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MARRYING FOUR WIVES

Some thirty years ago a young Greek went to New York and entered into business. He had rooms in a business block, and was supposed to be unmarried. A few months since he died, leaving property to the amount of \$1,200,000. His lawyer found among his papers an informal will written by himself, whereby he gave his property to his four wives in equal parts. Attached to the will was an explanatory paper to the effect that, desiring vigorous and healthy offspring, and being in doubt in regard to the national blood which would form the best mixture with his own, he had married four wives—English, French, German, and Spanish—and was raising a family by each wife. He requested the lawyer to call these wives together after his death, and tell them the true story of his life, and divide the property equally among them.

Upon looking into the matter it was found that the four marriages were informal and by contract, and that each contract bore the same date, to wit, 8 p. m., November 16, 1870. Each wife told the same story of her marriage. Each said that she was engaged to the Greek, and one evening when he was about to leave the city for a few weeks he sent for her to come to the hotel where he then lived. She went. He then came into the room where she was with the written contract in his hand and both signed it, after which he hastily left for the train, as she supposed. When he returned to the city they commenced housekeeping, and he spent such time with her as his business would permit. You see, he wrote four marriage contracts of the same date. Then he had the four girls come to his hotel at the same hour. He hastily stepped into the room of each girl and signed the contract with each, so that in the coming years neither wife could claim the priority of marriage. It was also found that in naming these wives in his will and the explanatory paper he wrote them alphabetically, and called attention to the fact that he did so.

After the husband's death, when the four wives met in the lawyer's office and heard the true story of their one common husband, and examined each other's marriage contract, their astonishment can be imagined. Neither could claim priority of marriage. Neither could claim to be the one legal wife. Fortunately all were sensible women, and they readily agreed to divide the property equally and avoid all publicity. Each took her \$300,000 and went her way quietly.—Portland, Me., Argus.

Too Much Power.

Mr. Flowers proposes to amend the federal constitution so that a president can reject part of a bill which has passed congress and approve that part which suit him. This policy has been adopted already in several states in reference to state affairs, giving the governor power to veto part and approve part of a bill. It is, however, but an experiment yet, even in state matters; and it may not when well tried, be found a wise change. State constitutions are, however, easily altered; and in the event that this plan does not please the people of a state, they can go back to the old plan of requiring the governor to sign or to veto the bill as a whole; to take it all or to take none. But there is another very grave consideration connected with this change. In any event there seems to be little danger to be apprehended from an ambitious

governor. To give such power to the president is quite a different thing. He is in a manner entrenched in a citadel of power, served by an army of office holders, with an armed military and naval force under his control. It is easy to imagine a condition of affairs wherein a president may become a dangerous enemy to public liberty. There is, perhaps, no instance of a free people escaping without attempts being made by designing persons to subvert their most precious institutions. We have had one narrow escape from the possibility of untold calamities in this direction. To invest the president with this power to pick out what suited him from bills passed by congress, may be about equivalent to vesting the principal law-making power in his hands. It is a move in a dangerous direction. It is a proposition to still further lessen the too feeble influence which the citizens have over their affairs.—S. F. Examiner.

Proposes to Increase.

The Pacific Coast, and especially Oregon, is most interested in the matter of duty on tin plate, as there is now a large canning business done in Salmon, and before long we shall become extensive canners of all kinds of our surplus fruit. The duty on tin plate now is one cent, and the Tariff Commission proposes to increase this to two cents, just double. For whose benefit this is to be done we know not, but we do know that a majority of the people are consumers and instead of an increase, demand a reduction on this article. The imposition of a tax nearly double that which now prevails on tin plates would most seriously embarrass the packers of canned goods all over the country. This industry has within a few years grown to enormous proportions. There is hardly a State or a Territory of the Union in which the business of canning goods has not gained a foothold. It employs tens of thousands of men; it utilizes a vast proportion of the products of the farm and the orchard that otherwise would go to absolute waste; there is not a family in the land which is not interested in having preserved for it during the long winter months the many substantial articles of food that otherwise would be worthless in a few days or a few weeks after they have been brought to market. It is because of the development of the canned goods industries that we are enabled, at a cheap price, to enjoy in the dead of winter, peas, tomatoes, peaches and many other fruits and vegetables.

A flourishing export trade in these and other perishable articles of food has also been opened up. Our vegetables, fishes and meats are canned and transported to every quarter of the globe. We have been furnished with an estimate of the number of cans which were required during the first eleven months of this year for the exportation of only salmon, oysters and beef. Twenty-five million cans were required for the preservation of such of these goods as were shipped abroad. This does not include what were canned for home consumption. It does not include the cans that were required for either the exportation or the home consumption of oils, lards, and the ordinary vegetables.

An increased duty on the tin plates which are required in the manufacture of the tens of millions of cans in which our fruits and vegetables are preserved must result in raising the price of these commodities to consumers, and

what people are not consumers of them to a greater or lesser degree? It must also cause considerable detriment to the farmers, who will find the demand for their products lessened. The wisest measures of statesmanship are those which cheapen and diffuse the food supply of the people, but the proposition to raise the tax on tin plate only serves to make more costly some of the most important articles of our food supply. Every grocer must sell his canned goods at higher figures and a tax is thus laid upon every breakfast, dinner and supper of the poorest classes of the community. For instance, there is hardly a family in ordinary circumstances which does not enjoy at this season that delicious and nutritious esculent, the tomato, but the duty which the commission—and nobody else but the commission—wishes congress now to impose on tin plates, will make the tomato ascend at least ten per cent in its price.

This tax does not afford a protection to industry. It is indefensible on that ground. It is in reality an obnoxious duty on raw material. To increase it is to perpetuate a rank injustice. On the contrary, it should be omitted altogether from the list of dutiable imports, or at least should be made to contribute no more than its fair share of revenue of the government.—Portland Standard



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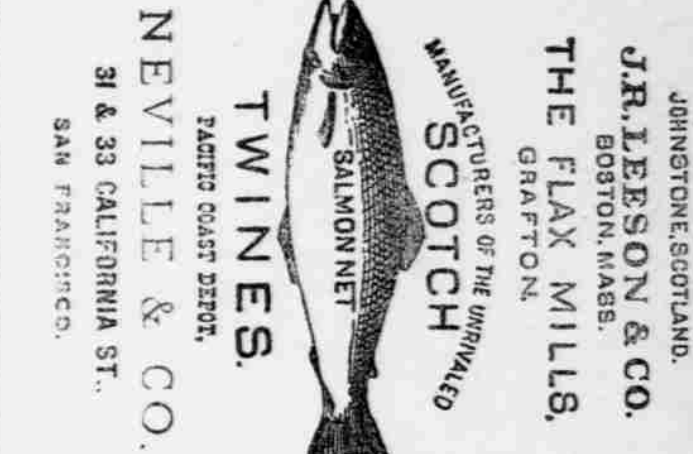
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