

# MARRIED IN SPITE OF MANY OBSTACLES

## Missing Divorce Decree, Late Bride and Lack of Rector Delayed Ceremony of Noted Couple.

Camden, Nov. 4.—That the course of true love never runs smoothly was illustrated Wednesday in the wedding of Miss Alice Ralph, daughter of the late Julian Ralph, the author, and John V. Rhodes, of New York and Brunswick, Me.

When Mr. Rhodes, who has been divorced from his former wife, arrived in Philadelphia and applied for a license to wed, he discovered that the necessary document could not be obtained unless his decree of divorce was presented to the license clerk. The decree was reposing in Mr. Rhodes's strong box in New York, ninety miles away, the wedding was scheduled for early afternoon and the wedding breakfast ordered.

### BRIDE WAS LATE.

The next lapse in the plans for the wedding was the failure of the bride to arrive until 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon. Immediately after her arrival, Mr. Rhodes and his bride, accompanied by the latter's mother, Mrs. Julian Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ralph, brother and sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Edith Ralph, the bride's sister; Dr. Archibald C. Rhodes, U. S. N., retired, father of the bridegroom; Mrs. De la Vergne, an aunt of the bridegroom; Miss Mary De la Vergne and Mr. Henry Cantine Sommers, who acted as best man, started for Camden, where the marriage was performed by Magistrate Morris Odell.

It was past 6 o'clock in the evening when the party returned to the Bellevue-Stratford for the wedding feast, which was changed from a breakfast to a dinner.

### ON THEIR HONEYMOON.

Shortly after 7 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes started for Hot Springs, and at 8 o'clock the remainder of the wedding party returned to New York. The bride and bridegroom will, after spending part of their honeymoon at the Virginia resort, visit the St. Louis Exposition, returning to New York for Thanksgiving. Later they expect to sail for Europe and pass the winter abroad. On their return in the spring they will make their home in New York.

Mr. Rhodes was formerly actively engaged in business in New York, but is now retired. He spends most of his time in the metropolis, where he lives at 1 East Thirty-ninth street, but his voting residence is in Brunswick, Me.

The reason for the marriage taking place in this city was that under the New York law Mr. Rhodes was not permitted to marry again in that State. It was their desire to be married by a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, but being unable to find one who would perform the ceremony, they went to Magistrate Odell.