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### SILENT WIVES' WOES.

London has been the center of some remarkable legal situations, but it is safe to declare that none of these has been more picturesque or more incredible than the recent divorce suit of a couple who lived in complete conjugal silence for four years. At the end of that period the lady in question decided that she had had enough of it. Her petition was dismissed, but to date there has been no reconciliation. An attentive public can now settle down to the prolonged delight of waiting for one of them to break the silence. The popular theory that women cannot remain silent is given a hard blow, but not necessarily a fatal one, by the fact that the wife was able to hold her tongue as long as she did. When she did come out of the silence, she declared that the lack of conversation had "wrecked her life." That she kept on doing the man's cooking, making his bed, and attending to the housework shows that hope was not dead within her, says Philadelphia Press. But the silent gentleman's tenacity did not wear out. It is significant that the cable dispatches carrying the story quoted the woman at considerable length, but the noiseless husband apparently made no comment.

It is, of course, true that the privilege of wearing military titles by courtesy has been abused by some and made ridiculous by others. That was the case after the Civil war, and it will happen again in the years to come, while the world war is turning from an actuality into history. The possibility—even the certainty—of this is no reason for abandoning a practice which, honestly and legitimately followed, gives an entirely innocent satisfaction to a great number of good people and works no real harm to anybody. If, as time goes on, a few colonels blossom out into generals, and more captains and majors into colonels, through their own forgetfulness or the generosity of neighbors, a kindly smile is about all the inaccuracy deserves in the way of comment. A military title that was well earned and bravely borne is a thing of glory—a thing to be valued in the future as it always has been in the past by all patriotic citizens. That jewels are sometimes stolen does not decrease their value—it is only another proof of value.

Many men now in comfortable circumstances remember how they laid the foundation of success by self denial, long hours and unremitting toil. They got their start by working early and late and by saving part of their small earnings. More of such pluck and perseverance and independence, which always find reward would be refreshing and encouraging at this time when too many people want much for little and spend profitable time trying to figure out how they can get the most for the least service.

### Laurelwood Congregational Church

At the Laurelwood Congregational church next Sunday morning Rev. Wolford Withington, of Cheney, Wash., will speak in the interests of the Pilgrim Memorial Fund, so-called from the celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers from the Mayflower. This fund is to be raised as an eight-million-dollar drive within the next two weeks for the furtherance of Congregational church work. Dr. William Baird, in charge of the Oregon division of the undertaking, spoke at a dinner at Hotel Portland last Wednesday evening, the church at Laurelwood being represented by a delegation, members of which included Mr. and Rev. Mrs. J. J. Handsaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pratten and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunbar.

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