,
Defendant.

ORDER

Entered Octo. 17, 1928.
J. L. W. Grimes.

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

ISADORE SHEFFER, Plaintiff,	
VS.	DEPOSITIONS TAKEN
EMMA F. SHEFFER, Defendant.	ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF.

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Mrs. Lottie R. Pickens
Shorthand Reporter
Notary Public,
Roanoke, Va.

Virginia;

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Isadore Sheffer,

v. Notice to take Depositions,

Emma F.Sheffer,

To Emma F.Sheffer:

Take notice that on the 20th day of November, 1928,at the law offices of Mr. Lawson Worrell, 320-1 MacBain Building,in the City of Roanoke, Virginia,between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. of that day,beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. of that day, I shall proceed to take the depositions of myself and others to be read as evidence in my behalf,in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, wherein you are the defendant and I am complainant, and if from any cause the taking of the said depositions be not commenced,or, if commenced, be not concluded,on that day, the taking thereof will be adjourned and continued from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours,until the same shall be completed.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of November,1928.

Isadore Sheffer,

By
Lawson Worrell,Atty.
Roanoke, Virginia.

ORIGINAL

ISADORE SHEFFER,

V. NOTICE

EMMA F. SHEFFER.

Executed on the 15 day of November 1929, within the County of Hanover, State of Virginia, by delivering a true copy of the within notice, in writing, to Emma F. Sheffer

E B Rawles
Sheriff (Manager) (County)

By J C Taylor
Deputy Sheriff (Manager) (County)

VIRGINIA:

IN THE COURT OF LAW AND CHANCERY FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE.

ISADORE SHEFFER, Plaintiff,

vs.

EMMA F. SHEFFER, Defendant.

DEPOSITIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF.

The deposition of Isadore Sheffer, taken before me, Lottie R. Pickens, a Notary Public in and for the City of Roanoke, Virginia, on the 20th day of November, 1928, at the law offices of Lawson Worrell, Esq., 320-1 MacBain Building, in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, between the hours of 9 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. of that day, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff in the above styled cause, wherein Isadore Sheffer is plaintiff and Emma F. Sheffer is defendant.

PRESENT: Lawson Worrell, Esq., Counsel for plaintiff;
The plaintiff in person.

No appearance for the plaintiff.

By agreement, the taking of depositions in the above styled cause is continued until the 4th day of March, 1929, at the same place and between the same hours.

Lottie R. Pickens
Notary Public.

Pursuant to the foregoing adjournment, the taking of the deposition of Isadore Sheffer, plaintiff in the above styled cause, is commenced on the 4th day of March, 1929, at the same place and between the same hours noted in the caption.

PRESENT: Lawson Worrell, Esq., Counsel for the plaintiff;

The Plaintiff in person.

No appearance for the defendant.

Lottie B. Tickens
Notary Public.

ISADORE SHEFFER, plaintiff in the above styled cause, a witness of lawful age, being first duly sworn deposes as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WORRELL:

Q. Your name is Isadore Sheffer?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Mr. Sheffer, where do you live?

A. 108 James Street, Virginia Heights, Roanoke, Virginia.

Q. Mr. Sheffer, are you married?

A. I am.

Q. To whom were you married?

A. Emma F. Sheffer, who was formerly Emma F. Lesser.

Q. When and where were you married?

A. In Nashville, Tennessee, January 12, 1915.

Q. Where did you last live with your wife?

A. In Newark, New Jersey.

Q. Are you living with her now?

A. I am not.

Q. Did she desert you?

A. She has.

Q. What is the date of that desertion?

A. June 29, 1925.

Q. Have you lived with your wife since June 29, 1925?

A. I have not, I haven't seen her.

Q. I believe you stated that you were living in Newark, New Jersey, at the time she deserted you?

A. That is right.

Q. What led up to this desertion?

A. I don't know, I cannot account for it for any reason.

Q. What were you doing in Newark, New Jersey?

A. I was a merchant in Newark, New Jersey. My store was open generally until 10:30 at night. One night when I came home from work, I was tired from a hard day's work, I came into the house, and my wife asked me to bring in the baby's buggy. I answered in the usual manner, quiet tone, that I did not know the buggy was outside, as I came from the front instead of the side entrance - the apartment had two

entrances, and I came from the main entrance. After a short pause I said "And why was it necessary for you to leave it for me, can't Sarah, the nurse, bring it in?" She ran out immediately, didn't say a word, brought the buggy in, carried it down to the basement. When she came in I said "That wasn't necessary, I was only too glad to bring it in, I merely asked you why couldn't Sarah bring it in." I was already half undressed and would have had to dress in order to go out and get it. She didn't say much, just began to act strange and in a manner I did not understand then. Her mother lived with me. She walked into her mother's room, stayed there a while, came back to my room and began to yell and quarrel over practically nothing. I could see that she was trying to provoke me. I was tired and worn out from the heat and work of the day and quarreling got on my nerves. I didn't say anything, I always avoided quarreling with her, and merely said "I can't stand this, I am going out." I walked out, walked around a block twice, and thought perhaps my wife was unnerved on account of the child being sick, and I would let go without saying anything more about it. I came in and smilingly said, "Well, I am going to retire." She was undressing then. I said to her "Will you kindly turn out the lights when you get through." She said "What are you going to do?" I said again in a smiling way "Rest assured I won't kill you; however, if you wish, you can sleep with your mother or here just as you like." She walked out, went

to her mother's room, stayed there about five minutes, came back again, she was undressed, put on her kimmono and her slippers without hose, and murmured to herself "if that's in your mind, if that's in your mind", repeated it twice. I said "What's the matter?" She did not answer and walked out. I was very calm, although provoked. She walked outside, clad as above described, and stopped a taxi cab driver and talked to him. I watched her from the window. I immediately walked up to her and said "Emma, for God's sake, for the children's sake, go back to the house." I said "the children need you. If you don't want me in the house I will go to a hotel. Don't create a scene." At that time her mother walked out, never said a word, stood right by the door, never uttered a sound. I again pleaded with her "Go back to the house, the children need you, don't wake them up." She shrank back and said "don't you touch me, don't you touch me" and moved away from me. I said "I am not trying to harm you, I am trying to reason with you, go back in the house." As I looked up across the street an officer was watching this. He saw me looking at him, so he walked up to us and I said "this is an entirely private matter, and I will appreciate it if you will not interfere." He said "What do you mean, not interfere, a woman at this late hour sending a taxi cab driver to get an officer.? I said if you think I am guilty of anything, go ahead and lock me up." He said "Yes I can accommodate you." I then explained to him briefly just what occurred. He

looked at her and looked at me and said to her, "Madam, I am the father of six children and my wife and I sometimes quarrel too, but I know your husband didn't mean it the way you said that he threatened to kill you, go back to your room." He looked at me, winked at me sympathetically and pointed his finger to his temple as though he would say "There is something wrong there." I then said to the officer, "officer there is nothing more than a misunderstanding between my wife and I, however, since she is acting this way I will go to a hotel," and I named the hotel. I said "I will go to the Hotel Riviere, and if you need me let me know." I walked up to the next block to get the street car or get a taxi. I waited about 30 minutes and as I could not get a taxi or street car, being so late, I went back to the house to get my own car out of the garage to drive to town. I lived in the exclusive residential section. As I went to the garage, I saw my wife standing against the post near the entrance to the house, clad as she was before, her mother standing right by her, and a man walking leisurely advanced to her and spoke to her. She evidently pointed to him that there was her husband and he walked off. I walked up to her again and said "For God's sake Emma, you stand here so late at night and let men insult you? Go in the house, I am going to the hotel, I am not going to bother you." She again shrank and said "don't you touch me, don't you touch me." By that time the officer came again, stopped again, he passed by on a motor-cycle. I walked up to

him and said "officer, will you be kind enough to see that my wife goes into the house? I came back to get my car to go to the hotel." I went to the hotel, stayed there all night, naturally I could not sleep, and I wrote a long letter to my wife pleading with her that a married life is a fifty-fifty proposition, and all I asked of her was to try to please me, and if she would only please me 25 percent I would be only too glad to please her 75 per cent, that she and the children were the only things that made life worth living. I took the letter to the post-office the following morning, Saturday morning, put a Special Delivery stamp on it and sent it to her. Saturday morning I did not go to the house any more. I worked in the regular way. At six o'clock I drove up to the house to see how my wife was feeling and how things were in general at the house. I walked in and told my wife, I said, "Emma" and before I even finished talking she said "don't you touch me, don't you touch me, I will holler for help" and stuck her head out of the window to holler for help. I said "Emma I don't want any scenes here, what is the trouble?" She said "Don't you touch me, don't you touch me, I will holler for help." I saw that I could not talk to her and the nurse had already gone home, so I went to see her and talked to her, and said "Sarah, my wife doesn't feel well and I will appreciate it if you will go back tomorrow morning, which is Sunday morning, if you will go back and stay with her," as she never worked on Sunday morning before. She promised to

go back and stay Sunday morning with my wife. I said "Sarah, did you see anything unusual about my house?" She said "Why Mr. Sheffer, no, except that your wife and mother-in-law were very excited. They called up long distance to one of your wife's brothers in suffolk, Virginia, and told him to come at once with a truck and move everything to Suffolk." I told her then, I said, "Sarah, I will appreciate it if you will keep me posted as to what takes place there." At 12 o'clock that night after closing the business, I went back to the house and said to my wife "Emma if you don't want to stay with me in my room you can lock yourself up with your mother, I am going to stay in my house. She did not answer, she put on her kimmono again and walked outside, evidently trying to create the same scene she did the night before. One of the children, my little girl, got up and in an astonishing manner she began asking me "Daddy, daddy, what happened here?" I said "Nothing at all, dear, just go back to sleep." I walked up to the boy and said "Aubry, did mother get my letter?" He said "No, she would not accept it, the Special Delivery boy brought it but she would not accept it." I drove immediately to the Post Office put up $25.00 to the Assistant Post-master to give me the letter, that being a postal regulation. I took the letter, tore it open and carried it back to the house, opened the door, put it on the dresser in the entrance, and told my boy "Give that to your mother and tell her for God's sake read it," then walked out, went back to my car, drove up in front of

my windows on a little elevation where I could see what went on inside. I saw my wife and her mother reading the letter and laughing. Until then I suspected that my wife had lost her reason and was ready to call a doctor. However, seeing that they read the letter and acted in a sane manner, I drove off and went to New York, the distance being only eleven miles, and spent the night and Sunday with my brothers. Monday morning I went to see my nurse and she told me that my wife's brother arrived and that they were planning something but in a way that she could not catch on, they were hiding it from her. Five o'clock Monday evening I went back to the house thinking that I would talk matters over with my brother-in-law. It was pouring rain. As I came into the house, I saw valuable papers of mine scattered all over the house. Everything in the house taken out, and a big picture of mine torn to pieces, a picture of my sister also torn to pieces. Everything else was taken out and my wife and children gone.

Q. How long after that was it that you found out where she had gone?

A. I immediately went to the nurse and asked her what happened, and she said "Mr. Sheffer, what happened? I am really surprised! As good as you were to your wife." (I really never quarreled with her) "They told me to take the children to the park in the morning"- that was Monday morning- "then it began to rain and I saw a truck come up and everything was hurriedly packed on the truck and your wife and the mother-in-law and children went to the railroad station." I did not

wait for any further answer, I immediately drove to the railroad station and found that the train had already gone. She went to New York. I went back to the apartment and asked the janitor the name of the Company that did the moving. He gave me a name. I went to see those people and they told me that they took everything to New York to the corner of 100th Street and Third Avenue. I immediately went to New York corner 100th and Third Avenue, and found no trace of my wife nor the furniture, nor the truck nor the children, but a neighboring store told me that he saw a big truck being unloaded and the furniture loaded into another truck that was marked "Baltimore, Maryland, Long Distance Hauling."

Q. Now where did you finally learn where they had moved to?

A. I wrote to my brother-in-law, I didn't know what became of them. I spent four or five days tracing the entire neighborhood in New York. That neighborhood that was given to me was the slums, an Italian neighborhood, and I could not imagine my wife and children living in that neighborhood. I spent nearly five days from morning to night looking for them there. I wrote to my wife then. She did not answer me.

Q. Now after you were up in New York, then you wrote this brother-in-law a letter?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What is your brother-in-law's name?

A. J. H. Lesser.

Q. Where does he live?

A. In Norfolk, Virginia.

Q. I hand you a copy of a letter dated July 4, 1925, and ask you if that is a copy of the original letter?

A. It is.

Q. I will ask you to please file that with your deposition.

A. I will, same is here filed marked "EXHIBIT LETTER NO. 1."

Q. You finally learned that your wife and children had moved back to Suffolk, moving into whose home?

A. I did not know at that time where to, but just found that they had moved to Suffolk.

Q. To whose home?

A. Joe Morris, her sister's husband's home.

Q. How long was it before you really found out where they were?

A. I kept on writing. No one answered. I sent registered letters and they would come back "refused". Monday morning before this happened I went and mailed a check to my wife for $35.00 and put it in the Special Delivery. When I came home Monday evening, when I found everything was moved, I found the letter still in the box. I questioned the janitor and he told me that my wife refused to accept the letter and the Special Delivery boy put it in the box.

Q. Now after so long a time you did learn that your wife and children were in Suffolk, Virginia?

A. A month later I made a trip to Suffolk, Virginia, to verify if my wife was there.

Q. Was that the first time that you knew positively where your wife and children were?

A. Yes sir, that was the first time I knew where they were, because many letters were unanswered.

Q. Did you at any time while you were there on that occasion, did you get in communication with your wife?

A. I went to my brother-in-law's house where I learned my wife was staying. That house is surrounded by a field and has three entrances. I walked to the main entrance, the door was slammed in my face and locked on the inside. I immediately went to the second entrance and begged admittance to see my wife and children and stated that I wanted to reason with my wife, I merely wanted to talk to my wife and reason with her. The door was slammed in my face again by my mother-in-law. I turned around and walked to the third entrance and asked admittance there and the door was slammed in my face. I stood outside and waited for my boy and said "Aubrey, do you love your daddy?" and he said "yes."

Q. Did you, on that occasion, get to talk to your wife at all?

A. I did not. As I was talking to the boy my wife stuck her head out of the window and told me "I saw a lawyer

in Newark and he told me that the children are mine, I don't want to see you." She then took her head in, and I didn't see her any more.

Q. Have you seen her any more from that day to this?

A. I have not.

Q. Have you been to Suffolk since that time?

A. Six or seven times.

Q. And on each and every one of those occasions did you see your wife?

A. I did not, they would not let me get near the house.

Q. Did you see the children?

A. Three times under difficult conditions.

Q. Had you threatened to kill her?

A. Never in my life.

Q. Have you always been kind to her?

A. Yes sir and very considerate.

A. And have you always given her everything in your power for a man of your means?

A. I have, even went beyond my means.

Q. On the night that you left her to go to the hotel, when she would not let you stay in the house, did you give her any money?

A. When I went to the hotel I gave her $50.00. I said "You have to pay the nurse tomorrow $12.00 a week, and your other expenses. She took it and never said a word.

Monday I sent her a check in a letter and she did not accept it. I remailed it to Suffolk, Virginia. I waited a week and went to the Bank to see if the check was returned with her signature. I saw the check, it was cashed and endorsed by Simon Lesser, her brother, her name did not appear on it. Later on I sent another check a week later, and the same thing happened, the check came back endorsed "Simon Lesser."

Q. Will you please file those checks with your deposition marked "EXHIBIT CHECKS - NO. 2."

A. Yes sir, same are herewith filed.

Q. Mr. Sheffer, why did you stay away from the house that night?

A. Because I could not reason with her and I saw the woman would not go in the house for some reason, she would say "don't you touch me, don't you touch me" and I thought that for some reason she was mentally unbalanced.

Q. When you found that your wife was in Suffolk, Virginia, what effort have you made to get your wife to come back to you?

A. I wrote her letter after letter, and to verify the fact that she received the letters, I sent them addressed "Deliver to addressee only," but they were always refused and returned.

Q. You have a copy of every letter that you have written her?

A. I have. Then I sent them in the plain envelope, for her to get it, being as she refused otherwise.

Q. Will you please file a copy of every letter that you wrote her that you have in your possession, with your deposition?

A. I herewith file the same, marked "LETTER EXHIBITS NOS. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. Letters from me and my attorneys.

Q. You spoke a moment ago about writing her letters in plain envelopes addressed to your wife; would those letters ever come back?

A. The plain ones were received and kept.

Q. Were any of them ever answered?

A. None.

Q. Did you ever send your children any presents?

A. I did on numerous occasions, pleaded with the oldest child to acknowledge receipt, and he would not answer.

Q. Did he ever answer?

A. No he did not, though he promised in person to do it.

Q. Did you ever send your oldest boy a "Book of Knowledge?"

A. I met the boy in a Synagogue once, and I asked him "Aubry, would you like to have the Book of Knowledge?" He said "Yes, it would help me a great deal in school." I said :alright, I will send it to you," and immediately ordered a set of the "Book of Knowledge" and sent it to my boy. And I asked him at the time, "Now son, be sure and write to me how you like it." He said "Yes, daddy, I will."

Q. Did you ever check up to see whether your boy had received the book?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And had he received it?

A. He did.

Q. Has he ever written you a line?

A. Not a word.

Q. Have any of your children written you a line since they left you?

A. They have not.

Q. Do you know what they did with the book of knowledge?

A. They sold it to Mrs. Lem Jordan of Suffolk, Virginia, for $25.00 without even opening the box to see the contents.

Q. What did you pay for the Book of Knowledge?

A. $69.50.

Q. Did you write your boy a letter?

A. Several of them.

Q. And did he ever answer you back?

A. Not a single line.

Q. Did he receive the letter?

A. He did.

Q. And neither your wife nor children have never answered a single one of your letters?

A. No sir.

Q. How long have you been living in the city of Roanoke, Virginia?

A. A year and three fourths.

Q. Where did you live before you came here?

A. Los Angeles, California.

Q. You have been living in the State of Virginia for more than one year before you brought this suit?

A. A year and nine months.

Q. Has your wife lived in Suffolk, Virginia, ever since she deserted you?

A. As far as I was able to learn, she has been in Suffolk, Virginia, all of that time.

Q. Has she lived in the State of Virginia and the County of Nansemond for more than one year prior to bringing of this suit?

A. She has.

Q. Mr. Sheffer, have you always been willing to live with your wife since she separated from you?

A. More than willing.

Q. Have you tried in every way conceivable to get her to come back and live with you?

A. I have.

Q. Did you ever have any of your mutual friends and relatives to talk to her to get her to come back and live with you?

A. Yes sir, her cousins, her aunt and uncle tried to bring us together.

Q. You asked them to intercede to see if she would not come back and live with you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Had you ever done anything to your wife to cause her to desert you and leave you?

A. I don't know of any reason.

Q. And you have always been willing to live with your wife and get your children all together ever since this desertion?

A. I begged her recently to come to Roanoke, as per copy of the letter attached, to come to Roanoke that I had a good position and would be willing to support her lavishly practically.

Q. Have you tried to support your family since they have lived in Suffolk?

A. I have, they would not let me get near them or talk to them. My Newark attorney wrote them, and an attorney from Suffolk wrote them and they would not consider any reconsiliation whatever and would not consider any support or anything else.

And further this deponent saith not.

STATE OF VIRGINIA

TO-WIT:

CITY OF ROANOKE

I, Lottie R. Pickens, a Notary Public in and for the City aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition of Isadore Sheffer was duly taken, sworn to and subscribed before me in my City aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 14 day of March, 1929.

My commission expires)
November 18th, 1930.)

Lottie R. Pickens
Notary Public.

OVER.

- LETTER -
PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT NO. 1.

Say "CHARGE IT"
ESSEX
CLOTHING CO.
CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY
116 SPRINGFIELD AVE., NEWARK

July 4 1925

J. H. Lesser,
Norfolk, Va.

My dear Judah:

Naturally you came to your sister's rescue with an opinion already made up and deeply predjudiced against me. To you I was guilty and condemned, I knew this when you were phoned for saturday morning. I knew it when you arrived sunday morning. I knew that you came to take my family away. I also know when you were packing my furniture in a haste that was entirely unnecessary. Without my family I do not care for my furniture, I would would not have interfered. In fact I passed by in my car when it was pouring and the men were hauling the furniture out in the rain. I also know where the furniture is, all this matters little.

When you arriveed here. I entertained a slight hope that at least you would try to find out the why and wherefore of this sudden change in me, into the brute who would threaten to kill. To invite myself to my house and try to explain, I felt would be futile. Writing this, perhaps is equally futile, but Judah, you are of marrageable age, and I hope in all sincerity that you will marry and be happy in the fullest sense. You will then know that in married life often there arises little disputes, between man and wife against the will of either one. These little things will remain little as long as no outsider, no matter how closely related, will ~~not~~ encourage either side. Both sides think thy are right. There are no greater enemies yet, at the same time, no greater friends than man and wife. They can quarrel noe minute and kisss and make up the next.

When your Father lived with me in Harrisburg, I was happy. Several times I naticed when he heard words exhhanged between Emma and myself, he would say, "Sha, no quarreling". This would have had a wonderful affect on both of us, for <u>neither</u> one received the sympathy that was naturally desired, and in a few minutes the frowns would turn into smiles. Writing this will serve its purpose if you will reflect a moment and think perhaps, that there are two sides to every question, and the darker may not be so black as pictured. My time will hhave been wasted, my words coming as they do from a wounded and and wronged heart, will not be worth the ink and paper if you will follow the natural inclination and judge on the evidence of one side. "Judge not lest you will be judjed".

Before I proceed I will relate briefly, as to what led up to the whole affair. I will give facts as they actually took place.

Friday, I had a strenuous day, having worried all day with Italian and Jewish customers, who after talking your lungs out, always offer prices below cost. Only one who is in the woman's apparel business and deals with foreigners can understand the strain upon ones nerves, besides going through as much as I had of late as Emma well knows is enough to break ones nerves. I came home hardly able to drag my feet after 15 hours work, took off my shoes, and part of my clothes. Emma said to me then, "Did you bring up the buugy?

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I answered very quietly, "no I did not see it, for I came through the front. But was it necessary to leave it for me"?What I meant was, why did not Sarah bring it in before she left. Emma began to yell at me in a tone that amazed me, which I seldom heard her use before. I again said very quietly, don't yell I just simply asked you. She ran out and brought the buggy in herself before I had a chance to put on my shoes. When she came back words naturally exchanged. I was calm but hurt and provoked. I told her I cannot stand this yelling and arguing and that I would go to a hotel to sleep. I walked around the block smoothe and was sorry I left her alone with the kids. I returned thinking I would ~~adjusted~~ matters out, as I did not want to quarrel. I entered and said in a quiet tone, "I changed my mind but you will regret it in a different way". In my mind was the thought that should she wake me up in the middle of the night to diaper the baby, as she often did, I would refuse to do it. Right or wrong this is a petty thing and had the baby woke up, I assure you I would have put the diaper on just the same, no matter how tired I would be., She said, "What do you intend to do"? I smiled and said, " rest assured I won't kill you". If you want to you can sleep with Mother, or here asp u like. "I'll sleep right here in my bed" Exclaimed. I said alright but will you please turn out the light when you get through, she was undressing, I was already in bed, under cover too glad of the opportunity to stretch out and rest, for really I was very tired. She got up all of a sudden, walked accross the street clad in a kimona and shoes without stockings and told a taxi driver to bring a policeman. The officer was amazed as to why protection was necessary. He looked at me, winked at me and put his finger up to his temple meaning "something was wrong there". I asked him to lock me up but he showed sympathy, although I told him very little, I just asked him not to interfere in a private matter. To go into details here is not necessary. Emma and your Mother told you the rest. Your Mother was unaturally cool even when her daughter's life was threatened.There was a method to Emma's madness,

As I view the whole thing I cannot help but suspect that the whole affair was pre-arranged. Plans were laid ahead, all that Emma wanted was to provoke me in order to carry them out, if that was the case Emma acted splendidly, but very expensively to me. It cost me health, even as Dr. Polewsky will tell you. I brgged her her to calm herself assuring her that she misconstrued my meaning. Although I could not in the world see how my words , spoken in such a low tone and with a smile, using a common expression. "Rest assured I wa nt kill you". could be misconstrued into a threat of killing a thing which only one insane with rage could be capable of. I want to be fair with her, and give her the benefit of the doubt, that it was not a pre-arranged plan. I wan't you to be fair with me. How would you like to be accused of such a crime by one for whom nothing was ever too good ~~for~~. Emma did not like Newark. But my God, havn't I moved about enough in the last 10 years of our married life. I had my money invested in here, I was determined to stick it out here, and establish myself once for all. Newark is the best business town I have ever seen.

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I never asked of Emma anything that was unreasonable. I love Emma. I wanted her to return my love, at least,be condiderate of my likes and dislikes. Her acting at a didstant, worried me.

Again I will say that when you are married you will expect the same of your wife and I hope to God you get it, for otherwise you will be unhappy. The warmth of heart and affection of parents toward each other reflects upon the children too. Emma did not approve of my ways with Kelly. A child is the most selfish being on earth. He watched for the least weakness in his parents and becomes spoiled.A spoiled child is a tyrant and a worry to everybody . A child must be disciplined. All doctors will tell you that and have told her that. I was simply compelled to undo the harm she has done by spoiling him. I love him no less than she does, and he loves me, no less than he does her.I appealed to her reason that she should back me in myreffort to discipline him. Had she done so , the discipline would have been accomplished with only a sharp look. His being sick has nothing to do with discipline. But these things happen in all families, and had Emma been more reasonable and less stibborn she would look upon such things as natural little things, that would lead to NO important consequences.

I am far from being a brute, it is a pleasure for me to do a kindness. You know that I am far too kind for my own good. I never in my life raised my hand to hit a woman, only a coward would do such a thing. And a coward you know I am not, for I fear nothing, for Emma to have accused me of threatning to kill her hurt me beyonddiscription. I do not know how my words, which come from an aching heart will affect you, they may bring forth a "Ha,"Ha. However I do want to believe they will somewhat weaken your prejudice against me and show the devil is not as black as he is painted.

To deprive ME of any knowledge to how Kelly feels, is a moral crime and a sin. If I do not hear from you or anybody else I will be compelled to write to Uncle Sol or somebody else there. I know the family would not approve of such a step and I still don't want to widen the gap that lies between you all and me through no fault of mine, and much against my will. When my family lived with me they encouraged me to every effort to build a future for them.Now that I am deserted, seeing with what little consideration I am repaid for being such a good husband, as Emma often refered to me, I can afford to relax and I am therefore seriously contemplating of making a radical change in my life that will carry me away quite some distance, this will mean to sacrifice all I have here. I will give Emma a little time to come to her senses and to realize the great injustice she has done to me now, and and to herself and the children in the future. It was she who deserted me, not I her. I am always willing to listen to reason and am willing to admit a wrong and rectify it by making it right. I appeal to your sense of justice not to encourage an injustice. I beg of you and yours not to encourage Emma against the Father of her children. There is absolutely nothing more than a foolish misunderstanding between us. You told her not to accept a special delivery bearing not one word from me, but only a check for her support. You have your own future ti build and although I feel that you helped wreck my home, I say with all sincerity may you never know of outside interference in your married life, for its hell for all concerned. I am

Yours,

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT NO. 2.

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NEWARK, N.J. July 13 192 5

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Pinkus Sheffer
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PAUL, STEWERS & MYHAY, N.Y.

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JUL 18 1923
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EXHIBIT NO. 3. (page 1)

Newark, N.J.

August 3rd, 1925.

Mrs. Isador Sheffer,
c/o Joseph Morris,
Bosley Avenue,
Suffolk, Virginia.

Dear Madam:-

Your husband, Isador Sheffer of this city, has consulted me in reference to the domestic difficulty in which, by your unwarranted action, you have involved him, yourself and the four children born to the marriage of you and Mr. Sheffer.

You deserted him on June 29th, 1925, and went to your parents' home in Suffolk, taking with you his children and his household effects, breaking up the home which he had established in Newark at #225 Meeker Avenue, without his knowledge or consent. You did this in his absence. Mr. Sheffer, as you know, held a lease on these premises which has yet about nine months to run, the rent being $88.00 a month, and he is expected to pay the rent for the full term of the lease.

You deserted your husband without justifiable cause and the law will not uphold you in your action. Every wife in in law must live in a place furnished by the husband which is acessible to his business, if she expects support and maintenOance, and further, providing the husband uses the wife with consideration and gives her such support as his means afford.

Mr. Sheffer has gone into business in Newark, has invested all his capital here and, of course, must live here. To live anywhere else in these circumstances would be impossible. He cannot dispose of his business interests here without great sacrifice and this neither you nor the law can or will expect, even if he was willing to make the sacrifice.

You are both comparatively young and there is no good reason why you and the children should not live happily with Mr. Sheffer in his home, which, as matters are now, must be in Newark . I think if you will look at the situation squarely and honestly, you will come to the same conclusion. I must therefore demand that you immediately make arrangements to return here with the children and household effects and at once let me, or Mr. Sheffer, know when to expect you. I assure you that your husband will treat you with every consideration so that you will have no reason to regret the return.

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Mrs.I.S.

But the present condition of affairs cannot and will not be allowed to continue and you will not be in a position to defend your action if Mr.Sheffer takes legal steps to assert his rights, which, of course, he will do. The law will not require him to give you any support or maintenance as he had furnished a suitable home in Newark for his family and you must return to it without any more delay. Otherwise you will receive no support from him and you and your children will be the sufferers.

Please let me have an immediate reply to this letter, so that I may know how to advise Mr.Sheffer. I hope you will listen to reason and be governed accordingly.

Yours truly,

ESL:H

Copy of Attorney's letter

EXHIBIT NO. 3 (page 3).

Newark, N.J.

August 12th, 1925.

Mrs. Isador Sheffer,
c/o Joseph Morris,
Besley Ave.,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Madam:-

I wrote you on August 3rd and hoped and expected to receive a reply by or before this time. Your husband came in to see me today and informed me that he had also written you last Saturday and had received no reply from you.

As I informed you in my first letter, your action toward your husband is absolutely unwarranted and cannot and will not be upheld by any court, in New Jersey or Virginia or elsewhere.

If you have any reason, real or fancied, which, in your judgment, warrants you in your present conduct, I wish you would let me know what that reason may be so I can know from what point you are led to act as you are now doing. So far as I can see there is no reason why you and your husband and children should not live happily together. But that place must be of your husband's selection and naturally where all his business interests are located, that is to say, in Newark.

I must, therefore, give final warning that unless you make immediate arrangements to return here with your children, legal proceedings will be instituted by your husband to obtain restoration of his marital and property rights, As there can be no question as to the ultimate outcome of these proceedings it would seem the best part of widdom on your part to write Mr. Sheffer or me a favorable reply to this and my previous letter.

I shall await until the first of next week before making any further move in the matter.

Yours very truly,

ESL:H

Exhibit 4 - (Page 1)

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Care Joseph Morris
Bosley Avenue
Suffolk, Va.

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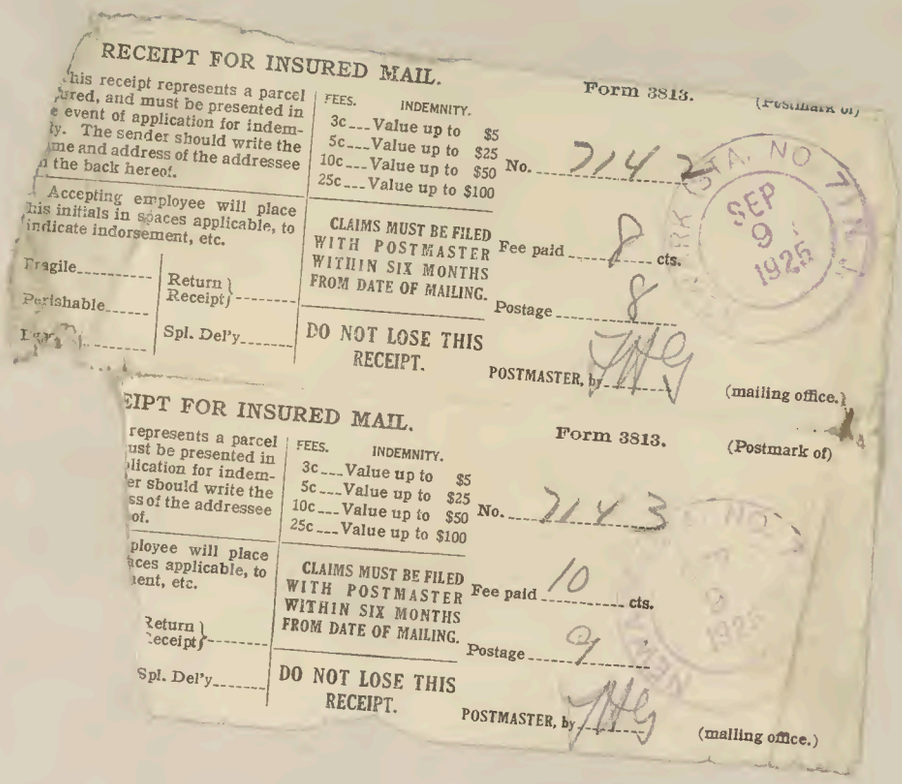

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ESSEX
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116 SPRINGFIELD AVE., NEWARK

July 10 1925

$25.00 July 13
$30. June 29

Dear Boob:-

You need me, I need you, our children need us both. I will make one more attempt to reason with you. I will forget my grievances, I beg of you to forget yours. We both made mistakes but we have much in common to consider above our mistakes. Lets not talk of the past and let us profit by our mistakes to avoid their recurrence in the future. There is no reason for them. Deep in my heart I love you dearly and I want to see you happy. The thought that you and our children would suffer makes me shrink.

To avoid any trouble in the future, I have madeup my mind not to let business worry and un-nerve me. I will subdue anything that will tend to arouse angerand hasty words. The same will hold good as regards Kelby.

Now Boob, I have made a clear "about face" on my part. I want to save our married life from bankruptcy. Doing this, I place the interest of my family above petty and foolish pride. I broke ground for reconcilition. Now I hope you will do likewise and meet me in the same spirit for your sake, my sake and for the sake of each one of our children. I want to establish a complete and healthy re-orginization of our married life.

To accomplish this we will both adopt certain rules as to what we should do and what we should not do in our relationship and abide strictly by them. Please let me hear from you by return mail, and let me know how Kelby is.

Your loving,

Husband

Erma
3rd
Newark

Exhibit No. 6

Say "CHARGE IT"

ESSEX CLOTHING CO.

CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY

116 SPRINGFIELD AVE., NEWARK

July 15 1925

Telephone
1228 Mitchell

Mrs. I. Sheffer,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Emma: Care Joseph Morris, amer. Nat Bank, Suffolk. Va.

Two Wrongs do not make a Right. The mysterias motives that guide your course of action do not influence me to let my children suffer privation. My life now is devoted entirely to them. However, to keep sending you money for their support and not to know whether or not you recieve at all I feel is entirely unreasonable. I am therefore compelled to suspend sending anything until I receive acknowledgement for what I have already sent and a few words as to how each one of them feels, especially Kelby.

Yours,

Isadore

Town Hall
Newark

Say "CHARGE IT"

Essex CLOTHING CO.

CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY

116 SPRINGFIELD AVE., NEWARK

Exhibit No. 7.

8/6/25

Dear Emma:-

I have taken a certain step. Before I carry it out I want to deliver a VERY IMPORTANT message that I have for you. I wish to deliver it verbally. I GURANTEE UPON MY WORD OF HONOR that I would say nothing that would not please you. I will not speak of the past at all. The message that I have concerns only the future. Yours and the children's happiness depends upon it. If you continue in your obstinate attitude by refusing to listen to what I have to say, you will make the biggest mistake in your life, and bring upon yourself and your children an everlasting harm, the extent of which you do not now understand, but I am sure you will fully realize before long. By saying these words I do not mean to convey any kind of a threat. I am simply stating that which would be a natural consequence. And which I am now trying to save from happening.

I want to be fair and square with you and to our innocent children. I want to give that which rightfully belongs to them. I ask you therefore to be fair to yourself and to your children. Lay aside at least for a few hours any real or imaginary grievance that you may have and meet me either in Norfolk, Baltimore or any where else that yu may choose, and hear what I have to say. I am now in a better financial position then I have been since I have opened the store here, and the plan that I have in mind I am positive will highly please you. You may have Uncle Arden present if you care to, although I always held the privacy of affairs between man & wife. None of my people know anything that has taken place between us, and I would therefore prefer talking it over in a business like way alone. But this left to you entirely.

Very Sincerely

Your husband,

This clipping is sent merely to show that a father too has rights to his children. The step referred to above has nothing to do with this clipping. This letter contains no threat of any kind. It aims only to do you justice.

Here was started a clipping from a Norfolk, Va. paper where a lawyer was ordered to bring her 2 children to Court & show cause why she is illegally keeping them away from their father.

Ann
Newark

Exhibit No. 8

5/2/46

Mrs I Sheffer - I am here for one day to see my children. I want to spare you humiliation of bringing them to Court thru "Habas Carpus" which I will positively resort to if you refuse my sincerest request to see them, spend a few hours with them and depart not worrying you by my presence. I am here on peaceful mission. I do not want to embarrass any one. I do not ask anything of any one simply insist upon my rights as a father to see my children and I am going to see them if I have to resort to Court.

I Sheffer

Exhibit No. 9

Richmond, Va. , May 15,'26

Dear Emma;

The ostrich hides its head in sand when it sees a storm approaching, thinking that not seeing the blowing of the wind and the whirling of the sand she will escape their fury. You and your people adopted a similiar method in your dealing with me. You are evidently reasoning that by constantly and so obstinately refusing to receive my letters nor letting me see the children you will solve the unfortunate break in our family life. Far from it, I do not for one moment intend to ever give up my rights as the father to my children.

I realize that to write again to you and to attempt to reason with you is futile, yet, I shall make one more attempt now to see if it is possible to solve peacefully the unfortunate affair you alone percipitated by your desertion. I may state with reasonable assurance that legal action will favor me. I am in the right and I can amply prove it. Common sense, reason and evidence will convince any fair minded judge and if necessary even a jury that a loving father cannot be kept away from his children by a deserting wife or by inlaws. I shall refer you to read up on the rights a father has to his children in the " Code Of Va. " , " General Laws Of Va.", "Encyclopedia Of Common Laws" or any other law book. Better still consult any reputable attorney , telling him the exact truth, and hear what he will have to say.

Yet, although I already started legal action I may say unhesitatingly that I did that very reluctantly realizing what humiliation it would be to our innocent children to have their parents differences aired in court. I do not seek victory for the sake of revenge, I am interested only in the welfare of my children. I am their lawful and natural guardian and it is up to me to see that they are well established in life. This is my sacred duty to them and as I said I do not intend to ever give up this right.

As I look back and study your attitude toward me ever since you left Harrisburg with the children on account of the so called epidemic I cannot help but think that it was at this prolonged visit to Suffolk that the plot to break up our family life was born. You and your people seem to have hypnotised yourselves into some belief which has guided and still guides your course of action toward me. What this belief is I do not know. I made every effort possible to find out but as you and yours prefer secretly to nurse your grievances, real or imaginary, I am not given the fair chance to explain or defend myself. You have hit me from ambush, plotting and scheming when open handed fair and square dealing would have resulted in giving you, me and especially our children happiness instead of heartaches to all concerned.

When you were in Suffolk and I in Harrisburg you wrote me that you wished I would settle in some small town near Suffolk. As I always catered to your wishes I wrote back that I settled everything in Harr-Harrisburg and that I was coming to see you in Suffolk. I received a reply by wire not to come to Suffolk but to meet you in Baltimore. Why you did not want me to come there I could never figure out. In Baltimore you were very cold toward me, colder than ever before, tho cold you have been during our entire married life. I drove with you around town in Baltimore thinking that perhaps I would sttle there Baltimore being so close to Suffolk. Very unfortunately Kelby had a spell there at the Hotel and as I looked at his agony, his twisting

AND TWITCHING HIS TINY FACE I swore silently that niether my money nor my effort should be spared to save him . That was the main and only reason for my settling in Newark. Had you discussed openly with me as to what you suspected me of, whatever that suspicion was, things would have been entirely different. You and yours, however willed it to conspire, carry out a devlish plan and destroybthe happiness of four innocent little children depriving them of their father, making yourself a widow instead of talking over matters with your husband as a wife should. Alas! if you had only let reason instead of blind emotion guide your steps.

But what happened has happened. The question is now where will it lead to? Are you considering the future of your children? I did not start the quarrel and I want peace. It is the woman who suffers most from a broken up home. I place the future of our children above everything else. I am willing to forgive and forget and wipe the slate clean holding no ill feeling toward you and yours. I want you and our children to be happy. I want to be fair and square to their mother, the woman who has given me eleven of her best years, and I wish to give our children that which rightfully belongs to them ; a happy home with a healthy surrounding which will help build theircharacters, Are you, their mother,going to stand in their way because of petty and as far as I know purelyimaginary grievances ? I canot comprehend such an attitude on the part of a mother and so loving a mother to the welfare of her children.

But if you still persist in your stubborness and do not wish to listen to reason and you want to remain with your parents instead of reconciling with me I do not intend to bore you with any further ~~attempts~~ attempts. All that I ask that you do not hinder me from seeing my children. I am anxious to contribute toward their support. I am willing to do everything in my power to make them forget the unfortunate differences between their parents. I will spend on them far more than any court will require of me to contribute toward their support.. I want to see them well dressed and well educated. I give my word of honor never to allow one word to escape my mouth that will in any way poison their little minds against you or any of yours, not withstanding the disgraceFull fact that you or yours have poisoned their minds against me to an almost unbelievable degree. I ask nothing that is not reasonable and right. I merely ask that you and yours do not hinder me from seeing and corresponding with my children. As I said I know any court of Justice would allow me this privelege but I prefer settling our differences without resorting to law, if you will only listen to reason.

A drunkard, awife beater and a criminal would have received more consideration than I have received thru your conspiracy against me. And WHY? If I only knew what crime I committed! But since you will not reason with me nor disclose your secret of what I am charged with in your mind what is left for me to do but to resort to court to defend my rights. I repeat, I want to do whatever is right toward you and our innocent children, and I want to do it unselfishly giving the children welfare and their mother's self respect first consideration.

Will you finally let reason and common sense guide your step? The future will tell.

Yours

L. Stefok

Exhibit No. 10

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Branch Stores
Principal Cities

The A & B Store

CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY

Home Office
Richmond, Va.

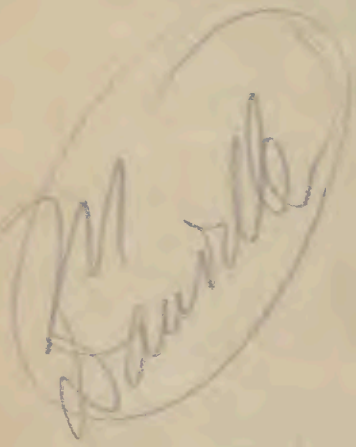
312 MAIN STREET — 6- 15-'26. — DANVILLE, VA.

Mrs. I. Sheffer,
Suffolk, Va.

Emma:

I am leaving soon for California. I have an important suggestion to offer which will benefit Kelby. I want it reach your hands and have therefore addressed it "deliver to addressee only". I trust, in fairness to Kelby that you will accept it. My suggestion will not hurt you and rather benefit you and Kelby greatly.

Isadore Sheffer.



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This is the letter that Evan refused. I kept the envelope for future reference. I fail to see what harm it would do to accept it and ignore it as usual. Such diplomacy! It will never solve the problem and the problem must be solved one way or another. I am considerate of my steps wanting to do justice to the other side. This is why I do not take offense at such childish action and persue in my regular course trying to convince the other side that not with such policies will they help a foolish cause which they themselves have precipitated and they themselves are victims of their own folly

Some people take advice other people must learn thru experience.

July 19th 1976

Mr Daniels

Exhibit No. 12

Branch Stores in Principal Cities

The A & B Store

CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY

Home Office Richmond, Va.

June 1926.

312 MAIN STREET DANVILLE, VA.

Mrs. I. Sheffer,
Suffolk, Va.

Emma:

Twelve years ago, in June, I declared my love for you and asked you to become my life companion. We both dreamed of a happy life together. One year ago, again in June, that dream was terribly shocked and shaken. Today it lies hopelessly collapsed. Your own doings, your own choice.

What do you want? This is what I have tried to find out. I wrote and pleaded and begged. Was always ignored and shamelessly humiliated.

You are surrounded by advisors and spokesmen who think they represent your interest but who in reality represent only their own hate and desire to avenge their own grievances. The future will bear me out.

However, never having heard a word direct from you and your constantly refusing to receive any letter that comes from me, always ignoring those that I forced upon you, I take it for granted that your spokesmen represent your sentiment.

They told me that reconciliation is not wanted. Then it is divorce that you want. YOU SHALL HAVE IT and just as soon as the law of California will allow it.

I went to Florida with the purpose of staying there a few months to give you a chance to realize your steps and change your mind. I returned and was willing to settle in Virginia for the sake of reconciliation. You did not change your mind so I have changed mine. For divorce I do not have to wait in Virginia, California expedites it --- one year desertion, one year domicile.

I intend to build my future anew just as quickly as possible. California is good as Virginia as far as I am concerned. As for you I wish you all the happiness in the world in Virginia.

But four innocent little children? Upon you entirely falls all blame, I have done my part. But poor Kelby may have a bitter struggle ahead --- I hope not --- even his Richmond doctors told me this, and I aim to stand by him as much as you and the distance will allow.

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The A & B Store
CLOTHING FOR THE FAMILY

Home Office Richmond, Va.

312 MAIN STREET DANVILLE, VA.

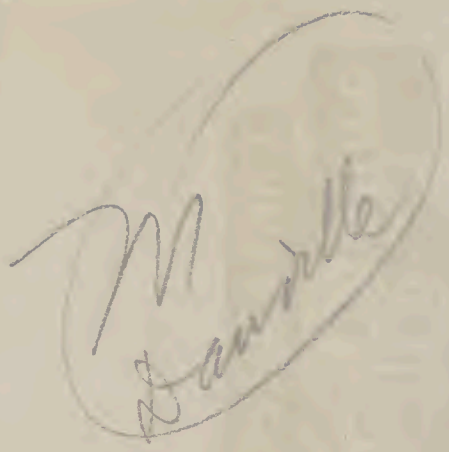
To know what to do I must know his condition, areyou willing to keep me informed? If you are I shall always be glad to do my part, if you are not then here too I will have done all that I could under the circumstances.

Again wishing you all the happiness your own heart desires,

I am,

Isadore.

P.S. The enclosed is sent merely to show that "Isadore is all bluff" only in Simon's estimation . These will corroborate every assertion I made.



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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

RECEIVED AT 302 Main Street Danville, Va.

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SUFFOLK VA JULY 3

I SHEFFER

THE A AND B STORE DANVILLE VA

WILL NOT GIVE PERMISSION TO SEE CHILDREN MONDAY CLAIMING PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO TAKE THEM AWAY FOR THAT DAY OFFER TO ARRANGE FOR MOST ANY OTHER DAY

JAMES H CORBIT

1055AM

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I SHEFFER

CARE A AND B STORE DANVILLE VA

YOU CAN SEE CHILDREN TUESDAY

J H CORBITTT

145PM

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Exhibit No. 15

July 15, 19 6.

Emma:

For the sake of argument I will say that all the things that Simon and Uncle Arden said about me to Mr. Newman are true. I know that deep in your hearts all of you know better what is true and what is not true but I will admit that every word is true . Then I AM a dangerous crook, a liar, a cheat, a heartless murderer, an arch criminal, etc. etc. etc. As a threat against me these "crimes" that are attributed to me mean nothing. If they were meant to frighten me into submission to certain terms which you and yours have in mind and seem to fear to disclose you utterly failed to accomplish the purpose. Upon your future happiness they have absolutely no bearing. All the evidence that you and yours have against this arch criminal is really laugh provoking. I am really anxious to see these threats put into effect to show you and yours the childish reasoning. This then is a challange !

But why have I been so anxious for reconciliation ? For the sake of the children and their mother ! You have given me ALL the legal advantages keeping for yourself NONE. You have no charge of cruelty against me for I was NOT cruel to you nor to the children at any time. I CAN prove it. Your own blood relatives will have to testify and tell the truth. I still have confidence in your religious sincerity and am willing to let you yourself testify otherwise after taking an oath before God to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, kissing His Torah - more effective than a mere mazuza - before. I provided for you and the children with a full hand, more than you asked for. I was loyal to you and am still loyal to you and your interests. On the other hand I have PLENTY of evidence to show that a plot existed long before you ran away on the day schools closed and the motive for that plot. Simon said that Judge McLemore and the Vice-President of the Bank is on his side. I have too much respect for the American Courts to make any comment except that I'm perfectly satisfied to let him preside on the bench.

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However I say these things not with any feeling of revenge. I hold no such thoughts tho I intend to fully defend my rights. I feel sorry for you. This iswhy I am now making an eleventh hour attempt to make you realize your mistake. Uncle Arden told me that you want a quiet life. If you want a nice, quiet, peaceful life and your children to have their father and their mother, your brothers to be unhampered from building their own natural future I am willing to start life together provided we are left alone to live for the children and for each other. This firm offers me Washington, Richmond or Roanoke if I want to stay with them. Roanoke being the smallest suits me plenty. Your people can come to visit you. I hold no hatered against any one. All that I ask is that no one should try to dictate any one. You alone can have ALL that you ever wished or desired. At present I do not care to go into business and if I should ever want to I would not ask NOR ACCEPT any assistance from your brothers . Simon said that this is the reason for my wanting reconciliation... ! I do not need any one's assistance . I am interested only in getting Kelby well and building a future for the children. ARE YOU ?

No doubt you are ! But your false pride, your being mislead as to the sincerity of my plans and your narrow view as to my rights as a father prevents you from seeing ahead as to where matters are being lead to by your present attitude. I AM following a plan and all my attempts to reason with you was to convince myself thoroughly that I, on my part , have done what was right and whatever I will do will be justified . The law gave you one year to make up your mind, now I must force the issue ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. My going to California will seal the fate. What is being offered today I KNOW will not be possible tomorrow --- tomorrow will be too late !

Your people are trying to teach me a lesson because I displeased the family. Little do they realize at present that not I but you yourself are learning that lesson. It is already begining to rebound and as the years go by it will robound still heavier upon your own weak shoulders. Recall Mr. Jacobstien of Louisville ! He too had a simillar experience. Today he is HAPPILY married, has two children by his second loving wife and is enjoying life again. His first wife works to support herself and her two children have drifted apart in their limited paths. Do you want this to happen to you? Do you want your children to suffer, especially Helen, because of your folly ? You have given me eleven of your best years and tho at times you embittered my life unjustly I still want to see YOU happy. You as my wife and mother to my children can have anything you ask and wish . If you have any grievance against me I am willing to listen and promise to rectify it. All that I ask is that you deal with me DIRECT and not carry any of your real or imaginary troubles to your people without letting me know that I hurt your feelings.

Are you willing to listen to reason ? Are you going to reflect and say to yourself "Perhaps the time has come for me to retract my steps before it is TOO LATE"? Or are you going to continue asserting to yourself that which Uncle Arden and Simon told Mr. Newman "This man is only bluff, does not mean a word he says, will never carry out any of his plans, he forges letters making out that other people wrote them, etc. etc. etc... You have been encouraged against me but your future happiness lies still with me and WITH ME ONLY. I want to do what is RIGHT toward you and our children. Upon your answer or no answer to these FINAL words from me to you depends the course of our future lives. Either togethwr or apart ! Reflect and decide whether our children - mine and yours - shall enjoy the blessings of a complete home with a father and mother or whether they too shall be torn apart ! Shall we begin to build anew and build on a more substantial, firmer foundation or shall we allow hate and suspicion fight and counter fight, tear down and destroy leaving a trail of sad and far reaching consequeces ? It is up to YOU but remember tomorrow will be too late!

Isadore.

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To avoid misunderstanding I will explain that by "to-morrow" I mean after I leave Va for California which will be about Sept. 1st

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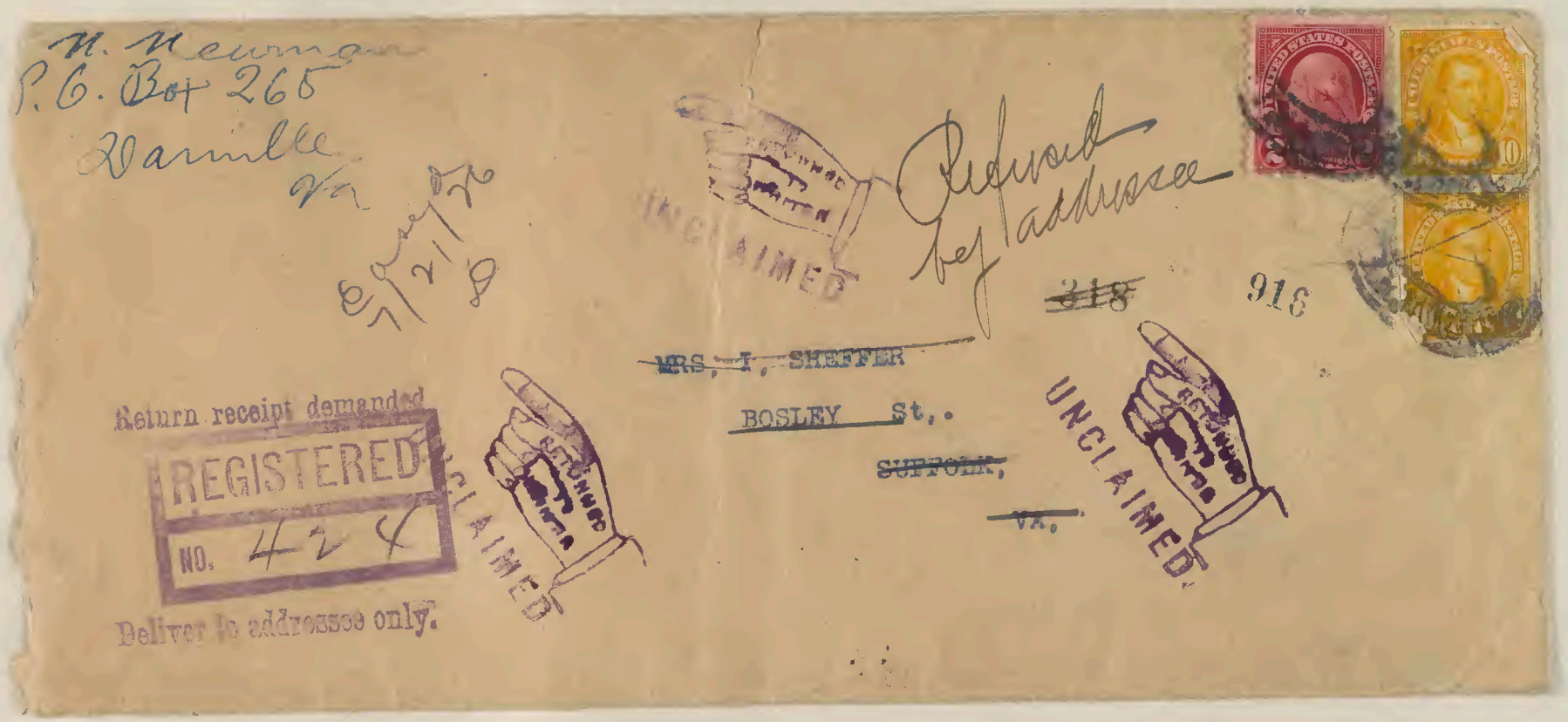

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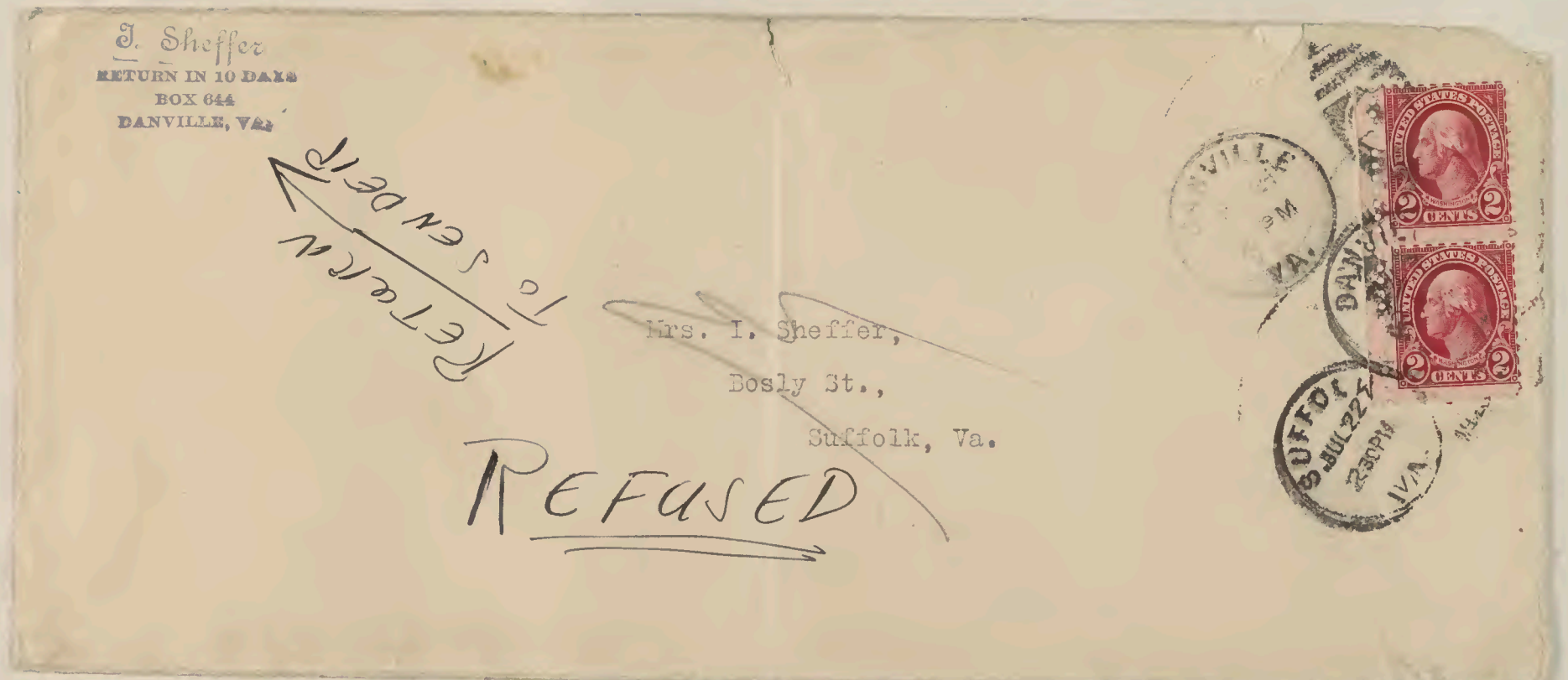

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30 WEST CAMPBELL AVENUE

September 10,1927. ROANOKE, VA.

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My Dear Emma;

September 12, 1918, - nine years ago - our daughter Helen Louise was born. That same day I had to register for UncleSam's service. I said that I would not claim exemption then as I felt it as my duty to fight for my adopted country. I merely said it, yet, you, woman like,took exception to this insignificant remark and considered it as a personal indifference toward you. Perhaps you were right, knowing that you were of an extremely sensitive nature I should have guarded my words so as not to give you the least chance misinterpretation. Unfortunately the human mind rarely thinks the first thought as it does the second. The first thought is generally influenced by a momentary impulse and is therefore limited. We should therefore always allow a margin in our condemnation and give the other side the benefit of some doubt. In a long run human experience shows that it better to judge one not by one's sayings but by one's actual deeds. In our relationship you never gave me any margin for doubt and condemned me without letting me know when you felt offended. You took it for granted that I meant exactly what you thought I meant. You took exception to little insignificant remarks and in a sensitive silence nursed your imaginary grievance. I was thus never given an opportunity to explain my side, although I asked you on several occasions to come out in the open and state your side so that I could make amends. You instead carried your grievances to your people and the result is that today we are on the brink of a - divorce. And that in the face of the undeniable fact that neither you nor I want or need a divorce. The methods employed by you and yours against me left for me no other alternative...

You and yours have surrounded yourselves with a barricade of hate for me and anyone that has any good word for me. You let that hate go so far as to display it even against your own blood, Auntie, for no sensible reason at all. She least of all deserves your contempt. She is your greatest friend and a noble woman indeed. She - and that makes your hate against her more tragic - always takes your side of the unfortunate misunderstanding.

Fortunately I am not capable of returning your hate with hate. I hate no one. You personally,I do not hesitate in saying that in spite of your so unwarranted and so unwise action, I still love. I always did. Hate is self poison. You feel that I wronged you. I feel that yourself wronged yourself, wronged me and the worse of it all terribly wronged our four little children.

No, I do not hate. As an example I will cite my emotions as I often feel toward you against those that you have given me reason to believe must entertain against me. Since we separated I have covered the entire country by car. As I sped along viewing the beautiful Alleghany Mountains and the Shennadoah Valley, the pituresque and palm laden Florida and the the wild but fascinating sceneries of the west my thoughts were of you and our children. I longed to have you all share with me the beautiful panorama

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of the woderful Nature. Yet, no doubt,at that very same hour you and yours set conversing as to what a terrible fiend I am, one who would stop at nothing to carry out revenge, kidnap and harm his children and do God knows what not.

Aubrey's mind was so poisoned against me as to tell me last year that "he saw me pick up a plate and throw it at his mother at dinner time once". Both he and Helen were actually afraid of me. And this not withstanding the undeniable fact that when the children were torn away from their father they loved him no less than they loved their mother. And their father loved them all very dearly. In Los Angeles I have an accumulation of expensive toys which I bought for the children. I could not pass a toy store without buying some. Yet I could not send them because my children were not allowed to receive nor hear from their terrible daddy. They would not even acknowledge receipt and my letters were returned unopened marked by Simon refused." I was always only too glad to send them toys , clothing and money had I not been denied communication by you and yours. And why was I denied this parental privilege? Merelybecause their mother and her people thought and only imagined some wrongs that this "brute" of a husband must have had in his mind against them. After all you cannot cite oneccase of actual brutality committed by me.

I do not want to be sarcastic. If anything that I say here sound sounds sarcastic it is not my fault. Facts as they occurred stare sarcastingly in the face of reason, and I am merely stating facts. I can see Simon even now,as he did last year after he caused my arrest by Andrews, putting his fingers in the arm pits of his vest and exclaiming victoriously: Aha, you see I have him begging again , we have him cowed with fear for prison, etc... The future will tell how much thought I have given this fear for prison because of your knowledge of the terrible, terrible crimes I committed. If you all would let your minds think more reason and less prison you would be better off. I have the welfare of my children at heart, and not withstanding the many peculiar things committed against me by her and hers I have the welfare of their mother too at heart. I want to do what is right toward them and her too. You and yours may consider this letter another victory. Napolion once said" A few more victories like this and I am lost". A wonderful victory this - divorce!

I am now in Roanoke where I shall stay until Xmas and then return to California. As stated in my letter to your Uncle Arden I came here with the sole purpose of settling my rights as a father. I prefer a peaceful settlement for the reasons given in that letter . Will I be forced to resort to law in spite of my being considerate of yours, Freeda's and our children's sake? Ignore this if you will but the time will come when you will wish you had not.

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On the other hand,if you have now come to realize that living a lonely widow's life at your age so young would be very foolish, that to deprive your children of their father's love, guidance and support would more than foolish. If you do not want your only daughter to face the world in nine or ten years hence with a blemish of divorced parents, and if you will at last realize that your husband is far from being as mean as he has been pictured, that he is rather kind hearted and loves what is right, that if I offended you in any way I did it with no knowledge or intention and that I would be only too glad to offer appology for any least offense if only that would be pointed out. That I am not revengeful but rather peace loving. That divorce ~~xxxxxx~~ is entirely unnecessary and that it is up to you alone whether you shall have a kind, considerate and loving husband and father to your children or whether you shall live a future with thoughts embittered against enemies that in reality did not exist. If you do,than I am willing to remain in Roanoke and start life all over again like newly-weds , comletely forgetting what has taken place heretofore and together build a healthy future for our children's sake and for our own sake. Choose your own happiness! Continue in your present stubborn attitude and I will become more convinced that it is impossible reason with you and our case is absolutely hopeless. I will then naturally proceed with my plans and even tho I do not hesitate, that I do it reluctantly yet YOU WILL BE THE GREATER LOSER.

Yours as ever,

I. Seffer.

Exhibit No. 18

Sept. 20th, 1926.

Mr. Jas. Corbitt,
Suffolk, Va.

My Dear Mr. Corbitt:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to my eldest son. The letter was returned to me unopened bearing on the envelope in pencil the following: " Refused, return to sender ". I recognized Simon Lesar's handwriting. Before I left for California I wrote to my wife telling her of my future plans and making a final plea for reconciliation. That letter too was returnedmarked the same way in the same handwriting. I remailed it under a new envelope and that too was retuned . I then had some one else mail it and this time it stuck, but was never answered. I never saw my wife since her desertion and since she is satisfied to let her semi lunatic brother guide her future happiness I am perfectly satisfied to leave her alone to fight her own battle of life. However,as to my children I do not intend for one moment to desrt them to be left to be trained by a family of nervous, supersensitive and extremely unreasonable people. I want to stand by them as long as I live. I have plenty of evidence to show that I have always done what a dutiful father and husband should do.

After 5 days, return to
FAMOUS DRESS CO.,
743 Santee Street,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

↑ REFUSED!

RETURN TO
SENDER

Master Aubrey S. Sheffer,

Bosly Street,

Suffolk, Virginia.

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No. 14.

care J. Lesser.

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LOUIS L. SMITH

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743 SANTEE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Sept. 5th, 1926.

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No. 19

Master Aubrey S. Sheffer,
Suffolk, Virginia.

My Dear Boy Aubrey:

When daddy saw you last July fifth you said many very ugly things to him. However, I realize that you only repeated what was taught you. When you grow older and learn the truth you too will realize that your daddy did not deserve those bitter words that you said to him. You will then realize that not he deserved your contempt but those who put such thoughts in your little mind against YOUR father. Your daddy still loves you, your sister and your brothers as dearly as ever.

I promised to send you the Book of Knowledge. I am anxious to send you a lot of other things but if I send you anything I naturally want to know that you received the things that I send. I want to know whether you like and need them. And, of course, I also want to know that you, your sister and brothers know that it was your daddy who sent you those things. That's why I asked you to write to me. Your poisoned little mind said "No".

Now I am ready to send you the Book of Knowledge if you will answer this letter. I shall be glad to send you, your sister and brothers anything you wish and need if you will let me know what you all want.

On my way here I sent a book on California. By this mail I am sending you some current magazines. When I hear from you I shall send you many better things. But remember that it all depends upon you whether you, your sister and brothers shall receive all the things that your daddy wants you to have.

Your loving daddy.

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Exhibit No. 20

Copy

Suffolk, Va.

March 17, 1927.

Messrs. Saunders & Hutton,
Attorneys at Law,
Suffolk, Va.

Gentlemen:

Mr. I. Sheffer and his wife, Mrs. Sheffer, are, as you know, now, and for sometime have been living apart, Mr. Sheffer claiming she deserted him. I am now, on behalf of Mr. Sheffer, writing to be advised by you whether or not Mrs. Sheffer is willing to again live with her husband. Mr. Sheffer has always been willing and desires to have her with him, but if she is firm in her refusal to continue to live with him, he desires to know it. Please be kind enough to let me know promptly.

Very truly,

James H. Corbitt

JHC/K

Blind copy to-
Mr. I. Sheffer,
2327 Second Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.,
acknowledging receipt of
his letter of the 4th inst.

Exhibit No. 21.

SAUNDERS & HUTTON
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

March 21st, 1927.

Mr. James H. Corbitt,
Attorney-at-Law,
Suffolk, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, we wish to say that we are not authorized at this time to make any statement on behalf of Mrs. Sheffer with respect to her willingness or unwillingness to live with her husband.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Saunders & Hutton

JKH/P

C O P Y

Corbett

Exhibit No. 22.

April 6, 1927.

Messrs. Saunders & Hutton,
Attorneys at Law,
Suffolk, Va.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of March 21st, 1927, replying to my letter of March 17th, 1927, in which you say that you are not authorized at this time to make any statement on behalf of Mrs. Sheffer with respect to her willingness or unwillingness to live with her husband, Mr. I. Sheffer.

As stated in my letter of March 17th, 1927, Mr. Sheffer has always been willing and desires to have Mrs. Sheffer with him, and he is entitled to know definitely whether or not Mrs. Sheffer is willing to live with him again. Unless I am advised on or before April 9th, 1927, that she is willing to return to her husband, I shall advise Mr. Sheffer that it is useless to make any further effort along this line, and that her failure to signify her willingness to go with him will be construed as a refusal to do so.

Very truly,

JHC/K

Blind copy to-
Mr. I. Sheffer,
2327 2nd Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.,
enclosing copy of letter
of Messrs. Saunders & Hutton
dated March 21, 1927.

Exhibit No. 23.

JAMES H. CORBITT
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

November 15, 1926.

Mr. I. Sheffer,
c/o Famous Dress Co.,
743 Santee St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Sheffer:

I have your letters of September 18th, October 23rd and October 6th. Promptly upon receipt of the first letter I endeavored to see Mr. J. K. Hutton, Attorney for Mr. Simon Lesser, and tried several times thereafter, but it seemed that unfortunately I could not get in touch with him whenever I made the effort until a short time ago when he told me that he would see Mr. Lesser and talk to him. I have talked to Mr. Hutton again to-day and he tells me that he has not seen Mr. Lesser, but that he will do it without further delay. I am sure that Mr. Hutton realizes that whatever may be the differences between you and your wife there should be no interference with you communicating with her. If Mrs. Sheffer does not see fit to reply to your letters, that is another matter. You are entirely correct, also, in feeling that you should be allowed to communicate with your children.

I regret that I have been unable to give you any definite information sooner.

Very truly,

James H. Corbitt

JHC/K

Exhibit No. 24

Oct. 14, 1927.

Dear son Aubrey;

At the shool on Rush Hashona I promised to send you the Book of knowledge soon. You in return promised to write to me. I immediately ordered the books and soon as I get them in I shall forward same to you. Meanwhile I passed by a store and saw some little trinkets that appealed to me and I am sending them to your brothers. I will appreciate very much if you will immediately write me and tell me all about how they liked them, and so forth.

You will get the Book of Knowledge in about ten days or sooner. I take advantage now and send you a copy of a letter that I wrote to you from California but which was returned to me unopened marked " Refused". What I said in that letter still holds good and if there is anything you and your brothers and sister want just let me know. Without hearing from you I do not know what you want and need and naturally cannot send anything to you. Remember that you have a perfect right to ask me any thing you wish. And it will now be, as it always was, the greatest pleasure in my life to do all I can for my children. So Aubrey I expect to hear from you now upon receipt of the toys and you will soon get all the books that I already ordered for you, by the way the newest edition.

With lots of love to each one of you,

I am your loving

Daddy.

Exhibit No. 25

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The A. & B. Store

Home Office New York City

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High Art Clothing

FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

30 WEST CAMPBELL AVENUE

Oct. 19, 1927.

ROANOKE, VA.

My Dear Son Aubrey:

You did not answer my last letter, evidently you were not permitted to write to your daddy. However I lived up to my promise and today sent you a set of the Book of Knowledge. I sent it by parcel post and I hope it will reach you alright. Of course as I do not know your exact address if it does not reach in a day or so go after it to the P.O. or let me know and I'll trace it. If you will again ignore this naturally you will spite yourself and not me. I know that you are not to blame but although I am anxious to do all I can for all my children I cannot and WILL NOT do any more than they will let me. So I again hope that you will not be prevented from living up to your solemn promise and write me when you receive the books or if you do not receive them.

With all my love to yourself and sister and brothers

I am, your ,

Daddy.

Form 1518

United States Post Office

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you are advised in accordance with the paragraph checked below:

(✓) Addressee reports receipt of the mail described.

( ) It is believed the article has been lost as it can not be located. Indemnity on account of the loss can not be paid because the article was not registered or insured. Kindly inform this office if the article is subsequently delivered or returned to you.

POSTMASTER.

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Mr. L. Sheffy
20. West Campbell Ave
Roanoke Va

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Isadore Sheffer.....Complainant

Vs. DECREE

Emma F. Sheffer.....Defendant.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the complainant's bill and the exhibits filed therewith, the respondent's answer to said bill, the complainant's replication to said answer; and the depositions taken and filed on behalf of the complainant: and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, and it appearing to the court independently of the admissions of either party in the pleadings or otherwise, that the said parties were lawfully married on the 12th day of January, 1915; that the said Isadore Sheffer and Emma F. Sheffer have resided and been domiciled in this state and have been actual bona fide residents of this state for at least one year preceding the commencement of this suit and that said Emma F. Sheffer at the time of the commencement of this suit resided in Nansemond County, Virginia; that the said Emma F. Sheffer has willfully deserted the said Isadore Sheffer for a period of more than three years: the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Isadore and Emma F. Sheffer be divorced from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage, and that the said marriage be, and the same hereby is, dissolved and annulled; and the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the care and custody of Aubrey Sheffer, Helen Sheffer, Sylvan Sheffer and Frank Edward Sheffer, the infant children of the said Isadore Sheffer and Emma F. Sheffer, be awarded to the said Emma F. Sheffer, with whom they shall remain, and that said Isadore Sheffer shall have the privilege of visiting his said children at such times as may be convenient and reasonable.

And nothing further remaining to be done in this cause it is further ordered that the same be removed from the docket, with leave to be reinstated on motion of ~~the~~ either party upon ten days notice to the opposite litigant.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

Isadore Sheffer,
Complainant,
Final
Vs. DECREE

Emma F. Sheffer,
Defendant.

Enter the 2nd day of
May, 1929.
Jas L. McGimsey

Entered in Chancery Order
Book 6, Page 242.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

Isadore Sheffer,
Complainant,

Vs. IN CHANCERY

Emma F. Sheffer,
Defendant.

The answer and cross-bill of Emma F. Sheffer to the bill in chancery filed against her by Isadore Sheffer in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia.

This defendant, reserving to herself the benefit of all just exceptions to the said bill of complaint, for answer thereto or to so much thereof as she is advised that it is material she should answer, answers and says:-

1. That the allegations set out in paragraph one are true.

2. That the allegation set out in paragraph (2) is generally true.

3. That it is not true as alleged in paragraph (3) that this defendant "wilfully deserted and abandoned the complainant." On the contrary, this defendant was compelled to leave the complainant on or about the 29th day of June, 1925, at Newark, New Jersey, by reason of conduct and behaviour on the part of the complainant that constituted gross cruelty; that this conduct on the part of the complainant, which made it necessary for this defendant to leave him at Newark, New Jersey, and come to Suffolk to live with her family, was not an isolated act of cruelty, but marked the limit of this defendant's endurance of cruel treatment which had been constant and continuous for many years and which had served greatly to impair the health of this defendant. To have lived further with the complainant meant for this defendant distress in both body and mind beyond her capacity to endure. This defendant denies that the complainant sent her money from time to time save

on one or two occasions soon after her departure from Newark, the total amount not being over thirty dollars. It is true that the complainant sent the children "The Book of Knowledge" in addition to a few small presents of inconsiderable value, but it is not true that this defendant prevented or attempted to prevent the children from acknowledging receipt of them. This defendant denies that she refuses to let the complainant see the children or that she uses her influence to cause the children to despise their father, the complainant. This defendant denies that the complainant ever sent his children money with this exception, however; one of the presents above referred to was a pocket book in the shape of a dog containing two dollars.

4. It is true as stated in paragraph (4) that there are four children of the marriage, who are in the care and custody of this defendant in Nansemond County, Virginia, near the corporate limits of the City of Suffolk, and that their names and ages are as follows: Aubrey, 12 years of age; Helen, 9 years of age; Sylvow, 6 years of age, and Frank Edward, 4 years of age.

5. It is true as stated in paragraph (5) that this defendant has resided, and been domiciled, in this State for more than two years next preceding the commencement of this suit. This defendant, however, does not know whether the complainant has or has not been a bona fide resident of this State for one year next preceding the commencement of this suit.

And now by way of cross-bill to the said bill filed as aforesaid, this defendnat prays that this answer and cross-bill may be filed as a cross-bill so as to enable the Court to do complete justice in this case; and in order to fully set out her case, this defendant, as complainant in this cross-bill, says as follows:

1. That the married life of this complainant in the cross-bill with said Isadore Sheffer, defendant herein, from almost the beginning to the separation which took place on or about

June 29th, 1928, was one of unhappiness and humiliation for this complainant due to the defendant's tyrannical and cruel nature which brooked no opposition; that the defendant's cruel and inhuman treatment of this complainant culminated in the aforesaid separation.

2. That the occasion of said separation was as follows: On Friday, June 26th, 1925, while this complainant and the defendant were living at Newark, New Jersey, this complainant along with her children had retired for the night in the apartment in which they lived. Later in the night the defendant came in, whereupon the complainant asked him if he would bring up the baby carriage which she left at or near the street entrance in order that it might not be stolen. The defendant became violently angry with no apparent cause, heaped abuse upon the complainant, and made such alarming threats that she rushed into the street in her night clothes and sought the protection of a police officer; that this complainant was in such a nervous condition and in such a state of fright that the officer required the defendant to stay away from the apartment the remainder of the night. On the following day, this complainant sought legal aid and advice and on Monday, June 29th, 1925, this complainant left Newark and came to Suffolk, Virginia, bringing with her the children and certain of her household effects. This complainant saw the defendant only once after Friday night and before her departure, and that was on Saturday night when he came after his clothes. And on this occasion, the complainant left the apartment and returned after the defendant had gone. This complainant had finally reached the point in her life when she could no longer stand the strain, physically or mentally, of cohabitation with the defendant, and when to live with him further meant serious impairment to her health.

3. That this complainant, at the expense of her happiness and physical and mental well being, had for years endured the harsh and cruel treatment accorded her by her husband; that he from the very beginning of their married life had adopted toward her a cold and heartless attitude; that while she was sick and in a state of pregnancy soon after their marriage, he compelled her to do all the household work including heavy work, such as bringing in coal; that he objected to her having children and desired her to get rid of them by means of miscarriage and abortion; that her mother paid all the bills in connection with their first born, including necessary drugs and medicines, he having denied her the money; that the doctor's bills made necessary by the birth of the other children are still unpaid, save such of them as have been paid by her family; that when her fourth child was born while living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1922, he made her leave the hospital before ten days had expired and at a time when it imposed hardship upon her, he quarreled with her while she was sick in bed, he threw the baby's milk bottle at her, pulled her out of bed, dragged her across the floor and in her efforts to call the police by means of the telephone, she fainted; that he made her work in a department store which necessitated standing or walking all day while her feet were swollen on account of pregnancy; that he cruelly treated the children in her presence; that he more than once beat with a strap one of the children while it was only three or four years old and afflicted with partial paralysis for such a trivial thing as because the afflicted child cried to sleep with its mother; that the child in question was so afflicted and in such delicate condition that it should not have been punished in any manner; that while living at Nashville, he rented a large apartment house and sublet the apartments and compelled this complainant to look after and clean up all the apartments; that this complainant and the defendant have lived at many places during their married lives together, namely, Jackson, Tennessee; Nashville, Tennessee; Louisville,

Kentucky; Suffolk, Virginia; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Newark, New Jersey; that the defendant more than once burned or caused to be burned certain property in order that he might collect the insurance and threatened this complainant with death or serious bodily harm if she made known what he had done; that when he managed to get a little ahead, financially, as for example, by the collection of insurance on account of property destroyed by fire, he visited New York and other cities where he spent some months and most of his money in the pursuit of pleasure; that during these visits, this complainant either went to her own family to spend the time or remained at home, she having only the bare necessities of life; that he sought the companionship of other women to whom he gave presents and with some of whom he would frequently spend the larger part of the day on Sundays; that he openly boasted of these experiences to this complainant; that when he returned from Chicago on one occasion, he told this complainant of his experiences with chorus girls and displayed exhibits demonstrating the character of these experiences; that during the war he belonged to certain societies that brought him under the suspicion of government officials so that his house was searched; that when the search was being made, he forced this complainant to hide literature of such a character as would have demonstrated, if found in his possession, that he was engaged in activities inimical to the welfare of his country; that during these years the defendant kept up a constant course of unkindness, insult and tyranny; that such conduct and behaviour caused this complainant great mental anguish and endangered her life.

4. This complainant says that the four children of the marriage now live with her in Nansemond County, Virginia, near the corporate limits of the City of Suffolk, and have so lived since the aforesaid separation in 1925. They have during this time received through the assistance of this complainant's family the best

of care and attention. One of the children is partially paralyzed and otherwise afflicted as the result of infantile paralysis. This afflicted child has received the best medical and surgical attention at the expense during the past three years of from three to five thousand dollars. The children, other than the afflicted child, are in good health and two of them, being of school age, are attending one of the public schools of the City of Suffolk, the tuition being $9.00 per month. While the children have received better care and attention since the aforesaid separation than they received before that time, the defendant has neither furnished nor attempted to furnish funds for their benefit.

5. This complainant further alleges that said Isadore Sheffer is not fit to have the care and custody of these children.

This complainant, owing to her religious views as to the sanctity of marriage, has borne patiently the said treatment of her by the said defendant.

But now, for the reasons aforesaid, and for as much as your complainant in this cross-bill is remediless save in a Court of Equity where alone such matters are properly cognizable and alone relievable, and as provided by law in such case made and provided, she prays as follows:

1. That the said Isadore Sheffer may be made a party defendant to this, her cross-bill, and required to answer the same; an answer under oath being hereby expressly waived.

2. That the Court may make such order as may be proper to compel the said Isadore Sheffer to pay pending this suit all sums necessary for her maintenance, and to enable her to carry on her suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

3. That the Court may make such orders as may be proper to commit the care and custody of the said children to her, and to require the said Isadore Sheffer to provide for the maintenance of said children pending this suit, and afterwards.

4. That she may be granted a divorce a mensa et thoro from the said Isadore Sheffer.

5. That upon granting to her a divorce a mensa et thoro, the Court may make such further decree as it shall deem expedient concerning her estate and maintenance, and the care, custody and maintenance of the said children, and may determine that the said children shall remain with her.

And that she may have all such other, further and general relief in the premises as the nature of her case may require and as to equity may seem meet.

And she will ever pray, etc.

Emma F. Sheffer
Complainant.

by Saunders & Sullivan
Her Attorneys

Isadore Sheffer,
Complainant,

Vs.

Emma F. Sheffer,
Defendant.

1928. Oct. 17. Filed.
H.M.

SAUNDERS & HUTTON
Attorneys at Law
Suffolk, Va.

VIRGINIA:

CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

ISADORE SHEFFER,

V. :: IN CHANCERY. BILL.

EMMA F. SHEFFER,

TO THE HOMORABLE JAS. L.McLEMORE, JUDGE OF THE SAID COURT:

YOUR COMPLAINANT, ISADORE SHEFFER, RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS:

(1)

That on Jan. 12th,1915, your complainant was lawfully married at Nashville, Tennessee to Emma F.Sheffer, as will appear from a certificate of marriage herewith filed marked "Exhibit Marriage Certificate" and made a part of this bill; and,

(2)

That continuously from the date of said marriage until the 29th day of June,1925, your complainant and the said Emma F. Sheffer lived together as husband and wife,last lving together in Newark, state of New Jersey; and,

(3)

That the said Emma F.Sheffer has wilfully deserted and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three years; that is to say that while your complainant was away from his home at work his wife, the said Emma F.Sheffer, loaded all of your complainant's household goods on ## a truck and moved away; that when your complainant rerurned to his home he found all his household property moved out of the house and it with the said Emma F.Shaffer gone; that your complainant commenced to hunt for his said wife and finally located her with his household goods and his four children in the City of Suffolk, Virginia; that your complainant had given his said wife, Emma F.Sheffer,no excuse for leaving him and has always supported and treated his wife with great kindness and consideration; that upon learing that his said wife had deserted

him and moved to the City of Suffolk,Virginia, your complainant wrote her many letters begging and pleading with her to return to your complainant and live with him and to rear their four children as they should be reared and educated,but to no avail; that his said wife would not even as much as answer your complainant's letters; that your complainant sent her money from time to time and his said wife would not as much as acknowledged receipt of the money; that on one occasion he sent his children "The Book of Knowledge" and she would not let his children acknowledge receipt of them; that time and again he would sent his children presents and he has never gotten as much as a letter acknowledgeing receipt of them; that his said wife refuses to let your complainant see his children,and is using all her influance to cause his said children to hate and despise your complainant; that your complainant would send his said children money and he has never had a letter acknowleding the receipt of it; your complainant has never mistreated his said wife,or caused her any trouble,but on the other hand has always acceded to her wishes and wants, and treated her with extreme kindness and gentleness and petted and loved her,yet she deserts your complainant without any cause whatsoever; and,

(4)

That there are four children born of this union,to-wit, Aubry,age 12 years, Hellen,age 9 years, Sylvan,age 6 years,and Frank Edward,age 4 years,all of whom are now with their mother in Suffolk, Virginia;and,

(5)

That both your complainant and the said Emma F.Sheffer have resided,and have been domiciled in this State for more than two years,and are now domiciled in, and are and have been actual bona fide residents of this state for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit.

In consideration whereof, and for as much as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity, your complainant prays that the said Emma F.Sheffer may be made a party defendant to this bill,and required,but not on oath, to answer the same,the oath being hereby waived; that a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed him; that the care and custody of the said children may be awarded to your complainant; and that your complainant may all such further,and other, and general relief in the premises as the nature of his case may require or to equity shall seem meet.

Isadore Sheffer,Complainant.

By. Lawson Worrell.
Lawson Worrell,P.Q.
Roanoke, Virginia.

ISADORE SHEFFER,

V. :: BILL.

ELMA F. SHEFFER.

Filed September 3, 1928

LAWSON WORRELL, P.Q.
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

LAWSON WORRELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Aug.17,1928.

Mr. G.E.Bunting,
Clerk Circuit Court,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear sir:-

Please find enclosed a bill of Isadore Sheffer vs. Emma F.Sheffer, divorce. Please make the memorandum and issue process for First Sept. Rules, 1928.

If you require a larger deposit in this case please notify me. She lives with J.Lesser,Suffolk,Va.
I am,

Yours Truly.

Lawson Worrell

LW/CF.

Isadore Sheffer Vs. Emma F.Sheffer.

Spa. in Chancery. To Fisrt Sept. Rules,1928.

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Lawson Worrell,p.q.
Roanoke, Virginia

Deposit $10.00

Issued Aug. 22, 1928