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DIVORSE EVIL.

If the one million divorces in the country during the last twenty years had been granted for trivial causes, the outlook would be bad enough, but the situation becomes all the more serious when the separation takes place for grave moral reasons. It is generally recognized that such causes as adultery, desertion, cruelty, imprisonment for crime, habitual drunkenness, and neglect to provide are grave reasons for divorce; and while some of our states have omnibus clauses in their divorce laws, these six principal grounds are the ones recognized by the majority of states.

Moreover, the statistics of divorces granted show that 97 per cent of all divorces are granted on these six principal grounds. Only an insignificant fraction of the divorces in the United States are granted on trivial reasons, such as "incompatibility of temper." Again, over 60 per cent of the divorces in the United States are granted for the two most serious grounds of all—adultery and desertion. In other words, in two-thirds of the cases divorce was granted after husband and wife were already practically separated.

We must conclude, therefore, that divorce is prevalent not because of the laxity of our laws, but rather because of the decay of our family life. The real evil is not divorce, but the decay of the very virtues upon which the home rests. The problem in American family life is whether we are able to build up the virtues upon which a new and higher type of family may be founded. Higher, that is than the despotic, semi-patriarchal type of family of our fathers, which is now passing away or is, rather, already extinct. It must be remembered, however, that the first essential element in the home life of a people is stability.

ADVERTISE IT.

Unless you know a person—unless that person comes into your life in some way—you are not greatly concerned about whether he is good or bad, desirable or objectionable.

It's so with a store. The people who never visit it care nothing about it one way or the other. It doesn't exist for them. But—when they are persuaded to patronize it—when they come to turn the spotlight of their attention on it—when it comes to have a part in their lives, as some stores must have in all lives—then its different; then it does matter whether it strives to win confidence; it does matter whether or not its price concessions are genuine, dependable.

If it meets all tests that a good store must stand when it is advertised—when it thus invites the critical attention of people—then advertising "makes" the store. If it fails in most of the vital things—if it proves, under the light of publicity, not to be much of a store, then advertising will not pay—for it will emphasize shortcomings as well as merits.

For these same reasons it is generally conceded that the store which does not advertise is seeking to avoid close inspection and comparison, and that the store which does is courting them.

Out of the Ginger Jar.

Till the ground fill it fills the till. It's a poor land that can't hold its own.

Carelessness is really laziness under a more polite name.

Ever see the man who works like a bee every place but at home?

The potato bug is destructive, the chinch bug is a bad, but the humming-bird beats them both.

Man is an admirer of the beautiful. He invariably selects the umbrella that has the prettiest handle.

Behold the patient ox. He wants no speed records, but he gets the load to the barn just the

same. A little vanity is a good thing in a man. It will usually keep him from going to town collarless and coatless.

If a woman paid as much attention to the picking out of a man as does to a hat, how much happier she would be.

The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lambs, but the lambs that are shorn in Wall street are compelled to look out for themselves.

Those who dance must pay the fiddler, which is another way of saying that every man must reap his own wild oats harvest.

Tight shoes are a sure panacea for all other troubles. The man whose foot wear pinches him will soon cease to worry about anything else.

When a man gets a pain the whole township knows about it; but a window may have several panes all at once without making any fuss about it.

"The woman is the weaker vessel" men are fond of saying, but when it comes to endurance and patience she has her lord beaten to a frazzle.

Some folks (though not our folks) are so busy spreading scandal in the village that they haven't time to spread manure on their fields.

Death of an Old Citizen.

John Parker Hides passed away at his home here Tuesday morning, after an extended illness. He was 60 years of age and was one of the youngest veterans of the civil war, having been a member of Co. B, 10th Michigan cavalry. When very young he lived in what is now the Owen House, his mother having kept that hotel for 17 years.

He is survived by a wife and two daughters, Miss Hazel of this place and Mrs. Pettibone of Grand Rapids, and grandson, Marl Pettibone of this place. The funeral was held Thursday at one o'clock from the home where he had lived 50 years. Rev. D. Ward, assisted by Rev. J. E. Mealey, conducting the services. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Notes About Advertising.

Something new for the home gives family life a new interest—and the store ads. are, therefore, of interest to home folks.

If you believe that your store is a good one, don't allow you advertising to belittle that belief.

If your store is as big as that of your competitor—and as good—you must make your advertising as big and as good—or a little more so.

No store is competing with yours unless its advertising is competing with yours.

You will not often find it necessary to buy anything at a store that does not advertise—and you will never find it advisable.

When a merchant really wants your trade he will advertise for it. In reading store ads most people are looking for definite information about some particular article—hence, merchants should quote prices, always.

Every housewife is "in business"—is a buyer of home supplies—and should watch for buying opportunities as closely as though she were buying to sell again.

The "bargain hunter" is no longer the woman who merely haunts the stores. She is the woman who watches the ads and goes to the stores strictly on business.

Womanly Wisdom.

If a child hovers over us let us not respond, but strive to see through it and beyond it.

If a small boy is quiet his mother wonders what ails him.

Children often pull the heart-strings of a parents life like two puppies pull a r.

If anybody h, a pain, lay a bag of hot salt ova, the place. It is fine to remove the ache.

When the wind howls around the corner of the house, see that the cats and dogs have warm quarters.

I put the pocket on the underside of my kitchen aprons, and find they are just as convenient for use and will not catch on door-knobs and get torn.

Meat may be kept this way for months, or late into the warm weather: Grind, mix and season it, pack in two quart stone jars that are perfectly clean and sweet. Bake for four hours in a moderate-

ly hot oven, take out and press with a heavy weight for twenty hours or over; then take off the weight. There will be some fat on top but not enough to cover, so heat land to the boiling point and pour over! enough to cover. This excludes the air. Keep in a cool, dry place.

Pleasant Valley.

Miss Ellen Sherman was a Farmington caller Friday.

Mrs. Joseph Graham and son Maurice attended the auxiliary given at Mrs. John Grace's, Tuesday.

Mrs. Eliza Simmons was a caller at Ed Sherman's Monday.

Joseph Graham made a business trip to Detroit, Monday.

Miss Ruth Williams was a caller at Harmon Yerkes', Saturday.

Mrs. John Grace of Southfield spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham.

Mae French was absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Clara Simmons of Base Line was caller at our school Monday.

Fred Fry was a Northville caller Friday.

H. C. Tha e was a Farmington caller Monday.

Before You Get Doubled Up

With cramps, cholera morbus or pleurisy, get a bottle of Renne's Pain-Killing Oil. It always gives instant relief. It is unequalled as a pain-killer. Rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains and all such aches and pains are quickly routed when you apply Renne's Pain-Killing Oil. Be sure to get the genuine. Price, 25c. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by T. M. McGe.

Don't fail

To attend

The Shadow

Poverty

Social

Friday Eve.

Feb. 26

At the

Home of

Wm. Irish.

Everybody wear their old clothes, and ladies bring box lunches.

Coffee will be served.

WHEN you are in Detroit and want an

exceptionally fine meal for 25c or a good place to rest and meet your friends come right to the FRANKLIN HOUSE

Cor. Larned, and Bates St.

Lobby or ground floor.

"Dry" House.

H. H. JAMES & SONS, Proprietors.

Detroit United Lines

Farmington Time Table Cars leave Farmington Junction for Detroit at 5:15 a. m., 7:00 a. m. and hourly thereafter until 11:00 p. m. Those cars, except first morning car, leave Farmington ten minutes earlier. Cars leave Farmington Junction for Orchard Lake and Pontiac at 6 a. m., 8 a. m., then hourly to 8 p. m., and every two hours thereafter.

Cars leave Farmington Junction for Southfield at 6:30 a. m., 8:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 12:00 p. m., 1:00 p. m., 2:00 p. m., 3:00 p. m., 4:00 p. m., 5:00 p. m., 6:00 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 8:00 p. m., 9:00 p. m., 10:00 p. m., 11:00 p. m.

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WANT LINERS

RATES—5 cents a line for first section, 3 cents a line for each subsequent insertion.

Wood for Sale—Call on C. W. Roesler, Jr., Phone 5821.

\$25.00 Fine for anyone found hunting or carrying firearms on the B. I. Eeliker farm. C. L. Heliker.

Wanted—100 bushels of corn Earl Tibbitts, Phone 5835.

For Sale—Two Poland China Broad Sows, due in April. Chas. Pauleger, Farmington, 1909p.

For Sale—Some thoroughbred Cattle pups. R. J. Foster, R. D. No. 2, Farmington, 1909p.

For Sale—Two new high cows, calves also available. For terms apply Fred Johnson, R. D. No. 1, Farmington, 1909p.

For Sale—One Derrington Grain Binder, 10-horse mowing machine, 1 Champion hay rake, 1 American harrow, 1 Iron roller, 1 set 12 spring tooth harrow, 1 iron drag, 2 plows, 1 Lery and 1 Case 1 Empire Grain drill, 12 shears, 1 Tolson Bull, 1 horse, 1 set of Mill of Farmington, Mich. Bell phone, 58 1/2.

For Sale—New milk cow and calf. Wm. Groves, 18 1/2.

Church Notes

METHODIST.

Morning service, 10:30 to 11:30. Sunday school, 11:30 to 12:30. Epworth League, 6:15 to 7 p. m. Preaching service 7 to 7:30.

Prayer meeting, 7 to 8 p. m. Thursday.

The pastor would be pleased to know of all cases of sickness and distress where he may be of service.

BAPTIST.

Services at the Baptist church as usual: Sunday-school at 1:30 p. m. and preaching services at 2:30 p. m., local time. Prayer service Friday evening at 7:30.

Rev. N. E. Musser, pastor.

Lewis J. Simson, Attorney, Room 1, 29 Monroe Avenue, Detroit.

Executor's Sale of Real Estate.

State of Michigan, ss

County of Wayne, ss In the matter of the estate of Oscar E. Botsford deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance and by virtue of a license granted to the undersigned, John Becker, executor of the estate of Oscar E. Botsford deceased, by the High Court of Probate, for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, I will sell at public auction or venue, to the highest bidder subject to confirmation and approval by the Probate Judge of said Wayne County, on

Monday the 5th day of April, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. standard time, on the premises hereinafter described, all the right title and interest of said deceased in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the Township of Farmington, in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the point in the center of the Detroit, Howell and Plank roads, intersected by the north and south center line of Section twenty-eight (28), in Township one (1) North, Range nine (9) East, thence running north about four chains to the quarter section stake and continuing outward the same course along the quarter section line of Section twenty-one (21) a point one half the distance to the center of said Section twenty-one (21) thence easterly along the quarter section line, to the east line of the west half of the south-east quarter of section twenty-one (21); thence south along said east line a point four chains and four feet to the south line of the south line of said Section twenty-one (21); thence westerly parallel to the south line of said Section twenty-one (21) nine chains and thirty-six links, thence south parallel to the east line of said lot four chains and four feet to the section line thence in the same direct a about five and three-fourth chains to the center of the Detroit & Silwayville Road west of Farmington Village, section twenty-eight (28), thence northwesterly along said highway and Plank Road about eleven chains to the place of beginning, containing about thirty eight acres of land, be the same more or less, ex. cessive of a lot of about two and one-half acres of ground enclosed within the foregoing boundary, lying near the south-west corner thereof upon the Plank Road and occupied as a barn yard, and which is hereby reserved, and also a piece of land situated on the northeast part of the parcel above described, heretofore deeded to Palmer Norton.

Dated February 17, 1909.

JOHN BECKER.

Executor of the Estate of Oscar E. Botsford, deceased.

Full particulars concerning above property may be obtained of John Becker, Executor, 121 Grand Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of GILBERT C. NICHOLS, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Kiebler P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioner to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and four months from the 26th day of January, A. D. 1909, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, it is hereby given that we will meet on the 26th day of March, 1909, and on the 26th day of May, 1909, at ten o'clock a. m. of each day in E. E. Babington's Law Office, in the city of Pontiac, in said County, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

ISAAC BOND, E. E. BABINGTON, Commissioners.

Special ... Sale FOR 8 Days Regular 50c Corsets for 30c. We offer some very special values for the next eight days starting Saturday, Feb. 20, continuing for one week. We will offer: White Outing Flannels, 12c value at 7c a yard; White Outing Flannels, 10c value at 7c a yard; White Outing Flannels, 8c value at 6c a yard; Colored Outing Flannels, 10c value at 7c a yard; Heatherblowm Underskirts, 52c value at 35c each; SUIT CASES: A good case with sole leather handle and canvas at 14; Ladies black hose at 6 1/2 cents pair, a pair for 25c; HILBERG & DOERR, 2022 South Saginaw St. PONTIAC, MICH.

BEST DENTISTS PLEASE. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forrester of Los Angeles, Cal., came to Detroit about two months ago. They are just in receipt of a letter from them in Washington. It visited them spoke so highly of their Dentists, painless extracting, sawing their Pt. Section plates, as just as their Pt. Section Plates, Mr. Forrester having it had roots and stumps removed. While this was being done Mr. Forrester stood by remarking: "You certainly understand your business, warm spot in their hearts when you get a patient with a kind word in their ear. I then sat down and had it well covered ones removed. Neither of them being a full upper English wholeness, light thin flexible plate with the Pt. Mr. Forrester, E. J. Forrester, Full Set of Teeth \$4.00 to \$8.00. Bridge Work \$3.00 to \$5.00.

BEST DENTISTS' CO., INC., DETROIT. Ground Floor, One Block from Griswold Hotel, 54 Grand River Avenue. Hours: 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Four Diseases That Wreck Men Nervous Exhaustion, Blood Poison, Varicose Veins and Kidney Disease. These are the diseases of which we have cured so many men—perhaps more than any other specialists in Detroit. Blood Poisons, Skin Diseases, Sores, Ulcers. We will give you treatment that will in a few days cure all such ailments and every sign and symptom. Our treatment acts the poison out of the system instead of many other treatments. We cure blood and skin diseases so they cannot come back. Varicose Veins and Piles—Our new treatment cures what you will never be able to cure right. We do not let you suffer pain or trouble. All signs disappear in a few days. Kidney and Bladder Diseases are scientifically cured by us. Our method immediately benefits you and the majority of the cases we cure come from other specialists who failed. Weak, Nervous "Run Down" Men—We get much praise and thanks from patients we cure of these troubles. From young men who are suffering from early dissipation and fully and from all who are weak, thin, you, distressed, embarrassed and worthless because they are not strong and vigorous as they should be. You require such treatment as we give you—it is your fault if you don't let us cure you. We cannot tell you in this announcement all that we would like to, but if you are interested you should write for a copy of our latest medical publication, which contains a scientific and yet simple discussion of the diseases we treat. If you are in or near the city you should apply in person, but if you live too far away for this write us a full and unreserved history of your case. If you will receive as careful conscientious and painstaking attention as you came to one office. Many are being cured by our system of home treatment; we feel fully justified in claiming that it is the most perfect and successful system ever devised. QUESTION BLANK sent free for home treatment. CURSES GUARANTEED. No treatment sent C. O. D. No names on boxes or envelopes. Every thing confidential. ADDRESS: DR. J. B. LETTERS DR. S. BABINGTON & THOMAS 49-51 Michigan Ave, Detroit, Mich. PRIVATE ENTRANCE, 148 SHELBY ST.