

Divorce Rates for Childless Couples Higher Than for Parents of Children

New York, N. Y., Apr. 1.—About 1,200,000 persons were involved in divorces granted in the United States in 1948. The total includes 313,000 children of broken marriages who were under 21 years of age when their parents were divorced.

This information is derived from a report on divorces and annulments by Metropolitan Life Insurance company statisticians. "Divorce in families where there are children is more common than is generally realized," observe the statisticians. "Of the 421,000 absolute divorces granted, 42 percent were to couples with children."

The more children there are in a family, the less likelihood there is of divorce, the study shows.

Frequency Rates
In homes where there were no children under age 18, the divorce rate for the United States in 1948 was 15.3 per 1,000 married couples. In homes with one child, the rate was 11.6; with two children, 7.6; with three children, 6.5; and with four or more children 4.6 per 1,000 less than one third of the rate in the homes where there were no children.

Altogether, the relative frequency of divorce for couples with children was shown to be only about one half of that for couples without dependent children at the time of divorce.

The difference in divorce frequency between couples with and without children is greatest during the early years, and

diminishes as the length of married life increases. Even after the 20th year of marriage, however, the ratio is twice as high for couples without children. After the 30th year the rates for the two groups are practically identical.

"While some unsuccessful marriages may not be broken until the children have grown up, their number is less than is popularly believed," observe the statisticians. "This is borne out by the small difference in the rate between the two groups at the later years of marriage."

Undecided Whether Horse Needs Tail Light

Odessa, Tex. (U.P.)—Tex Vandervalk's efforts to "modernize" his night watchman's job hit a legal snag.

Vandervalk, who makes his nightly rounds on a rubber-shod horse, applied to the sheriff's office for permission to install a tail light on his steed.

The tail light, he explained, would keep cars from hitting him as he toured his beat.

Sheriff Ernest Broughton turned the matter over to the county attorney for final decision.

"It's the first time a case of this kind has come before me and I'm not sure whether it would be within the law," the sheriff said.

Use of gypsum in argiculture provides a source of both sulphur and calcium for plants.

Your Health and Its Care

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OXYGEN WANT IN THE HEART MUSCLE

The heart is practically all muscle—a hollow muscle, an involuntary muscle that does a lot of work and does it well without a "regulation" or "interference" on your part—does its work as well as that other hollow involuntary muscle which chiefly composes the stomach and intestine does if you have enough sense to avoid interfering with it—using laxatives, enemas, etc., to "regulate" it. In medical language the heart muscle is a myocardium.

In medical language oxygen want is anoxia, deficient supply of oxygen to the tissues. Every functioning cell in the tissues, organs or glands must receive its quota of oxygen, a constant supply of oxygen delivered in or by the blood, every second. If the oxygen supply is much restricted or cut off for a few seconds the cells degenerate or die, and then everything depends on whether the cells can be revived by restoration of the oxygen supply.

Perhaps most widely accepted in the medical profession today is the theory—nobody knows positively about it—that the attack or paroxysms of heart-pang or breast-pang (angina pectoris) is a temporary anoxia of a portion of the myocardium, deficient supply of oxygen to the heart muscle. We can only conjecture that this temporary oxygen want in the heart muscle is due to constriction or spasm of the arteries that supply blood to the heart itself. These arteries distributing blood from the aorta or great artery just beyond the heart to the tissues of the heart itself, in appearance resemble a crown, and so they were named the right and left coronary arteries.

The constriction or spasm of the coronary arteries or branches may occur from undue exertion or sudden effort, but emotional excitement of one kind or another is more likely to bring on the attack. The great Dr. John Hunter, subject to angina, said: "My life is in the hands of any rascal who chooses to annoy or tease me," and Hunter actually did turn up his toes in a fit of anger.

It was a little before my time, but it does seem to me that Dr. Hunter, like a lot of—oh, well, I don't want to annoy them—say a lot of people today who are subject to or in training for angina pectoris, was altogether too self-centered. A tendency toward angina doesn't warrant a demand that everybody give way and let the poor fellow annoy and tease them as much as he likes. Rather it imposes upon the affected individual such reform of habits and way of living as may be necessary to protect against such emotional excitement.

By way of prevention of angina, aside from the adoption of the simple life, I'll quote a statement made by a distinguished cardiologist (heart disease specialist) in an address before a medical society, on Optimism in Medicine:

"It is my belief that patients with coronary insufficiency can carry on practically normal lives for many years with the assistance of glyceryl trinitrate" (otherwise known as nitroglycerin) "used not during the attacks... but prophylactically."

In the C-V-D booklet (for copy

send twenty-five cents and stamped self-addressed envelope), which deals with heart and artery diseases, I say that every sufferer from angina pectoris should always carry a few tablets of nitroglycerin, and tell how to use them—but don't complain to me if your druggist refuses to sell nitroglycerin tablets without your physician's prescription. The druggist has the law behind him. I can see no good reason why your physician or any physician who knows you should refuse to give you such a prescription, that is, if you are not actually a moron.

A nitroglycerin tablet dissolved in the mouth is effective in a minute or less—it relaxes spasm or constriction of the coronary artery and permits a supply of oxygen to reach the affected cells immediately. I don't believe the use of nitroglycerin by a patient of ordinary intelligence ever does any harm.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How About This, Men?
When men go through the change of life, do they get hot flashes as the women do? (F. L.)

Answer—Never saw a case and wouldn't believe it if a man assured me his trouble was change of life. For that matter, there's no illness or disturbance of health that can be explained in women. Only a minority of women at the menopause have hot flashes. Most women have as good health then as before or after the menopause. So what?

Apology to the Japanese
Having lived in Japan as a missionary for nearly thirty years I beg to inform you that foot binding is or was an old custom in China. (R. L. R.)

Answer—Thank you. You are right in ascribing to them this practice well known to be a Chinese custom.

Calcium for Venereal "Hay Fever"
For many years I have had severe hay-fever-like spells the year around. For several years I have had eczema on both hands. (Mrs. E.)

Answer—For both manifestations it would be worth while supplementing your diet with Ca and P for a few months. Send twenty-five cents and stamped self-addressed envelope for booklet "THE CALCIUM SHORTAGE." (Copyright 1930 by John F. Dille Co.)

Scouts Too Strenuous For Milwaukee Man

Milwaukee, (U.P.)—Marvin Lemkuhl, advertising executive has attended his last Boy scout meeting.

"It's just too dangerous," he said ruefully.

Lemkuhl was hit on the head by a misdirected basketball when he accompanied his 11-year-old son to a scout meeting in a school gymnasium.

But that was all right. He picked up his shattered glasses, shrugged and said, "Accidents will happen."

Lemkuhl and the scouts retired to an ice rink at the end of the meeting for a fast game of tag. When he dodged to escape being "it," his skates went out from under and he landed on his chin.

His chin and one cheek were slashed to the bone, a few teeth were loosened and a wrist was sprained.

Hen Picks Car's Motor To Lay Her Eggs

Memphis, Tenn. (U.P.)—For three days W. H. Ellis had endured the burning smell coming from the hood of his automobile. He thought it was spilled oil.

Then Ellis lifted the hood to check. He found a white leghorn hen atop the motor and two white eggs on the manifold; one broken, the other perfect.

Ellis described the hen as "singed and pretty bedraggled." He calculated that he had driven about 90 miles with the hen under the hood.

"And did that hen drink water after we caught her," he said.



(Acme Telephoto.)
WOULD SUE—State Department aide Haldore Hanson (above) called by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy as a man "with a mission to communicate the world," testifies before the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee in Washington that he would sue Sen. McCarthy for libel if the Senator ever gives up his Congressional immunity and repeats his charge he is pro-Communist.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Mar. 31—Holy week will be observed in the Community Methodist church with a review of the events of the Last Week, commencing Sunday April 2, at the regular church service, according to Rev. H. A. Dierdorff, pastor of the church. Communion and reception of new members will also be held on that date. Easter Sunday will be observed April 9, with a special Easter service and music program. All are cordially invited.

The Health unit will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, April 4, at the home of Mrs. Carl Boye on highway 99, at 1:30 p. m., opening with dessert luncheon. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Maud Martin and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer. Each member is asked to bring rummage for the sale to be held at the Eagles hall in Medford on April 11. Mrs. Maud Martin is chairman of the rummage sale. Mrs. J. H. Kofahl, chairman of the unit, will preside and all her friends are happy to have her at home again after her long illness in San Francisco.

IOOF lodge members were hosts Tuesday evening to the high school basketball team at a ham dinner. The boys and Coach Knapp gave short talks. This has been an annual event of the lodge for several years and is greatly enjoyed by the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hancock have purchased a new Mercury car, replacing the new Ford purchased a few weeks which was damaged in an accident.

Mrs. Bruce Bennett and Mrs. Robert Drake were co-hostesses March 28 at a party in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Drake's husband, at the home of Mr. and

Sunday, April 2, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

Active Club Continues Safety Tape Program

The Medford Active club, in cooperation with Medford city police department, is continuing its program of furnishing safety reflector tape for the bicycle riders of Medford. The tape serves as a reflector for night riding.

Don Whalin and Earl Fichtner, co-chairmen for the Active club, and Clyde Fichtner, city traffic chief, announced that the reflector tape will be available at the city police headquarters for any youth desiring it.

The cost of the tape, about 18 cents per bike, is being paid for by the Active club, and it is free to any bicycle rider who wishes it.

Two hundred forty-two bicycles received the safety tape in November and December when the Active club visited all Medford city schools in a safety program.

Mrs. Bruce Bennett, The evening was spent in games and dancing. Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rosecrans, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ransome and daughters of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lamson and children of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bennett and son, Jerry Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bickel are parents of a girl born at the Sacred Heart hospital March 29. The baby's older sister, Susan, is at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones, until her mother returns home from the hospital. Mrs. Bickel is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Stanley Robbins and his brother-in-law, Richard West, have opened a butcher shop in Sutherland, Ore. Their families will join them there as soon as they can find living quarters. Stanley has been employed at the Pacific Portland Cement plant the past few months.

Mrs. William Rockford left by plane Wednesday for Newark, N. J., to accompany the body of her father, George Henry Yeo, who passed away Monday. She plans to be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Dean Beach and her daughter, Virginia, were business visitors in Gold Hill, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Beach and their children, Don and Virginia, are now living in Canyonville where he has employment.

Jack Hancock left Tuesday night for San Francisco where he has entered the Marine hospital for a physical check up. He plans to be gone about a week.

Mrs. Betty Sebring underwent a tonsillectomy Wednesday at the Community hospital, returning to her home that evening.

A new home delivery service for prepared meals will be inaugurated next Friday by Henry's Drive-In restaurant, it was announced Saturday. Telephone orders for any menu item will be delivered anywhere within the city limits, it was reported. Special insulated containers will keep foods at the proper temperature.

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