

Came In For Money, Then Went Out Of His Life

DOCTOR'S HAPPY ROMANCE THAT FADED AWAY

MAN lives for the chase of wealth. He toils and he saves. He speculates, enters a stake in a game of chance, and dreams of fortune. Sometimes, even, he may steal, for such is the endless urge to which all but the self effacing succumb.

MONEY! Well, it might buy happiness — oft-times it does—but for Dr. William Wilson Ingram, as one gleans from the story told by him in the Divorce Court last week, it was the sudden acquisition of wealth by his wife, Mrs. Annie Laurie Ingram, that broke his home, ruined his domestic life, placed him and the woman in two worlds apart, and left him to dream of what might have been.

Dr. Ingram, a Scotchman by birth, is one of Macquarie-street's leading practitioners.

Like many a man from the Highlands, he made a capital doctor, yet of his own urgings he could not mend the wound that money had caused.

Still, as man lives in hopes, so does he. He asked Mr. Acting-Judge Markell to order his wife back after explaining how the crash had come.

The wife, formerly Miss Annie Laurie Edwards, was a Sydney girl, and the daughter of a manufacturer. But it was in Scotland that they met and had their romance during the war years while he was serving with the Army Medical Corps, holding the rank of Captain.

The marriage ceremony was performed in Scotland on October 4, 1915, and four years later they came to Australia.

The doctor and his wife settled down at Killara and there he commenced to practice. Dr. Ingram, who now lives at Kirribilli, said that they lived happily right up to 1931. Then in 1932 his wife came into a considerable income following the death of a relative, and from that time on became

more or less estranged from him. "She wished to live her own life apart from me," he said.

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THAT ATTITUDE, HE EXPLAINED, CAUSED TROUBLE BETWEEN THEM. HE FOUND THAT THEY WERE LEADING COMPLETELY SEPARATE LIVES, AND WHEN HE TOOK HER TO TASK OVER IT, SHE SAID THAT SHE WISHED TO BE COMPLETELY FREE AND TO LEAD HER OWN LIFE.

At the time, she was living in a house that she had built for herself at Killara.

In January, 1933, matters came to a head. He found, so he said, that she was deliberately avoiding him. In the middle of the month, he talked it over with her, and she repeated her desire to live her own life. More, she asked him to leave.

He Saw His Solicitor.

Dr. Ingram, who was represented by Mr. Bryan Fuller (instructed by Messrs. E. H. Tebbutt and Sons), said that he then saw his solicitor, who gave him certain advice.

He did not go home after that. Nevertheless, he did not give up hope, and made efforts for a reconciliation through friends, but with no success.

Other efforts also failed. He always sincerely desired her to come back, he declared, and after all else had failed, he wrote to her on March 5 last from Craignish, his Macquarie-street address, as follows:—

"Dear Laurie— I write you sincerely in an effort to effect a reconciliation between us. I expect that you, like me, realize the impossibility of continuing the present situation and sufficient time has now elapsed for you to know what you wish to do.

"We have lived apart now for over 18 months, during which time you have consistently indicated to me that you have been unwilling to live with me again. This position is quite impossible, and I now unhesitatingly and sincerely ask you to join me in a resumption of our married life.

"There is absolutely no reason as far as my life is concerned and I am quite prepared and will be happy to make every reasonable concession to ensure a happy future.

"I am willing to join you at Fairways or to make a new home anywhere else in Sydney you may desire. Please take this

or to make a new home anywhere else in Sydney you may desire. Please take this letter as a bona fide attempt to end a situation the cause of which I believe is not mine.

"Please let me know your views early— Yours, Bill."

But her reply, written from Fairways, Mildura-street, Killara, was not the sort to bring joy to his heart. It ran:—

"Dear Bill— I received your letter of 5th Inst. and have considered what you have said. I am quite definite that there is not the slightest use in our attempting to effect a reconciliation.

"I did not desire to live apart from you



DR. WILLIAM WILSON INGRAM, who wants his wife to return to him.

In the first place without very deep consideration and nothing has occurred since our separation which induces me to change my mind or to think that my decision was not the right one. I want you to understand, therefore, quite definitely that I will not join you in any new home you may get for me nor will I agree that you live with me at Fairways. "Please do not write me again as my mind is definitely made up.—Yours truly, Laurie Ingram."

Dr. Ingram said he was sincere in asking that she be ordered to return to him, and an order was made accordingly.