

DIVORCE SUIT.

WIFE GOES ON HOLIDAY NEVER
TO RETURN.

In the Divorce Court, last week, before Mr. Justice Swift, Mr. Edward Oliver Dunn, mechanical engineer, of Madeley-road, Ealing, petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife Margarita, because of her adultery with a co-respondent named Pugh.

Petitioner, in reply to Mr. T. J. O'Connor, said that he was married in April, 1916, at Wadhurst, Sussex, and afterwards lived at various addresses and finally at The Tile House, Westcott, Dorking. There had been three children, who were at present with his wife's aunt, and he was content that they should remain there.

Mr. W. O. Willis (who appeared for the respondent) said that the children were being carefully looked after, and it was thought best to let them remain there for some time.

Petitioner, continuing, said that the married life was at first happy, but while living at Dorking various matters of unhappiness arose, and they culminated in his wife leaving him. She went away in the spring of 1923, saying she was going for a holiday, and she never came back. He wrote to her on several occasions between then and 1925, suggesting she should return. In November, 1925, she wrote to him as follows:—

I have decided to live with John Pugh as we love each other, and I am staying at this hotel with him. Our marriage was never a success. It was a mistake, and I refuse to continue it.

Until he received that letter, said petitioner, he did not know that his wife had committed adultery. He caused inquiries to be made at the Cavendish Hotel, Eastbourne, and they were unsuccessful. Further inquiries resulted in his petition alleging adultery at the Charing Cross Hotel.

After evidence from the hotel his lordship granted petitioner a decree nisi. The question of custody was left to be dealt with by summons in chambers.