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THE EXACTLY OF OUR MARRIAGE REGULATIONS.

Talking about the exactness of our marriage regulations it is a fact that they are so far behind those of Michigan that Windsor has become notorious as a sort of Canadian Gretna Green.

H. C. Morris, United States consul there, states that he has a great deal of trouble in regard to marriage licenses issued in Windsor for parties residing in the United States. He has written to W. J. McKee, M. P. P., in regard to securing from the Ontario Government some change in the method of issuing licenses. He has also sent a despatch to the state department at Washington on the matter. "As matters are at present," says Mr. Morris, "many complications arise, and it takes me weeks to straighten out some tangles in connection with marriage licenses which have been procured in Windsor by parties from my own country. I believe that 95 per cent. of the people who come from the States to Windsor to be married have some secret reason for doing so, and in many instances the girl is made the dupe of a scoundrel, who secures a license and then makes her believe that is all that is necessary in Canada. If some law was passed making it compulsory for ministers to register marriages within ten days after the ceremony was performed, it would be far better for persons who wish to look up the records. The license issuers should also be compelled to register the licenses with some local official."

It would be better still to make a civil marriage by an authorized official necessary in addition to the church ceremony. If there were but one official in each community authorized to issue licenses he could also perform the civil contract which would be the one legally recognized. This official, therefore, would be the only person responsible. For the religious ceremony the contracting parties could still go to any minister they liked and no responsibility would rest on the latter.

WHY NEWSPAPERS DO NOT MAKE MONEY.

There is a great deal of truth in the following from the London News:

"Theoretically the newspaper makers are a power in the land, but as a matter of fact they don't amount to much. They have no influence with the powers that be, and they don't deserve to, for with sublime idiocy they look after everyone else's interests so well they have no time to look after their own. Consequently a benevolent government 'soaks them on the point of the jaw. The government does this in various ways, by giving Canadian paper mills the benefit of a high tariff, by charging a high tariff on type and every other article that the Canadian newspaper man needs, and lastly by benevolently allowing carloads of Yankee newspapers to spread themselves all over Canada without paying a cent of duty. Of late the Government has gone even further, for it has abolished free postage. This wouldn't be so objectionable were the Yankee newspapers charged postage as well as the Canadian papers, but they aren't, for the very good reason that the American publications come in by express and not by mail."

The News might have gone further and pointed out that after the papers are hampered in every possible way by legislation the publishers waste the rest of their profit cutting each other's throats by pushing into fields where they have no legitimate business. To do this they take anything they can get from subscribers and some of them actually date their papers a day ahead so as to try and deceive their readers into believing that they are getting them the same day as they are printed. If the proprietors of these journals would adopt a uniform price, make a fair profit and rest content with a legitimate circulation they might make money in spite of tariff and postal discrimination. But they don't. They try to force themselves into fields where they can only keep a small foothold by fake means and in doing that they sink all their legitimate earnings. There are papers in London and Toronto which can be secured outside those places for \$1 a year and yet they soak their home subscribers \$3. Probably the home subscribers do not know this. If they do the mystery is, why do they put up with it?

Chatham expects every citizen to beautify his premises. It all counts in adding to the appearance of the city.

The announcement that the Ontario Government has decided to encourage the frog-raising industry may be taken as a sure sign that it is going to croak—Ridgetown Dominion.

The electors will make it hop when they get a chance.

The reduction in Chatham's population is alleged to be largely due to the unusual number of young men who have this year evaded poll tax assessment. We don't believe in poll tax, but still it is law, and until the law is repealed the tax ought to be collected. It is said certain boarding house keepers have not given the assessors the

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names of those demoted with them. The penalty for this is \$25 fine in each case. A few examples might stop an increasing and dishonest practice.

Mr. Marter has introduced a bill in the legislature which cannot become law any too soon. In this province companies which possess public franchises can most flagrantly ignore the conditions, and yet there is no simple means of bringing them to time. Under present conditions if a municipal corporation brought an action in court to compel a company to perform a contract there is no machinery to enforce the order of the court. The intention of the bill is to provide a remedy so that power could be delegated to some officer to see that the order of the court was obeyed.

Within the past two weeks nearly 300 men, women and children have left the vicinity of Detroit to seek homesteads in Alberta, Canada, and it is estimated that within the next few years 6,000 more expect to leave Michigan for the Canadian Northwest. The Canadian homestead laws are more liberal than the laws of the United States, requiring two years less in Canada to perfect a title to a homestead, and no expense attached. An additional inducement to emigrants is the free transportation furnished by Canada to its northwestern territories for both persons and effects. The state of Illinois has sent five carloads of settlers and their effects to Port Arthur, and the new emigrants are taking up land in the State river valley.

BY IGNORING IT.

Ottawa Citizen.

The cabinet that could brazen out the facts that have been disclosed, culminating in the "accidental" burning of the West Egin ballots, can be depended upon to find a way of escape from an adverse majority of sixteen.

THE SUPERLATIVE.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Wanderer—Yes, Missus, I was with the boys at Santiago. We laid in the trenches four days before we got a drop of water to drink, we did. The Lady—It must have tasted better than the best wine when you finally got it.

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London Lady Has a Pet in the Shape of a Wolf.

In the ordinary course of things wolves are not regarded as desirable household pets; but, in the neighborhood of Regent's Park, appropriately enough, there is one often to be seen taking its walk abroad, securely muzzled, and in the charge of either a lady or a gentleman.

A Daily Mail representative called the attention of Albert E. Jamrach, the naturalist, of St. George street, to the fact, and asked him whether keeping wild animals as pets was coming at all into vogue. His reply was that, while wolves were not popular pets among ladies, there were some very weird creatures from the desert, or the prairie, or the jungle, that nowadays found their way into a household.

Several instances were given. As a rule, he said, ladies prefer small animals as pets. A very popular pet is the cottontail, which is sometimes known as an ant eater. Its home is in South America, and it very quickly becomes tame. It is about the size of a badger, and can be safely kept in the house, or in the garden if there are not any flowers in the way.

The suricate, which comes from South Africa, very readily submits to a quiet domestic life. The late Frank Buckland always kept two specimens in his room. The suricate is a carnivorous animal, about as large as a ferret, and is a great favorite with Zulus and Kafirs, who almost worship it.

Lately there has been a great demand for the mongoose, a curious little animal which is introduced in one of Rudyard Kipling's famous jungle stories. The mongoose, which no doubt owes its popularity to Kipling, has rather a fiery spirit, and is useful as a rat-catcher, but it can be remarkably tame, and then it finds a warm place in the hearts of lady admirers.

Up to a few years ago the kinkajou, a native of South America, had a prominent place in English homes, but it ran away before the advance of the railway engine, and is now running wild in inaccessible parts of the great southern continent. Formerly the kinkajou, which has a very fine prehensile tail, was seen in many houses, but it is now rarely seen. There is one in the zoological gardens, and the keeper proudly points it out to ladies, who at once fall in love with it. Among animals other than dogs which ladies keep as pets are large squirrels, Australian opossums, and kangaroos.

Birds as pets have gone almost out of fashion, and there is now scarcely any demand for them. In the old days, well-stocked aviaries were to be seen in nearly every lady's house, but the poor birds have been forsaken since the advent of bicycles, and they are scarcely ever inquired for now.

At the present time the most popular bird is the orange-flanked parakeet, which is delightfully tame, one of its principal recommendations being that it willingly takes its food while perched on a lady's finger.—London Daily Mail.

Have a Pilech.

Are we to thank a gripper for the latest fad which well women have taken up? Whether that prevalent disease is responsible or not, the fact remains that the fashionable woman of to-day has taken to "snuff."

Snuff boxes are a dainty and as yet novel adjunct for one's dressing table and chamber, and it is not to be wondered at that this has proved an inducement to the habit. The very finest snuff is used, and it is said that the manner in which some of our smart women have learned to use it is very taking indeed, though to many even this is hardly a compensation for the habit as a habit.

Only the ultra smart women have taken to the snuff habit, as they did to that of cigarette smoking. It does not necessarily follow that those of more conservative taste will adopt the habit. Leisure, lucie and laxity of standard to an unlimited degree are needed before one can become converted either to snuff taking or cigarette smoking. A striking thing about the present revival is that it appears to be confined to women.

Rabbit Foot to the Fore.

Lately the rabbit foot has seemed to be in vogue, and especially after several purchases of the charm had discovered, to their disgust, that their rabbit's foot was only that of a poor harmless domestic cat.

The demand had evidently exceeded the supply, and pussy had been brought into requisition. The fad, in consequence, perhaps, had fallen into disfavor, when, lo and behold! from the seats of the mighty the edict has gone forth proclaiming it the thing again. One of the principal factors in the cotton given by Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt recently were dainty, gold mounted rabbit's feet. These little feet were vouchered for as being the genuine hind foot of a grave-yard rabbit, and therefore brimful of tallamantic qualities.

A Trade Lost to Women.

In these days when women are gradually usurping men's places in nearly all trades and professions, it is refreshing to learn the fact that men are now paramount in a trade which used to belong entirely to women—that of glove-making. This is due chiefly to the introduction of machinery used to-day for sewing and dressing the seams and to improved means for draughting patterns which were formerly of paper or wood. Glove-makers are divided into three classes. Those who seam the fingers and put in the thumbs are called the makers; those who hem the edges at the wrist, wetters, and those who embroider the back pointers. The earnings of all classes is only \$2 a day.

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ANDREW THOMSON, Auctioneer. 2nd mlwd

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Andrew Thomson, Jr., having received instructions from Mrs. S. D. Fisher to sell all her household furniture, the same having been moved in from their residence down the river to the Oddfellows' store, situated on King Street and will be sold without reserve on

Thursday, April 26th, 1900.

at one o'clock sharp, consisting of the following—Brussels and Axminster and Wilton carpets and rugs, one handsome oak dining room suite, sofas, onyx table and other tables, handsome old pieces, rocking chairs, lamps, draperies, curtains, silk table covers, brass curtain poles, hall rack, hall chair, large plate mirror, four fine bedroom suites also two extra dressers, three toilet sets, one bed lounge, bedding, glass, encyclopaedia Britannica, self bound, one good refrigerator and other articles too numerous to mention. This furniture is all of the very best. Call and see it.

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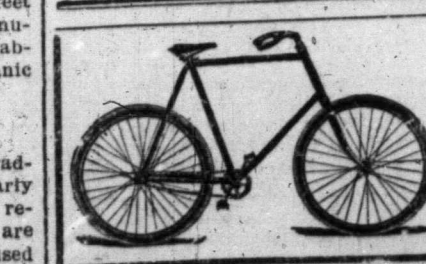
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