

DIVORCE HANGS OVER ACTOR FAVERSHAM



WILLIAM FAVERSHAM

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William Faversham, the famous actor and matinee girl's idol, and his beautiful wife, who has, in the past, been greatly identified with his success, are to be separated if the divorce suit brought by Mrs. Faversham is decided in her favor. News of domestic infelicity in the house of Faversham comes like a thunderbolt to the whole theatrical world where the actor and his beautiful wife have always been regarded as a model of conjugal bliss, seldom equalled in theatredom. Mrs. Faversham's suit against her husband for absolute divorce is shrouded in much mystery. The testimony is to be taken before a referee so that the public may never know the real facts of the case.

Gregory The Coal Man.

Mrs. Lewis Marshall entertained Les Bohemiennes on Wednesday.

Mrs. S. S. Whiting entertained the Battenburg club yesterday.

Doctor and Mrs. M. H. Everett gave a small dinner last evening.

Mrs. E. H. Wilkinson is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. H. Roman.

Mrs. Carl Carpenter of Denver is the guest of Mrs. McGoogan, 1020 K street.

Miss Welch has been in Omaha for a week with her sister, Mrs. Ray Welch.

Mrs. Hays B. Tomson has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. George L. Kemper of Chicago.

Mrs. F. A. Maxwell of Larrimore, N. D., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McGrew.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bielefeldt and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Platt entertained the Four-fours Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. George and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ganoung entertained the Ellerslie club Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Orcutt is entertaining her cousins, Miss Catie M. Birdsall and Mr. George Chaddock of Rockford, Ill.

Mrs. Charles Hammond went to Tecumseh on Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Davies, who is the wife of the pastor of the Presbyterian church there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Boynton entertained the Noname club Tuesday evening. Doctor and Mrs. Henry A. Shannon were guests. A luncheon was served.

Mrs. E. P. Savage went to Omaha on Wednesday for a brief visit, accompanying her friend, Mrs. Ellison, of Iowa, that far on her homeward journey.

The marriage of Miss Anna F. Embody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Embody, to Mr. William Kulla will be celebrated Wednesday, March nineteenth, at home, 2923 Dudley street.

Miss Luella Myers of Smith Center, Kansas, and Mr. W. Burgess of Lincoln were married on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will reside in Lincoln.

Mrs. Alexander Wilson went to Denver the first of the week to attend a luncheon given in her honor on Wednesday by Mrs. A. C. Cass. Mrs. Wilson returned today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Elrod were surprised Saturday evening by friends to celebrate the third anniversary of their marriage. Card playing was the chief amusement of the evening. An oyster supper was served.

The marriage of Miss Christine Schilling to Mr. Jacob Vogt was celebrated Wednesday at noon, at Grace Lutheran church. Reverend L. P. Ludden officiated. The bride wore a gown of white Persian lawn and carried white roses. A small number of friends witnessed the ceremony.



High and low, rich and poor quaff water from the salt well on government square to ensure health or alleviate pain. At all seasons of the year not a day passes without gallons and gallons of the fluid that gurgles out of the dull gray stone fountain, go into homes innumerable to fulfill countless uses.

A great many people are habitual users of the "mineral water," as they term it. Morning and evening they come to get a drink. Throughout the year they continue never missing a day when they are in the city. As a usual thing these people drink from the palms of their hands, although a few condescend to use a battered tin cup generally found at the well.

"Water from the salt well cured me of the pill habit," said one of the constant users. "I find that it is a gentle laxative containing epsom salts and other mineral properties. It is my only medicine and I am a crank concerning the efficacy of its medicinal virtues."

"Last summer I was absent from the city and returned feeling abominably bum. Previous to my arrival a doctor hinted typhoid fever. I began my old

habit of drinking salt water, taking double doses to make up for lost time and soon felt all right again. I believe that my timely arrival within reach of the artesian well saved me from a serious spell of sickness."

For catarrh and colds in the head the salt water is a very popular remedy. The sufferers sometimes congregate about the well and use the water by snuffing it into the nostrils. Sometimes they come with jugs and bottles to take the fluid home. In the latter case it is generally diluted when used, as the minerals are a trifle strong for the membranes of the nose when undiluted.

Some of the doctors endorse the water for catarrh. It has a stimulating effect on the membranes and allays the suffering caused by the disease.

Honored and respected citizens living in all the wards of the city rely on the stream constantly pouring out of the well to slay all scalp microbes and remove dandruff. With it they shampoo and beat the barbers out of many an easily earned quarter and to the innocent salt well back of the post-office may be charged many unmade sales for various dandruff cures.

Three times a week at a certain hour a little girl makes her way to the well carrying a half gallon jug. She cannot reach the rim of the fountain, so she has to wait for a passerby who will hold the jug under one of the spouts and fill it. Very politely she thanks the accommodating one and starts blithely away. She takes the water to an invalid who has used it as a medicine for many months.

Nearly every day some local humorist has the privilege of leading out-of-town friends to the well and giving them a drink. Unwarily the unsuspecting one takes in a goodly mouthful only to eject it again rather ungracefully. The cute friend starts to laughing while the countenance of the victim is blanketed with that "what in the world is the matter with that water" expression. If the joker is also addicted to the Ananias habit a long discourse on the difficulty of getting used to Lincoln city water follows. As a result the face of the victim grows visibly longer and if there are any temperance resolutions stowed away in the confines of the brain, they are momentarily in grave danger.

In 1876 the salt well was sunk on government square. The village au-

thorities wanted a generous flow of fresh water thereabouts and \$2,000 was set aside for the purpose of securing it. Of course in those days the water rate question was not heralded every morning in the daily press to interest and perhaps vex the inhabitants. When a man wanted a drink he invaded Salt Creek with a gourd or trespassed on one of the extremely few private wells.

A contractor named Eaton did the work. At a depth of 160 feet the water was good and salty. It flowed in a perpetual stream 560 feet below the surface. At a depth of 1,960 feet taken to the state university museum where they may be seen by the unbelieving at any time, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

The salt well is the one Lincoln improvement that bids fair to flow on forever. Old residents, shifted by ill fortune to other cities, insist on having salt water and many a bottle and jug the express companies have transported. The expense of sinking the well has been doubtless repaid a hundred fold by the salty comfort derived therefrom by all conditions of men.

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