

SECRET DIVORCES.

They Benefit the Guilty, They Do Not Shield the Innocent.

By Thomas Fenton Taylor.

Our boasted equality means, at least, equality before the law, not in social standing or in inherited wealth. Still the rich litigant must always have the advantage of his purse in procuring astute counsel and in that store of subtle judicial notice which some judges may take of wealth and social position, even where some of the parties to the suit must be recreant to the responsibilities which that wealth and position entail upon them. So far as I know, the annals of our idle rich justify no such judicial notice. The divorce now the occasion of your inquiry was doubtless just on its merits and free from any taint of collusion. Still, although carried through with legal form, it has all the earmarks of being proceeded with as preconcerted.

The contract of marriage is a peculiar contract, as it involves a change of status of the parties touching our standards of civilized living, and so it is held to be a matter of public interest. Divorce by collusion is always feared and scrupulously fenced against by the law. In some jurisdictions the trial is attended by counsel for the public as if a third party to the suit. I recall an instance of a divorce procured here on the written detailed sworn confession of the wrongdoer, witnessed by several important merchants of this city, where the judge in open court went into the facts minutely and properly acted as counsel for the State. This wrong doer, though unsuspected, had been faithless for years. The parties were above suspicion of collusion, were of excellent family, but not of inherited wealth or noted socially, yet an attempt to glide through even on this damning confession no doubt would have met with scrutiny to which objection could be well taken. Where the proof necessary for divorce comes from third parties—maids, flunkies and others—while the parties immediately interested are dallying afar in the pleasant places of the earth and depending, so to say, on their "rank," collusion should be narrowly watched for, lest precedents might arise on which collusion might be based later.

The secrecy of the court proceeding is entirely out of consideration for the public decency; it intends to suppress the prurient. All right-minded people must desire to shield the innocent members of the family involved and feel deeply for them. But so far as those innocent members are concerned the facts are known, in effect. Then the persons most largely benefited by this present secrecy are the very ones who least deserve any public consideration, but who in fact should be known—the wrongdoers. They are, it seems, possibly subject to penalties on the other, and necessarily the public, side of the court. Let justice be administered with an even hand even though the rich and mighty must be known as they deserve to be and as they really are.—New York Times.

THREE FACTORS WORK AGAINST THE SALOON.

There are three great elements that have produced the "dry" movement says The Delineator for January—the organized temperance forces, the doctors, and the employers of labor. The temperance people have been the moral force, the doctors the scientific, the employers the economic.

The result is a dry belt, which is a thing absolutely new in history. Perhaps some people can remember smiling half sadly at the spectacle of the little round-faced boys of the Loyal Legion bravely marching at some W. C. T. U. entertainment under a big banner inscribed "Tremble, King Alcohol. We Shall Grow Up." Well, North Carolina gave sixty thousand majority against prohibition in 1901. In 1908 she gave forty-four thousand majority for it. The boys had grown up.

The movement against intoxicants has changed its name three times. First it was "temperance," then "prohibition." Now comes the new word, "Anti-Saloon." It exactly represents the present phases of the movement. It is no longer dealing with individuals, whether children or drunkards. It is voting to exterminate the saloon; and in this movement great numbers of moderate drinkers must have joined.

It is not possible to believe that some of the majorities in the dry territory were composed entirely of total abstainers. This is a curious and significant fact. No moderate drinker joins a temperance society or the Prohibition party. Only total abstainers entered those. But there must be thousands, perhaps millions, of moderate drinkers in the Anti-Saloon movement. They are not teetotalers, but they are anti-saloonists.

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Wasted Tears.

Mrs. Newell Dwight Hillis, wife of the eminent Brooklyn homilete, loosed a boa constrictor in the camp of the Chicago suffragettes the other day by advising them to go home, fall upon their knees and give thanks to Heaven for sending them such excellent and long-suffering husbands. "You talk of your wrongs," said Mrs. Hillis, "but I tell you that your husbands have wrongs a thousand times more bitter. They must work hard while you are idle; they must find the money to pay for your vanities. No wonder the death rate among husbands is greater than that among wives. No wonder widows outnumber widowers in our cities." So saying, Mrs. Hillis retired from the rostrum, and the assembled suffragettes began an indignant cackling. The affair still engages Chicago, and will do so, no doubt, until the next carnival of crime.

It is impossible, of course, to deny Mrs. Hillis credit for her courage, but is equally impossible to give her credit for sapience. In her, as in all other women, sentiment triumphs over philosophy, and emotion gets the better of ratiocination. That is to say, she is prone to take a too romantic view of the universe and to be too lavish with her sympathy. Contemplating the sorrows of the married man, she gives herself up to pity, whereas, as a matter of fact, he deserves no pity at all. The utmost, indeed, that charity can demand for him is that the world refrain from laughing at him to his face.

The adult man who ventures into matrimony always does so with his eyes open. He has heard the heart-breaking stories of his married friends, he has been favored with the solemn warnings of widowers, and his bachelor well-wishers have exhorted him eloquently. When, despite all these efforts to save him, he yields to hypnotic advances of some scheming widow or match-making mamma and permits himself to be lured up the Aisle of Sighs, to the cacophonous music of "Lohengrin," and with a high collar around his neck and light shoes upon his feet—in such event, all sympathy for the fellow becomes a hissing and a mocking. As well pity the winebibber who complains of the morrow's malaise, or the soldier who complains of wounds of the yokel who raises a cry of treachery when the adroit thimble ringer rakes in his hoard.

Bradstreet's Weekly Trade Review.

New York, Jan. 14.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Reports as to trade and transportation show variation of price and weather conditions affecting sales. Retail trade in winter goods has been helped by cold, stormy weather and the usual January price revisions. A very fair volume of reorders is reported by jobbers, while the volume of orders for spring reaching whole-sale houses from travelers is fairly good.

"Indoor industries seem to be actively employed, notably iron and steel and shoe manufacturing. Best reports as to new business in iron and steel come from the West. Collections have been interfered with by interruption to crop movement and are rather irregular, especially from country districts.

"The question of higher costs is being considered by many manufacturers who are finding higher prices for new material and requests for advances in wages."

A Sympathetic Listener.

Adelaide's sister was playing a sad, plaintive air on the piano. Adelaide had been listening and she said to her mother, "Mama, don't you feel sorry for that piece?"

An overlooked wealth of fine timber has been revealed in Papua, or New Guinea, which is practically on the equator and has an area of 300,000 square miles. The late investigation has shown seventy-nine useful woods in considerable quantities—including fifteen varieties of cabinet woods, fifteen suitable for joinery, sixteen adapted for beams, girders, etc., ten that may serve for carriage work, five that give promise as boat building material, four that are good for piles, and fourteen that may be applied to many miscellaneous purposes.

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Pride is as loud a beggar as want.—Italians.

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SINAI AND CALVARY.

By John Hay.

There are two mountains hallowed By majesty sublime, Which rear their crests unconquered Above the floods of time. Uncounted generations Have gazed on them with awe— The mountain of the gospel, The mountain of the law.

From Sinai's cloud of darkness The vivid lightnings play, They serve the God of vengeance, The Lord who shall repay, Each fault must bring its penance, Each sin the avenging blade, For God upholds in justice The laws that He hath made.

But Calvary stands to ransom The earth from utter loss In shade that light more glorious The shadow of the cross, To heal the sick world's trouble, To soothe its woe and pain, On Calvary's sacred summit, The Paschal Lamb was slain.

Almighty God direct us To keep Thy perfect law! O blessed Saviour, help us Nearer to Thee to draw Let Sinai's thunders aid us To guard our feet from sin And Calvary's light inspire us The love of God to win.

How the French Make Them.

Fanchonettes—Invert patty-tins and cover with puff paste. Prick and bake in a very quick oven until they are entirely risen, though not sufficiently browned. Remove, fill with lemon filling as for lemon pie and return to the oven. These little tarts are delicious covered with a meringue and browned in the oven. A slight grating of lemon-rind in the centre of each tart is an attractive addition to the meringue and emphasizes pleasantly the lemon flavor.

Macaroon Tarts—Mix the yolks of two eggs with one-half cupful of granulated sugar and beat until light. Roll a half-dozen dry macaroons and flavor either with the grated rind and juice of an orange or a lemon. Mix this with a tablespoonful of melted butter. Beat all these ingredients until they are smooth and then add the stiffly-beaten whites of the two eggs. Cover inverted patty-tins with puff paste, prick and bake in a hot oven. When cool, fill with macaroon mixture. Place for a moment in the oven until the tops brown.

Napoleons—Divide paste into thirds and roll each portion into a sheet as thin as possible without breaking. Prick and chill before placing in the oven. When well baked, cool, and spread between the sheets of puff paste any flavored cream filling preferred. The top should be covered with a thin layer of confectioners' icing and sprinkled with finely-chopped nuts. When ready to serve, cut into blocks two inches wide by four long.

So It Is.

Strother was just four years old when one day he came to me and said, "Mother, I know what a dream is. It is what the pillow tells you while you are asleep."

A very important influence upon history must have been exerted by various forms of disease. The black death of the Middle Ages is supposed to have had much to do with the making of modern England, the early failures on the Panama canal were largely due to malaria fevers, and the tsetse fly disease of horses has greatly hindered the colonization of parts of Africa. That malaria was a leading factor in the decline and fall of Greece and Rome is a conclusion a year or two ago by W. H. S. Jones. The theory has been confirmed and developed by a further study of ancient writers, and it is thought to be pretty certain that there was little malaria in Greece before 500 B. C., and the rise of charms and other superstitious practices are looked upon as possible results of spreading malaria. Just before the final triumph of Rome the character of the Greeks changed, and they lost courage and ambition, cared only for pleasure and became cruel, brutal and vicious—this change being largely traceable to the ravages of malaria. That the disease soon brings loss of vigor and moral sense has been well proven. The effects in Rome are more uncertain, but malaria appears to have reached the country by 500 B. C., and to overspread it before the end of the republic, greatly affecting the life of the people, though it may not have been one of the causes of the fall of the empire.

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For Monument at Arlington.

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The nineteenth of January marks the anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and, on that day, collections will be taken for the erection of a grand monument to the Confederacy, to General Lee, and to the soldiers who sleep at Arlington.

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OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR SUMTER CO., SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 3, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of real estate, personal property, and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1910.

- Tindalls, Tuesday, Jan. 4th.
- Privateer, (Jenkins' store.) Wednesday, Jan. 5th.
- Manchester, Levi's, Thursday, Jan. 6th.
- Wedgfield, Friday, Jan. 7th.
- Claremont Depot, Monday, Jan. 10th.
- Hagood, Tuesday, Jan. 11th.
- Remberts, Wednesday, Jan. 12th.
- Dalsell, Thursday, Jan. 13th.
- W. T. Brogdon's Store, Friday, Jan. 14th.
- Maysville, Tuesday, Jan. 18th.
- Shloh, Wednesday, Jan. 19th.
- Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, Jan. 20th.
- Oswego, Friday, Jan. 21st.

All persons whose duty it is to make returns should be prompt to meet me at these appointments. All returns must be made before Feb. 20th, 1910.
J. DIGGS WILDER, Auditor for Sumter Co. 1-2-8-1-21-10.



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