

SERMON ON DIVORCE AND FREE LOVE.

In a New York paper the following appears:—Every time the anarchists on some well-known writer advocates free love as the proper and permanent condition of society a terrible hue and cry arises from all the decent people of the

land, yet, in the present tremendous growth of the divorce habit, it is not rushing toward it as fast as it could come by popular consent? So said Rev. Frederick Lynch of the Pilgrim Church, Madison avenue, in a sermon on "Divorce and Free Love." He went on to say, "For in the long run, where is the

real difference, between divorce being granted for the mere asking (as it is practically today) and men and women living together without marriage? Where is the difference between a marriage that may be entered into for only a year or so (as many marriages are entered upon today) and the French union libre? "Surely these thoughts must come

every serious minded man as he watches the rapid increase of divorce and the perfect ease with which it can be obtained. As he sees one man divorcing one woman after another, as the whim sizes him, he must wonder if we are not reverting to that condition in ancient Rome, Maecenas changed his wife nearly every year. Some men in New York will soon be doing that if the mad race goes on.

"When he sees a woman marrying her fourth husband—the others all living—he wonders if some of our women will not soon be emulating the Roman woman Martial speaks of, who has already arrived at her tenth husband—perhaps even the woman St. Jerome mentions who was married to her twenty-third husband, she herself being his twenty-first wife? Why not, if divorce can be had for mere asking and a six month's vacation from marriage at Reno? "And even this six months need not interfere with the state of marriage," for not long ago a New York society it is not becoming impolitic to say anything about shameful divorces, for you may be speak-

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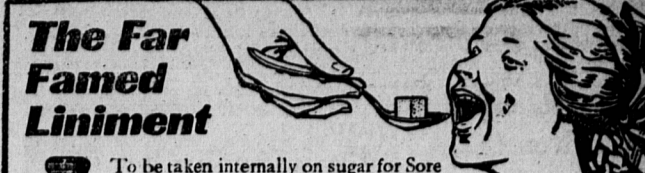
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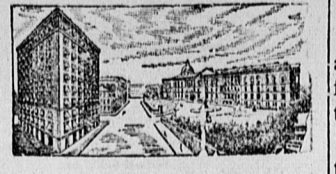
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