

FAMED MORGUE OF ROMANCE

Life in the Clevering House of Matrimonial Misfits.

HOUS FALLS' DIVORCE INDUSTRY

Shady Business Conducted Without Unnecessary Publicity and Moral Sobs Smothered by the Coin.

The chief clearing house of matrimonial romances gone wrong is Sioux Falls, the granite rooted town in the land of the Dakotas, where the maimed gather from many quarters of the land. Divorces are not now granted "while you wait," recent laws requiring sufficient residence so that hotel keepers and lawyers get fairly well acquainted with the plaintiffs and size up them up as a business asset.

The ninety-day divorce law brought in transient matrimonial misfits, first by the dozens, then by the scores, and then by the hundreds. The business grew because the system gave perfect satisfaction to customers. Ninety days was barely more than an outing, and the cost of it could be made to fit the purse. It was almost as cheap to get a divorce as to remain married.

An attorney of the old ninety-day period, who had obtained a decree for a wealthy woman, was called upon at the end of the case to fix his fee. He turned his face away, as if in study, tapped upon his desk with his fingers, wrinkled up his forehead as if recalling the quantity and difficulty of his labors, and suggested \$10,000. He said afterward that his heart beat wildly and came up in his throat. So magnificent a sum seemed impossible of gaining in one case. He expected fully his client would be pale and sick at the infamous suggestion of a \$10,000 fee.

The lady with the booming nose sells her stockings extravagantly, stylishly, and stylishly, and the women of Sioux Falls, they say, are better governed than those of their sisters of other smaller towns in the west, or the reason that divorces bring out the very newest in styles and fabrics, and the imitative capabilities of women are proverbial.

The local garages and automobile liveries profit from this transient business. One garage at Sioux Falls numbered at one time seven customers of the divorce colony whose monthly bills averaged each more than \$50 for livery and repairs. Local saloons are also the opportunity and let it \$2 fare where the resident is transported for a quarter. What cabman, running himself on his box at \$2 an hour, which is the sum cheerfully paid by the divorcee of the richer class, does not see the merits of the system?

They are what are known as "good spenders" these wealthy persons who seek freedom from unhappy alliances. They pay the best prices for lodging, for accommodations of all kinds, for cab hire, for whatever is desired. Some of them may be a bit noisy at night, but this is excused from the readiness with which they draw checks. Money in hand is a great sedative.

When a few wealthy members of the colony took charge of the bar at a local caravansary one night, discharged the bartenders, constituted an entertainment committee, and served a number of liquors to all sorts of comers without price, they footed the bill to the "house" without complaint or inquiry. It was only one of many little nights out, the desire of equal for equal, and the money was plentiful. The time and the money somehow for six months. What's the use? All sorts and conditions of men and women have been numbered at one time

or another as members of the divorce colony—from near-royalty down. Not all of them are full-fledged treasure ships that come with swelling sails into this port of separation. There are water-logged derelicts of the matrimonial law that float upon the beach with masts gone, sails in shreds, and both sides stove in, crying out for such repairs as will enable them again to embark upon the stormy waters of marriage.

These of the poorer class must needs be careful about expenditures. A board and lodging—the chief expense—may be obtained from \$4 to \$6 a week—not bad. The competition is keen among the lawyers. There are more than sixty of them in Sioux Falls. A good bargainer may get a cut rate. There is no union scale of prices. The client who starts out with one lawyer at a flat rate of \$100 may find another to do the work at \$25, and still another at a lower rate. He may have had three, or even four, lawyers before he has finally obtained his decree at the lowest possible cost, for he can forfeit several retainers of \$10 and \$15 save money.

With the weather class money is not an object. Some of them have set up expensive establishments, maintained stables of horses, three of four automobiles, retinues of servants, and scattered funds in all directions for the thrifty to gather in. One young millionaire evidenced his bona fide residence by setting up a private residence at a cost of some \$12,000 or \$15,000, entertaining those who cared to accept and who were on the eligible list for entertainment, squandering easy money right and left, and finally finding a hitch in the divorce ceremony that precluded his obtaining the legal separation he sought—such cards!

What is money where the heart is concerned? A wealthy Brazilian coffee exporter brought out his niece and established her in the colony. He engaged the best lawyer in Sioux Falls, as he judged, to handle her case for divorce, and in his avuncular capacity oversaw the proceedings from start to finish. He dwelt upon the cruelties to which she had been subjected, board, lodgings, lawyers, and incidentals. She was a rarely beautiful young woman—she was an uncle to tie to. After the decree was granted she did tie to him—they were married in San Francisco within a week and went around the horn to Rio. All is not gold that glitters. Neither are all uncles who claim to be so.

The wealthy applicant for the benefits of the South Dakota divorce courts has little to do with the actual details of divorce-getting, except to furnish the testimony and the chief facts that are to be put in the form of depositions and laid before the court. The matter of lodgings, of accommodations, of domiciling—there are attended to by attorneys.

Monday—which is wash day, and appropriately the day for the laundering of matrimonial divorce day in the circuit court at Sioux Falls. That is the day the judge has fixed for the hearing of this class of cases. There is no necessary fuss and feathers about it—no straining of throats, no pounding of desks and books, no thundering of gongs. The hearings are held in the chambers where there are none but the judge, the attorneys, the court stenographer, the plaintiff and the witnesses. The papers are regular, the testimony is sufficient to establish the cause alleged, the notion is made for judgment according to the completed writings in its face, bona fide, and the order is entered granting the decree. And the bona fide resident, in most cases, goes home to pack up.

The newspapers of Sioux Falls pay little attention to the business, except in unusual cases where inquiries with regard to persons of especial distinction or notoriety who are reported as being in Sioux Falls for the usual purpose come from eastern cities. There is no aim to give the business too much publicity or notoriety. It seems to be a general policy to say nothing and see wood.

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RALSTON

LOT SALE

Continued Monday, July 6

On account of the crowded transportation facilities on the Fourth Making it impossible for many to attend.

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PLUTOCRAT AMONG INDIANS

Lon Hill, the Richest of His Race, His Huge Farms and His Ways.

The richest Indian in the world is Lon Hill, of Harlingen, Tex. His wealth is conservatively estimated at \$5,500,000. He owns more than 300,000 acres of the best land in the Rio Grande valley. Every foot of it can be irrigated. At the rate which other land in this section of the same character is selling, \$20 per acre for this 300,000 acres would not be an excessive figure. Figured on that basis this Indian is worth \$6,000,000. He is not given to overrating things and the first estimate is his own.

HYSTERIA RESTORES SIGHT

Case of Ball Player (Castillon of Des Moines) Vorges on a Miracle.

James Castillon, a member of the Des Moines (Iowa) baseball team, regained the sight of his right eye in Bellevue hospital, New York, in a manner that has given the specialists there a puzzling problem. The man had been in hysterics for several hours, due to illness, and when he grew normal he discovered that he could see out of the eye for the first time in five weeks.

THE FARMER'S WIFE

Is very careful about her churn. She seals it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will ruin the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. It is not apparent there that if this stomach churn is sour it makes foul all which is put into it?

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