

FORMER GREY CO. MAN IS PRINCIPAL IN DETROIT DIVORCE SUIT

Well-known Detroit Doctor, Formerly a Resident of Flesherston, Could Not Stand His Wife's "Pink Teas" and She Sues For Divorce.

According to a dispatch from Detroit, Dr. Robert J. Baskerville, formerly well-known in Flesherston, has been the central figure in a divorce suit instituted by his wife, in which she states in his own defence that his inability to swallow his wife's "pink teas" and some of her other fads, was the big lever used in instituting the action for separation. The dispatch, under date of February 2, says:

"My wife desired that I escort her to continual rounds of 'pink teas,' society functions and entertainments while I preferred a life of the outdoors and communion with nature." Dr. Robert J. Baskerville, 50, well-known army surgeon, declared, commenting on the divorce obtained by his beautiful wife, Mrs. Georgia Richardson Baskerville, 35.

Mrs. Baskerville is one of the foremost pianists in the United States and an instructor at the Detroit Conservatory of Music.

The suit was not contested by Dr. Baskerville. Judge Adolph F. Marschner granted the decree after Mrs. Baskerville had testified that her husband had rented their home at 216 East Grand boulevard to strangers while she was on a vacation, and told her there was no place for her.

Dr. Baskerville expressed great surprise when informed by a reporter of the charges made by Mrs. Baskerville on the witness stand.

"Mrs. Baskerville has no foundation for her allegations of mistreatment," he said. "Our married life was a clear case of incompatibility. She wanted me to accompany her to all sorts of formal society affairs which irked and bored me to distraction. I enjoy myself most when in the woods. I own a hunting camp in the Canadian woods where I spend a large part of my time every year."

"Chase Osborn, a great friend of mine, often visited me there. My position was exactly parallel to his. Chase and I, when seated at night around the fireplace in my hunting lodge, have often discussed the differences in taste of our wives, who are only happy when in the midst of social activities."

Well-known in Detroit.

Mrs. Baskerville is well-known in Detroit, both as a soloist and as an instructor on the piano. Before her marriage Mrs. Baskerville studied in this country with several prominent pianists and then spent seven years in Paris studying with Wagner Swayne, and was his first assistant for four years. She was recognized as one of the foremost artists living abroad and has appeared often in Europe and America in recital and as soloist with orchestras including the Detroit orchestra and Philadelphia Symphony. She appeared as soloist at the celebration of the 50th

anniversary of the Detroit Conservatory of Music in Orchestra Hall on January 18.

Dr. Baskerville, captain in the World War, and decorated for his patriotism, has a wide practice as physician and surgeon. He has served 12 years in the army, of which 21 months were spent in France at the head of his company, which was picked up to represent the Michigan National Guard in the famous Rainbow division.

Denies Her Charges.

Dr. Baskerville hotly denied that he had refused to treat his wife when she was ill with influenza, as she charged.

"I not only gave her my best medical aid, but I carried up her meals to her room," said Dr. Baskerville. "I never was cruel to her and we never had a serious quarrel during our married life. While I was in the army I sent my wife two out of every three checks. She purchased the automobile which she claimed belonged to her, with the money I sent from France. This house has never been rented and Mrs. Baskerville knows well that the terms of the lease prohibit my renting it. I even wrote her while the divorce suit was pending that she was welcome to the house at all times."

Mrs. Baskerville testified that on one occasion while she was teaching music in Ypsilanti and was too weary in the evening to attend a party, Dr. Baskerville was greatly upset and scolded her; that he came home at any and all hours to his meals; that while she gave him the use of her car and showered presents upon him, he gave her but a dollar a day for household expenses, although his month's income is between \$300 and \$400.

Gave What She Asked.

"I paid all the general expenses and my wife told me that all she needed to run the kitchen was \$7 a week," said Dr. Baskerville. "I always gave her any amounts of money she asked for. I am a lay fever patient and was taking the cure at my Canadian camp during the time that my wife charged that I was cruising the St. Clair flats in my launch and refused to visit her and my daughter, Roberta Jean. As a matter of fact, I left my camp and came to St. Ignace on the date I agreed to meet my wife there, but she had gone back to Detroit to attend some ball."

"I did not contest the suit because I wanted to be free again so that I could enjoy myself in the pleasures dear to my heart, while my wife can do as she prefers," concluded Dr. Baskerville.

The Baskervilles were married on April 21, 1913, and separated September 1, 1921. For the support of her child, Roberta Jean, Mrs. Baskerville was given \$12.50 a week.

A VEGETARIAN'S LOVE SONG

Do you carrot all for me?
My heart beats for you.
With your turnip nose,
And radish hair,
You are a peach,
If we canteloupe,
Lettuce marry,
Weed make a swell pair.



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SUDBURY COAL AREA TO BE GIVEN THOROUGH TEST

American Interests Have Secured Options For Drilling and Testing.

According to a statement by A.F.A. Coyne, the supposed hard coal area at Sudbury is to be definitely tested this year by United States interests, under whose auspices leasing for drilling tests was now under way. Action by these interests, Mr. Coyne declared, had followed a thorough examination of the various reports he had prepared upon the district.

Asked if he believed that the field would prove commercial, Mr. Coyne stated that, while he could not see through the rocks and map out the structural conditions from the surface, and also test and analyse the outcrop coals. By a compilation of the actual facts in the field comparisons could be made with known producing anthracite regions and a decision reached as to whether or not the field was worth expenditures on development. He had come to the decision that the Sudbury prospect looked like a coal field of economic importance and had recommended a full test with the diamond drill.

NEPTUNE TO VISIT WORLD CRUISERS



The certificate as shown above will be issued to all passengers aboard the Empress of Canada who appear before Neptune, as did those passengers on the Empress of France last year, who are shown in pictures 2 and 3.

When to travel upon the sea was to venture in great danger it was usually thought wise by the voyagers to propitiate the god of the waters by making gifts to him before setting sail, and oftentimes, when Neptune displayed his wrath at sea, human sacrifices were made to him. To our superstitious ancestors the son of Saturn and Ops had great power over the waves, especially those of the sea, and had, therefore, in his hands the welfare of all vessels and their human and other freight. The worship of Neptune was early introduced into Rome, and July 23rd, "Neptunalia," was his feast.

As science reduced the terrors of the sea, and education and higher civilization erased the sometimes terrible superstitions from the minds of the world, so the worship of Neptune ceased, but even to this day he is venerated by many Latin and Scandinavian sailors and no ship crosses the equator without some that effect, which will be countersigned by Captain S. Robinson, R.N.R., who commands the vessel, and which, besides being valuable souvenirs of the trip, will exempt the holder from further trial.

The unique photograph reproduced above was taken aboard the Canadian Pacific "Empress of France" while on a "Round the World" cruise last year. Neptune boarded the great liner in the early morning of the day on which the "line" was crossed, and held court. He was attended by the Royal Barber and other high officials who assisted in the initiation ceremony. Most of the passengers were summoned to his august presence and were tried for their misdemeanour, punishment or praise being awarded without favor. Those who produced evidence of having been "initiated" before were, of course, exempt from trial.

ROASTING THE PROPHET

(Flesherston Advance.)

Have you heard the sun-dogs barking, Mr. Bowes?

Now, what are they remarking, Mr. Bowes?

While the wintry blasts are roaring fierce and wild.

Well, they're laughing "in their eye" at your silly prophecy

That we'd have a January calm and mild.

Somebody Else, Not Me!

A milkman's job is not so bad, When the dew is on the corn.

But count me out on a pedlar's route On a cold and wintry morn!

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LITTLE JIMMY

Panel 1: "I'VE GOT A VERY INTERESTIN' JOB FOR YOU TODAY AT THE ZOO. COULDN'T YOU MANAGE TO DROP AROUND?"

Panel 2: "I'LL GO TOO!"

Panel 3: "HE DON'T LET EVERYBODY FEED HIM!"

JERRY ON THE JOB

Panel 1: "HOW'S CHANCES O' ME GETTIN' A TICKET AND SIDDIN' YOU AN I.O.U. FOR THE DAMAGE???"

Panel 2: "SUIT YOURSELF. AAAH - KEEP YOUR OLD TICKET - I'LL WALK."

Panel 3: "HEV!! WAIT A MINUTE!"

Panel 4: "I JUST WANT TO WARN YOU SO YOU WON'T GET SWACKED BY A CHOOCHOO. HAVE NO FEAR ME LAD."

Panel 5: "I'LL WALK IN FRONT OF ANY TRAINS I PASS."

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