

A DIVORCE ASKED FOR.

HENRY W. BARTOL, OF PHILADELPHIA,
SEEKING A SEPARATION FROM HIS WIFE.

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On page 22 of the docket of Common Pleas Court No. 2, for the September Term, 1885, there is a big blank space in the midst of a long list of divorce entries. When the vacant page in the present case is filled up it will contain the names of Henry W. Bartol, as the libelant, and Mary C. Bartol as the respondent in an action had for absolute divorce. The libel which has been filed with the Custodian of the Records of Court No. 2 cites as correspondents John Draper, a wealthy society man of New-York, and Assistant City Solicitor William D. Kelley, Jr.

Mrs. Bartol is a brunette of perhaps 30, vivacious in spirit, and decidedly handsome, with a host of friends and defenders in the best circles. She is the mother of three pretty children. Her husband is possessed of large wealth, and interested with his father in the sugar refinery at No. 1,012 Passyunk-avenue, with an office at No. 139 South Front-street. He was also a member of the Committee of One Hundred, and latterly has been prominent in connection with the scheme to reorganize the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, as the head of the Bartol Committee. He is probably 35, of the medium height, with a light sandy mustache. Mr. and Mrs. Bartol were married Feb. 1, 1879, as stated in the libel. Mr. Bartol lived then at No. 1,900 Spruce-street, and his wife at Cheney Station, near Media. After the marriage they took up their residence at No. 2,137 Spruce-street, where Mr. Bartol still lives. Mrs. Bartol is now living with her parents at Cheney Station. The children are with her.

The harmony of Mr. and Mrs. Bartol's domestic life was broken months ago. Mr. Bartol, in his affidavit sworn to before Magistrate Durham, charges illicit relations specifically only with Mr. Draper and Mr. Kelley, though adding, in the usual form, "and with divers other persons to your petitioner unknown." The writ was issued about a week ago and given by Sheriff Kelm for service into the hands of his deputy, George J. Van Houten, and by the latter to his own deputy, J. G. Fisher. As Mrs. Bartol lives out of the jurisdiction of the court, legal service can be had upon her in her own home only by the Sheriff at Media, or by some one deputized by him. It is understood, however, that Attorney-at-law John G. Johnson, who represents Mrs. Bartol, will have his client at his office in a day or two and accept service. The writ is not returnable until the third Monday of September.

Mr. Kelley himself said to a reporter of the *Press* that Mrs. Bartol was a friend of his sister, and that he had nothing more to say about the case.

Mr. Draper was seen at the Union Club, New-York, by a correspondent of the *Press* last night, and when asked about his relations with Mrs. Bartol he replied: "They have been only those of a gentleman toward a lady. I know nothing about the matter, and have heard of no divorce proceedings. I have no statement to make for publication." Mr. Draper is a tall, good-looking gentleman of middle age, who evidently enjoys life, and is inclined to call any friend "old man." Mr. Bartol is represented by James H. Heverin and Richard P. White. Neither of the lawyers would speak on the subject for publication. Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Bartol's counsel, also declined to talk. City Solicitor Warwick, counsel for Mr. Kelley, is out of town. Mr. Bartol is in Virginia.