

MARRIAGE MAY 'BLOCK' \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT

Defendant Elopes to Elkton With
Daughter of Man Who Brought
Action for Betrayal

It is more than likely that the \$10,000 damage suit of Andrew Miller, a hotelman of Seventh street and Ferry avenue, Camden, against Joseph Cooper, a former bartender, for the betrayal of the plaintiff's daughter, Mary, will not be tried before Circuit Court Judge Lloyd today, as had been scheduled. Cooper and Miss Miller quietly stole away on Tuesday and were married at Elkton, Md., by Rev. George P. Jones.

This marks the culmination of an assortment of incidents extending over the past three years. In August, 1913, Cooper married Mary Stiefenski and they lived together until he secured a position as bartender for Miller. Almost at once a friendship developed between Miss Miller and Cooper. It ended in their disappearance on August 6, 1914. Nothing was heard from them for nearly a year, when it was learned they had been at Providence, R. I. Cooper was taken into custody when he made a flying trip to Camden. The girl was taken to Camden, and with her an infant that had been born while they were at Providence.

As a result of this, Cooper was arraigned before the Recorder, but Miller withdrew a misdemeanor charge. Then Mrs. Cooper began divorce proceedings and also a damage suit against Miller for alienation of her husband's affections. She charged that he was responsible for the attachment between his daughter and her recent husband. A verdict for \$1500 was given the wife, who also obtained a divorce decree last March. After that Miller began a suit against Cooper, and it was set down for today.

Cooper, his young wife and baby now are living happily in South Camden.