

RICH BROKER KILLED BY WIFE IN DENVER

Matrimonial Troubles of C. A. Patterson of Chicago Culminate in Quarrel at Western Sanitarium.

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Patterson Had Sued Emil W. Strouss for \$25,000 for Alienating Mrs. Patterson's Affections.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 25.—Charles A. Patterson, formerly a wealthy broker of Chicago, was shot and killed to-day by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Patterson. Threatened divorce suits and other marital troubles are given as the cause. The shooting took place in Montclair, a suburb. Two shots were fired, both striking Patterson in the back. Mrs. Patterson then thrust the revolver under her husband's body and informed bystanders that her husband had shot himself. She later confessed to the police.

Months of matrimonial disagreement culminated in Mrs. Patterson filing suit for divorce in the Denver courts on Sept. 1, 1911, charging cruelty. Patterson brought suit in Chicago last week against Emil W. Strouss, a wealthy clothing manufacturer of that city, asking \$25,000 damages for alienation of his wife's affections. Patterson charged that four months after his marriage on Oct. 1, 1908, Strouss and Mrs. Patterson spent several months traveling in Europe.

Seven months ago, accompanied by his wife, Patterson came to Denver on account of his health. The couple lived together until last Friday, when Patterson entered a sanitarium for consumptives. Mrs. Patterson called at the sanitarium to-day and the couple left for a walk. That the pair engaged in a heated argument just before the shooting is declared by a person who is said to have watched them.

Patterson's mother is Principal of one of Chicago's public schools, and a brother, Harry S. Patterson, is one of counsel for the International Harvester Company. Mrs. Patterson, it is said, comes from a prominent St. Louis family.

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