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DIVORCE INJURY TO CHILDREN.

Oregonian: Judge Graham's defense of easy divorce ignores one of the principal arguments against it—the effect on the children. An essential reason for the institution of marriage was that there might be some persons responsible for the care of children, that these persons should be the man and woman who brought the children into the world and that the identity of these persons might be fixed. The duties of father and mother in the care and training of children are joint and cannot be adequately performed by either parent.

How can children receive this care and training if they are committed by a court to the care of only one parent and the other is either forbidden to approach them or is only allowed to make an occasional visit. In the latter case the visits must only impress more strongly on the minds of the children the division between their parents. What sort of effect must have been produced on the minds of Mrs. Henry's children when they saw her living with Kelley and employing every device, legal and otherwise, to keep them away from their father? The conduct of parents is an example to children, and parents who place redress of grievances against each other, gratification of whims or desire for marriage with an affinity above the claims of their children, are qualifying their children for a selfish, vicious and often criminal life.

Judge Graham predicts a decrease in the proportion of divorcees "when girls are trained to expect and take pleasure in the duties of wifehood and motherhood and are taught what those responsibilities are, and when boys are trained to respect the opposite sex as a whole." How are girls to receive such training from a mother who has been divorced on some flimsy pretext, who has placed the satisfaction of a whim of a grudge above their children's welfare? How can boys be trained to respect the opposite sex when their own mother's conduct forfeits that respect? It is inevitable that children should be witnesses of occasional domestic jangles, but they should also witness a disposition to bear and forbear, to forgive and forget, not a disposition to magnify every petty dispute into a pretext for breaking up the family. Allegation of the divorce evil cannot be found in better training of children, for that evil prevents children from being well trained and thus perpetuates itself. Just so far as divorcees are restricted, children will be better trained and will be less disposed to fly to the divorce court every time friction occurs in the running of the domestic machinery.

This argument, of course, does not apply to those couples which are childless by their own choice. They are blind to the very purpose of marriage and are so utterly selfish that the greatest kindness they could do to children is not to have any.

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Mutton—Good weathers, 3 1/2c on foot; ewes 2c.
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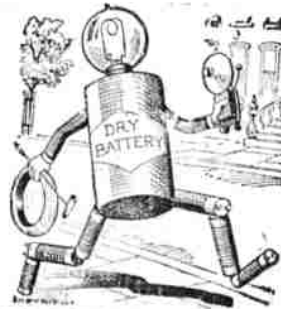
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