

GRANT DIVORCES RATE OF 130 A DAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—According to the census of 1890, there was a married population in the United States of 22,447,769, with an annual average of 33,147 divorces. That is, there was one divorce to every 676 of the married population. According to the census of 1900, says the Forum, there was a married population of 27,770,101, with an annual divorce record of 58,502, or one divorce to every 500 of married population. Between 1887 and 1906 the record of divorces reached the amazing total of 945,625. Nearly a million American marriages went to pieces in twenty years. That is, disruption overtook 47,281 marriages a year, 8,940 a month—more than 130 a day.

No one section of the country produces a much larger divorce crop than another. Louisiana, with its large Catholic population; Mormon Utah and Unitarian Massachusetts furnish similar figures. Broadly speaking, the divorce rate rises as we cross the map westward, but on the whole the rate is fairly even throughout the country. The rate is slightly larger in the cities than in the country, but divorce is by no means a city problem.

It is astonishing to find that divorce laws, stringent or liberal, affect the rate very slightly. New Hampshire, Utah and South Dakota show almost exactly the same proportion of divorces per population and per marriages. New York, with its one cause for divorce, and New Jersey, with its half dozen causes, show a rate nearly identical.

The solution of our divorce problem lies in securing a better relation between men and women in every department of life. It is an anomaly in this Republic that there should be any distinction on account of sex. It is absurd that women should receive lower wages than men for equal work performed or equal service given. It is unfair to deny women their share in public house-keeping. It is unjust to tax them and at the same time refuse them citizenship.

American women are all well educated, as intelligent, as moral, as conscientious and, within their opportunities, as efficient as American men. Once this is fully recognized, once the last vestige of sex prejudice and sex contempt vanishes from custom and from the statute books, once the same standard of morals is recognized in society as it is in the law, once it is made at least as

easy for women as for men to earn an honorable living, once marriage on absolutely equal terms is made possible—no moral or physical advantage on the side of the husband, no parasitism allowed on the part of the wife—then it will be perfectly safe to attach a divorce coupon to every marriage certificate, with permission to both parties to tear it off at will.

HINTS ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

To the Editor of The Guardian: Dear Sir—There are not a few persons who appreciate your valuable paper, among other things, for its weekly sermons. The following little homily in verse is neither theological nor Shakespearean, but it is eminently practical, and I am sure that it also will be appreciated both by preachers and by all true worshippers. It is entitled Hints on Public Worship.

"Bear with me while I say the crime is great Of those who practice coming in too late; As if God's service were by far too long, And none rejoiced to praise Him in a song.

Shall the doors rattle, hats and bonnets move To show how you the service disapprove? Disturbing those who come to serve the Lord, And even while they listen to His word.

If you complain you have too far to come, Set out a little sooner from your home; But those who live hard by have no excuse Except in idleness, or sleep, or use.

A little less indulgence in the bed— A little more contrivance in the head— A little more devotion in the mind— Would quite prevent your being so behind.

O! what a pleasing sight it would afford, If all were waiting for to praise the Lord, Each seat were occupied, and all the throng Ready to join in one harmonious song.

My brethren, this might mostly be the case If we were lively in the Christian race. Then every hindrance would be laid aside, To see and hear of Jesus crucified."

(Anon.) Thank you, Mr. Editor, for your courtesy in giving these lines space in your admirable paper. The lines themselves are anonymous, but this letter is not, and I have no wish to subscribe other than my own name. ERNEST E. STYLE, Pownal, Feb. 16th.

MRS. ASQUITH HAS POINTED THE PRICE

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Asquith's notable epigram uttered when giving testimony in the Westslander case has made her almost as famous as her husband, the Prime Minister, who in his reply to a question in the House of Commons uttered the not yet forgotten "Wait and see."

"Extravagance," she said, "is usually a passport to society."

Now a writer in The Tatler takes up the matter, and tells what the life of the modern society woman means and how costly is her life, if she means to keep "in the swim."

"The demands of the smart set," says the writer, "need a purse of Croesus, the powers of a quick change artist and the juggling abilities of a Chancellor of the Exchequer."

"For a society woman's life is vivid and various; there are forty-eight hours to her day, and she goes to Paris to fit a frock and to New York for a new face treatment. The London season is a costly campaign, and to carry on, say, from the middle of May to Goodwood a woman in the swim must have at least six sumptuous evening gowns, with a couple of 'little' frocks to act as accessories, and of course the usual lot of Ascot and garden party gowns, with a correct get-up for bridge, days on the river, short journeys and motoring. And all this without mention of the court gown and train which every year or two are demanded by position."

"Then, with August, come yachting trips and Cowes, followed by Aix Hongrois or Marienbad. September brings Scotland, with the fashionable race meetings later on. Next runs over to Paris, while November has the country houses parties and shoots. Then London again, with its Christmas, followed by visits to the Riviera or Egypt."

"As for the price paid for pet dogs—really a veil must be drawn over these proceedings. Three or five hundred pounds is often given, and some weird specimens are priced at £1,000."

THE ETHICS OF PIPE SMOKING.

From the vantage-ground of New York a note-taking Britisher undertakes to dispel some of the illusions nourished by his countrymen about things American. He is specially explicit about the customs of the court of my Lady Nicotine. As thus: "Men in this country have their code of social right and wrong, and it finds a curious expression in rules as to pipe-smoking. I shall never forget how, soon after my arrival, I sought out Fifth Avenue and intently smoked my pipe for half the length of it. During the other half the pipe lay concealed in my pocket; so many disapproving eyes had been directed my way, and I could not find another pipe to keep it company."

"I became quite interested in the problem, and found that in the United States the pipe-smoker was banished to a 'pipe-room.' For the life of me I do not know what the meerschauum and the briar have done to merit this legislation, but it shows an unexpected fastidiousness, and I hereby warn all pipe-lovers that if they wish to save their souls in America they must not be seen outside with a much-loved mouthpiece."

CONFERENCE TO BE MAINTAINED

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The morning papers are much excited over the reported intention of the Union of South Africa to propose at the Imperial Conference that contributions toward local and imperial defence should be substituted for the preferential tariff.

Premier Botha and Dr. Jameson both wired that there was no intention to raise question of abolition of preference on British manufactures at the Conference.

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HOSTILITY IN CHINA GROWS

PEKIN, Feb. 10.—Indications are not wanting in these days of the growing hostility throughout the country not only to the granting of foreign railway concessions, but even to obtaining money from abroad for the construction of those lines which the Government is anxious to build. The student body of the province of Sinking has issued what amounts to a proclamation practically threatening the government with war should further loans be arranged with foreigners. Some time ago a man from the province of Hupoh appeared in the courtyard of the Bureau of Communications and threatened, in Chinese fashion, to kill himself on the spot unless a railway concession were given him. The ruse was adopted of telling him to go back to his people and raise the necessary money by subscriptions—an impossible task—and the fellow went away rejoicing, and declaring that he had obtained his concession.

Such incidents, and constant threats upon the lives of ministers, are the only indications of the general hostility to what is considered the integrity of China, the members of the Government appear to be seriously hampered, though in the opinion of the diplomatists here, a strong policy would dissipate or crush all absurd hostility.

It is the declared policy of the Government to proceed with the building of railways, believing them to be essential to the very object which the people desire—the strengthening of China. And the Government is aware, from frequent experience, that sufficient money to construct any given line is only obtainable within the country with the greatest difficulty and at a higher rate of interest than it can be procured from abroad.

The explanation is that the Chinese of the wealthy class have no confidence in Chinese administration, while foreigners are in a position at all times to press for the interest and repayments on loans. The legations are of the opinion that at the proper time the Government will be pleased to receive a little pressure from them with regard to the Hukuan and other loans now in abeyance, as this pressure can be made by the Government an excuse for compliance with foreign demands.

THE SUCCESS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS.

HALIFAX, February 13.—F. M. Brown, general manager of the Nova Scotia Car Works, limited, the car building company reorganized by prominent capitalists from the old Stilliker Car Company, and which has been given valuable civic concessions by Halifax, arrived in Halifax on Saturday from Sydney and took personal charge of the establishment. Mr. Brown has been purchasing agent of the Dominion Iron and Steel company for three years, an exceedingly responsible position. He is possessed of large experience, having come through the mechanical department, and comes from the Standard Car Works of Hammond, Ind. He has been anxious at car building from boyhood and knows every detail of the business. From 1901 to 1908 he was master car builder and foreman of the C. P. R.'s Angus shops at Montreal. Mr. Rydberg is admirably suited for the mechanical superintendent of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Mr. Brown and he will surround themselves with expert hands and will at once complete the reorganization of the labor forces.

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WOMAN STARTS HOME FOR FRIENDLESS PRISONERS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Flora M. "Sister" Bilkins, converted actress and at present stenographer and humanitarian, has fitted up a house at 601 Monroe Street, Spokane, and made it a home for friendless prisoners and ex-convicts, who are released from the city or county jails, as well as the state penitentiary.

The house is fitted with sleeping quarters for the men, who pay for their lodging and board by adding her in the manufacture of horse radish and hominy, which she sells to the public.

There are men in Spokane today doing good work," said Mrs. Bilkins, and some in business for themselves, who came to me from the jails without a friend and started in this way to improve. Each man is a partner of this firm as long as he wants to stay, but if he will not work he must go. I raise chickens and some of the men attend to these for their board."

THE KAISER AND THE KNIFE.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—At a conference of throat and ear specialists yesterday Emperor William decided that an operation was not necessary at the present time.

It was learned however that physicians agreed that if improvement were not shown within a short time the monarch would have to go under the knife.

ROYALTY AND THE MEASLES.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Edward, Prince of Wales, and his brother, Prince Albert, have been attacked by measles at the Naval College, at Dartmouth, where there is an epidemic of the disease.

THE FARM TEAM.

The man who wrote the following may not be a practical farmer, but he knows boys and horses: There is perhaps nothing on the farm that holds the attention of a boy more than a fine team of horses in harness. Sometimes it may be difficult to get a boy to go into the field to work or to take a load of produce to market with a poor scrub team with dilapidated harness and wagon. He has a high sense of pride and his feelings are injured when caught in possession of such an outfit. He feels that if he is driving a worthless team people will take him to be a worthless boy.

Many a good boy has had his temper spoiled and fallen into the use of vile language by being compelled to work with a poor team and poor tools. With the best team, harness and tools and a strong man to handle them, often things will go wrong in the situation becomes vexatious. But old trace-chain harness, patched up with baling wire, or an old broken-down team will soon take all the pride and ambition out of the average farm boy. The boy will put up with some things going wrong, but when everything goes wrong he loses heart and confidence in the beauties of the "simple country life." When he is alone in the field and the backband breaks, the harness come unfastened, and double-tees fall to pieces and the plow jumps out of the ground every few rods thrashing him about the ribs, the boy begins to doubt the "divine right of kings" and his own exist-

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LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE.

To Bros. Rufus and Garfield Stevenson, Fredericton.—Dear Brothers: The heartfelt sympathy of the members of Refuge Division is extended to you on this sad occasion. You have been called upon to part with your dearest earthly friend who at the time was but in the midst of life though now silent in death. The loss a home sustains when a kind and loving mother's chair becomes forever vacant, cannot be imagined. Years elapse and their memories fade away; but the kind word of sympathy, the councils of right and the familiar form can never be forgotten. We can only commend you to the Father's love, the only certain anchor of life. That you may still have an unshaken faith in the goodness of God who doeth all things well, is the sincere prayer of your brothers and sisters of Refuge Division.

Signed on behalf of members Refuge Division, No. 201, S. O. T.: B. H. Rackham, Minnie Weeks, Eva Stevenson.

To Sister Mrs. J. W. McLennan, Kamsack, Sask.—Dear Sister: Since it has pleased Almighty God in His kind providence to remove from this life your dearly beloved mother, we, on behalf of the members of Refuge Division, Fredericton, wish to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy on this sad occasion. Kind words are unavailing to alleviate the pangs of a saddened heart; but there is One who understands your grief and can sympathize with you, and to Him, who was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, we would commend you in this your hour of sadness, and pray God that we shall all meet in that haven of rest where sorrow is never known and where love and harmony reign forever.

Signed on behalf of Refuge Division, B. H. Rackham.

IN MEMORIAM.

The death occurred suddenly at Glen William on Feb. 3, 1911, of Catherine Finlayson, relict of the late Donald Finlayson, aged 72 years.

Rest spirit free in the green pastures of the heavenly shore. Where sin and sorrow can approach no more.

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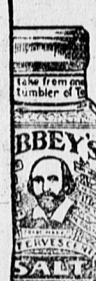
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RECIPROCITY IN U.S. CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The McCall Bill carrying into effect the reciprocity agreement reached the floor of the House yesterday and probably will be passed before the adjournment tonight. Even the opponents of the measure admitted today, there was no stopping it in the House.

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