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DIVORCE EVIL

Itemizer—

The above caption appeared on the sporting page of a Tacoma, Wash., daily newspaper recently. The article deals not with a sport event, but with sacrament of matrimony, or rather with the rending apart of the matrimonial ties that made "Kid" McCoy, the prize fighter, husband of eight different unhappy women. And then, as if comparing the speed abilities of so many race horses, the article compares the work of this prize fighter with that of De Wolf Hopper and Nat Goodwin, the actors, and finds that the "Kid" married and divorced eight women, leading by "three laps," as it says, DeWolf Hopper and Nat Goodwin, the former having only five of his unhappy victims to gloat over and Goodwin only four, while "Kid" McCoy has a total of eight and is a young man yet.

The story is well written and is worth reading only for the condemnation that decent people can give to the subject matter and to the moral phase of such sickening details and such legalized immorality. Here is one of the paragraphs in the story about "Kid" McCoy:

"The 'Kid,' who in private life bears the name of Norman Selby, and who now lives in New York, is being sued for divorce by his eighth wife, and it is his proud boast that he is the holder of the divorce championship, which he will defend against all comers."

Is there no law in this country to take care of and punish such moral lepers as this "Kid" McCoy? Where has matrimony descended to from the good old days of our fathers and mothers and grandfathers and grandmothers? To them and to us, their offspring, the holy bond of wedlock was regarded as something approaching close to God. Upon the union of men and women in holy wedlock depends the future of nations. Surely a good God will some day cry out in terrible vengeance upon such trifling of the sacrament of matrimony. Is the marriage vow to be so lightly considered that men and women can approach the altar with no thought of posterity and no pride of ancestry? The "Kid" McCoy, the DeWolf Hopper and the Nat Goodwins should be held up to the young men and young women of today as horrible examples of treachery to the oaths that were taken and vows that were pledged at Hymen's altar; and instead of making a horse race out of matrimony, and divorce made to appear as so many conquests, the churches and the national law-making body should emphatically place their seal of disapproval upon such records as those of "Kid" McCoy, DeWolf Hopper and Nat Goodwin seem to view with pride.

It will not be wars or pestilence that will crumble this nation but it will be divorce courts if such rascals are allowed to marry at will and divorce is made so easy. There may be cause for divorce, and the courts have been given power under the law to render assunder the ties that are supposed to bind forever, but for men and women to toy so lightly with the sacredness of marriage, and then to boast of holding the championship in divorce is a blot upon the nation that will allow such practice.

Forty years ago the divorce courts were not so popular nor so crowded as now. In the wedding days of your father and mine, the flimsy grounds of "incompatibility" were unknown. In those days it was akin to being convicted of a felony to seek the divorce courts, and while husbands and wives "separated" or lived apart the later made up, they seldom sought the divorce courts. Today, it would seem that men and women enter too lightly into the marriage vows. This cannot be blamed to youth, for in yesteryears early marriages were encouraged and more frequently than

now. The world seems to have gone mad or the people in it have become madened by the fast living and the fast life that is all around them. The divorce evil has been the subject of earnest discussion by many of the leading church denominations for many years, and yet the divorce courts of every state rapidly grind their daily grist. The evil seems to have deeply rooted itself in the social fabric of the nation, but such a repetition of it as "Kid" McCoy, DeWolf Hopper and Nat Goodwin star in, is sickening and repulsive. With the "Kid" marriage was begun with immorality and licentiousness; and then one may wonder why none of the marriages held.

Marriage should be made easy, but divorces should be made hard to get. It sometimes seems to us that our courts listen too eagerly and attentively to the attractive complaints that many able lawyers are willing to draw for a complainant in a divorce case. What this nation needs is a federal law governing the divorce evil. Men and women, as a rule, have less fear of state courts than they have of federal courts. They do not attempt to trifle with Uncle Sam's court or with the stern and unrelenting justice that is meted out there. Surely a federal court is needed for such as these—the "Kid" McCoy, DeWolf Hopper and Nat Goodwins.

MISFITS

More of Tom Lawson mystery is to be opened up on an innocent people.

Even if the sneak who caused the leaking is found it is not easy to figure out the result.

As smart as Edison is he has never made an invention that could phase a professional lobbyist. No current would cause a flutter.

Buffalo Bill's estate has shrunk to \$65,000. Most men would be glad to have their estate expand to that amount, big in little places, little in big places.

Portland banks have combined and agreed to charge 25c a month where deposits are less than \$100.00. That's all wrong. The small depositor helps swell the business of the bank and make it a great paying institution and is entitled to just as good treatment as the big depositor. Thrift should be encouraged, not discouraged, and banks, which make most of their money off the money of others should treat all fairly. This is done in the smaller cities.

We all have our troubles, but who

would want a job that caused several hundred suffragettes to besiege your place of business and keep you on the anxious seat.

No matter how many flowers are placed on a grave it doesn't stop dissatisfaction with the contents of a will.

These powder makers can have a few two million dollar explosions with out making the pocket books of the owners flutter.

The business seems to be principally profit.

A cat has nine lives and Harry Thaw about as many.

DeWolf Hopper certainly ought to know how to make love, he's been married five times.

But that's just getting started. Kid McCoy has been married eight times, with a divorce in every case but the last, which hasn't been granted yet, but is in course of preparation.

Marriage is a good deal of farce when a divorce can be obtained as easily as secured by McCoy, or rather Selby.

Worrying

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