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Mrs. Robert Sengstacke Abbott, the former Helen Thornton of Athens, Georgia, is asking \$2,000 monthly alimony from her editor hubby. Attorney Nathan K. McGill, former Floridan who is general counsel, general manager, etc., etc., for The Chicago Defender, is reported as reluctantly "admitting" his "employer" has \$335,000 cash on deposit in two banks. Back of all this lies one of the most dastardly schemes of an ingrate to steal his benefactor's life work ever recorded in Aframerica.

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Those familiar with Defender politics know of the rise in power of McGill and the slow but steady weakening of Abbott. At the height of his paper's success, the editor is reported to have taken a salary of \$2,500 weekly. The pay of McGill is said to be \$750 weekly. It was enough for both to purchase expensive limousines, big mansions on South Parkway, hire servants and do as they pleased financially. But the rats started gnawing and there was a long period of time when Abbott received not one penny in pay from his brainchild. Others, however, got theirs. Whether or not this situation still exists concerning the editor, I do not know.

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But there's a definite movement on foot by his onetime bosom friends to wreck Abbott and obtain absolute control of his newspaper business. Any means of doing this seems perfectly O. K. Now draw your own conclusions.

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Any judge who grants a woman alimony should take plenty into consideration. He should delve deeply into the couple's marital life and not be misled by superficial appearances. Only where the man is overwhelmingly guilty should this sort of thing be allowed.

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When a man chases a woman long enough to let her catch him, he's generally done his bit. Alimony is a sort of a bonus paid to a woman for having helped make a wreck out of married life. Divorce is too often a sound business proposition.

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If Mrs. Abbott should get \$2,000 a month or anyway near that figure, it would represent financial success. The majority of humans in this little old world draw an annual wage of considerably below this figure. Such things encourage any ambitious woman who wants to get ahead to find herself a hubby who is nicely fixed financially and later get a divorce with alimony. It's being done every day.

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