MRS. MAGNESS ASKS DECREE

Senator Gorman's Daughter Sues Husband 20 Years Her Junior.

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BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Ada Gorman Magness, daughter of the late Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, filed suit today for divorce in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County against her husband, Charles Joseph Magness. Mrs. Magness inherited an estate of nearly a million dollars from her father.

In the bill of complaint, Mrs. Magness says that since Jan. 1, 1921, her husband has been guilty of infidelity on divers occasions. In her suit she names "Augusta Crowe," said to be a resident of Baltimore, as corespondent.

The marriage of Miss Gorman to Mr. Magness at Louisville, Ky., in 1908, caused much surprise. About six weeks later Magness was arrested on a charge of being a deserter from the navy. At the time Miss Gorman was said to be about 40 years of age and her husband 20.

According to the story told by Mrs. Magness at the time of her husband's arrest, she met Magness, or "C. J. Hartlove," the name he went by in the navy, when he appeared in Washington as a member of the Marine Band. A romance began that ended in their engagement and wedding.

Magness was tried in Washington and sentenced to a year in the naval prison at Portsmouth, N. H. While in prison his bride appealed to every influence in Washington to obtain his release, but it was not until July 16 of the following year that he gained his freedom.

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