

COUPLE EJECTED FROM THEIR HOME

**Mme. Parma and Her Husband,
Albert Houghton Pratt, in
Arrears.**

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N. J., Aug. 23.—Mme. P. Mildred Parma and Albert Houghton Pratt, who figured conspicuously in the news several years ago, have been ousted from their home, which is known here as the "Little White House." They went out as a result of a writ of assistance issued against them by Vice Chancellor Foster recently in Newark.

They arranged to buy the house for \$8,500 five years ago and paid \$1,500, but when the balance was due some time later they did not make a payment. They started an action for a reformation of the deed, but Vice Chancellor Foster decided against them.

Immediately after the decision, a writ of demand for possession of the property was served upon Mme. Parma on behalf of the owner, Arthur N. Hanson. She ignored it and retained possession of the property. Hanson then obtained the writ of assistance, which was served on Monday.

Pratt, according to Deputy Sheriff James P. McCann, who served the writ, declared that he had married Mme. Parma in 1910. Both the man and the woman quoted Scripture to the deputy in an attempt to dissuade him from ordering them out. He told them he had the greatest respect for Holy Writ, but that it did not apply in this instance.

The couple left the house, but Hanson agreed to permit their furniture to remain until the next day. It was then removed and Mme. Parma announced that it would be stored in Red Bank. The pair would not tell where they were going to live.

Pratt is said to be a nephew of a man named Houghton in the firm of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers. Pratt's wife, Mrs. Catherine Sloane Pratt, sued for divorce in Manhattan, naming Mme. Parma as co-respondent. Pratt was an editor for the concern and owned some stock that he sold and gave the money to Mme. Parma, along with other money that brought the sum to \$48,000.

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