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WHY A DIVORCE COURT?

A number of influential newspapers is advocating a Canadian Divorce Court. This is not a new plea but has this year been given an impetus by the circumstances that there are 67 applications for divorce.

These applications will be heard by a committee of the Senate. It is argued that each hearing will occupy at least two days and extend over a longer period than parliament customarily sits, and that therefore a special court should be established to hear such cases.

The number is this year unusually large, and regretfully to say is due in a majority of instances to the absence of men overseas. Wolves have attacked the fold during the shepherd's absence. This epidemic of lust is an abnormal occurrence and may never occur again. Why set up permanently a large piece of judicial machinery when it may not again be needed?

The Canadian public, has, and wisely so, made it difficult to obtain divorces. They have seen how easily the marriage tie may be severed in the United States and how detrimental are the effects. An actor of some parts, who died in New York recently, will be briefly remembered for having been five times married and four times divorced. What will be the fate of his children?

The foundation of society is in the home. The more stable this is the better for civilization. When marriage bonds can be cast aside like a pair of worn gloves, and new ones substituted, the social fabric is weakened. When those entering wedlock know that the step is irrevocable, they will bear with one another's shortcomings.

One of the causes of divorce in large cities is said to be the apartment house, where frequently a "No Admittance" sign is posted against children. A campaign against race suicide is more necessary than an easy exit from the marriage state. Canada, which has thus far done well in hedging marriage about with safeguards, ought not to remove them.

When the abnormal free losses of the country are being discussed, it is averred that their prevention is more important than their extinction. Is not the same true of divorce?

While the woman has always paid the man, who is chiefly to blame, usually goes free. He works the ill and is shielded from publicity. Were this reversed and his wrongdoing published from the house-tops, there would be fewer applications for divorce.

In the big batch of divorce applications awaiting the senate's disposition, a large percentage are those of soldiers, whose homes have been violated by two-legged things for whose sake they were risking their lives in Europe. Printable language falls short of being able to describe these crimes. Creatures who contemplate such housebreakings would think twice before attempting them were they certain that discovery would cause them to be held up to condemnation in the public prints. Shift the blame to men's shoulders, making them bear the disgrace, and fewer divorce applications will appear.

Regarding the unusually large number of applications, now before the Senate, it might be suggested that if one committee cannot dispose of them, two or three committees would be able to do so.

In our opinion, it would be better to postpone the hearing of any number of them until a following session rather than set up a new court that would make divorces easy of attainment.

CONSCRIPTION

It was expected that war-weary Europe would, at the peace table, decide to renounce conscription, yet it is not presently to disappear. The main reasons are that the nations have so long relied upon armed force and do not yet trust one another. Cromwell's dictum: "Trust in Providence but keep your powder dry," still holds good among them.

The nations realize that conscription has been the curse of Europe. Under it millions of young men are forced to spend from one to three years of their lives in uniform, producing nothing and placing an enormous burden upon the taxpayers.

Conscription preserves the war spirit and military caste feeling. Thus men, after learning this calling, are naturally not averse to practicing it.

Large standing armies are dangerous weapons ready to the hand of tyrants, either to oppress their own peoples or to overrun the neighboring countries. Conscription, apart from its moral evils, wastes yearly thousands of millions of dollars of the world's wealth and makes life harder and food and clothing dearer for whole populations. Nevertheless for all they hate it, the nations are not yet ready to give it up.

Even so, their standing armies will hereafter be smaller and the conscripts' terms of service shorter. The hopeful aspect in an adverse situation is that when the League of Nations has been formed and had time in which to demonstrate its usefulness, its functioning will cause distrustful nations to perceive that an international police force is all sufficient to maintain peace. Hence individual standing armies will become unnecessary.

BY THE WAY

A practical builder declares that brick laid in heated mortar at this season of the year sets firmer than when laid during the summertime.

In 1918, Guelph received \$57,375 in dividends on its stock in the Guelph Junction Railway. The sums so received are applied to taxation. Notwithstanding this, its rate last year was 30.6 mills.

The Guelph Mercury says that a second electric railway between Hespeler and Preston is projected and that work is to begin at an early date. Why another line?

A well-known citizen advances the opinion that a gratuity should be voted to Miss Smith, the School Nurse, as a tangible mark of approval of her splendid services in the homes of the city during the recent epidemic of influenza. So say all of us!

A mile or two

He—Shall we live with your parents after we are married?
She—The question is, can we live without them.

A Cinch

"That's a peach-he's with," said a skater on the

Charles, "but I guess they're married."
"What makes you think so?"
"I just heard him asking her if she was ever going to learn to put on her own skates."

Very Dangerous

"These short skirts are rather bewildering."
"Yes, it isn't safe any more to offer to take what you think is a little girl on your lap!"

Snobbe

"If, as the poet says, ladies' looks are our books will you not let me learn from your eyes?"
"Thanks, but my eyes are already supplied with pupils."—Baltimore American.

WAIT A MINUTE

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS"

Dr. Cyrus Adler, who will preside over the annual session of the American Jewish Historical Society which is to meet to-day at Newark, is widely known for his educational work and his association with leading Jewish organizations in America. Born in Arkansas, in 1883, he removed in early youth to Philadelphia, where he was educated at the University of Pennsylvania. His special knowledge of Oriental antiquities led to his appointment as assistant curator in the National Museum at Washington. His active interest in bibliography and his wide learning were later recognized in his appointment as librarian of the Smithsonian Institution. All through his career Dr. Adler has displayed intense interest in the Jewish cause and in Hebrew learning. He has served as trustee of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, of Gratz College of Philadelphia, and of the Jewish Publication Society.

TO-DAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1753—Jonas Galusha, six times elected governor of Vermont, born at Norwich, Conn. Died at Shaftesbury, Vt., Sept. 24, 1824.
1806—Lord Grenville became British premier.
1820—Theodore O'Hara, who wrote the famous poem of "The Bivouac of the Dead," born at Danville, Ky. Died in Alabama, June 7, 1867.
1869—Many lives lost in the burning of the steamboat "Nelly Stevens" on the Red River, in Arkansas.
1894—Beginning of hostilities between Peru and Ecuador.
1910—Transatlantic liner "General Chanzy" sank off Island of Minorca, with loss of 156 lives.
1915—United States warned the warring nations not to abuse flag or attack American ships.
1917—Ambassador Gerard, with 120 other Americans, arrived in Switzerland.

ONE YEAR AGO TO-DAY IN THE WAR

President Wilson made reply to Hertling and Czernin.
Italians repulsed violent Austrian attack west of Brenta River.
Large Austrian steamer sunk in Buccari Bay by Italian torpedo boat.

TO-DAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Prof. Clive Day of Yale, one of the specialists who accompanied President Wilson to the peace conference, born at Hartford, 48 years ago to-day.
Henry B. F. Macfarland, of Washington, D.C., a leader in many public-spirited movements, born in Philadelphia, 58 years ago to-day.
Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, born at Portland, Me., 46 years ago to-day.
Rt. Rev. G. Mott Williams, Episcopal bishop of Marquette, Mich., born at Fort Hamilton, N.Y., 62 years ago to-day.

MAGIC BECOMING A LOST ART

Seventy-five years ago to-day occurred the birth of Alexander Herrmann, whose fame as a prestidigitator has been recalled by recent reports of the serious illness of his widow, Mme. Herrmann, who was an able assistant to her husband in his professional work, and who has continued to tour the country giving performances of some of the tricks and illusions originated by her famous husband.

The art of magic, so-called, has been practised in all lands and in all ages, but none of its exponents ever succeeded in winning the favor of the American public as did "Herrmann the Great," whose marvelous sleight-of-hand performances furnished welcome entertainment for two generations. As a magician Herrmann was without an equal, but it was not alone his cleverness in this line that his popularity was wholly due. He possessed a most attractive stage personality, which with his graceful gestures and quick repartee instantly won his audience.

The heyday of the conjurer's art appears to have passed with the death of Alexander Herrmann, for of late years magic has lost its grip on the people. Grown-ups and juveniles no longer marvel at the flower beds that burst into bloom from the air, at a wave of the magician's wand. The dark witchery of beautiful maidens levitated without visible support, of spirit cabinets and vanishing cards and cornucopias of paper that needed but the touch of the wind to overflow with roses, is witching no longer.

The many "properties" used by magicians in doing their tricks have been made for years in one little shop in New York. Twenty years ago the place was doing a wonderful business. In those days it was nothing for one of the star magicians to pay a thousand dollars or more for a new illusion. Kellar's famous "Blue Room" illusion cost \$2,500 to put together. The paraphernalia that Herrmann carried with him on tour cost \$75,000. His trunks alone cost \$5,000.

Not alone is the decline of magic due to the departure of the great leaders among the magicians. It is also, in a measure, due to the fact that the master inventors of magic are dead and their places have not been filled.

One of the greatest inventors of them all was De Kolta, who passed away some fifteen years ago. The flying fish was his, as was his greatest illusion, the cocon. This was first presented abroad, and then, in 1897, brought to New York. This was the master illusion of them all. The magician pasted a plain sheet of paper across a frame, drew a picture of a silk worm upon it, and then smashed the paper. Out of the hole burst a mammoth cocoon. With a movement he rent the cocoon asunder, and from its depths emerged a great butterfly—his wife.

When Herrmann, with his magnetic personality, was in the field, his mere appearance on the stage gripped the imagination of the audience. They always were ready to expect anything from Herrmann. To see Herrmann perform a new trick was to set all the others in the profession, big and little, to trying their hand at it. The famous magician was most jealous of his secrets. When he occupied a theater none of the stage-hands were permitted to come close to his paraphernalia. Some of his greatest illusions died with him, for even his wife, who assisted him in their performances, was not fully acquainted with the inner workings of the feats of magic.

There are still magicians appearing on the American vaudeville stage, and some of them are excellent performers. But virtually all of them are sleight-of-hand artists rather than great illusionists as were their more famous predecessors of a generation ago.



February Whitewear Display

We invite you this week to our White Goods display. A collection of pretty White-wear, Blouses, Corsets, Laces, Embroidery and a wealth of interesting Cotton materials for making up Spring and Summer wearables. It has been difficult to get these goods, but ready cash and good connections with the best centres of production has made this display possible. Ready tomorrow, Wednesday morning Feb. 12th.

WAISTS

Silk Crepe and Georgette Waists, in dainty colors of maise, white, flesh, peach, grey, navy and black. Made in pretty styles, with round or square neck, also convertible collars, bead and emb'y trimmed, prices ranging from \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.25, to \$7.50, \$10.00 to \$12.75.

HABUTAI AND JAP SILK WAISTS, in white, pink, maise, stripes and black. Made in plain and tucked styles, with square or convertible collars, special prices at \$2.25, \$3.00, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

WHITE VOILE WAISTS, a good assortment of Ladies' Voile Waists, in plain or striped materials, fine tucked with Swiss embroidered fronts, round or V shaped necks, prices at \$2.25, \$3.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, to \$6.00.

FANCY SILK CAMISOLES, a beautiful assortment, in satins, taffetas and Jap silk, in delicate shades of pink, maise and white, emb'y in colors, prices at \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.45 and \$3.00.

SILK NIGHT GOWNS AND COMBINATIONS, in silk crepes, satins and habutai, made in Empire and slipover styles, colors in pink and white, prices \$2.25, \$2.75, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

SILK UNDERSKIRTS, in taffeta, silk jersey, habutai and maise, colors in rose, paddy, white, purple, navy and black.

Prices at \$2.75, \$4.50, \$5.75, \$6.75 to \$7.50.

COTTON NIGHT GOWNS

Made in Empire and slipover styles, including open fronts, lace and embroidery trimmed, prices ranging at \$1.40, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.25, to \$4.50.

COTTON CORSET COVERS

fine embroidery and lace trimmed, with small lace sleeve, all sizes 34 to 44, prices 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, to \$1.50.

TEA APRONS, in fine organdy

swiss, muslin and lawn, trimmed with dainty lace edging, price 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c to \$1.50.

LADIES' COTTON DRAWERS

Ladies' White Cotton and Cambric Drawers, lace and emb'y trimmed, also plain hemstitched frill, special at 45c, 50c, 65c, 85c, \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Ladies' White Cotton Drawers, made in extra large sizes with plain tucked frill or emb'y trimming, special at 55c, \$1.00 to \$1.75.

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS

Children's White Cotton Drawers, in good quality cotton, with lace and emb'y trimming, sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 to 14 years, at 40c, 45c and \$1.00.

APRONS, MAIDS

Maids' White Aprons, made with bib and straps, in plain hemstitching styles, emb'y trimmed, special at 65c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$1.40.

WAISTS

Ladies' white voile waists, made in American and French voiles, in pretty new styles, round and square neck, convertible collars, fine tucks and emb'y fronts, special at \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$5.00, to \$6.00.

LADIES' GOWNS

Ladies' White Cotton Night Gowns also nainsook made in slipover and Empire styles, made with fine tucks, lace and insertion trimmed, at special prices \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, to \$3.50.

Ladies' Night Gowns, open front styles, long sleeves, tucked yoke and emb'y trimmed, special at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Ladies' Night Gowns, in extra large sizes, made in open front and slipover styles, emb'y and lace trimmed, special at \$1.85, \$2, \$3.00 and \$3.75.

CHILDREN'S GOWNS

Children's Night Gowns, made in good cotton, trimmed with emb'y and lace, sizes 2 to 14 years, special at 65c, 75c and 90c.

UNDERSKIRTS

Ladies' White Cotton Underskirts, including large sizes, made with deep flounce of emb'y and lace insertion trimmed, special prices \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$3, to \$4.50.

Fine Showing of New Cotton Materials.

BLEACHED COTTON

Extra fine qualities bleached cotton, fine finish, 33 to 36 inches wide, price per yard 22c, 25c, 28c, 30c and 35c.

FINE CAMBRIC AND LONG CLOTH

A large assortment to choose from, medium and heavy quality, fine satin finish, 34 to 36 inches wide, price per yard, 25c, 28c and 40c.

FINE MADAPOLAM COTTON

Manufactured expressly for ladies' and children's underwear, very soft quality and finish, 42 inches wide, price per yard 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c.

BRIDE'S CLOTH

Fine quality bride's cloth, no dressing, absolutely pure finish, thoroughly shrunk, 42 inches wide, per yard 40c, 45c and 50c.

PLAIN WHITE VOILES

New spring and summer voiles, fine sheer qualities for dresses, waists, etc., 36 to 44 inches wide, price per yard, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00.

FANCY EMBROIDERED SWISS VOILES

A beautiful selection of emb'd Swiss voiles in white and colored, for early spring dresses, waists, children's dresses, etc., 36 to 40 inches wide, per yard \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00.

40 inches wide, per yard \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00.

FANCY WHITE VOILES

Piece after piece in white fancy voiles in beautiful patterns of stripes, checks and fancy sheer qualities, 36 to 42 inches wide, price per yard 50c, 65c, 75c up to \$1.00.

WHITE DAINTIES

Sheer quality white dimity in checks and stripes, good quality, 22 inches wide, including shell pink, pale blue and wine, per yard 35c, 40c and 50c.

EMBROIDERY COTTON

One that is guaranteed to give the best of wear in every way, purposely made for night gowns, underskirts, etc., 42 inches wide, per yard 35c, 40c up to 50c.

36 to 42 INCH NAINSOOK

Nowhere will you find a larger stock of fine nainsook than we are showing, extra fine quality and finish, 36 to 42 inches wide, per yard 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c.

10 pieces only, fine snowy white nainsook, soft quality and finish, no dressing, 40 inches wide, per yard 35c.

VICTORIA, INDIA AND PERSIAN LAWN

See this large stock of white lawns in fine qualities of 36 to 40 inches wide, per yard 25c, 28c, 30c up to 45c.

WHITE INDIAN HEAD

A good showing of white Indian Head, medium and heavy quality, 36 inches wide, price per yard, 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c.

SNOWY WHITE COTTON GABARDINE

Snowy white gabardine, fine mercerized finish, soft quality, used for dresses, skirts, middie, etc., 40 to 42 inches wide, price per yard 55c, 60c and \$1.00.

WHITE PIQUE

27 to 36 inches wide white pique in wide, medium and narrow cord, good heavy quality, best manufactured, per yard 35c, 40c, 50c and 60c.

WHITE MERCERIZED REPP

White mercerized finish repp in medium and heavy quality, used for uniforms, dresses, waists, middie, etc., 27 to 30 inches wide, per yard 50c, 60c, and 55c.

WHITE CASHMERE FINISH DUCKS

A beautiful soft finish cashmere duck, for skirts, middie, dresses, etc., 27 inches wide, 30c and 35c.



Men's

Special Sale of Men's Worsteds and Serges, fancy Pure Botany Wool Serges and see this line, it will pay.

NAVY BLUE S

2 Men's Fine All Wool S blue, sizes 40 and 42, worth \$30.00. Sale price.....

NAVY BLUE

2 Men's Fine Botany navy sizes 42 and 34, worth \$30.00. Sale price.....

NAVY BLUE

18 Men's Extra Fine All made from the finest Eton to 44, worth today \$45.00, Sale price.....

NAVY BLUE

17 Men's Extra Fine All beautiful linings, splendidly today at special order, \$50. price for.....

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