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POWER OF HUSBAND OVER WIFE IN ENGLAND BRINGS UP MANY NOVEL DISPUTES

According to Strict Letter of Law Hubby's Rights Almost Equal Those of Turks.

By THOMAS C. WATSON
(Written for International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Of the many laws on the British statute book none is so ambiguous or misleading as that relating to the power of a husband over his wife.

Under the strict letter of the law a British husband can exercise over his wife an almost Turk-like dominion. But in accordance with the Married Women's Property Act should a husband live in the house and home which is her property he may only do so providing he behaves himself.

Should he entertain any of his friends there without first obtaining his wife's permission it is tantamount to misbehavior and he can be ejected. Most of the ancient matrimonial rights have disappeared. A case, however, cropped up in the law courts the other day in which an action was brought by a husband against his wife's father for "harboring" her, a revival of an ancient matrimonial right which has almost disappeared.

Touch on Pav-in-Law.
The case developed that the wife fulfilled the threat of going back to "her people" and left the husband flat. The result was that the father-in-law was involved in a very expensive lawsuit and in the end had to deliver up his daughter to her rightful protector.

There is an illusion abroad that the Englishman—note English not British—has a right to beat his wife with a stick not thicker than his thumb. That was no sixty years ago, and though the act has never repealed, there are certain judgments in existence which have considerably modified the power of a husband over his wife.

There was a time not long ago when a husband became the absolute owner of his wife's property on her marriage; she herself, too, became his property; if she ran away he might pursue her, capture her by stratagem

Fed Up On Beauty Contests



Miss Cecilia Devan came over to America to escape the boredom of pretty girl competitions. She lives in London and has been voted England's prettiest girl. She has won so many contests that she says she won't compete for American honors.

or otherwise and take her to his house and lock her up. She had no remedy. Legally the husband "bath power and dominion over his wife and may keep her by force within the bounds of duty, and also he may beat her, but not in a violent or cruel manner."

That is the outlet now through which a wife may sue her husband for assault should he strike her. Therefore should the modern husband exercise his pre-1880 rights and thrash his wife for some misdemeanor he is liable to be sued by the said spouse for assault, and if he repeats the offense it becomes persistent cruelty, for which she is entitled to a separation with alimony.

Property Rights.
However the letter of the law still exists in England. Legally the wife's position has only been improved in regard to her property, but the interpretation and spirit of it has undergone considerable alteration.

The beating once regarded as permissible is now reduced to "brown-

ing" and mild remonstrance. Even the latter is now dangerous, because if a husband's verbal abuse is proved to have had an injurious effect upon the wife's health it may amount to cruelty and become a matter for the divorce court.

The last time on record that a husband attempted to assert his powers was in 1891. He quoted what is known as the famous Cochran case. In the Cochran case the wife in order to escape from what she alleged to be the "fifal fever" of an unhappy married life fled to her mother.

She remained absent for four years. During that time she had among other things "attended masked balls in Paris with persons whom her husband did not know."

By order of the court the wife was forced to return to her husband and live with him. It was then established the husband had complete dominion over her and the high court judge said that:

"Husband and wife were one in law; the law allows but one will between them, which must be placed in the husband as the fittest and ablest to govern the family."

In the case of 1891 the husband quoted this case. The facts were that the husband had seduced his wife as she was leaving church in company with her sister and carried her away in a cab, took her home and placed her under lock and key.

She was brought thence by a writ of habeas corpus. Later the house of Lords overruled the Cochran decision and the freedom of wives in England began at that date. Even then, however, it was carefully pointed out that in some cases physical restraint by the husband might be justified—for example, if he met her on the stairs in the very act of an elopement.

The direct and indirect effects of the married women's property act and the reversal of the Cochran case have been the deciding factors to free women from the matrimonial bondage which had been their lot since medieval times.

One hundred freshmen reported as candidates for the frosh football team at the University of Oregon this year.

TAD'S TID BITS

(By L. N. S.)

Cobb Leads the Winter League.
New York, Nov. 16.

Mr. T. Cobb, of Detroit, the best apple buster baseball ever known, is still showing the boys how to sock the old Snookum.

In California they now have what is called a "Winter League." It lasts about two months.

There are four teams in it and each team is led by a star of one of the major leagues.

Vernon is led by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

Miss on is led by Harry Hellman of the Tigers.

Los Angeles is led by Roger Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals.

San Francisco is led by Ty Cobb.

The standing of the clubs at this writing follows:

W. L. Pet.
Vernon 9 9 400
Los Angeles 9 7 363
San Francisco 7 8 428
Mission 7 10 412

Here is how the boys are batting. Hellman who led the American league all year, betting the pill for 400 or more, is not even in the first five. Kamm and Smith belong to the Pacific Coast league:

G. A. B. D. H. Pet.
Cobb 16 60 13 28 447
Kamm 17 60 13 26 394
Hornsby 16 58 13 22 379
Smith 15 57 7 21 388
Sisler 15 59 14 26 356

Talk About Choking the Swell.
Will Rogers was talking about four-flushers the other day while watching limousines pass by.

"Yes sir," he drawled, "I know people who go riding around in automobiles who haven't got a bottle of whiskey in the cellar."

Johnny Wilson's Doffer.
If you have ever seen Johnny Wilson, the middleweight champion, fight you can hardly believe that he's a nice person to talk to.

Somehow or other you look at him in the ring and think that he must be a horse thief or a wife beater or something like that. He's such an uninteresting boxer. He seems so primitive. He seems so primitive.

Yet when you sit down and talk with Jawn he's a very nice, soft-spoken fellow who smiles at the absurd heaped upon his broad shoulders by the boxing critics.

"I don't mind the fellows panning me about my boxing," said Johnny the other night, "but, see, when I wish they'd lay off kidding my ameller, I was born with that, you know, and have no chance to get another one. My boxing may improve, but my center-head never will, so far as looks go. Tell those fellows to criticize my foot-work and points all they like, but writing man, please leave my horn alone."

Leo P. Flynn Chirps for Shade.
Leo P. Flynn, the Sporting Phoenix, says: "My boy, Billy Shade, has boxed but once in nine months and that was against Fay Keiser. Pretty good for a shoe right out of storage, eh? Wait until he gets a few more fights under his belt. Look out below, boys!"

Home to Meet 'em, Back to Beat 'em.
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Madame Kaji Yajima, 50-year-old Japanese woman leader, photographed with a petition which she presented to President Harding. The petition, written on Japanese rice paper (1) yards long, is a demand for the abolition of war, and bears the signatures of 10,000 Japanese women in both English and Japanese.

Jap Petition

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LIMITED LICENSE PLAN URGED BY DEPARTMENT

During the hunting season this fall more than 5,000,000 persons, estimates the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture, will go out with a gun into the woods and fields of America. Their going emphasized the growing need of more adequate and uniform laws to conserve and protect the country's dwindling game supply.

"It has been the practice in many States," the department says, "to issue hunting licenses for the open season to all applicants, with too little regard for the available game supply of any particular area. The hunters may far outnumber the animals hunted within a given section, and under such conditions the extinction of big game especially is inevitable."

WIDOW HAD TO ASK 'MAW'

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 16.—(U. N. S.)—Well, well, well! A widow had to have the consent of her mother before she could marry the second time. A marriage license clerk declined to issue a license to Bra-Nora Scharrer, 67, and James H. Boone—until Mrs. Lillie Wade, mother of the widow, gave her consent.

WOMEN'S FEET GETTING SMALLER EVERY YEAR

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—(U. N. S.)—Women's feet are getting smaller every year, according to Southern California merchants who sell shoes—and they ought to know.

A Santa Barbara dealer sponsored the first announcement of this interesting revelation. Los Angeles shoe merchants say he's right.

And the reason? It's the ubiquitous automobile. As the purring cars multiply in number women take fewer and fewer steps. Their toes no longer are subjected to the strain of pounding the gravel all day long.

"The length of a woman's foot is a matter of heredity," said one dealer, "the width of her foot depends upon exercise, however. It is natural, therefore, that the tendency for several years has been for women's feet to get smaller—that is, narrower."

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