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### How Long Can U.S. Stand It?

Divorces in United States in 1922 numbered 148,815, and in 1923 165,139. It was an increase of 11 per cent, while in the same time marriages increased 8 per cent.

As each divorce affects two persons it means that in 1923 there were 330,278 more divorced persons in United States, or in the two years 630,408.

Allowing all possible margin for legitimate and pressing need for divorce, there is yet a tremendous number who have gone through the divorce mill on some pretext or other, doing so because they realized they were living in a land where it was comparatively easy to evade the ties that bind the foundations of a nation's strength.

The figures are daring enough to constitute a challenge to the future of United States, and to call into question the rigor of its moral stamina and the virtue of its national creed.

### Old Things That Endure

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been playing in London. Old, certainly, but people didn't seem to think of that. When they saw the announcement of the show they didn't say, "Oh, I saw that in a tent when I was ten years old." Chances are that they went again and took the children with them.

One of the most famous world singers who has visited London in recent years closed her program with "Home, Sweet Home." People knew what was coming as soon as they heard the first few bars of the accompaniment, but they didn't get restless. No one remarked, "I've heard that before—it was the first thing I learned to play." Not a bit of it. If a vote had been taken "Home, Sweet Home" would have stood away up on top of the whole program.

The manager of an opera house in a western mining town had booked nothing but burlesque shows for months. He had an opportunity to put on "The Bohemian Girl" by a first-class company that had two open nights. He decided to "take a chance." The miners, who had been fed on loud burlesque, heard a fine baritone sing "The Heart Bowed Down" and they insisted on its being sung five times the first night, and on the second night, when there was not even standing room left, the singer was not allowed to stop until he had sung that old song the seventh time.

It is the same with hymns. Occasionally a committee will sit in session to revise the music of a church—they imagine there is a call for something new, and so a number of the old favorites get the go-by. And the man in the pew, not much of a vocalist at any time, but who found vent for a great many emotions in some of those old hymns—he tries to tag along, wonders where the organist got that tune, wishes he had sense enough to play the old one, and glares his protest at the offending choir and its master.

Age is the real test to which a play, a hymn or a song must submit itself. Time has a peculiar faculty of letting the froth of newness turn into the flatness of disapproval. It also, by the same turn, plants its hoary stamp of approval on the real thing.

### The Coming Ottawa Session.

The Dominion parliament will be called into session earlier than usual in 1925, and there should be few dull moments. The whole matter of freight rates has been thrown back on the House, although it is doubtful if the most equitable settlement can be expected from a political debate. Senate reform will open the flood gates of oratory; the tendency toward centralization in banking circles will surely draw fire. The Progressives, realizing that they must soon face the electors, are almost certain to employ their time seeking additional tariff decreases.

This latter case, which has passed the stage of speculation, is attracting the attention of the practical politician. He sees the Progressives as a group of hard bargainers who will support the King government only when the government is promoting the legislation favored by the Progressives. The man who looks at this situation from the point of practical party strategy also asks if, when an election comes, will the Liberals have to go to the country and fight Progressive candidates just the same as if there had been no co-operation promoting certain legislation, and the answer undoubtedly is that such will be the case.

The next question is: How far can the Liberal party go in dealing with the Progressives and still carry with them the following which they have from centers where the further reduction of tariffs would not be viewed with favor. From Ontario alone there are eleven such members from centers that are largely industrial. Some of these voted against the government on the last tariff, not so much on account of what it contained, but to register their opinion against a general movement in this direction. The problem of holding this Ontario vote and at the same time securing enough support from the Progressive party to see the budget safely through is going to be in itself assurance against any dull moments around budget time.

The Progressive party itself is divided on the matter of co-operating with the government. A section of it served notice on Robert Foulke last session that it would not attend caucus

meetings, holding that its members were not elected for the purpose of sanctioning any working arrangement with existing parties. That cleavage in the Progressive party is likely to reassert itself in the next session at Ottawa, which may be the last before a general election. If that tendency becomes more marked it is likely to cause the Liberals to look more to solidifying their own ranks than to drawing support for government measures from the Progressives.

The government would be well advised to deal with such matters as civil service expenditure in a way that can leave no doubt that it intends to insist on maintaining a pay roll sufficient to do the work in hand, but no more. It will find the country responsive to any such move that will reduce needless expenditure. In Senate reform it should go as far as it can get authority. A much smaller and less expensive body would perform all the senatorial work necessary, and it would also prove to the country that the government does not regard the chief virtue of the Senate as being a place where political service meets its reward.

The government has to its credit a record of sound financing, a reduction of the national debt and a decrease in expenditure, and this is a claim not easily overlooked. It has paid its way and had money left over in spite of a falling off in revenue; it has taken less money from the people in taxation. It should continue definitely in this direction.

### A Stupid Publication.

German chemists have issued a book on the war, in which they state that the Canadians broke and fled at Langemarck, where gas was first used. As a matter of historic fact, the Canadians stood their ground, extended the line from which French colored troops fled in the face of gas, and barred the road to Ypres.

The publication of such rubbish in Germany is evidence of political and commercial stupidity that has served Germany to no good purpose in the past.

### Note and Comment.

A captain in Montreal police department says he won \$15,000 in four years playing the races, so it would mean no hardship if he were fired from the police force.

Girls in one of the New York public schools are to have boxing lessons, so when the battle of wits goes against them they can regain lost ground by a battle of mits.

Former Premier Asquith says Liberalism in Britain is in need of a radical shaking up, meaning, no doubt, that he considers it was a shaking down it received at the late elections.

Pictures show a Hindu snake charmer teaching the art to his son. They do things differently in this country, where the son of a snake charmer would probably start selling mining stock and gold bricks.

The people of United States ate 50,000,000 more pounds of butter in the first nine months of this year than the same period in 1923. The dairy cow may yet take the place of the spread eagle on the national currency.

Old-time Conservatives resent Winston Churchill having picked off the best portfolio in the Baldwin ministry. The fact remains that Churchill is comfortably located on the lid of the national cash drawer, and he is not of the type that slides off readily.

Thirteen years ago Wayne Bayless was in Washington. He wanted to see over the heads of the crowd, so he climbed up on a monument, for which he was arrested. A few days ago Bayless was elected to Congress, and can now view the scenery at Washington from the seats of the mighty.

Claimants known as the "Martin, Steelman, Adams, Smith" heirs announce that they own the whole of South Jersey under a royal grant by Queen Anne in 1695. The property is worth over a billion dollars, and the only fly in the ointment is the fact that the heirs are not able to take possession.

### Spending Money

One time I bought a suit of clothes, 'twas from a firm in Timbuctoo, they said they had the finest rags all carved and shaped in lines then new. I reckoned I would show the lads just how a fashion plate should look, me thinkin' I'd look like the dude he had paradin' in his book.

But when I put the garment on I looked much like a tin-horn sport, the trousers wrinkled at the knee, the legs was carved two inches short. The coat it bulged up in the neck, it humped upon my collar bone, it looked as though I'd bought the cloth and made the thing myself at home.

I penned a letter to them chaps, what dwell in far-off Timbuctoo, a-tellin' them just what I thought, a-askin' what they was to do. Well I got back a note from them, as saucy as a note could be, they figured that the fault, must lie in how the fates had fashioned me.

Since then I buy my duds at home, I go unto the folks I know, a-tellin' them as how I want my jacket to hang so and so, the trousers loose to hold my frame, the vest cut close beneath my chin, a suit that covers up the fat and makes me look straight-like and trim.

And if the thing ain't just that way, I go unto his shop once more, he doesn't sweat me on the jaw and plant my carcass on the floor. That shop man smiles upon my views, he doesn't get ruffed up at all, proceedin' for to make the thing hang like the paper on the wall.

And all the seeds I leave with him he uses them for rent and pay, so folks what work for him all week can buy their full of corn and hay. The merchant points at me with pride, as I go prancin' down the street, a-wearin' of his raiment on, and lookin' happy like and neat—he tells another chap he sees as how I do my tradin' there, the other chap allowin' too as how I'm lookin' pretty fair.

The coin it circulates 'round here, it's better business through and through, than takin' from my hard-earned wad and shippin' it to Timbuctoo, because I reckon it this way, a-tradin' with my own town men, I've got an even break at least of layin' hands on it again.—ARK.

## Rarebits By Rex

### THE FLIRT.

Although I'm not a prude or highbrow  
I think a maid that vamps a male,  
Who arches one expressive eyebrow  
To captivate, should go to jail.

I hate to see a dame act giddy  
And smile on unsuspecting guys,  
I hate to see a winsome widdle  
Speak in the language of the eyes.

Such policies, I claim, are hurting  
To woman's charm and dignity;  
I hate to see fair women flirting  
Unless that flirting is with me.

Now that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is here we won't be surprised if some real estate dealer tries to rent it as a bungalow.

"Corn Crop in U. S. Lightest in Years."—Headline. The explanation being, of course, that the pedestrians are nearly all killed off.

"There are only two sure ways of dying quickly," says Dr. J. T. Townsend, noted alienist. One, we presume, to go hunting with friends and the other to live in Detroit.

Mr. Meighen told an audience last week he was a self-made man, we're glad to learn that he accepts all the blame himself.

Some of these self-made men look as if they were home-made.

Secretary Hughes of the United States nearly burned his beard off, says a despatch. We hope the loss is covered by insurance.

"Poison Gas Makes Ten Sick"—Headline. Now we know why the boys leave the office every time we light our cornucop.

"What do three balls in front of a pawnshop mean?" asks a subscriber. We referred the question to Jacob Fox, local pawnbroker, and he said: "Faith, Hope and Charity."

A helpful wife is a wife who, when she tires of her fall hat, uses it as a parlor lampshade.

The surest way of becoming a millionaire is to marry a millionaire's only daughter.

An ignoramus is a person who thinks a Calvinist is a supporter of Calvin Coolidge.

St. Patrick would have been better employed if he had rid Ireland of its shillalahs.

"The police rushed in and found Winnifred Brooke. Horrible groans rent the air."—News item. Winnie was apparently trying to tune in on Toronto.

The street railway system doesn't know whether to use iron or steel on its new cars. But surely it realizes that iron is good for the system.

### PAINFUL PATHOS.

"I don't know how old he is, Maisie, but his hair looks as if he's in his early thirties."

Will somebody tell us why the mayor insists on running a third time when he can use a bicycle?

## Dr. Frank Crane

### The Oldtime Religion.

In a sermon by Rev. Halford E. Luccock, he insists that the trouble with the old-time religion is that it is not old enough.

"Give me the old-time religion. It is good enough for me! It was good enough for Moses, for which he was arrested. A few days ago Bayless was elected to Congress, and can now view the scenery at Washington from the seats of the mighty."

What people usually mean by the old-time religion is that they do not want to be disturbed. They want to retreat into the old conventionalities and have nobody stir them up.

The essence of religion, however, is revolution. It is doing something opposed to convention and backed only by conscience.

The religion of Moses which is sung about was not that of mildly sitting down, under Egyptian conditions, but in doing something adventurous and brave.

Abraham had the same kind of religion. Paul and his companions were accused of turning the world upside down. A man cannot have real religion unless he revolts at the requirements of convention and habit, which clamp down the rest of the world.

Religion is something that removes a man from custom and habit and makes him a creature of conscience only. It is a disturbing factor. It is the element of progress.

It is, and always will be a protest against things as they are and a going back to first principles.

If, therefore, a man has the old-time religion, the religion of Moses and Abraham and other worthies of ancient history, he has something that makes him independent and courageous and adventurous, something that makes him depend more upon the cosmic laws of the universe and his conception of God than upon the law of custom and the traditions of man.

Religion is the oldest thing in the world, and it is also the newest thing in the world. It is like water that has flowed for many a year and is continuing to flow. It means an ever-present inspiration for an ever-present need. It is not something that can be crystallized in the past, but something that is ever new and fresh for the future.

## Press Comment

A New York engineer who has invented a self-playing saxophone is coming to England. As a refugee, we imagine.—Punch (London).

That Hollander who says America has nothing to compare with Dutch windmills should see our cheer-leaders.—Kenosha (Wis.) News.

From what we can learn, conditions in the United States at election time are the parallel of those that obtain in Canada. About 50 per cent of the people get out and vote, while the other 50 per cent criticize the results.—Hank, in St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## Glasgow's Cathedral

The following description of Glasgow cathedral and its relation to the traditions of Scottish religious history was written by A. C. Thomas, a former Lobo boy, now on a tour through the British Isles, using a motorcycle, and making an investigation of conditions and places as he finds them.

Glasgow, Nov. 3.—The traveller in approaching the city of Glasgow cannot help but be impressed with the stern and defiant appearance of this magnificent city of the north. It is to Scotland what Liverpool is to England—a great seaport. Aside from this, however, it has grown to be quite a manufacturing city, especially in the manufacture of marine engines and accessories, as was demonstrated at the British Empire exhibition.

To one who has not previously witnessed a city built entirely from stone, the architecture and construction of this mammoth Scottish city is indeed a pleasant revelation. However, it does not possess the places of interest to the extent that its sister city, Edinburgh, may rightly claim. True it has probably without doubt the most magnificent cathedral in Scotland, dating from the twelfth century, and which fortunately has weathered the storm of the days of the reformation. The column to Sir Walter Scott in the center of George square, and near by "City Chambers," and the beautiful cenotaph erected to the memory of the heroes of the late world war are worthy of mention.

Glasgow university, a magnificent block of Gothic academic buildings, is located on the summit of Gilmore hill, on the banks of the Kelvin, and beneath this, to the south, is the museum, one of the most interesting it has been my privilege to visit in Great Britain. The Necropolis, situated near the heart of the city and to the east of the cathedral, contains the tombs and monuments of many noted men who have helped to make Scottish history. The grounds of this beautiful ornamental cemetery are approached by a path running along the south wall of St. Mungo's churchyard, which surrounds the cathedral. By a winding ascent, the visitor reaches the summit of the grounds. Conspicuously placed on the extreme summit of the hill, the Doric column, with the statue of the stern reformer, John Knox, arrests attention. The square base is filled with inscriptions on its four sides, one of which reads:

### JOHN KNOX

Chief instrument under God of the Reformation, died in Edinburgh, Nov. 24th, 1572, 67 years of age.

The elevation being very considerable at this point, the whole city is stretched out beneath the eye of the spectator, while at hand rises the lofty and imposing spire of the cathedral. On the opposite side, the eye ranges over a large expanse of fertile and well-cultivated country, embracing the upper valley of the Clyde. At the northwest corner, situated near the heart of the city and to the east of the cathedral, has been set apart for the interment of members of the Jewish faith—a lofty and ornamental pillar marks the spot. The ground was opened in 1830 for interment, and belongs to the Corporation of Merchants.

### The Ancient Cathedral.

WITH reference to the cathedral, it is said there is no edifice in Scotland that has attracted more of public attention than this magnificent structure, and a peculiar interest attaches to it, from its being the only ecclesiastical edifice of importance, with the exception of Kirkwall, that has come down to the present time in its original state.

In visiting the cathedrals of the British Isles, the visitor is usually curious to learn of the incidents and happenings of the days of the reformation as regards each particular edifice. From the history of Glasgow cathedral, I learned that shortly after the election of Archbishop Gavin Dunbar in 1523 the infallibility of the Church of Rome began to be freely and boldly questioned; and "Jeremiah Russell, one of the Greyfriars, a man of great learning, and John Kennedy, a youth belonging to Ayr, were brought to stake as heretics, and were burned at the east end of the cathedral." Thus began the troublesome days of the reformation. The cathedral occupies a prominent and important position, being situated on a rising ground at nearly the northeastern extremity of the city. The architectural features are said

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to possess one of the finest examples of the early English or unadorned Gothic. In the edifice, including those of the crypts, there are 147 clustered columns, and 159 windows of various dimensions, many of them exceedingly beautiful. Its length from east to west is 319 feet. The spire from the floor attains a height of 225 feet.

On entering the church by the south porch, the stranger finds himself in the nave of the cathedral, where instantly is beheld many relics of interest.

A glass cabinet contains the original "Glasgow Cathedral Reader's Bible," printed in London in 1617; used in the cathedral subsequent to the reformation. Removed from the church about 1745, discovered by Mr. Allan Clark and restored to the church on Aug. 11th, 1849, as was also an hour glass which was found with the Bible.