

ble for any board or other debts of my wife's contracting.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

ROBERT HUNTER.

I also got another bill from Mr. V. amounting to \$108.85. I then got a letter from Messrs. Wetmore & Peters. Shortly after I got this, I was sued. I was again sued; the second suit is now on record. Two actions are pending against me. I was also sued in Court of Divorce. During the whole of my intercourse with my wife she showed no affection and did not consult me. She evidently wanted a separate establishment, and that I could not afford.

Cross-examined:—I am the sole support of my mother and sisters; except interest of money before mentioned. The servant did the work about the house. My sister did sewing for the family. They did not make their own bonnets or cloaks; I do not know of them making their own dresses. They looked after household duties,—house cleaning twice a year. I can't tell what house duty they did; they were often sewing. I never saw them making hooped skirts; I cannot tell what they were making. They sometimes made shirts and drawers for the shop; I cannot tell how many pairs. There was nothing else required that they could make. After Mrs. Hunter came to the house, the servant did work. I never saw my wife doing house work; the servant did washing and cooking and scrubbing; can't tell who did the balance of the work. I attended Mr. Bennett's church when the child was baptized; I do not attend there now. I know of no other way for evil reports to get about, except through my wife. I did tell that my wife had left me; I told Rev. Mr. Lathern; I do not recollect telling any one else. I will not swear that I did not tell it to forty persons; I did not tell everybody. I told no person until I heard my wife had told Mrs. McMillan. Mrs. McMillan was a friend of my family. Mrs. McMillan told me she never saw my wife before marriage. She visited my house to see my own family particularly. I cannot say that the consultation I had with Messrs. McMillan and Bennett was the cause of our reconciliation. [Here Counsel for plaintiff mentioned a great many persons, but witness could not swear whether he had mentioned the first difficulty to them or not.] He continued:—I had great mental anxiety at the time my wife left me. Do not know how it effected my bowels; can't speak about my appetite. I have read judgment in divorce case. I purchased about 125 copies from Mr. Day. I gave Mr. Day a copy of the judgment. When asked, I gave printed copies away. I wanted the public to see the truth. I had no desire to prejudice public opinion. To the best of my recollection I never told my wife I could not go out to tea with her. My wife did make my sisters presents of thimbles at the time I gave her the \$8. I have no recollection of my mother getting a pair of slippers out of the \$8. My meals were ready regularly. I always got a clean shirt when I wanted it. My clothes were always taken care of. [Witness refused to answer whether he had stated to some person that "if a verdict in this suit were given against him, he would

put his property out of his hands, and Venning would never get a cent of it."] I cannot swear whether my wife used both hands in shaking me or not; she shook my arm, it was not my leg. I did send a letter to her to send all traps back again after she left. My nose did not bleed when she shook me. I think I did consult a lawyer a few days after my wife left the first time. Before my wife left me finally she was engaged in sewing on baby clothes while in her room. She used to come down to the sitting-room in the evening. As a general thing, she used to come down stairs and greet me when I came into the house. I do not remember of any one of my family rendering assistance to my wife when she was sick. I always take my boots off in the sitting room. I never threatened to throw them at my wife. I will swear positively I did not say "duds" in telling her to pack up. [After considerable disputing and objections on part of plaintiff's lawyers, a printed copy of judgment in divorce case, *Hunter vs. Hunter*, was put in as evidence.

Re-examined:—I never passed a day without speaking to my wife. I furnished her with all she required. Had no desire to see her worse furnished than other ladies. I presented her with a gold watch and chain the evening before marriage. The judgment in the divorce case was published to remove public prejudice, without note or comment.

Re-cross-examined:—Would not answer whether he tried to get back watch and chain after separation. I purchased shawl and boots in Boston for her. I paid £12 for furs for her.

MRS. MARGARET HUNTER'S EVIDENCE:—I am wife of F. Hunter, sister-in-law of defendant. I remember Robert Hunter wishing me to go and see his wife; he told me to say that he was willing to provide a separate home for her, if she was willing to return. He was very anxious for her to return to him. I said I would go with pleasure if I could do any good. I did go next morning; saw Mrs. H. I told her I came to learn her mind as to returning, and I said I thought her husband would be willing to take another house for her, but I did not say Mr. Hunter told me so. She said she would not return if he built a palace for her. I did not let her know her husband sent me. I then came away. I communicated to Mr. H. what his wife said.

Cross-examined:—I have a very imperfect recollection of what took place. I do recollect Mrs. Venning saying she thought Mr. H. was out of his mind. I replied that I thought not. I recollect Mrs. H. calling on me for baby clothes. I do not recollect telling Mrs. H. that I pitied her. I did not tell her that I knew she could not live with her husband's family. I do recollect on one occasion her husband told her he would not go with her. I did go to see Mrs. H. in consequence of a dream I had. I may have told her I went out partly in consequence of it. I did not tell her I came out in consequence of sympathy. I told her that I pitied her position; that I felt so bad about the troubles that I could not sleep; that if I could do anything to reconcile matters I would do it. Mrs. H. did

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