

## SUIT FOR MAINTENANCE

Begun by Sarah M. Northrup Against Milton C. Northrup.

In the district court yesterday Mrs. Sarah M. Northrup began a suit for maintenance against her husband, Milton C. Northrup, that made public some very unhappy married life.

The defendant is the only surviving son of the late Hiram M. Northrup and is well known here. For about a dozen years he has made his home in Washington, although at the present time he is a guest at the Midland. The suit ties up all his inheritance, amounting to nearly \$500,000, until the further orders of the court. The hearing of the injunction is set for Saturday, the 17th.

The petition is quite a lengthy one and in it the plaintiff alleges that she and the defendant were married twenty-nine years ago in New York and lived together as husband and wife until the year 1889. During that year the defendant is charged with desertion of the plaintiff. Since that time she alleges the defendant has wholly failed to provide for her wants or the wants of their children, and that for the entire time she has had sole charge and custody of the children and has been wholly dependent for her and their support upon Hiram M. Northrup, father of the defendant, until his death, last March.

She says that by the provisions of the will of the late Hiram M. Northrup she came into the possession of a residence on Tanomice avenue, near Seventh street, that she now occupies but that she has no means of earning a livelihood

for herself and children nor of providing for their wants.

The petition alleges that at the time of the death of Hiram M. Northrup he left an estate in lands and stocks aggregating nearly \$1,000,000. That about \$80,000 worth of special bequests were made and then one-half of all the remainder of the estate was bequeathed to the defendant, all of the possessions to descend to his children but none to the plaintiff. She believes that the defendant now is worth nearly \$500,000, and a large income is received monthly as proceeds from bank stocks, and is and will be available from month to month.

The plaintiff prays for the expenses of the action and that the court order the defendant be ordered and adjudged to pay the plaintiff such sums for the maintenance of herself and her children as would befit her station in life, and that the defendant be enjoined from selling or encumbering any of his property during the pending of this action, and such other and equitable relief as in good conscience she may be entitled to in the judgment of the court.