Many Divorces Due To Drink.

One of the most striking arguments for temperance reform, says Mr. L. A.

Brady, is to be found in certain cold. dispassionate statistics issued by the United States Census Bureau. These figures show that intemperance, as either a direct or a contributing cause, was responsible for more than 19 per cent-practically one-fifth-of all divvorces granted in the United States during the twenty years between 1887-1906 inclusive. Since at the present

rate at least every twelfth marriage ends in divorce, we get a proportion of

one home in every sixty-one wrecked by drink. Moreover, the census authorities

themselves, according to Mr. Brady, ad-

mit that these figures represent only

th most flagrant and palpable instances

of the part which intemperance plays

in divorce, and greater percentages than

those actually given would be nearer

the truth. The detailed figures as set

forth in the census bulletin are as fol-

divorce in 36,516 cases, or 3.9 per cent.

of the total number of divorces (1887

to 1906). It was a cause in combination

with some other cause in 17,765 cases,

or 1.9 per cent. of the total number.

Therefore, it was a direct cause, either

alone or in combination with other

causes, in 54,281 cases, or 5.7 per cent.

of the total. Of divorces granted to

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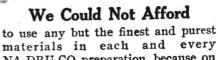
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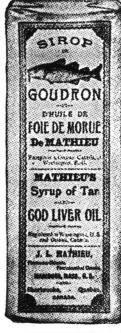
ing percentage 1.4. The attempt was made to ascertain also the number of cases in which drunkenness or intemperance, although not a direct ground for the divorce, was an indirect or contributory cause. The number of such cases was returned as 130,287, representing 13.8 per cent. of the total number of divorces. Probably this number includes these cases in which the fact of intemperance was alleged in the bill of complaint or established by evidence, although not specified among the ground for which the

divorce was granted. "The remaining cases are those in which there was no reference to intemperance, or no evidence that intemperance existed as a contributory cause. In some of these cases the record was so meager that the absence of any mention of intemperance would justify no conclusions. But in the majority of instances it would create a strong pre sumption that intemperance did not exist or was not a contributory cause." —Literary Digest.

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