

WHERE DIVORCE COMES EASY

In New York There is a Regular Divorce Mill.

of the Greatest Swindling Schemes of Modern Times—Witness to Order.

It is a very, very cold day when some novel swindling scheme is not brought to light in New York city. The latest is a bogus divorce mill through which absolute divorces have been granted on the testimony of hired co-respondents, who knew nothing of the principals in the proceedings. The chief schemer of the gang of divorce swindlers is a lawyer named W. Waldo Maisson. The grand jury has ordered commitments against him, his partner, Henry Zeimer, and Frank Wilson, a professional witness. Maisson has not been found, but Zeimer and Wilson are in custody. The women who acted as professional co-respondents have not been indicted and it is probable will not be arrested, although they are guilty of the foulest kind of perjury. Their testimony has been willingly given and will be used to convict the chief conspirators.

The methods of the gang, while novel, were simple. Through advertisements and solicitations people who wished to become loosened from the bonds of wedlock went to their office and stated their cases. The conspirators were shrewd enough, usually, to judge whether or not the suits of their clients would be contested. If they thought not they were anxious to take the cases and guarantee divorces providing the requisite fees were in sight. If contests seemed probable they would not guarantee divorces, but would take the cases on the same conditions as any legitimate lawyers would. In the former cases they would present their petitions to a judge and request that referees be appointed to hear the testimony so as to avoid publicity and embarrassment to the parties interested. Then before the referees the bogus, or professional, witnesses would appear and swear to whatever their employers wished them. The reports of the referees would go before judges, who, finding everything regular, would sign the decrees of absolute divorce. It is not known how long this business has been carried on, or how long it would have continued had not a stenographer recognized a co-respondent in a recent case as the same woman who appeared in a case a short time before. His suspicions were aroused and he communicated them to the district attorney's office. An investigation revealed the whole scheme. An examination of the offices of the conspirators revealed documents which show that thousands of cases have been handled during the past three years and that money had poured into them in a steady stream. As high as \$250 has been paid for a decree in some cases.

The interesting question now arises if there are not a number of innocent victims of the bogus divorce mill who may have married again and are therefore guilty of bigamy. It is also believed that the schemers are guilty of forgery as well as of conspiracy and injury. This belief grows out of the fact that in a number of instances referees have refused to make reports, either because their fees were not paid or because they were not satisfied with the evidence. The parties in these cases seem, it is stated, to have received decrees. Further investigation will no doubt bring out many interesting features and it is believed that many more indictments will be ordered. It is also intimated that other lawyers in the city have been guilty of similar practices.—Ex.

Returned His Money.
Leigh Hunt, formerly of Seattle, is an American millionaire who owns more gold mines and hydraulic concessions from the government of Corea than all of the other foreigners in that country put together. He is not yet 45 and is reputed to be worth \$20,000,000, acquired chiefly through lucky investments in the Orient. Five years in Corea, most of the time living in simple style among the natives, have made an eccentric out of him. He recently arrived in this country from the Orient and evidently left there with the idea of making up for his past lack of holidays.

On the second day out he was unwillingly drawn into a poker game on the steamer. The limit soon touched the ceiling and Hunt and Baron de St. Laurent, the Belgian vice consul at Shanghai, who was on his way home

on official business, were soon the only ones who could stand the pressure.

The men gambled with huge jackpots until early in the morning, by which time the Belgian diplomat had parted with all of his loose cash and 10 U. S. aggregating \$3500. International complications were matters of a misty past when the baron tremblingly listened to Hunt's next suggestion.

"I don't want to keep your money," said the American cheerfully. "Let's shake dice and you can win it all back by doubling every time you shake."

By this time the two formed the center of excitement for all the passengers on board the ship. Fifteen minutes later the \$3500 had increased something over \$12,000, and then the baron broke down and wept.

"I wouldn't take your money," said Hunt. "You can't play poker nor shake dice, anyhow, and I'll let you off on one condition."

Five minutes later Capt. Pybus before the 200 passengers took the solemn oath of Baron de St. Laurent over a Bible that he would never play cards again.

This was the most wildly eccentric act of the American on his sensational trip.

COMING AND GOING.

A special member of the fire department is to be appointed to inspect flues.

The council has received a communication from Fred Blundell, an indigent who wants to be assisted financially in reaching the outside, because he has been looking for work here for the past three years without having found it. Whether it is his success or the lack of it, which is the most surprising is a question in the minds of many.

Residents of South Dawson want a street lamp placed near the Eldorado bottling works.

The scheme of Grand Forks citizens for fire protection by means of a 50,000 gallon water tank on the hill back of town, has been rejected by the council.

Sam Bonfield is making preparations to do the grand with a number of his intimates on Christmas day.

The Yukon council committees have been re-organized so as to place the two new members on them.

The Salvation Army bases its plea to the Yukon council for financial aid for the "sheiter" on the ground that if it did not feed those destitute who daily apply for meals, that the government would have to.

The law library here is to be increased by the "Reports of Ontario." The books are to be purchased in part from Justice Craig and from Attorney Ridley, at catalogue prices. The books will cost upwards of \$1000.

Mr. Cameron who applied for the privilege of erecting a slaughter-house on the ridge above town some time since has had his petition denied, unless he puts it in different form and locates the building farther away.

Must Be Something Wrong.

There are a number of homely old sayings around which cling a strong aroma of truth. For instance: "Where there is much smoke, there is usually some fire," and "Where de rooster scratch, dar is de w'm found," etc. Just at the present time there appears to be a unanimous kick about the mail service between Dawson and Whitehorse. First, every individual patron of the postoffice got in and howled; then organizations took it up. The Liberal Club discussed it and appointed a committee of investigation; the Board of Trade held a meeting and passed some pointed resolutions along the same line, and last night the Yukon council got in and basted the mail carriers up one side and down the other. Thus is the mail company getting it from every direction with two or three dancing clubs and the Salvation Army yet to hear from.

From all of which it appears that if the mail carriers desire to square themselves, and give evidence of, in a measure, earning the \$4,000 annually pulled down for the work or alleged work, the service will be improved from now on. Otherwise, it is hard to predict just what will happen by the time all the unreported organizations register their expostulations against the present service.

Xmas at the Pioneer drug store. You know what that means.

Outfitting at Meeker's.

Lindemann the jeweler has removed to Monte Carlo building.

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The Criterion hotel has been remodelled and is now to be run on the family hotel plan, where, with finely appointed rooms and an excellent dining room service the patrons of the house can be entertained. Manager J. H. Weiter has reduced the price of rooms and will make every effort to have a first-class family hotel in every respect.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

In Magistrate McDonnell's court yesterday afternoon further evidence was heard in the case in which B. F. Germain was charged with having misappropriated \$50 entrusted to him by Chas. A. Wickerdahl, with the result that Germain was held over to the territorial court, his bondsmen being himself in the sum of \$1000, and Messrs. Te Roller and McDougal in the sum of \$500 each.

This morning Night Watchman W. J. Graham swore out warrants for the arrest of Albert Booth and Freeman Anderson on the charge of assault. As Graham says the two men have threatened to "fix" him they will likely be required to give peace bonds.

Amie St. Germain who formerly conducted a cigar store near the Klondike bridge, but who lately moved to Third street south, will be up this afternoon on a charge of conducting a house of prostitution, the charge being preferred by her new neighbors.

A Methodist Calculation.

A man in Dawson who is possessed of a lead pencil and a mathematical turn of mind, announces that the mild weather which has continuously prevailed for the past 12 days, has been the means of saving to the people of Dawson fully 200 cords of wood which would have been required for fuel had the weather continued as it was previous to the present mild spell. Should it so happen that there will be no more cold weather this year, the calculator asserts that fully one-third of the wood provided for winter will be still on hand when summer comes.

Fine Holiday Display of Meats.

Tomorrow and throughout the holiday season, we will have on exhibition one of the finest displays of meats ever shown in the Yukon, consisting of all kinds of domestic meats, poultry and fish, also moose, caribou, Rocky mountain sheep, grouse, ptarmigan, rabbits, etc. The beef is our special pride, being all 3 year-old steers, Missouri corn fed and shipped direct from Kansas City by Miller and Zeo, late this fall and slaughtered here, and is without question the finest beef ever shipped to Dawson.

Among our specialties will be fancy roasts from this beef put up in every style known to the art of meat cutting; also fancy saddles of mutton, English and American styles; saddles of caribou and other features too numerous to mention. The whole will be handsomely decorated in an artistic manner and will compare favorably with the Xmas meat displays seen in the large cities of the States and Canada. A visit will convince the most skeptical that Dawson is not behind the times in the meat line, especially in the south. Call and see. Complimentary tickets at the door for all. Yours for a Merry Xmas, HALEY BROS., Peoples' Market, Third st. south, next door to Avery's corner.

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A Bitch, part St. Bernard, reddish brown, seat on nose, badly used up. French & Carroll. c21

LOST—A Black Pocket Book, Tuesday, 18th, between Fairview Hotel and Old Post Office, containing papers and money. A reward will be given if returned to Mrs. Blake, Fairview Hotel. c21

LOST—Brown Pup, two months old, white feet and tail. Return to Bay City Market.

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