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## The Divorce Evil.

In theory divorce is a process reluctantly sanctioned by the community for the emancipation of persons from intolerable and licentious husbands, there are unprincipled wives, there are persons of both sexes of excessive cruelty in one form and another to their matrimonial partners, and most communities sanction divorce in the feeling that humanity demands it.

But in practice divorce is proving to be something very different. It is establishing a practice what has been described as "trial marriage." It is removing the sense of sanctity and perpetuity from marriage. The great number of persons, mostly wives, who are going to Reno prove how many divorces are sought for reasons that would not secure a divorce in New York, or in many other States where divorce is more easily obtained.

In a recent story Mrs. Corner tells of a New England wife who wearied of her husband—there was nothing like a quarrel—and also had met another man. Divorce is now generally sought not as deliverance from intolerable conditions, but as a means to a change of partners when custom has dulled the interest of one. But this wife gave up her search for freedom—and the other man—and returned to her husband on account of the women she found in Reno on the same errand that took her there. "I hated Reno," she said. "The streets were full of plump, self-satisfied blonde women, over-dressed and underbred."

Judge Kinne, of Michigan, who has been on the bench for twenty-five years, recently made some remarks that contrast strongly the theory and reality of divorce. Speaking of the views he used to entertain, he said: "It seemed to me that divorce was the only escape from brutality, wretchedness, and hopeless unhappiness but of late the privilege of divorce has been so misused and I have witnessed such flagrant disregard for truth, morality and decency, that my former convictions have experienced considerable modification if not revolution. In my opinion there is just one way to solve this problem. Let the next legislature enact a law that never again for any cause whatsoever shall there be granted a divorce from the bonds of matrimony in the State of Michigan. In certain cases let there be a degree of separation, but no dissolution of the marriage contract."

Separation would emancipate the victim of mistreatment, but it would not provide for that other man or that other woman. Judge Kinne's change of opinion reflects the effect of long and intimate contact with divorce in practice.—Philadelphia Record.

## With the Greensboro Normal Students in May-Day Fete—Four Famous May-Poles.

The tall young oak is cut down for a May-pole and the frolic fry of the town prevent the rising sun and with joy in their faces and boughs in their hands, they march before it to the place of erection. This custom is as old as the Druids to whom the oak was sacred. Later, however, the pole was made of whatever tree the people might obtain. An alumna of the State Normal College recently saw in Sweden a May-pole made of a magnificent fir such as is used for the mast of a large ship. It is erected on a hill and stands the whole year round.

A London church was called "Saint Andrew Undershaft" because of the pole which, planted in the ground every May-day, towered above the church steeple. Chaucer, speaking of an empty braggart, refers to this pole:

"Right well aloft and high ye beare your head,

As ye would beare the great shaft of Cornhill."

From May-day to May-day it hung upon frog hooks above the doors of the neighboring houses. In the reign of Edward

IV, after a bitter sermon against May sports the inhabitants of these houses in an acute attack of Puritanism, sawed the noble shaft in pieces.

The pole annually erected near Saint Paul's cathedral was kept in the hostelry called Gerard's hall and "reached to the roof thereof, a pole forty feet long and fifteen inches about, fabled to be the jousting staff of Gerard the Giant." Until 1852, when the historic building was demolished for civic improvements, there stood over its gate a carved wooden figure of the giant, pole in hand.

Probably Shakespeare often saw in the village of Welford, the tall, red, white, and blue May-pole planted in the centre of a mound on which the dances performed.

The Parliament of 1644 ordered that "all and singular May-poles that are or shall be erected shall be taken down," but in 1661, on the very first May-day after the Restoration the most famous "Idoll" of English history, a cedar 134 feet high, was erected in the Strand by sea-merchant by Duke of York. In 1717, old and beginning to decay, it had to be taken down. Sir Isaac Newton (blessings on his saintly head and poetic soul) arranged for its purchase and conveyance to Wanstead, Essex, where it became the support of the great telescope presented to the Royal Society of Hugon, the French astronomer.

This pole is often mentioned in literature. A nineteenth century humorist asks:

"What's not destroyed by Time's relentless hand?  
Where's the Troy? and where's the May-pole  
in the Strand?"

## Should Give Advice.

Editor Johnson, of Charity and Children, does not remember when the newspapers were so liberal in their advice to the farmers as they are now. "It is a pity," he says, "these editors are not in the cotton growing business—they are so well posted."

Now, Johnson has gone and fixed it. The idea of an intelligent editor as the Charity and Children pencil pusher wanting the editors of the State to throw down their cob pipes and "Mikado No. 2" pencils and don a straw hat and pair of overalls in competition to the honest hard-working farmers who are already realizing entirely too little for their labor is almost inconceivable. Of course our good friend meant to "throw off on" the editors for offering advice, but his proneness to such a feeling as that is almost an unpardonable sin. It is the duty of an editor to keep posted on subjects relating to the welfare of his readers and to inform them as to the best methods to pursue, and when he fails to do his duty and that which he is expected to do. And, furthermore, a large part of the editors of North Carolina were "fed up" under broad-brim hats, on the inside of overalls and at the northern end of a mule going southward and therefore know from experience something of what they are talking about. It's alright for newspapers to offer advice to their readers. However, if a man has no advice to offer, the best thing he can do is to keep quiet.

## Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

## "Horse Sense" Defined.

It was not an Asheville school boy who, when directed to use in a sentence the words "horse sense" wrote: "A man forgot to lock his stable door one night and he hasn't seen his horse sense."—Asheville Gazette News.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

## Wasn't That Goin' Some?

Law's Lash.  
A ghost shook hands with a nigger one night

In a cold, dark, lonesome road;  
The coon gave a whoop and his eyes stuck out

As he leaped from under his load.  
He ran like a buck, and he then sat down.  
He felt so strange and numb;  
Then the ghost sat down by his side and said,

"Well, wasn't we goin' some?  
"Dat wasn't no race!" the nigger exclaimed  
As the cold sweat covered his brow.

"It's jes' a-creepin' along dar dea.  
"But I's gwine ter run some now."  
He overtook a passenger train.

And scared the conductor dumb,  
As he climbed in the car with the ghost at his side.

And wasn't that goin' some?  
They say Glen Curtis in his aeroplane  
Sailed up in the sky one day,

When a young cyclone from the torrid zone,  
Came twisting along that way.  
With a slight creak of his flyin' machine  
He made the hurricane hum;

For he seized its tail and led it away.  
And wasn't that goin' some?  
When the time comes on for a candidate  
To seek for the White House door,  
We always know the Nebraska man  
Will enter the race once more.

Three times already he's met defeat,  
But fast as the failures come,  
He backs himself and tries it again,  
And isn't that ruinin' some?

Shocking Sounds  
in the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Bondy, South Rockwood, Mich. "It is certainly a great kidney medicine." Try it. 50 cents at all druggists.

## Pay Your Poll Tax.

This is a Presidential year and those who would help elect a Republican President must pay their poll tax and otherwise qualify themselves to vote.

It does not matter so much whether you are for Taft, Roosevelt or La Follette, but, if you want to help elect either of them, you must pay your poll tax. Don't wait thinking that some one else will pay these for you, because this is against the law now and won't be done this year. You must pay them yourself to be qualified to vote.—State Dispatch.

## Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c. at all druggists.

## Democratic Legislation Bearing Fruit.

There were twenty-five farmers in town Saturday offering to mortgage their farms for money to pay debts contracted while prices were high, debts they cannot pay with nine cents cotton. If the tariff legislation threatened by the Democrats is enacted cotton will go even lower, and thousands of farms will be sold under mortgage.—The Lincoln Times.

## He Won't Limp Now.

No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me." Heals old, running sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it. Only 25 cents at all druggists.

## Chewing Gum Slot Machines.

The chewing gum slot machine has been knocked out of commission by official decree of the attorney general. Gum chewers are hereby blocked in their desire to secure penny chewing material.—Chailotte News.

## Afraid to Tackle the Proposition.

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## Then And Now.

We hear people speak of hard times, but it appears to me that times must be good if one is to judge by the way people dress. This is a fast day, and it is hard for the laboring class to make buckle and tongue meet, and it is not infrequent they do fail to do so. The tongue will get too short fall through on the other side. provisions are high and labor is cheap, but where there is a will there is a way. Now, let us turn back forty or fifty pages, to the sixties, when all the stout young men kissed their mothers, wives and sisters good bye and left their farms in charge of their old fathers. What did the good and noble women of the South do? They went to work. They raised the cotton, spun it and wove it into cloth and made their own dresses. They looked nice and neat. They had it to do, because they could do no better. They would go out to the barn, bridle and saddle their horses and ride to church. Donned in their new home made dress it was such a pleasing sight to the eye. If they desired a church hat what did they do? They marched themselves out to the wheat or rye field and cut the straws, bleached the material and manufactured their own hats. They looked all right, because it was the style at that time.

How about sugar and coffee? There were none. They roasted wheat and rye for coffee and homemade molasses was the substitute for sugar unless they were fortunate enough to possess honey. If they baked a cake they used molasses for the sweetening. They tasted powerful good. How would that do to-day? Well, at least no hotel nor boarding house would dare place it on the menu. But when people can't do any better they simply do the best they can.

What a change has been wrought in times and people in the last 45 or 50 years! We must confess we are living too fast. If we had continued to live as we did at the close of the war, I think times would be much better than at present. Then we had to deny ourselves of many things that we strain to get today. Is it not true?—A Subscriber in Reidsville Review.

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The Lincoln County News says "two more cotton mills busted this week—more republican prosperity." My God, man, wake up. Did you not know that those "cotton mills" happened to be woolen mills and they busted on the next day after the democrats passed their free trade woolen tariff bill. Whoa haw, Sarah Jane.—Lincoln Times.

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