

No longer will she receive, while remaining unmarried, the customary portion of her husband's salary, if Judge Lewis can help it. If wives, on the other hand, can persuade their husbands to give them a cash settlement at the time the divorce is granted, it will be all right with the judge, but he is from now on irrevocably set against all orders for weekly or monthly payments to that particular class of petitioners.

Quoth the judge:

The idea of the marriage institution is that man and wife shall live together and propagate the race, when they separate, both cease, in that regard, to be of any benefit to the community.

Why a healthy woman should receive alimony from a divorced husband is beyond my comprehension. If he wants to marry again, he is forced to consider the burden of the payments to his first wife. Yet she is free to remarry when she wishes.

The alimony automatically stops then, but if she so desires she may remain single and force her former husband to support her until old age. I don't consider that a fair proposition.

My court is clogged with cases in which wives are seeking to put in jail husbands who failed to keep up their alimony payments. I sympathize with the husbands in many cases and there will not be any more of that class of cases in this court.

A rather unusual decision, in view of the precedents set by all the spineless lawyers that are sitting on the bench and allowing the marriage institution in America to become more of a joke than it ever was in any country since it was instituted. Let us have more judges of the Lewis type and there wouldn't be so many flappers entering the state of matrimony for the purpose of collecting alimony. If it is possible for Chief Justice Lewis to set up a simple rule of common sense, so thoroughly ethical and so consistent with the divorce laws in any state, then why can't his rule be applied everywhere in order to restore the marriage institution to the position of respect and esteem it occupied before it became a capital joke on the vaudeville stage, a tawdry agency for the consummation of illicit desires and a mart which is legalizing and making possible a common exchange where virtue is traded for gold.

It's queer how we are inclined to think other people are funny, but we never seem to think that other people think the same of us. When the time had come to give the new imperial granddaughter of Japan a name, they called her Shigeiko Terunomiya, meaning Bright Prosperity in the Japanese language. The occidental plan of names, limited to some ancestors' trade or the name of his homestead, village or town, or the "son" suffix to some ancestor's given name, taken from the early Hebrew plan, may seem perfectly all right to us because the custom is so well established, but to the mind of the oriental, or to the mind of the American Indian, people who give their children names suggesting strength, beauty, culture, natural grandeur, happy disposition, charity, goodness, love, tenderness, success or fame, the occidental plan of naming their progeny must seem void of romance and imagination, which in the instance is not far from being correct. Come to think of it—"if there is something in a name" then if a human being, through its name, could become associated with a thing in itself beautiful and significant, of meaning, we might improve upon the occidentals' idea of the powers of suggestion by adopting the oriental and Indian custom of selecting names for our children.

It is natural to be impatient when you are in a hurry and Central gets your number twisted, a wrong prefix or makes you repeat your number several times before service is given your call, but when you look through the telephone directory and think of the thousands of contacts Central has to work with, it just makes you dizzy. The new telephone directory for the city of New York contains nine hundred and

sixty thousand subscribers—almost a million subscribers in one city calling Central several times every day. Think of the maddening job of the Central girls making millions of connections every day. It takes steady nerves and balance of mind to be at a busy switchboard in a metropolitan city. Some calls are bound to miscarry. Wrong numbers are not purposely made, but the girl at the board taking your call is in the same instance switching and ringing in several other calls and every call has a prefix and four numbers. Try to have a half a dozen people shout a prefix and four numbers at you almost simultaneously and see how many you would call correctly and how many you would miss. Bear this in mind the next time you get a wrong number or there is a recall or two or a delay in completing your call.

"Better Business" is a term understood to have its proper application to men who apply strict rules of integrity, otherwise called ethics, in their business or profession. The term has been enlarged upon from time to time until the expression has been used to decorate Bureaus, claiming for themselves the right to pass upon what's good business and what's not. And so again we have the spectacle of a perfectly good expression robbed of its right value. Such dispensaries are rarely immune against corruption, hence it is possible for a crook with a dishonest proposition to obtain for "specific consideration" an official "Better Business" clearing house certificate, while the man who asks no favor and is perfectly honest and upright finds that he is undermined by some secret device ingeniously handled under cover. When prominent leaders in community organizations deplore the way the membership fluctuates and keeps falling off until they are forced to stage "drives" for new members, every so often, they might find the answer in some of the abuses that are practiced by bureaus and sub-organizations that are hampering rather than promoting honorable and ethical conduct in business and professional life.

Funny isn't it, the way the statesmen of the world have been planning, talking, orating and rooting for peace, during the last two years, that no one has thought of anything in the interest of peace sufficiently constructive to cause the Nobel Committee to award the Peace Prize. Rumor has it that Austen Chamberlain, or to be absolutely correct, Sir Austen, and Aristide Briand are to be considered, for putting across the Locarno agreement this year. The suspicious citizen has it that no one in reality, in all this time, has put up any argument for peace that didn't actually look like an argument for more war. The Nobel Prize, with accumulated interest and all, will now amount to some one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Whatever can be said of the successes and the failures of the past proposals, the Locarno treaty has a margin in its favor, even if it doesn't contain everything that is essential to make lasting peace. Strange though that some of the peace-makers are still waging aggressive warfare for colony rights on foreign territory. Oh, well, since the great multitude is singing: "Blessed are the peacemakers" we might as well join and make the hubbub unanimous.

Soviet Russia is evidently not for from being whatever you think it is. In one breath it vigorously denies to the world that it is trying hard to cause a world revolution, yet, at the same time its agents are at work everywhere under instruction to carry on the propaganda work, which somehow the Soviet government feels inclined to consider a service it gladly pays for. The Soviet is anxious to come into the good graces of the Indian tribes of India. Recently the "Peasants Association" of Moscow cabled its sympathy to the Bombay strikers and forwarded ten thousand rubles as aid fund. While the Soviet religion is no religion, a long address has been sent to the Indian Khalifat, in the name of the head of the Russian Moslems, expressing cordial feeling for the Indian co-religionists. The art of treachery and unprincipled dealings is evidently so deeply seated with the Russian dictators that no matter how foul the means applied to cause dissension and strife, causing another government to be stabbed in the back, it is an acceptable working order according to the Russian code of human relations. Under present world conditions it is more than desirable that the English rule over India shall