

SOLD AS WIVES

How Parents Dispose of Their Children.

LIGHT ON MANY EVIL DEEDS

Over 300 Girls in Chicago Sold Into Slavery.

MARRIAGE LAWS A FARCE

They Shield Practices of Italians, Making Marriage License for Mere Children Cheaper Than Dog License.

LITTLE GIRLS SOLD INTO WIFEHOOD IN CHICAGO.

Girl wives under 18 in two years, 201. Most of them, Italian. Many of them, American. Some of them, Jewish.

CHICAGO, March 11.—(Special).—The results announced today of the investigation conducted by Superintendent Bodine, of the compulsory education branch of the public school system, reveals the fact that during the last two years 201 girls under the legal marriage age of 18 years have been married without substantial proof of age to men whose ages range from 18 to 40.

Instances are cited where several girls of 12 and 13 years have been sold into wifehood by their parents. The affidavit filed by the prospective groom was the only proof of age submitted. Superintendent Bodine declares his belief that the present system makes perjury. He will call a meeting of the committee on compulsory education of the Cook County Child-Saving League next week and have resolutions adopted to induce the Legislature to make far stricter requirements for marriage of minors than are in force at present.

How the Bargain is Made.

Mr. Bodine also gave some idea light on "the child wife traffic," which is most common among the Sicilian immigrants. An adventurous son of Sicily comes to this country leaving his family behind. He gets work as a laborer on a railroad or in the street. Then he starts his work as a matrimonial agent for his daughter. With a photograph and flowery language, he lures a bachelor laborer into love by impressing him with the charms of a certain daughter, who is at the time far away. When the bachelor has been led to the proper state of mind, he is induced into a contract which binds him to pay the passage of the married man's family on condition that the daughter in question be given him as a wife.

Marriage License System a Farce.

The marriage license system in Chicago is a farce, and the weak marriage law of Illinois is responsible for many of the divorces in Chicago, said Mr. Bodine. "Marriage licenses are as easy to obtain as dog licenses, and the only material difference is that it costs 50 cents more to keep a dog than it does to be taxed for marrying a girl. The questioning of a dog license purchaser is fully as searching as the breed of the dog must be known."

ECKLES DEFENDS RAILROADS

Gives Congress a Sarcastic Hit, and Beck Hits Back.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—James H. Eckles, ex-comptroller of the currency, and James M. Beck, ex-attorney-general of the United States, were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association today. Mr. Eckles defended the right of capitalists who invest their money in railroads to control the rates. He said: "All economic questions, such as banking and railroad business, should be better entrusted to those who uphold commerce and know what they are doing and who have their money at stake than to those who stand in legislative halls and whose only call is that they hold public office and are in governmental authority."

TELEPHONE LINE TO DENVER

Long-Distance Systems to Be Connected in Utah and Nevada.

DENVER, Colo., March 11.—(Special).—The people of Denver and Cheyenne will soon be able to talk to Oregon and California cities, an arrangement having been made between the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company and the Pacific States Telephone Company to connect the lines in Utah and Nevada, which will afford also connection with Oregon.

PE-RU-NA TRIUMPHS AFTER ALL ELSE HAS FAILED.

All Ages, Young and Old, Are Subject to Catarrh and Catarrhal Diseases. The Use of Pe-ru-na In Every Home Is an Urgent Need.



Pe-ru-na, a Matchless Cure for Catarrh and Its Consequent Ills.

Miss Julia M. Cartson, 522 I street, N. W., Washington, D. C., writes: "I take the greatest pleasure in giving my endorsement to Pe-ru-na as a matchless cure for catarrh and equally as fine as a remedy for consequent weakness and indigestion."

Alfred DeMalo, Notary Public and Italian translator, also editor and proprietor of the Italian newspaper, Il Corriere, Vineyard, N. J., writes: "I am glad to say that your treatment made me a new man. I feel better than I ever did."

Louise Mather, 12 Church St., Boston, Mass., writes: "Your medicine is an ideal woman's medicine, and by far the best I have known to restore lost health and strength."

Mr. Robert E. McGonagle, Pierceton, Ind., member Clerks' Union, No. 179, writes: "I found Pe-ru-na of great benefit when I had been suffering with catarrh of the head and throat for months. The first bottle gave me relief, and I continued to use it for eleven weeks, when I was cured."

Tried Pe-ru-na After Everything Else Failed.

Miss Anna Graham, Chairman, Debates Committee, Conservative Club, 27 W. Corolla street, Colorado Springs, Colo., writes: "I was much run down a few months ago, and all the medical treatment I took failed to bring the required relief and toning my system needed."

Suffered With Stomach Trouble, Cured by Pe-ru-na.

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No Medicine Helped Until He Took Pe-ru-na.

Mrs. A. Hobson, 225 Washington St., Boston, Mass., writes: "Pe-ru-na has been such a blessing to my only child, as well as myself, that I feel induced to give my testimonial."

An Ideal Woman's Medicine.

Miss Louise Mather, 12 Church St., Boston, Mass., writes: "I suffered for several years. My back ached. I had bearing-down pains, and frequent headaches. I would often wake from sleep in such pain that I would suffer for hours before my eyes would close again. I dreaded the long nights as well as the weary days."

Catarrh is a Systemic Disease.

Catarrh often manifests itself locally, being confined to the head, the throat, the lungs or any other organ lined with mucous membrane. The fundamental mistake made in all of these remedies is that they treat catarrh as a local disease.

Pe-ru-na is a Systemic Remedy for Catarrh.

It is an internal remedy that searches out every part of the human system and finally eradicates the catarrh. While it is true that Pe-ru-na cures catarrh of a chronic nature, yet it is advisable to take Pe-ru-na as a preventive and not wait until it has fastened itself in some part of the system.

Pe-ru-na Cures a Severe Cold.

Mrs. Katherine Mann, 535 California street, Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "About three months ago I contracted a severe cold while away on a visit. I used, physicians, took Turkish baths, and tried cough remedies until I sickened of it all. Pe-ru-na purified my one relief."

The Modern Fabius

(Continued from First Page.) Many veris all the approaches to the Pass are covered with troops, artillery and baggage transports pressing northward, and 25 miles away the strong rearguard of troops, which is commanded by General Kuropatkin, is retiring slowly, doggedly disputing with the pursuing enemy every foot of the ground in order to cover the retreat of the army.

AMERICANS IN PARIS

King Edward Pays Honors to Admiral Davis.

PARIS, March 11.—King Edward intended to bestow a distinguished consideration upon Rear-Admiral Charles H. Davis, the representative of the American Government, following the decision of the International Commission which inquired into the North Sea incident. It was the desire of the King to have the Admiral visit Buckingham Palace, and accordingly Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador here, was instructed to arrange for the visit. Sir Francis communicated with Ambassador Porter and Admiral Davis, but the latter's sailing arrangements prevented his acceptance of the distinguished honor. However, the King sent a special messenger to Dover, conveying a letter to Admiral Davis.

AMERICAN EMBASSY HOME

Americans in Paris Raise Money to Buy Building—Changes Among Ambassadors Take Place on April 30.

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Good Thing for Arbitration.

VIENNA, March 11.—In an autograph letter, thanking Admiral Baron von Spanu, Austrian-Hungarian representative on the International North Sea Commission, for his labors, Emperor Francis Joseph expresses the opinion that the result will tend to promote the renunciation of international disputes to arbitration.

Twenty Killed in Welsh Colliery.

CARDIFF, Wales, March 11.—It is now announced that 20 lives have been lost as a result of the explosion which occurred yesterday in the Cambrian colliery at Cityschvale, in the Rhonda Valley.

CANNOT TRY ITS MEMBERS.

CLEVELAND, March 11.—Judge Beacom, in Common Pleas Court today, granted the petition of the Cleveland Electrical Illuminating Company for a perpetual injunction restraining the City of Cleveland from enforcing or attempting to enforce any order of the Commission to produce its books and papers at the Commission's bribery investigation.

ARMS SMUGGLED INTO RUSSIA

Thriving Trade Broken Up by Russians and Russian Police.

BERLIN, March 11.—An active trade in smuggled arms at Ostrowo, Prussia, and at Kallach, Russia, was broken up this week by the joint action of the Prussian and Russian police. The arms intercepted consisted chiefly of the poorest quality of revolvers, worth \$15 wholesale. There is no evidence that the smugglers were agents of the revolutionists, or that they were connected with any organization. They were merely adventurous travelers who sell goods on

THE MODERN FABIUS

(Continued from First Page.) The order to abandon Mukden and retreat to the Tia Pass position was given at 9 o'clock on the evening of March 3. At dawn of that day the Russians held a line on the Hun River from a point 10 miles east of Pushan to Madyapur, the west front extending to a point six miles north of Mukden Station, the continuous line of battle generally paralleling the railway four or five miles distant. A terrible dust storm raged, and tension had reached its extreme limit.

Japanese Break Through Line.

It was realized that, if any point of the Russian line gave way, all would be lost. The position in the most extreme danger appeared to be north of Mukden station, where it seemed for a time that the Japanese might break through and entirely cut the lines of retreat. General Kuropatkin concentrated heavy columns there, took command himself, and succeeded, during Thursday morning, in forcing the Japanese back from the river, and also in driving out bodies of Japanese east of the railroad.

Severe Sentence on Ballot Thieves.

DENVER, March 11.—Judge Booth M. Alton today sentenced Peter Miller and

LEAVING IT TO THE COAST

Colorado Contest Argued by Lawyers on All Sides.

DENVER, March 11.—The State Supreme Court today heard arguments on the question of taking up the interregulatory submission by the General Assembly, with the view of testing the legality of the proposition to oust Governor Alva Adams and seat Lieutenant-Governor James P. McDonald as Governor.

IS RULED BY CLAIRVOYANTS

New Cause for Mrs. Cody's Quarrels With Buffalo Bill.

DENVER, March 11.—Testimony in the Cody divorce case was taken in private in this city this afternoon. Only H. S. Ridgely, counsel for Colonel Cody, Mr. Wilson, of Nebraska, attorney for Mrs. Cody, the stenographer and the witnesses examined were allowed in the room. The principal witness was Mrs. May Cody Bradford, a sister of "Buffalo Bill," residing in this city. She has already made one deposition in which she testified that Colonel and Mrs. Cody had marital difficulties from the first and that she had intervened as peacemaker on several occasions.

TRACTION ON INDEPENDENT LINE.

PORTLAND, March 11.—(To the Editor.) Frequently has been stated that the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company is operating through the Oregon Traction Company with the view of obtaining a franchise from the City of Portland for an interurban line. An item in your paper this morning contains the suggestion that the company named is behind the Traction Company, and also the intimation that possibly the Portland Consolidated Street Railway Company is interested. These matters may very naturally be subjects for speculation and gossip. There is, however, no reason why necessity for any misrepresentation or misunderstanding. I desire now to

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers used our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall.

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Cures Colds and GRIP

Grip pure and simple is known by influenza, pains and soreness in the Head and Chest, Cough, Sore Throat, General Prostration and Fever.—Dr. Humphreys' Specific "Seventy-seven" will break it up.

When Grip is complicated with Rheumatism or Lumbago, then alternate Specifics 75 and 77.

If with Dyspepsia, Indigestion or Weak Stomach, try Specifics 10 and 77. If with Kidney or Bladder trouble, as is often the case, Specifics 27 and 77 will cure you. For other complications consult Dr. Humphreys' Manual at your druggist's, or mailed free.

At Druggists, 25 cents, or mailed. Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Co., cor. William and John Streets, New York.

What Sulphur Does

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect. Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years research and experiments have proved that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium. These are small colored, late-coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form.

The people are realizing the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flours of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium is undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

Dr. R. M. Wilkies, while experimenting with sulphur remedies, soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium. In patients suffering from boils and pimples and even deep-seated carbuncles, I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium is a proprietary article and sold by druggists and for that reason labeled by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles and especially in all forms of skin diseases as this remedy."

At any rate people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called blood purifiers will find in Stuart's Calcium a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.