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STUDIES IN DIVORCE.

Analysis of a ten-day divorce court record made by Judge Gatens recently may not furnish material upon which to base a conclusion, or through which to formulate a remedy, but it is likely to help. There is a great lack of precise information on the subject, of the kind which Judge Gatens is gathering, and to which he promises to add in the future. It is now recognized that the proper groundwork for reform is a "survey," and if other judges shall follow the example set here in Portland, and intimate data shall be collected covering a wide territory and a considerable period of time, it is possible that good will come of it.

The United States census bureau recently issued a bulletin covering the year 1916 and comparisons with other years, which showed an alarming increase in incidents of divorce in the whole country. The rate in that year was 112 per 100,000 of population, by comparison with only eighty-four in 1906 and fifty-three in 1896. Back in 1870, in the old-fashioned times it was only twenty-eight. But the census, contenting itself with dull and relatively uninspiring figures, does not give even a glimpse of underlying causes, such as may be obtained from study of Judge Gatens' analysis. The federal authorities, for example, are unable to tell us how many wives worked in painful occupations after marriage. These in Portland numbered thirty in a total of fifty-five, 54.5 per cent of the whole. Only seven who were employed before marriage, we learn, gave up their work in favor of their new duties.

So it appears here so far as fragmentary figures show, that "economic independence" does not promote better domestic relations, and that the notion that women marry in order to be supported is a mistaken one. It may or may not be true that where the wife earns a salary the husband's sense of responsibility becomes atrophied. As to this, we shall be slow to dogmatize upon the basis of isolated facts. The same is true as to the theory that the superior opportunity which the wife who works has for meeting other men breeds jealousy in the husband and discontent on the part of the wife.

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TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS
Merrill, Oregon

Thirty cases are not a sufficient number upon which to base an answer to a vital question.

It would be profitable to know more about how seriously, and for how long a time, the marriage of particular couples was considered before the ceremony was performed. It is to be hoped that this may be included as the survey is developed. But it appears that 50 per cent of the couples in question did not like the same kind of amusements, a point of incompatibility which it would seem might have been discovered in a courtship of reasonable duration. Diversion is not the sole purpose of life, yet the time given to it represents a considerable proportion of the hours which husband and wife spend in each other's company. Doubtless other husbands and wives differed in likes and dislikes which do not appear in the record, yet which ought to have been ascertained beforehand. For illustration, nineteen wives and twenty-one husbands did not want children. After marriage is rather too late to make such an important discovery as this. On the whole, it will appear that the adage, "Marry in haste and repent at leisure," has been vindicated at least in part.

A large proportion of divorces were granted on grounds of cruelty and desertion. But these in themselves are meaningless words. Cruelty may consist of almost anything. Wearing one's boots to bed has been considered extreme cruelty, which we agree that it is. But there are at least a thousand other forms of cruelty acceptable under an elastic statute. Desertion quite frequently if not always masks the true reason for legal separation. It is the commonest allegation in collusive divorce cases. These two causes account for most of the divorces granted by Judge Gatens and for 65.1 per cent of all the divorces granted in the United States in 1916. There is a similar parallel between the local figures and those of the whole nation as to di-

vores granted upon allegation of adultery. Here fifteen men offended, and only 10 women. In the whole country the proportion was 6860 men and 5636 women. But the figures in neither instance may be regarded as final. It is the most of ten concealed fact in divorce cases, frequently underlying the canonical charge of "desertion" and other formal allegations.

It also would illumine our studies of an important social problem if we were informed as to the extent to which the attitude of cynicism root and preridged, on the part of our public entertainers toward the institution of marriage contributes to excessive divorces. Vandeville songs of the "I'm On My Way to Reno" type at least do not emphasize the sanctity of the tie. The motion pictures are far from guiltless in the same regard. Easy divorce has furnished material for many a gag, and audiences always laugh appreciatively, if for no other reason than to appear to be worldly wise. If marriage and divorce are made to seem amusing, of course it is a platitude to say that they will not be taken seriously. Yet we despair of ever obtaining accurate data on this head—through a "survey." The beginnings of domestic infelicity are inconspicuous to be traced in this way.

It is nevertheless a good sign, so far as it goes, that a beginning has been made toward serious investigation. This will put the facts more or less completely before the people concerned. It is quite generally conceded by the thoughtful that the quadrupling of the divorce rate since 1870 is not a fact to be turned aside as a joke. Let the "surveys" go on—always, of course, with a view to constructive reformatory action when conclusive data have been accumulated.—Oregonian.

Whatever your ills may be, give the mineral water a thorough trial at the Hot Springs Bath House. It

MIDLAND
Mrs. E. G. Davis and little Son, Bobbie, left on the train Friday for San Francisco where she will visit her sister.

J. D. Hooper bought 100 head of stock cattle from Linn Short last week.
Several of the Methodists attended the dance at the J. E. Emma home last Friday.
Mrs. M. J. Morrison is here visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hooper.

STEARNS IS AIDE DE CAMP.

O. A. Stearns of this city is in receipt of a commission from the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic appointing him as one of his aides de camp. This is a signal distinction of Mr. Stearns, as there is but one such appointment to each state. It came entirely as a surprise and Mr. Stearns is at a loss to account for his selection to this distinguished post of honor in the national organization.

The time is getting shorter every day for you to do what should be done before the Elks get here on August 14, 15 and 16. What are you doing?

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If you had something to sell, trade or give away and went out on the street and told each person you met about what you wanted to do, you might get results—but the people you talked to would be very likely to say: "That poor fish has bats in his belfry." If, on the other hand, you used a Want Ad, you would talk to the whole county at once, instead of only one person, and do it in a businesslike manner.

The same rule applies to hiring help, renting a house, looking for a job, or any one of the important little incidents of life where you must call in the assistance of someone outside your immediate family. You MIGHT get results by telling your troubles to the neighbors—but the certain, quick and economical way is to use a little classified ad.

Do you want to buy, sell or trade, want to hire help or find work; do you want to find a room, a house to rent, or to rent the same to someone else; do you want to call attention to some new feature of your business, seek information on some subject, or have you any little unfilled want?

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