

ACTRESS SUES DE CAMP

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Horace S. De Camp, who married the widow of Daniel V. [sic] Marvin, one of the victims of the Titanic disaster, a year ago, has been sued by Miss Florence E. Clark, an actress, for \$50,000 for breach of promise. Yesterday an application was made in the Supreme Court by Mr. De Camp through his counsel, Hays, Hershfield & Wolf, for a bill of particulars. Miss Clark, in her complaint, said she abandoned a stage career, gave over taking lessons in dramatic art, and surrendered all of her social connections after she had engaged herself to marry the defendant.

She said the promise of marriage was made in a mountain resort in Pennsylvania in the Summer of 1913. Then De Camp returned to this city and shortly afterward Miss Clark telephoned him, she said, asking when he thought she should come back to her home. His reply, she said, was to the effect that so far as he was concerned she could remain in Pennsylvania forever. The reason for this sudden indifference, Miss Clark alleged, was because the defendant had met Mrs. Marvin at the Poughkeepsie races.

Mr. De Camp wants the bill of particulars to state whether the alleged promise to marry was made orally or in writing, what were the social connections the plaintiff abandoned, and what dramatic school she attended.

Mr. De Camp's wife remained with her first husband on the Titanic until he insisted that she leave the ship. On her arrival in this city she gave birth to a child, one of three born of women who had been rescued from the steamer. Her father is Frank Farquharson of 317 Riverside Drive.

[Apart from a listing of Clark v. De Camp on a court calendar of "litigated motions" on 21 January 1915, there's no further reference to this in The New York Times, and there appears to have been no published court opinion resulting from this case.]

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