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## Divorce.

The Missouri Democrat, in the course of an article on divorce, offers the following sensible remarks:

"Possibly there is some exaggeration in the common representations as to this tendency of the times. The hundreds of thousands of happy homes whose doors are not thrown open by the newspapers are forgotten, and undue importance in the comparison is probably given to the hapless homes that are thus exposed. The prevalent dis position to elevate hands of horror upon this subject is proof that marriage is still enshrived in the popular heart, and reassures us that it will survive and be held in reverence till the 'crosh of worlds.' The greater frequency of divorces may, after all, be no indication of greater unhappiness in the domestic circle. It may be that happy pairs are more numerous and miserable ones fewer now then ever, but that a larger number than formerly of the miserably mated aspire to be disjoined, and succeed in the effort. All this may well be, and we are surely priviledged to console ourselves and our numerous readers with these reflections.

Still it is true that the philosophy and conditions of marriage are by the masses very imperfectly understood, and as true that even the most cultured often fail the most signally in showing that they understand them. It is the duty of legislators, however, to do whatever is possible to be done by enactments to remedy the evils of human error in this respect. In this work they should begin with the laws as to marriage itself. The facility with which the first mutual sighs of a youthful twain can be formed into thoughtless marital vows is at least one immense source of married woe and of divorce scandal, and of much more of the former than of the latter. Marriage is sold at petty shops, licensed and kept open for that

This a nuisance and scandal less usually named as such than divorces are, and one to be abated by exacting more deliberation of the marrying magistrate, surer and heavier penalties for violation of the law. It should also be met by a wiser choice of magistrates by the voters than too often is made. The divorce law should unquestionably be made much more stringent than it is, for under it we now have virtually divorce shops that drive about as brisk a trade as marriage shops. We refer mainly to the divorce lawyers, who cultivate and advertise this speciality, induced and able to do so through the

laxity of the law. No person is or shuold be compelled to live with a partner whom he or she finds intolerable. Such persons can live apart, and the law must respect his or her right so to live. But in his own self protection society has also the right to give such persons a choice of evils, and make it certain that at least he chooses separation as a less evil, rather than as a greater good. Governor Brown's suggestion, that the law should not invite divorces, is both just and

make it impossible to procure one from any motive of gain or of preference for another. It should render collusion of husband and wife to secure divorce less hopeful than it now is Thousands of marriages that prove happy are attended by passages during which one or both of the parties would, were it practicable, dissolve the bond. In fact, those who are best mated by nature must pass an ordeal of mutual adjustment, and it is the prime merit of marriage that it binds the parties till that stage is happily passed. With the indifferently well-mated the trial is more severe, but even they, if retained together, find at last a degree of felicity to which they would otherwise be life- went to the barrel to draw some oil to from the house to the kitchen, saw the long strangers. As to the 'incompatieffect upon the law maker. If Xantippe of temper, but let us have peace

The Governor's special message has very properly called up this vital topic, and we earnestly hope that the excellent recommendations he has made will be carried into effect."

### A RHINOCEROS ON THE ICE.

Mr. Frank Buckland writes to Land The snow had fallen thick during the length, and also to draw out the noxi- door, the dog had for a short time partiusual courage, was quite equal to the versation, off the pond by knocuing away a large could be approached, the men shouted arms and limbs after a few hours had plug which he has thoughtfully fixed down with all their strength, it being swollen to double their natural size, out of order. In the meantime, the poor covered their danger and made their few hours diffused itself throughout her rhinoceros was in danger of drowning, way towards the shaft. But there was whole body.—Rochester Express. as the pend is nine feet deep; so while no response, and many believed that all the water was running off, Mr. Bartlett, had perished. A light was first lower-

purpose, much as 'justice' or whisky is. he had left the sliding gate of the en- something unusual had happened, and of the association is at present 57. closure open just wide enough to let out | was hurrying forward to learn what it one man at a time, but not a rhinoceros. was, when he met " Jimmy."-Cleve-An absurd scene then ensued-every- land Herald. body rushed to the gate, but the first of or minister even, and subjecting him to the fugitives from the rhinoceros, natuest injury. Shortly after the accident, lay her up, than to permit her to run. Mr. Buckland saw the rhinoceros munching her breakfast as if nothing had happened. The rhinoceros was the big female; she is about ten feet six inches long, and about five feet high at

> was four inches thick. Subscribe for the REPUBLICAN.

the shoulder, and she weighs, at a guess,

between three and four tons. The ice

pertinent. It should, if practicable, exciting Scene-Four Men Imprisoned for Life or Death-A Heroic Woman.

On Wednesday evening the water-The following are the circumstances turning home from a visit to Catskill,

connected with the accident: ground. About 6 o'clock the engineer Timerman in carrying some things bles,' there is a world of nonsense cur- his hand a lantern with a tight globe, eyes advancing slowly towards her. rent about them that should have no and did not dream of danger, as the oil She, seeing she could not stop the dog could abide the homeliness of Socrates, he had done the same thing a hundred defend herself, as flight was impossible. and find profitable vocal exercise in his times before. While drawing the oil, As soon as the dog was near her, he philosophic habits, and if the pug-nose the gas that escaped from the barrel arose on his hind feet and attempted to sage could prize her as a rare means of ignited. In an instant, the barrel ex- seize Mrs. Huff by the throat. enabling him to cultivate patience, let ploded, scattering the blazing oil in Then ensued a combat between the us have no divorces for incompatibility every direction. The engineer fortu- woman and the dog of about ten min- and at Reasonable Rates. nately escaped with but a very slight utes' duration, and which for its fierce-

with great rapidity. The buildings were her left arm, which the dog bit fear-

and Water an account of a "strange out of the fire, the first concern of those this combat would be a lengthy one, as ice accident to the rhinoceros at the above ground was for the four men at soon as the first excitement had subsid-Zoological Gardens, London, recently, work in the tunnel below. A large fan ed, Mrs. Huff ordered every door to be The animal had been turned out into or blower is kept in constant operation closed but one, towards which she gradthe paddock behind the elephant house, to supply fresh air to the workmen, ually but slowly drew the dog. Before while the dens were being cleaned, conducted in a pipe through the entire reaching the steps in front of the open night, so that the pond could not be ous gases which at various points es ally disengaged himself and bit Mrs. distinguished from the ground. The cape from the fissures in the clay. The Huff severely on the left thigh. By rhinoceros, not seeing the pond, put her fire soon caused the stoppage of the en- this time the heroic woman became fore feet on the ice, which immediately gine, and the greatest fears were enter- calm and collected, and again seized gave way, and in she went head over | tained that the supply of air being cut | the dog by the under jaw and throat heels with a crash. The keepers ran off, the escaping gases and the smoke and then began again to draw the brutfor Mr. Bartlett, the resident Superin | and heat from the fire-many burning toward the open door. Finally she had tendent. When he came in a few min- boards and timbers falling down the reached the doorsteps and began to Physician and Surgeon, utes, he found the poor rhinoceros in shaft-would make the air in the ton | walk up them backwards, and when at great danger of drowning, as she was nel so foul as to cause suffocation, the top, she, by summoning all her floundering about among great sheets of There they were, 3,000 feet from shore strength and by one violent effort, ice, under which she had been probably in that little "hole" under the lake, threw the dog to the ground on his kept down till her great strength en and without the slightest hope of relief back. Before the animal could recover abled her to break up the whole mass, until the fire should be extinguished. his feet and ascend the steps, Mrs. Here, then, was a most awkward acci- A large crowd of people gathered at Huff had entered the house and closed dent under enexpected and novel cir- the spot, and the imminent peril of the the door, and at once fainted. Her cumstances. Mr. Bartlett, with his men was the all-absorbing topic of con- wounds were examined and dressed by

instead of a tap, which is liable to get thought that the men might have disthe poison from the bite having in a

rally stout, and possi ly stouter at formed that the steamer Annie Stewart fire, together with the furniture and Christmas time than usual, jammed built to ply in the San Francisco trade, and contents, among which were valfast in the open gate, so that the other some six or 7 years ago, has been pur- uable papers. The loss of the building twenty five men were in the paddock chased to come to Oregon and run on and furniture is estimated at about \$1,with the rhinoceros. The poor fright- the Astoria route. We are not advised 200. The building was clearly fired ened and half-frozen beast luckily be- as to the ownership, but understand by an incendiary who had first poured haved very well, she did not rush after Captain Wm. Trumbull will go as mas- the contents of 2 full cans of coal oil the men, but stood still, pricked up her ter of her. The Annie Stewart is a boat all about it and over the floor, and then ears and snorted, giving the keepers somewhat larger than the Dixie Thomp- opened the windows on the oposite sides time to get out as fast as they could and son, and is said to be very fast. She has of the room to give the flames full play. how they could through the "man- been used but little since she was built, The house stood over several feet of water hole," or guard, in the railing made in as the company against whose interest and as the burning oil poured or leaped case of emergencies. Neither the rhi- she was constructed considered it more upon it the flames would dart over its noceros or the men received the slight- to their advantage to subsidize her and

fect their escape.

Mr. Timerman, of Greene County, works tunnel was the scene of a most was recently the owner of a mastiff, thrilling disaster, involving the greatest which he had raised, and which was danger to four men, who were at work about two years old, and no doubt the therein. The engine-house and sheds largest dog in the County. On Friday over and around the mouth of the afternoon Mrs. Timerman and a lady shaft were totally destroyed by fire. neighbor, named Mrs. Eliza Huff, refound the dog occupying the gate, and Att, y& Counsellor-at-Law In one corner of the shed, fifty or would not let them pass. Mrs. Timersixty feet from the engine, was kept a man ordered him away, but the mastiff barrel of " non explosive petroleum flu- would not obey until they had thrown id." This finid was used for lighting several stones at him, when he took repurposes in the engine room, and above fuge under the kitchen. A short time ground only, lard oil being used under after; Mrs. Huff, while assisting Mrs. fill the lamps for the night. He had in dog with stealthy steps and glaring was, of course, "non-explosive," and by word or gesture, at once prepared to

ness scarcely has a parallel in such en-The flames spread in every direction counters. Mrs. Huff first threw out constructed of pine, and were soon fully near the wrist, and with her right wholly enveloped, and nothing what- hand caught the infuriated brute by ever could be done by the men at the the throat, and as soon as her left hand works to arrest the progress of the was released from the grip of the dog she scized his under jaw with it Immediately upon the first breaking Knowing from every circumstance that a skillful physician, who pronounced occasion. He immediately let the water As soon as the mouth of the shaft, her case almost hopeless. Her face,

Co-operative experiments are believlosing no time, sent for all the available ed to the bottom of the shaft to ascer- ed by many to be an effectual cure for keepers and a long, strong rope; barrow tain the condition of the air. When it any abuse. The N. Y Star says that loads of gravel were at the same time was found that it burned, though about 8 months ago a number of bonastrewed on the sloping sides of the dimly, there was more room for hope. fide workingmen of that city, believing stairs. pond to give the exhausted animal a One of the workmen volunteered to go that co-operation could be successfully foothold. The rope was then tossed down. A rope was fastened around his applied to the grocery business, organaround the haunches of the rhinoceros, body, and he was lowered down the ized an association, and in due season Attorney & Counsellor-At-Law, like the kicking strap of a horse in har- shaft. The air was almost stifling, and opened a grocery and general family ness, and twenty-six men, one half at one of the mules lay dead near the store in Delancy-street. At first the busone end of the rope and the other half shaft. Notwithstanding the heat and iness done was small and the profits at the other, pulled hard on the rhino | foul air, "Jimmy" plunged bravely into | light, owing to the fact that the society ceros; so that in her struggles to get the tunnel, and groped his way outward was obliged to buy in small quantities. up the bank she would not only be in search of the men. He had not gone Gradually, however, the institution Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law. supported, but pulled forcibly forward. far till he met one of them coming out. worked its way into public favor, and After much hauling on the part of the This was fully two hours after the now it is working on a capital of \$1. men, and much plunging on the slip. breaking out of the fire. The man said 800, and effecting weekly sales to the pery bank of the pond, the rhinoceros 'hat they were all right, and that busi- amount of \$300. The society has dewas at last landed on terra firma. The ness brought him toward the shaft, clared one dividend of 111 per cent of salvors of this valuable living property and when ten or twelve hundred feet profits, besides 6 per cent on invested had then to look after themselves. from it, he began to observe the heat capital. Another dividend will shortly Mr. Bartlett had anticipated this, for and stifling air. He then knew that be declared. The number of members

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