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ALIMONY AND DIVORCE.

Now comes a New York woman who is sure to be charged with "woman's inhumanity for woman," professing to be shocked at the multiplicity of divorces and proposing a remedy in the total abolition of alimony, says Omaha Bee. She conceives the prospect of alimony to be the chief cause of divorces granted to women and denounces the system as nothing but a simple graft. Undoubtedly many designing women can consistently take exceptions to these charges, and it is not to be questioned that some unscrupulous lawyers will co-operate with women for the purpose of obtaining financial emolument through the operation of the divorce courts, but that alimony, or the desire to obtain alimony, constitutes the prevailing cause and purpose of women seeking legal separations from their husbands. It is hard to believe, any more than it would be wise, safe or just to do away with the law providing for alimony. Society has come to recognize that there is such a thing as a justifiable divorce, and there is certainly such a thing as a woman needing and deserving support from the man from whom she seeks and obtains a divorce, and to abolish alimony would work hardship on many women and children, alike blameless for the causes as well as the fact of the separation.

Has everybody forgotten Halley's comet? There was a reaction after the trepidation and intense curiosity aroused by its approach, and now, instead of piling out of bed at unearthly hours of the early morning in the hope of getting a glimpse of it, there are many who would not, for the promise of a good square look at the wanderer, take the trouble of walking across the street. They have seen it once, and so far as they are concerned, it is an old story. Halley's comet is not beyond viewing distance from the earth; yet it cannot be seen. The reason of its invisibility is its nearness to the sun. It sets in the early evening, while the twilight is strong enough to hide it with a veil of light. At the end of the month it will set before sunset. It is further south in the sky than the sun.

The Canadian authorities have been so much disturbed over the report that 15,000 American farmers have left the Canadian northwest that they have undertaken an inquiry of their own. The result of that is the admission that 267 farmers and their families have returned to the United States. During the same time they claim that over 50,000 settlers have entered Canada from this country. Perhaps it is up to the United States to investigate these last figures.

A Louisiana man has patented a combed pickle fork and pair of tongs. With the aid of this useful instrument you may, after a pickle slips from your fork, reach into the jar and pick it out with the tongs. For our part, we are unable to understand why anyone should wish to take so much trouble for the purpose of securing a pickle.

If it comes to pass that a guard must go with every canoe, canoeing will lose its zest. Its chief charm has always been in affording the young man an opportunity to show the girl how he can handle the oars. He will never consent to be followed by a life saver.

One of New York's fashion experts makes the interesting announcement that millionaires are not the best dressed men. The millionaires appear to be wearing up as hopefully as could be expected.

"A hearty laugh is a good thing for indigestion," says one of the doctors. In these days the trouble is to find the thing that will provoke a hearty laugh.

One of the ministers candidly announces that automobile scorches have no chance to go to heaven. But there are probably no automobiles in heaven, anyway.

Why is it so astounding that a man in an aeroplane can go faster than a bird? Doesn't a man on a locomotive go faster than a greyhound or a race horse?

If the cow shows its appreciation of music by giving a bigger yield of milk, why not try the experiment on chickens during the egg famine?

Aviators seem annoyed because an airship was wrecked by a flag pole. Yet a flag has a right to fly as well as a biped.

Fears have been expressed that the weather bureau has mislaid the warm wave flag.

Of course, we all intended to travel in Switzerland and Italy this summer, but circumstances send us down to the old farm instead.

A 15-ton shark has been captured near Seattle, but even for Seattle we take it that this is exceptionally big fishing.

See to it that your grocer does not use ambush scales—the kind that lie in wait.

NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT

COLONEL GEORGE HARVEY SAYS COUNTRY ALL RIGHT.

THE WRITER SEES NO CLOUD

Striking Article in North American Review That is Attracting Wide Attention.

The attention of business and professional men in all portions of the country has been attracted to a strikingly strong article by Col. George Harvey in the September issue of the North American Review in which the writer takes a view of the greatest hopefulness for the future of America and Americans. The article is entitled "A Plea for the Conservation of Common Sense," and it is meeting with the cordial approval of business men of all shades of political opinion throughout the entire country. In part, Colonel Harvey says:

"Unquestionably a spirit of unrest dominates the land. But, if it be true that fundamentally the condition of the country is sound, must we necessarily succumb to despondency, abandon effort, looking to retrieval and cringe like cravens before clouds that only threaten? Rather ought we not to analyze conditions, search for causes, find the root of the distress, which even now exists only in men's minds, and then, after the American fashion, apply such remedies as seem most likely to produce beneficent results?"

Capital and Labor Not Antagonistic. "The Link that connects labor with capital is not broken but we may not deny that it is less cohesive than it should be or than conditions warrant. Financially, the country is stronger than ever before in its history. Recovery from a panic so severe as that of three years ago was never before so prompt and comparatively complete. The masses are practically free from debt. Money is held by the banks in abundance and rates are low.

"Why, then, does capital pause upon the threshold of investment? The answer, we believe, to be plain. It awaits adjustment of the relations of government to business. . . . The sole problem consists of determining how government can maintain an even balance between aggregations of interests, on the one hand, and the whole people, on the other, protecting the latter against extortion and saving the former from mad assaults. "The solution is not easy to find for the simple reason that the situation is without precedent. But is not progress being made along sane and cautious lines? . . .

Conserve Common Sense. "Is not the present, as we have seen, exceptionally secure? What, then, of preparations for the future? Patriotism is the basis of our institutions. And patriotism in the minds of our youth is no longer linked solely with fireworks and deeds of daring. It is taught in our schools. A new course has been added—a course in loyalty. Methodically, our children learn how to vote, how to conduct primaries, conventions and elections, how to discriminate between qualifications of candidates and, finally, how to govern as well as serve. They are taught to despise bribery and all forms of corruption and fraud as treason. Their creed, which they are made to know by heart, is not complex. It is simple, but comprehensive, no less beautiful in diction than lofty in aspiration. These are the pledges which are graven upon their memories:

"As it is cowardly for a soldier to run away from battle, so it is cowardly for any citizen not to contribute his share to the well-being of his country. America is my own dear land; she nourishes me, and I will love her and do my duty to her, whose child, servant and civil soldier I am.

"As the health and happiness of my body depend upon each muscle and nerve and drop of blood doing its work in its place, so the health and happiness of my country depend upon each citizen doing his work in his place.

"These young citizens are our hostages to fortune. Can we not safely assume that the principles animating their lives augur well for the permanency of the Republic? When before have the foundation stones of continuance been laid with such care and promise of durability?"

The future, then, is bright. And the present? But one thing is needful. No present movement is more laudable than that which looks to conservation of natural resources. But let us never forget that the greatest inherent resource of the American people is Common Sense. Let that be conserved and applied without cessation, and soon it will be found that all the ills of which we complain but know not of are only such as attend upon the growing pains of a great and blessed country.

He Knows the Game. According to the Metropolitan Magazine, Fire Chief John Conway of Jersey City, has solved the baseball excusing question by the posting of the following printed notice on his desk at fire headquarters: "All requests for leave of absence owing to Grandmothers' funerals, lame back, house cleaning, moving, sore throat, headache, brainstorm, cousin's wedding, general indisposition, etc., must be handed to the chief not later than ten o'clock on the morning of the game."

Duty Smears. "How can you go around," demanded his wife, "with tobacco juice all over your face?" "This isn't tobacco juice," responded the candidate, mildly. "It's molasses. I've been kissing babies."

Pretending. "See the boys?" "Pretending to be soldiers, eh?" "Yes; kids get lots of fun pretending."

COL. ROOSEVELT MADE MEMBER OF AK-SAR-BEN



IN THE SCRAP HEAP

Remnant of French Panama Canal Goes to Melting Pots.

Costly Machinery Brought Over by Backers of Ferdinand de Lesseps Being Sent to Furnaces to Be Made Over. Harrisburg, Pa.—The ghost of old Ferdinand de Lesseps, the French engineer, would stand aghast were it to visit the yards of the Harrisburg Iron and Steel company and see what is being done with the costly machinery and equipment which he shipped from France to the Isthmus of Panama in the '70s, to aid in the construction of the big ditch that was to be dug solely by French labor, conducted by French skill and paid for by French cash from the strong box of the banker and the humble woolen sock of the French peasant. This costly outfit lay in the path of the American engineers when they came to dig the new ditch which Uncle Sam has in course of construction. Some of it was covered with mud a foot deep; some of it gathered rust and locomotives that cost thousands in France lay upturned, the resting places of the swamp birds, and monkeys swung from one bridge piece to the other as had done their ancestors

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when De Lesseps and his merry men began to dig the ditch that failed. There was only one thing to do with this old stuff, and that was to gather it, ship it north and sell it for junk, to be remelted in the Yankee melting pot, to make useful things. Tens upon tons of it were sent to New York and sold, and among those who got a share was the Harrisburg Iron and Steel company. Thus far Harrisburg has handled 1,500 tons of this scrap. As none of it can be used for its original purpose, as fast as it is received here it is cleaned of the rust of years and the mud of Panama and sent to furnaces, for there is always a demand for it, because of its quality.

Gator in Hen's Nest.

New York.—A pet alligator owned by the family of Jesse Irving Taylor, 249 Broad street, Bloomingfield, N. J., disappeared and had been given up as lost. Miss Jeannette Taylor, while gathering eggs from the nests in the chicken coop was startled to see the head of the alligator sticking from under the wing of an old black hen sitting in one of the nests. The gator, Ted, was removed from its comfortable quarters and placed in an aquarium. The alligator had grown considerably, and judging from the number of shells found, had been subsisting on fresh eggs.

HYPNOTIC AID IS REFUSED

New York Magistrate Rejects Offer of Services of "Professor of Hypnotism." New York.—A simple and easy means of solving all marital troubles by hypnotism has just been refused consideration by Magistrate Cornell, presiding officer of New York's court of domestic relations. A tall, dark man of impressive appearance called upon Magistrate Cornell the other day and introduced himself as a "professor of hypnotism." He informed the magistrate he was ready to place himself temporarily at the service of the court. "I can be of vast assistance," he said. "I am needed here. Nothing can stand against my powers. Let a couple who are at war come to me. I look in their eyes. I stroke their heads. I say softly, 'Go, my children, and be at peace.' They walk out turtle doves."

FIND YOUR NAME BY NUMBER

Miss Zoe Boyle Explains Workings of Her Nomenclature System—Not Fortune Telling. New York.—What's in a name? Nearly everything from a sure threat to a steady job, in the opinion of Miss Zoe J. Boyle of this city, who calls herself "a name analyst." She maintains that when she writes one's self "E-D-Y-T-H-E," instead of "E-D-I-T-H," one actually makes one's self a wholly different person. For, she says, as "Edythe" one may be more unlucky than when it's spelled with an "I." "It isn't fortune-telling," said Miss Boyle. "It is the working of a natural, ordinary law. It means a lot of accurate, careful work. Every letter of the child's two or three names—Christian, middle and surname—stands for something. Then each letter is equivalent to a number in several mathematical tables which I use. The simplest is like this," and she showed the following diagram:

DELANO LOSES WAY IN WOODS

President of Wabash Railroad, Daughter and Companions Forced to Sleep in Open. Chicago.—Lost in the pine woods of northern Michigan and forced to sleep in the open, with only the towering pines above them, was the experience of Frederic A. Delano, president of the Wabash railroad, who was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Catherine Delago, Frank H. Scott and the latter's daughter.

ENGLISH TELL FREAK TALES

One Village Reports Cow Milked by Snake—Frogs "Cried Like Rabbits." London.—Winsted, Litchfield county, Connecticut, seat of so many marvels, will do well to keep an eye on its laurels. British emulators are entering the field. The little Gloucestershire village of Coddington in Devonshire took a hand in the game. Jack Ayre awoke his neighbors one night with the report that, having just traveled on foot over a long stretch of road from an adjacent village he had found the ground covered with thousands of frogs that "cried like rabbits." It was midnight when the adventurer made the discovery, and he opined that the frogs had been showered down from the clouds.

\$340 For 1793 Coin. New York.—Henry Chapman, a numismatist, paid \$340 for a 1-cent piece at an auction the other day. The price, according to dealers, is the largest ever paid for a penny. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars is the biggest previous price which could be remembered. The coin was struck in the year 1793. It is of the "liberty cap" variety and was formerly owned by Peter Monney, the grocer-numismatist of Cincinnati.

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