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land, too, of which Mr. Langtry is a resident. But even there it would need that the wife go and remain some time if she would be the one to bring the case.

Thus they are in sore perplexity, and even now that Mr. Langtry's consent has been obtained, they seem to be as far from the goal as ever. The reason of Mr. Langtry's consent is said to be that he, too, is desirous of marrying and that he is tired of a single wretchedness that offers no compensation.

The two parties most interested have been within the past week or ten days sending each other cable dispatches of fifty, one hundred, and even two hundred words at a clip. Mr. Gebhard has been the most active in this expensive style of telegraphic communication. He has hesitated at the length of a dispatch, so that he can make it perfectly clear to his lady love.

Private letters from England have recently been received in this city, which, in a large part, explain the peculiar conduct of affairs which prevents the immediate fructification of the hopes of the fair Englishwoman. The point of effective force is, in short, Mr. Langtry. He parted from his wife some three years ago, or more, and since that time has gone his way unimpeded, and so on all alone. But the tie was there. He has felt all these

satisfaction that it was not that, in any sense, is Mr. Langtry a dishonorable man. He attempted to get no share of the money she made here. A few years ago he could have forced her to turn over all she made to him. But by the provisions of the recent Married Women's Property act the earnings of a married woman be-

long to her. The husband has no control over them as in the past. Not that he ever attempted it; on the contrary, he foolishly permitted her to spend all the savings he had made in years, in her

short but brilliant, fashionable career. He is quite impoverished, and has been endeavoring during the past two years to make a living by running a sort of race-track and restaurant near The Hague in Holland.

To say that husband and wife have not been on very loving terms during this time is to tell the plain and simple truth. Still she was held by what was evidently a valid and binding contract of marriage. Mrs. Langtry has had no communication with him whatever the past year. Through

a friend he was approached on the subject of a divorce, as if he did not dare to make the proposition directly. Mr. Langtry said very coolly, "Certainly let there be a divorce. But I must be the plaintiff."

It was explained to him that this would be next to impossible to accomplish. His wife would never consent to act in the position of defendant in such a suit, for

she would have to bear all the odium.

"Then let her remain married till my death," said Mr. Langtry, "and," he added, "I am a pretty healthy man."

Thus the Langtry-Gebhard marriage looks further off than ever, and Mrs. Langtry resolved to become a resident of some

trary resolved to become a resident of some portion of the United States where the divorce laws were comparatively lenient. But she could find none to fit. Mr. Lang-

try had not been unfaithful, he had not been cruel, he had not deserted her, and still offered to provide for her in his humble way if she came back to him. So she literally had no leg to stand on.

Then she went back to England and began acting again over there, with her mind almost thoroughly made up that it

was useless to attempt to compromise the matter in any way. Yet she had a mutual friend sound Mr. Langtry again, and it is said gave him *carte blanche* up to fifty thousand dollars as an inducement to Mr. Langtry to relent. This offer was never made, however, as in the first few moments' conversation with Mr. Langtry

it was quite evident he cared not one jot for his wife's money, and would consider it a disgrace to receive any of it or be indebted to a woman for any part of her earnings.

of the divorce, and said squarely that it was better that the two should be parted in law, as they were in fact, Mr. Langtry

remarked that he thought so too. And when the friend said further that he ought to consent to the divorce being got against him in place of against her, he said he was not averse to it. He would not oppose

any action she should bring if it were done decently. The only question in his mind was where the suit should be brought. He understood that in some American states there were several reasons for divorce, and perhaps it would be

This, it is said, is the cause of the sudden cable correspondence between Mrs. Langtry and Mr. Gebhard. He is getting

the information necessary in the matter, and is furnishing it by cable so as to save delay.

True that his information is not very encouraging. In the state of New York

of which Mrs. Langtry is a resident by law, there is but one cause for divorce, and even there it must not be procured by collusion between the parties. Nearer than Montana there is no state or territory which would divorce Mrs. Langtry.

It is not unlikely, therefore that they will, after all, appeal to the law of England, where actually the divorce laws are easier than here. The new French law

has been discussed, and the law of Hol-


