ed wretchedness; for if a man does not believe there is a God he is neither to

be trusted with a dollar nor with your lifelong happiness. Having read much about love in a cottage, people brought up in ease will go and starve in a hovel.

ily institution, and who hath made the breaking of the marital oath the most

appalling of all perjuries, I implore the Congress of the United States the most

some righteous, uniform law for all

the States and from ocean to ocean on

Let me say to the hundreds of young

And let me say to you who are in this relation, if you make one man or woman

happy you have not lived in vain.

christ says that he is to the church what you ought to be to each other; and if sometimes through difference of opinion or difference in disposition you make up your mind that your marriage was a mistake, patiently bear and for-

bear, remembering that life at the longest is short, and that for those who have been mated badly in this world

death will give quick and immediate

bill of divorcement written in letters

of green grass on quiet graves. And

perhaps, my brother, my sister-per-

haps you may appreciate each other

better in heaven than you have appreciated each other on earth

In the "Farm Ballads," Carleton puts

into the lips of a repentant husband, after a life of married perturbation,

"And when she dies I wish that she

would be laid by me, And, lying together in silence, perhaps

we will agree, And if ever we meet in Heaven, I would

not think it queer
If we love each other better because

And let me say to those of you who are in happy married union, avoid first quarrels; have no unexplained correspondence with former admirers; cul-

tivate no suspicions; in a moment of bad

temper do not rush out and tell the neighbors; do not let any of those gada-

bouts of society unload in your house their baggage of gab and tittle-tattle; do not stand on your rights; learn how to apologize; do not be so proud or so

stubborn, or so devilish that you will not make up. Remember that the worst domestic misfortunes and most scan-

dalous divorce cases started from little infelicities, little misunderstandings that were allowed to go on and go on

intil home and respectability, and reli-

An, fellow-citizens, as well as fellow-

Christians, let us have a divine rage against anything that wars on the mar-

riage state. Blessed institution! In-

stead of two arms to fight the battle of

life, four. Instead of two eyes to scrut-inize the path of life, four. Instead of two shoulders to lift the burden of life,

four. Twice the energy, twice the courage, twice the holy ambition, twice the

probability of worldly success, twice

the prospects of heaven. Into the matri-montal hower God fetches two souls.

Outside the bower room for all conten-

tions, and all bickerings, and all contro-

versies, but inside the bower there is

room for only one guest-the angel of

love. Let that angel stand at the floral doorway of this Edenic bower with

drawn sword to hew down the worst

foe of that bower-easy divorce. And

for every Paradise lost let there be a Paradise regained. And after we quit

in heaven, at the windows of which

this moment are familiar faces watch-

ing for our arrival, and wondering why

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gion, and immortal soul went down in

the crash, crash!

we quarreled here."

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But there was a dogged constancy of felling about Maurice which could not allow him to disburden himself of his love. When he was again at Mount Pleasant, among his sugar canes and hogsheads, he could not help thinking about Marian. It is true he always thought of her as flying round that ballroom in Ewing's arms, or looking up with rapt admiration into that parson's face; and so he got but little pleasure from his thoughts. But not the less was he in love thoughts. But not the less was he in love with her—not the less, though he would swear to himself three times in the day that for no earthly consideration would be marry Marian Leslie.

The early months of the year, from Jan-The early months of the year, from January to May, are the busiest with the Jamaica sugar grower, and in this year they were very busy months with Maurice Cumming. It seemed as though there were actually some truth in Miss Jack's prediction that prosperity would return to him if he attended to his country: for the prices of sugar had risen higher than they had ever been since the duty had been withdrawn, and there was more promise of a crop at and there was more promise of a crop at Mount Plensant than he had seen since his reign commenced. But then the question of labor? How he slaved in trying to get work from those free negroes, and alas, how often he slaved in vain! But it was not all in vain; for as things went on it became clear to I n that in this year he would, for the first time since he commenced, obtain something like a return from his land. What if the turning point had come, and things were

now about to run the other way?

But then the happiness which might have accrued to him from this source was dashed by his thoughts of Marian Leslie. Why had he thrown himself in the way of that siren? Why had he left Mount Pleasant at all? He knew that on his return to Spanish Town his first work would be to visit Shandy Hall and yet he felt that, of all places in the island, Shandy Hall was the last which he

And then about the beginning of May, when he was hard at work turning the last of his canes into sugar and rum, he received his annual visit from Miss Jack. And whom should Miss Jack bring with her but

"I tell you," said Mr. Jack; "I have spoken to Mr. Leslie about you and "Then you had no business to do any-

thing of the kind," said Maurice, blushing up to his ears. "Nonsense," replied!Miss Jack. "I understand what I am about. Of course Mr. Leslie will want to know something about

"Then he may go back as wise as he came, for he'll learn nothing from me. Not that I have anything to hide."

"So I told him. Now there is a large family of them, you see; and of course he can't give Marian much.

"I don't care a straw if he doesn't give her a shilling. If she cared for me, or I for her, I shouldn't look after her for her

"But a little money is not a bad thing, Maurice," said Miss Jack, who had had a good deal, and had managed to take care of

"It is all one to me." "But what I was going to say is this—hum—ha— I don't like to pledge myself for fear I should raise hopes which mayn't be fulfilled.

"Don't pledge yourself to anything, aunt, in which Marian Leslie and myself are con-

"But what I was going to say is this; My money, what little I have, you know, must go some day either to you or to the "You may give it all to them if you

please.' "Of course I may, and I dare say I shall," said Miss Jack, who was beginning to be irritated. "But at any rate you might have

the civility to listen to me when I am endeavoring to put you on your legs. I am sure I think about nothing else, morning; noon and night, and yet I never get a decent word from you. Marian is too good for you; that's the truth." But at length Miss Jack was allowed to

open her budget and to make her proposi-tion, which amounted to this—that she had already told Mr. Leslie that she would settle the bulk of her property conjointly on Maurice and Marian if they would make a match of it. Now as Mr. Leslie had long been casting a hankering eye after Miss Jack's money, with a strong conviction, however, that Maurice Cumming was her favorite nephew and probable heir, this proposition was not unpalatable. So he agreed to go down to Mount Pleasant and look

"But you may live for the next thirty years, my dear Miss Jack," Mr. Leslie had

"Yes. I may," Miss Jack replied.
"And I'm sure I hope you will," continued Mr. Leslie. And then the subject was allowed to drop; for Mr. Leslie knew that it was not always and the literature." that it was not always easy to talk to Miss Jack on such matters.

Miss Jack was a person in whom I think we may say that the good predominated over the bad. She was often morose, crabbed, and self opinionated; but then she knew her own imperfections and forgave those she loved for evincing their dislike of them. Maurice Cumming was often inattentive to her, plainly showing that he was

worried by her importunities and ill at ease in her company. But she loved her nephew with all her heart; and though she dearly liked to tyrannize over him, never allowed herself to be really angry with him, though he so frequently refused to bow to her dictation. And she loved Marian Leslie also, though Marian was so sweet and lovely and she herself so harsh and ill-favored. She loved Marian though Marian would often and she herself so harsh and ill-favored. She loved Marian, though Marian would often be impertinent. She forgave the flirting, the light-heartedness, the love of amusement. Marian, she said to herself was young and pretty. She, Miss Jack, had never known Marian's temptation. And so she resolved in her own mind that Marian should be made a good and happy women should be made a good and happy women —but always as the wife of Maurice Cum-

But Maurice turned a deaf ear to al these good tidings-or rather he turned to them an ear that seemed to be deaf. He dearly, ardently loved that little flirt: but seeing that she was a flirt, that she had flirted so grossly when he was by, he would not confess his love to a human being. He would not have it known that he was vasting his heart for a worthless little chit to whom every man was the same-except that those were most eligible whose toes were the lightest and their outside trappings the brightest. That he did love her he could not help, but he would not disgrace himself by acknowledging it.

He was civil to Mr. Leslie, but he would

not speak a word that could be taken as a proposal for Marian. It had been part of Miss Jack's plan that the engagement should absolutely be made down there at Mount Pleasant, without any reference to the young lady; but Maurice could not be induced to break the ice. So he took Mr. Leslie through his mills and over his cane pieces, talked to him about the laziness of the niggers, while the niggers themselves stood by tittering; and rode with him away to the high ground where the coffee plantation had been in the good old days: but not a word was said between them about Marian. And vet Marian

was never out of his heart. And then came the day on which Mr. Leslie was to go back to Kingston. "And you won't have her, then?" said Miss Jack to her nephew early that morning. won't be said by me?" "Not in this matter, aunt."

"Then you will live and die a poor man; you mean that I suppose?" "It's likely enough that I shall. There's tihs comfort, at any rate, I'm used to it." And then Miss Jack was silent again for a

while.

"Very well, sir; that's enough," she said, angrily. And then she began again. "But, Maurice you wouldn't have to wait for my death you know." And she put out her hand and touched his arm, entreating him as it were to yield to her. "Oh, Maurice," she said. "I do so want to make you comshe said, "I do so want to make you com-fortable. Let us speak to Mr. Leslie." But Maurice would not. He took her

hand and thanked her, but said that on this matter he must be his own master. "Very well, sir," she exclaimed, "I have done. In future you may manage for yourself. As for me, I shall go back with Mr. Leslie to Kingston." And so she did. Mr. Leslie returned that day, taking her with him. When he took his leave his invitation to Maurice to come to Shandy Hall was not very pressing. "Mrs. Leslie and the child-

ren will always be glad to see you." "Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Leslie and the children," said Maurice. And so they parted.
"You nave brought me down here on a

their journey back to town.
"It will all come right yet," replied Miss Jack. "Take my word for it, he loves

"Fudge," said Mr. Lesl. But he could not afford to quarrel with his rich connec-

In spite of all that he had said thought to the contrary, Maurice did look forward during the remainder of the summer to his return to Spanish Town with something like impatience. It was very dull work, being there alone at Mount Pleasant and let him do what he would to prevent it, his very dreams took him to Shandy Hall. But at the slow time made itself away, and he found himself once more in his aunt's

A couple of days passed and no word was said about the Leslies. On the morning of the third day he determined to go to Shandy Hall. Hitherto he had never been there without staying for the night; but on this occasion he made up his mind to return the same day. "It would not be civil of me not to go," he said to his aunt.

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Causes That Have Militated Against the Marriage Relation-The Real

Talmage chose as the subject of his afternoon sermon in the Academy of Music today, "Wholesale Divorce." The text selected was Matthew, xix., 6: "What therefore God hath joined together let at the selected was matthew, and the selected was matthew, xix., 6:

ands of infelicitous homes in America no one will doubt. "Unhappily mar-ried" are two words descriptive of many a homestead. It needs no orthodox minister to prove to a badly mated pair that there is a hell; they are there now. Sometimes a grand and gracious Woman will be thus incarcerated and her to blame, and Thomas Carlyle was an intolerable scold, and his wife smoked and swore. Some say that for the alleviation of all these domestic disorders divorce is a good prescription. God sometimes authorizes divorce as certainly as he authorizes marriers. tainly as he authorizes marriage. But you know and I know that wholesale

on the marriage relation has been the polygamy in Utah. That was a sterectyped caricature of the marriage relation, and has poisoned the whole land. You might as well think that you can have an arm in a state of mortification. and yet the whole body not be sickened, as to have those territories polygamized, and yet the body of the nation not feel the putrefaction. It was impossible to have such on awful sewer of iniquity sending up its miasma without the whole land being affected by it.

country has been a pustulous literature, with its millions of sheets every week choked with stories of domestic wrongs, and infidelities and masacres, and out-rage, until it is a wonder to me that there are any decencies, or any common sense left on the subject of marriage. One half of the news stands of all our cities reeking with filth.

"Now," say some, "we admit all these evis, and the only way to clear them out or correct them is by easy divorce. Well, let us find out how easy it is now. I have looked over the laws of all the States, and in each one it is easy. In one county of the State of Illinois, in one year, there were \$53 divorces. In the city of San Francisco 333 divorces in one year, and in twenty years in New years and in the state of the "You have brought me down here on a one year; and in twenty years in New regular fool's errand," said Mr. Leslie on their journey back to town.

"You have brought me down here on a one year; and in twenty years in New England 20,000. Is that not easy enough? Causes of divorce double in a few years -doubled in France, doubled in England, and doubled in the United States. To show how very easy it is, I have to tell you that in Western Reserve, Ohio, the proportion of divorces to marriages celebrated is one to eleven; in Rhode Island, is one to thirteen; in Vermont, one to fourteen. Is not that easy

enough?

What we want in this country and in all lands is that divorce be made more and more and more difficult. Then peo-

and it is as much a matter of stock speculation as anything that transpired yesterday in Union Pacific, Illinois Central or Delaware and Lackawanna.

Rigorous divorce law will also hinder women from the fatal mistake of marrying men to reform them. If a young trans by 25 years of age or 30 years of man by 25 years of age or 30 years of age has the habit of strong drink fixed on him, he is as certainly bound for a drunkard's grave as a train starting out from Grand Central depot at 3 who has the habit of strong dring fixed on him before 25 or 30 years of age will arrive at a drunkard's grave. She knows he drinks, although he tries to hide it by chewing cloves. Everybody knows he drinks. Parents warn, neighbors and friends warn. She will marry him, she will reform him. If she is un-

A rigorous divorce law will also do much to hinder hasty and inconsiderate marriages. A Christian will marry an atheist, and that always makes conjoin-

By the wreck of ten thousand homes, by the holocaust of ten thousand sacrificed men and women, by the hearthstone of the family, which is the corner stone of the state, and in the name of that God who hath set up the family institution and who hath made the Remedy.

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people in this house this afternoon, be-fore you give your heart and hand in holy alliance, use all caution; inquire outside as to the habits, explore the disgether let not man put asunder."
That there are hundreds and thousposition, scrutinize the taste, question the ancestry and find out the ambi-tions. Do not put your lifetime happiness in the keeping of a man who has a reputation for being a little loose in morals, or in the keeping of a woman who dresses fast. Remember that while good looks are a kindly gift of God, wrinkles or accident may despoil them. man will be thus incarcerated and her life will be a crucifixion, as was the case with Mrs. Sigourney, the great poetess and the great soul. Sometimes a consecrated man will be united to a fury, as was John Wesley, or united to a vixen, as was John Milton. Sometimes, and generally, both parties are to blame, and Thomas Carlyle was an The only foundations for happy marriage that has ever been or ever will be is good character. Ask God whom you shall marry, if you shall marry at all. A union formed in prayer will be a happy union, though sickness pale the cheek, and poverty empty the breadtray, and death open the small graves, and all the path of life be strewn with thorns, from the marriage altar, with thorns, from the marriage altar, with its wedding march and orange blos-soms clear on down to the last farewell at that gate where Isaac and Rebecca, Abraham and Sarah, Adam and Eve,

divorce is one of our national scourges.

Many influences have in this country
militated against the marriage relation
For a number of years the platforms of the country rang with talk about a free-love millennium. There were meetings of this kind held all over the land. some of this kind held all over the land. Some of the women who were most prominent in the movement have since been distinguished for great promiscuosity of affection. That campaign of about twenty years set more devils into the marriage relation than will be exorcised in the next fifty.

Another influence that has warred upon the marriage relation has been the

Another influence that has warred against the marriage relation in this

I want you to notice that frequency of divorce always goes along with the dissoluteness of society. Rome for 500 year had not one case of divorce. Those were her days of glory and virtue. Then the reign of vice began, and divorce became epidemic. If you want to know how rapidly the empire went down, ask

ple before they enter that relation will be persuaded that there will probably be no escape from it except through the door of the sepulchre. Then they will pause on the verge of that relation until they are fully satisfied that it is best, and that it is right, and that it is hapand that it is right, and that it is happiest. There are states in the Union which practically put a premium upon the disintegration of the marriage relation, while there are other states, like our own New York State, that had for a long time the pre-eminent idiocy of making marriage lawful at 12 and 14 years of age. The Congress of the United States needs to move for a change of the national constitution, prepare a good, honest, righteous, comprehensive good, honest, righteous, comprehensive, uniform law that will control every-thing from Sandy Hook to the Golden Horn. That will put an end to brokerages in marriages. That will send divorce lawyers into a decent business. More difficult divorce will put an estoppel to a great extent upon marriage as a financial speculation. There are men who go into the relation just as they go into Wall street to purchase shares. This masculine candidate for matrimonial orders, through the commercial agency or through the county records, agency or through the county records, finds out how much estate is to be inherited, and he calculates it. He thinks out how long it will be before the old man will die, and whether he can stand the refractory temper until he does die, and then he enters the relation; for he says: "If I cannot stand it, then through the divorce law I'll back out." That process is going on all the time, and men enter the relation without any moral principle, without any affection, and it is as much a matter of stock

clock tomorrow morning is bound for Albany. The train may not reach Albany, for it may be thrown from the track. The young man may not reach a drunkard's grave, for something may throw him off the iron track of evil habit, but the probability is that the train that starts tomorrow morning for Albany at 8 o'clock will get there, and the probability is that the young man who has the habit of strong dring fixed successful in the experiment, why then the divorce law will emancipate her, because habitual drunkenness is a cause for divorce in nearly all the States. So the poor thing goes to the altar of sacrifice. If you will show me the poverty-struck expects in any city. I will show struck streets in any city, I will show you the homes of the women who mar-ried men to reform them. In one case out of 10,000 it may be a successful ex-

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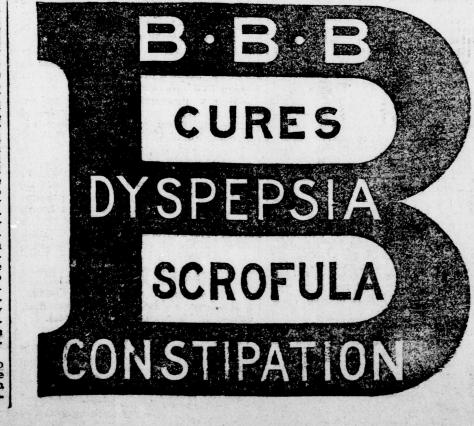
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