The Divorce Mill.

A reporter of the San Francisco Post gives the following account, showing the facilities for obtaining divorce by application to lawyers, who are to be found in almost every large city, who make the divorce business a specialty:

"I suppose you know why I have called," said the reporter. "I am in search of a divorce, to be procured in the easiest, most quiet and expeditious manner."

"How long have you been married?"

"About four years."

"Any children?"

"Two."

"What is the trouble? Have you any cause of complaint?"

"Well, no," answered the reporter, in a hesitating sort of way. "To tell the truth, none."

"Oh, your wife does not suit you—is that it?"

"Well, yes—partially; but, to tell the truth of the matter"—and here the reporter coughed as he thought of the lie he was about to utter—"I have got a good wife and a good home, but I do not love her, and I do love another woman. That's why I want a divorce. Do you understand?"

The other villain thought that he did. "It would be a difficult case to get through, but have you nothing to complain of?"

"No, I have not. We have always lived happily, never had a cross word, and there lies the trouble. If we had ever quarreled, why there might be some chance to get an application through."

Here the reporter thought that if there was any man at all about the divorce agent, hardened though he might be, he would counsel an abandonment of such a base idea as that of a divorce from a loving wife. But it soon became evident that the shyster before him was only too willing to assist in any villainy.

"Has she never called you any names or hurt your feelings in any manner?"

"No, she has not."

"But, has she never called you anything in even a joking manner?"

"Well, yes. On one or two occasions she has said; 'Oh, you rascal.'"

"AH HA! CALLED YOU A RASCAL.

That's good. Has she never been cold or indifferent to you? Now, you must think of some time when she has."

"Well, there may have been times when she was too engrossed in something else to be over affectionate."

"That's the talk. Now you are getting at something tangible."

"Yes; but my wife will come into court and swear that there has never been any difficulty between us, and beside, we are living together still."

"That's so. You will have to leave her and refuse to live with her, or you can send her out of town, and then we can apply for the bill and publish the summons in some obscure weekly that she will never see, and in that case you can take judgment by default."

"What paper do you generally advertise your summons in?"

"In the Golden Era. See, here is a notice (showing the paper) that I will wager anything will never be seen by the defendant."

"But the modus operandi of procuring these divorce—are not the courts very strict?"

"Some of them are, but you know that the case is never tried in court. The evidence is taken before a commissioner appointed for that purpose by the judge. He submits it and his opinion of the case to the court, who reviews the evidence and decides the case. Now, I have a particular friend who is generally appointed at my request by the —— District Court—that is the one I practice in—and he will be

VERY LENIENT IN THE MATTER.

He will do anything to oblige me."

"Very well. Now I have an idea. Cannot the summons be served at my house?"

"Certainly, but then your wife will know all about it."

"Yes, but can I not see to it that she is absent and that the summons is served on another who will personate her?"

"That's a capital idea; the sheriff or his deputy will then make an affidavit that the summons has been served, and the case will go by default."

"Yes; but when she discovers the fraud?"

"Well, that would not be for some time," said the serpent-like villain, "and then it would not do her a particle of good. We could prove that the summons had been served by the sheriff, who would be our best witness. He would be unable, through lapse of time, to tell whether she was the woman or not, and he would naturally swear that she was the party who had received the summons. As soon as you get the divorce you can marry whom you like and then leave your present wife."

The interview, which had been lengthy, finally ended by the "agent" stating that he would have the complaint ready the next day. The terms for procuring the divorce would be $75, $40 down and the balance when the decree was granted. Out of this he would pay court expenses, fee the commissioner and also fee the clerk of the court, who would see that the "cussed newspaper men" did not get wind of the matter and publish the fact that the divorce had been granted. Promising to call the next day the reporter took his leave. At the appointed time he was again on hand, and the complaint was ready for him. It was a remarkable production, and stated things in a recklessly interesting manner that was the peculiar charm of the divorce fiend's character.

THE COMPLAINT.

After reciting the fact of the marriage the complaint goes on to state:

That said defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty to plaintiff in the manner following: That is to say by the infliction of words and acts such as to cause plaintiff grievous mental distress, rendering life miserable in the extreme and at times almost unendurable, using offensive language and giving names to plaintiff such as rascal, and many other epithets not proper to be applied to a husband by a wife.

That said defendant, without cause, is guilty of extreme cruelty to plaintiff by the infliction of grievous mental suffering upon him by an incompatible indifference and want of affection towards him for a period of over two years last past prior to the commencement of this action, which said indifference and want of affection has been continually growing more incompatible between the parties, and defendant less inclined to affection for him, to such an extent as to preclude the possibility of the parties ever again living together in peace and harmony as husband and wife.

That this complaint is made in good faith and sincerity, to the end that justice may be done in the premises.

"And am I to swear to all this?" asked the reporter.. "How can I do it? It is all false."

ONLY A LITTLE FORMALITY.

"Oh," answered the bureau man, "that's only a little formality. The complaint once filed, it will be an easy matter to get all the proof you need. You will only want one other witness beside yourself. The commissioner will not be particular, and by the arrangement we will make there will be no defense."

Seeing that the sharper would not take "No" for an answer, the reporter asked for time. He "wanted to consult a friend, and see if he was running any risk in signing it," he said. With this the sharper was perforce satisfied, and the reporter departed with the complaint.

Now the whole truth was out, the plan revealed, by which an innocent, confiding wife and two children were to have been cast adrift in the world by a scoundrel of a husband, aided by a villainous shyster who would hesitate at nothing. As the reporter was not the fortunate possessor of a wife, and therefore needed no divorce, he did not take advantage of the bureau

The Romance of a New York Banker's Early Life.

The marriage of August Belmont to Miss Perry (daughter of the Commodore) was in its day a deep, interesting, social event. Prior to that Belmont had no standing. He was merely known in Wall street as agent for the Rothschilds, while aside from his office he was merely a fast man, whose money went freely in the most disreputable manner. He still carries the marks of his early career in a lame leg, the result of a pistol shot received in a duel, occasioned, it is said, by an intrigue. Up to that time, indeed, Belmont was considered rather as an adventurer. His true name was Schonberg, which he changed to Belmont on his arrival here, and his family connections were unknown. Hence, for a New York belle to marry such a man could not but create a sensation. The wedding was preceded by the conveyance to the bride of a Fifth Avenue establishment and $100,000 in first-class securities, and it was not long before the Belmonts were received among the creme de la creme.

In this manner the Jew Schonberg, having renounced his Hebrew preferences, became a leader in the more dashing element of New York society. He is the only Jew that has shown a special love for horses, and his name has long been identified with the American turf. His son, Perry Belmont, is one of the leaders of young society, and recently his daughter was married in good style, the ceremony being one of the most brilliant ever witnessed in Newport.

Belmont is one of the small number of Jews who has renounced his national faith, and yet he retains some of the ancient customs. His wife attends the Episcopal Church, but when death entered his family he obeyed the old Hebrew custom of closing his picture gallery for a year. He is now about three score and ten, and his wealth is estimated at a million. Rather strange, though he has been a Wall street man for so many years, he has never been drawn into stock speculations. No one has ever heard of Belmont's name in any "corner" or street operation among bulls and bears. He has confined himself closely to his original specialty, and has built up an immense banking business, which will be a grand inheritance for his sons. His married life has been one of reputable character, and it may be said that in no case has the daughter of a naval officer done better than in the instance above referred to.—New York Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

A Romantic Elopement

Yesterday the police of Buffalo arrested Emma Simmonson, a pretty girl of 14, and Harry Clark, aged 17, both of whom were dressed in boy's clothes, having eloped from their home in Flint, Mich., recently. Emma wore a neat but loosely-fitting suit of dark gray, topped by a natty hat, under which a mass of short, blonde hair hinted at her sex. They were about to start on the Canada Southern railroad, and the girl carried a satchel, which, being opened, disclosed full feminine attire of the neatest quality and a mass of golden hair which she had sacrificed, and at sight of which she broke down and cried. Emma said her father was foreman in a sawmill, and Harry had been a clerk in a hotel. She had been reading dime novel sensations and became infatuated with eloping. She attended the public school, but spent most of her time writing notes to Harry, who agreed with her in the idea of an elopement. She took a pocketbook containing $30 from her mother's bureau, and reaching Detroit bought the boys' clothes, and then came to Buffalo and put up at a Senaca street boarding house. Their total capital when arrested was $12 50; the romance had already worn down to plain fact, and Harry confessed that he wanted to go home, which he was allowed to do. Having a request from Emma's father asking that she be detained, the police required her to put on proper clothing and committed her to jail.

PACIFIC COAST.

A Political Change.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—The Workingmen's congressional convention of the third district met at Vallejo to-day and recinded the nomination of C P. Berry for congressman, he having accepted the Democratic nomination and declined to take the pledge of the Workingmen's party. Geo. T. Elliott, of Solano, was nominated to fill the vacancy.

The Walking Match.

In the walking match the state of affairs is decidedly changed since yesterday. McIntyre at 6 P. M. has 260 miles to his credit and Scott 259; but both are badly used up, while Edwards, who has been doing good work and running considerable, has scored 239 miles and is in splendid condition, with every prospect of winning. Callahan is even with Edwards, but is so lame as to be virtually out of the race. Bowman, with 224 miles, is in improved condition and may come in second. Others are so far behind that they have no chance. The attendance and interest are increasing.

Infamous Crime.

A young girl travelling from France to Australia, whose friends are wealthy, accuses a society man named S. F. Thorne, of forcing himself into her room in the Cosmopolitan hotel and outraging her person. Thorne is a married man and was boarding at the same hotel.

The Walkists.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—A great many people were at the pavilion last evening, and interest increases as the match progresses. The contestants, encouraged by cheers of the crowd, are springing round the track at accelerated speed, and making frequent spurts.

At noon to-day the score of the leading pedestrians stood: McIntyre, 298; Scott, 291; Edwards, 297; Callahan, 274; Bowman, 263. Scott and McIntyre continue quite lame, and Edwards is steadily closing the gap. He had six hours rest last night and it is reported will remain on the track for the next thirty-six hours. His condition is good. Bowman bids fair to get the lead of Callahan in the course of the day.

Straight Ticket.

The Democratic State central committee have been in session all the evening and concluded to run a straight ticket in the State and counties, with Glenn probably at the head. The meeting was far from harmonious.

Death of Collector Mitchell.

Tax collector Mitchell died at 3 o'clock this morning at his residence in this city. His condition for several days had alarmed his friends, and yesterday hope was abandoned. The cause of his death was pneumonia. Deceased was a native of Australia; aged 43.

His Last Row.

SONOMA, July 14.—Thomas Newton, a noted desperado, known as "Texas," who a few years since was discharged from the State prison, and who, during his career has killed three men, was shot and killed this evening by George Sandevah, a butcher. "Texas," when sober, was a quiet, inoffensive man, but when under the influence of liquor was considered dangerous. He was with Walker in his filibustering expedition in Guatemala.

Turning the Tables.

On Sunday afternoon J. C. Robertson, the principal teacher at the Industrial School, was assaulted by five boys and received injuries from which it is doubtful if he ever recovers. Mr. Robertson was superintending the boys while they were making their change of clothing in the dormitory, and had occasion to correct a lad named Robert Weeks for some infraction of rules. The rattan used by him was not adequate for the purpose, and he left the room to procure a larger one. When he returned G. Bergen, 15 years of age, took a heavy clothes bar, three inches square and five feet long, and dealt Mr. Robertson a blow on the head which felled him to the floor. He was picked up immediately afterwards in a senseless condition and taken to his room. From that time to this Mr. Robertson has not recovered consciousness and physicians consider his condition extremely dangerous.

Mining Companies to Remove.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—Nearly all the leading Comstock companies, including Alta, Alpha, Best & Belcher, Caledonia, Confidence, Con. Virginia, Gould & Curry, Hale & Norcross, Occidental, Overman, Seg. Belcher, Sierra Nevada and Utah have filed certificates of incorporation and lists of officers, in the office of the county clerk of Storey county, Nevada. This is understood to be preparatory to removal in the event of carrying into effect some of the provisons of the new constitution.

The Walk Ended.

Over 10,000 attended the pavilion this evening to witness the finish of the six-day walking match. At 5 minutes to 11. Edwards, bearing the stars and stripes, and surrounded by all the contestants except Scott, walked slowly around a couple of laps, thunders of applause following his march.

Editor Drops Dead.

Peter Anderson, editor of the Pacific Appeal, one of the best known and most respected colored men in California, dropped dead on Kearny street this afternoon. He was aged 60 years.

From Mexico.

A brutal murder was committed on the Casitas ranch, about twenty miles south of the line, on or about Friday of last week. A prospector journeying southward was murdered, dragged a mile or more from the road, thrown into a deep gully and burned to a crisp. In a pack left unmolested on his mule were found several letters and a photograph. It is presumed from these letters that his name was Leopold Putz, a gentleman in fair circumstances and well respected.

The interior department reports the population of that republic to be 9,678,000.

Female Walking Match.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—In the ladies' walking match at 7 P. M., the score stood: La Chappelle, 58; Donley, 48; Edwards, 44; Maynard, 41; Walton, 34. Edwards rested several hours this afternoon, Donley keeps more in the track and is slightly tame. Maynard is taking things easy. Walton is hardly considered in the contest. La Chappelle is fresh, walking well without hurrying.

Criminal Verdict by a Coroner's Jury.

A coroner's jury this afternoon brought in a verdict of manslaughter against George Bergin for the killing of James C. Robertson, a teacher at the Industrial school.

The Harbor of Refuge.

The steamer Constantine sailed to-day with the board of engineers to examine the northern coast for the site of the proposed breakwater.

Bullion Product.

Official returns from the Bonanza mines for the half year ending July 1st: Virginia, $100,494,600; California, $100,856,000.

Indian Murderers Lynched.

VISALIA, July 17.—Arthur Townsend, a young man of Plano, Tulare county, was murdered in the mountains on Tule river by Indians, a few days ago. The murderers were lynched by the whites.

Snow Sheds Burned.

RENO, July 17.—A fire started in the snow sheds at 12:30 last night, between Emigrant Gap and Cisco, and burned the Crystal Lake water tank and 1,500 feet of sheds. The fire detained trains until 4:30 A. M. Passengers and mails were transferred.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.

FIRST DISPATCH.

WHEAT—Market strong. There being few sellers, business is checked.

BARLEY—Firmer. Good coast feed, 70c. Chevalier bay, $1 50@1 75.

CORN—Large yellow, 70@75c. White, dull.

FLOUR—Firm, with a fair demand.

WOOL—Dead and nominal.

SECOND DISPATCH.

WHEAT—California choice to extra choice shipping and extra choice milling, in good demand at $1 72½@1 75, but offerings are very small. Hardly any sellers to-day, and they are asking $1 75@1 80. Some are paying equal to this in the interior. The market is favorably affected by European advices, and manifests a steady feeling, with great confidence in present values, but charters, it is thought, will rule higher.

FLOUR—Market firm at full prices. The demand is fairly good and is for home consumption. Oregon and Walla Walla brands are in light supply and market firm.

OATS—Feed, the market is a little more active and firmer. Sale of good at $1 40.

POTATOES—30@40c.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, July 15.

WHEAT—99c paid for August.

BACON—Short rib sides, none

LARD—$5 85@5 87½ is paid for August.

PORK—$8 70 paid for August.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, July 15.

WHEAT—Strong.

FLOUR—Steady.

WOOL—Quiet.

ENGLISH COTTON MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, July 15.

COTTON—A shade easier. Prices unchanged.

Poor Food and Consumption.

At the tables of how many farmers and mechanics, we wonder, is the buckwheat breakfast gone into disgrace? We readily recall the time when uncounted multitudes of families broke their fast of twelve hours and faced the work of a blustering Winter day with nothing but greasy buckwheat cakes and molasses! They might almost as well have eaten sawdust; and what had they for dinner? Boiled salt pork and potatoes, and for supper boiled salt pork and potatoes again—cold, and made palatable with vinegar! Ah, we forgot the pie, the everlasting pie, with its sugary centre and its leathery crust—the one titillation of the palate that made life tolerable. Good bread and butter or milk, abundant fruit, beef and mutton, nutritious puddings—all these things have been within the reach of the people of New England, for they have always been the thriftiest people in the world; but they have cost something, and they have not really been deemed necessary. The people have not realized that what they regarded as luxuries were necessaries, and that the food upon which they have depended for protection from the climate, and for the repair of the wastes of labor, has been altogether inadequate, and has left them with impoverished blood and tuberculous lungs. For, after taking into account all the influence of hereditary, which is made much of in treating of the causes of phthisis, insufficient nourishment is responsible alike, in most instances, for the deposit of tubercle and the inflammation to which it naturally gives rise. There are many men who, by a change of living, render the tubercles already deposited in their lungs harmless. Vitality becomes so high in its power that it denominates these evil influences, and they live out a fairly long life with enemies in their lungs that are rendered powerless by the strength of the fluid that fights them. We have seen consumption cured again and again by the simple process of building up the forces of vitality through passive exercise in the open air, and the supply of an abundance of nutritious food; and we have no doubt that it can be prevented in most instances by the same means. No human body can long endure the draught made upon it by a cold climate and by constant labor, unless it is well clothed and well housed.—Scribner's Monthly.

The Late Gen. Sully's Family.

Gen. Alfred Sully was first married while a Captain of Infantry, to a Spanish lady, at Santa Barbara, Cal., prior to the war of the rebellion. A child was the result of this marriage, and both wife and child died about a year after this marriage. He remained a widower until about 12 years since, when he married an English lady whose acquaintance he formed at Dubuque, Iowa, and we believe it was at that city this second marriage was made. This lady, the widow of Gen. Sully, with their two children, one aged 11 years and the other 2 years, now reside with a maiden sister of Gen. Sully, in Philadelphia. Mrs. Sully had been with her husband at the front for six years, and herself and children were with him at Fort Vancouver at the time of his death. She accompanied his remains to Philadelphia, where they were interred. The widow is in very moderate circumstances, as Gen. Sully left no property of consequence, and her sole dependence for the care of herself and children is a beggarly pension of $700 per annum, which she receives from the Government. Gen. Sully's father, Thomas Sully, left but very little property, all of which went to a married daughter, and the general, himself, expended his income in assisting the relatives who were near and dear to him. These are the facts in the case, and should suffice to protect the memory of the grand old soldier, who was ever the idol of his command, and whose gallant record is a monument more enduring than chiseled marble. Let him sleep in peace.—St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press.

Cleopatra's Needle.

The famous Egyptian obelisk, "Cleopatra's Needle," which was recently set up on the banks of the Thames, and which, it was found, would rapidly become disorganized by the action of the peculiar London atmosphere, has been coated with a silicious wash which it is believed will successfully protect its surface for years. The effect of the process, it is said, has surpassed expectation, and it is only to be compared to the restoration of an old painting. The obelisk now appears as if just chiseled from the rock, showing its original colors, the quartz and feldspar glittering in the sunlight. The intaglio also comes out much more distinctly than before.—Exchange.

Who is the prince of Wales, musing upon his mother's government, like a rainbow? Because it's a sun's (son's) reflection upon a steady rain (reign).

The hen, like the amateur at billiards, depends principally upon the scratch.

A special from Austin says that news was received of a fight between the State troops and a party of Indians at the head of Concho river. One Indian was killed and several wounded. The rest escaped. The State troops lost several horses and pack mules. They were still pursuing the Indians.

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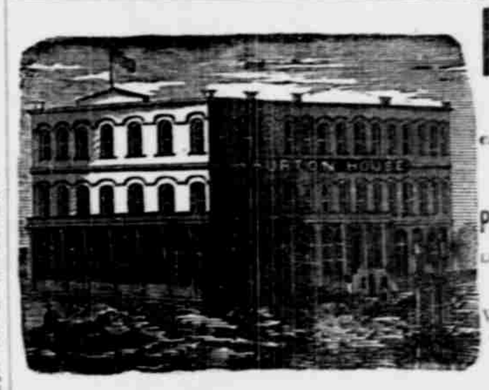

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