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THE FACTS ABOUT DIVORCE.

Ida M. Tarbell, the well-known journalist, contributes to the January Women's Home Companion an article entitled "What Women Are Really Doing"—an article in which she answers with facts and figures some disturbing questions as to the status of women in the United States today.

There has been an increase in divorce. In the thirty million married women whom the census takers of 1910 reported, they found 185,065 who had been divorced. Considering the difficulties of married life, the number does not appall. It rather gives one a greater respect for human beings to see that they can handle such a complicated relation with such a small percentage of disaster.

A percentage is due, too, to the greater carelessness with which marriages are made under our changing social practices. We have removed largely from boys and girls the protective social devices by which we once guided their relations and choices.

"MADE IN AMERICA" GOWNS.

In the fashion department of a widely known woman's magazine appear several designs for gowns made by American designers who used American-manufactured fabrics.

Of all the interesting costumes designed by American designers and exhibited at the Paterson silk show some time ago, the one that attracted most attention was one not only of American design and fabric but its inspiration was also truly American.

RIGHT MOTIVES.

In determining proper motives of conduct it is easy to perceive that the higher are more commendable than the lower and that even an act of justice and benevolence loses something of its charm when known to be inspired by the selfish desire of human applause.

RIMED QUOTATIONS.

Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise; —Massinger. We masters grow of all that we despise. —Crowley. Oh, then, renounce that impious self esteem. —Beattie. Riches have wages and grandeur is a dream. —Cowper.

OPPORTUNITY.

Master of human destinies am I. Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait. Cities and fields I walk, I penetrate Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late, I knock unbidden once at every gate.

SHORT SAYINGS.

Upright and cheerfulness mutually begot each other.—Addison. Knowledge bloweth up, but charity buildeth up.—Bacon. He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.—Burke. No good book or good thing of any sort shows its best face at first.—Carlyle. God the first garden made and the first city built.—Cowley. Honors come by diligence; riches spring from economy.—Chinese Maxims.

Made Them Go Pretty Far.

Willis—We thought our bank cashier was a good business man because he was always talking about making the funds go as far as possible. Gibbs—Did he do it? Willis—Yes; the last trace the detectives got of him he was in South America.—Town Topics.

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COMPENSATION ACT. (Continued from Page 1.)

sion, and Food and Dairy Commissioner, and effecting the reduction of salaries of public officials; and to recommend general legislation along these lines to the end that a more economical administration of State affairs be had.

And as suggestions to said committee and as a basis for its work it is recommended that the following commissions and public offices be entirely abolished, to-wit: State Board of Accountancy, Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology, Oregon Conservation Commission, Oregon State Immigration Commission, Board of Higher Curricula, State Architect, and State Immigrant Agent.

That the following offices be abolished and the work thereof placed in the hands of the State Treasurer, to-wit: Superintendent of Banks, Corporation Commissioner, and Insurance Commissioner.

That the State Tax Commission be abolished, and that the work now performed thereby be placed under the charge and direction of the Railroad Commission.

That there be created a Department of Labor, which department shall perform the duties now performed by the Labor Commissioner, the Industrial Welfare Commission, the Industrial

Accident Commission, and the Board of Inspectors of Child Labor.

At the head of this department there shall be two directors, and that the present Labor Commissioner shall be one of such directors, during the term for which he has already been elected Labor Commissioner; and that the Governor shall appoint another Commissioner as soon as this law goes into effect.

That the work of the Dairy and Food Commissioner, the State Livestock Sanitary Board, and the State Veterinarian, be combined in the office of the Dairy and Food Commissioner under the name of State Bureau of Animal Industry.

And that in view of the fact that times are hard, business depressed and money difficult to obtain, we recommend a revision downward of all salaries, and that, except in case of the Governor, no public officer, executive, judicial or administrative shall receive a salary greater than \$3,000 per year, and that the salaries of clerks be limited to a maximum of \$1,800 per year.

The foregoing changes alone, to say nothing of others which the committee may determine upon, will result in a saving in administration of State affairs of at least \$300,000 per year.

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