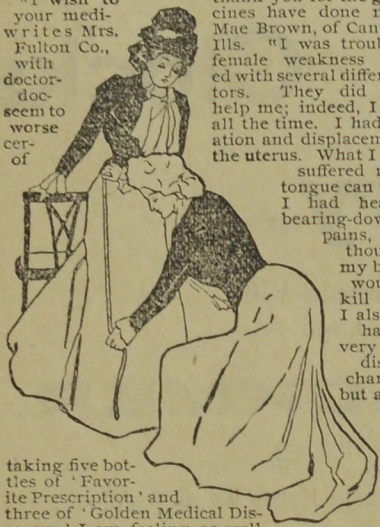


Women are vastly more patient than men. It is scarcely believable that a woman, suffering past all telling, can attend to business, and bend and stoop with a back whose ache is agony. And beyond all this she smiles as she bends and stoops about her customer. A man might swallow down an oath or keep back a groan, but his face would be like a thundercloud, and his voice scarcely disguise his irritation.

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HAS NO DIVORCE LAWS

Some Facts and Statistics on the Mar- riage Question That Are of Almost Universal Interest.

Newfoundland is the only British possession where a divorce is unpro- curable. The colony has no divorce laws and recognizes no interference with the marriage relation.

In the Australian colonies divorce is recognized as a necessity to the constitutional machinery, and while the laws are rigid, still evidence of infidelity will accomplish its attain- ment.

In South Africa also the courts are clothed with power to dissolve the marriage vows for adequate reasons, and the aid of this convenience is frequently called upon.

In Canada the procuring of a di- vorce is a very difficult and expensive operation and necessitates the pre- senting of evidence of the most con- clusive character. The influence of the Catholic Church, opposed to di- vorce the world over, made itself felt through the delegates from Que- bec when the Canadian Constitution was being framed. They stubbornly resented the proposal to vest the power of divorce in the courts. Only 22 divorces have been granted in the 34 years that Canada has been a federation.

Newfoundland is stricter still, and refuses to recognize divorces. This attitude is due to the predominance of the Irish Catholic element in the population.

Truth to tell, there is very little need for a divorce law. Did it ex- ist there would doubtless be many persons availing themselves of it, but as it does not they do without, and are none the worse off.

The colony's whole population con- sists of but 200,000 persons, and while it would be absurd to contend that there is no conjugal infelicity it is quite correct to maintain that the percentage of marital dereliction is smaller than in probably any other country in the world, barring Ire- land.

Cut off from the American contin- ent, the old-time virtues flourish more vigorously than in the commu- nities brought into closer touch with the advanced modern thought which finds expression in making marriage a civil contract, to be broken at the will of either or for very trifling causes. With the exception of St. John's, which has 30,000 people, there is not another town on the is- land with more than 2,000 or 3,000, and the great majority of the places are merely fishing villages, inhabited by the hardy coast-folk who for gen- erations have followed the one pur- suit.

Not among a people like that, who are face to face, with death as an almost daily incident in their exist- ence, would a divorce mill find material, nor would a demand come from them for such an accessory to the existing legal institutions.

The nearest approach to divorce which is recognized there is a judi- cial separation of man and wife, for drunkenness, desertion, ill treatment or the like. The husband is almost invariably in fault, and is condemned to pay the wife a weekly share of his earnings, on penalty of imprison- ment, the judge fixing the alimony.

Of course this arrangement implies no permission for either to marry again. Strange to say, though in- fidelity is a ground for such separa- tion it is rarely pleaded, there being only two instances in ten years, and then by wronged husbands against erring wives.

Proof of it releases the husband from any obligation to support the wife and gives him custody of his children. Women there never advance this plea, preferring to endure pri- vate grief to creating public scandal.

BULLER NO COWARD

AN ACCOUNT OF HOW THE GENERAL WON THE-VICTORIA CROSS.

A Great Favorite With the Rank and File of the Army—How He Was Converted to Home Rule for Ireland—Stories of His Obstinacy and Opinionativeness.

In discussing the attack now being made on General Buller for his heliogram to Sir George White, the Marquise de Fontenoy writes in The Chicago Tribune an account of how General Buller won the Victoria Cross, and adds: "With such a record for personal bravery it is need- less to talk of his being a coward in having informed General Sir Geo. White that it might be necessary for him to surrender Ladysmith, and di- recting him what steps to take in that eventuality. In fact the way in which he conveyed these instruc- tions to Sir George, expressly stat- ing that if it were necessary he could put the responsibility on his (Buller's) shoulders, and state that it had been done by his directions, shows better than anything else the courage and also the generosity of the man. Whether he is forced to resign his command or not he will always remain a great favorite with the rank and file of the army, and even with the officers. In fact, there have been few generals more popu- lar, that, too, in spite of his harsh manner, which conceals a singularly warm heart, and none of those who have served under him can forget that readiness to shoulder the blame in order to exculpate others has been one of his most distinguished traits.

"Irish people in this country may possibly recall that while acting as Government Commissioner to Kerry and as Assistant Irish Secretary during one of Lord Salisbury's former administrations he became so disgusted by what he then saw in his official capacity of the oppression of Ireland that he demanded to be re- lieved of his duties at the Irish Office, and has often since confessed that his Irish experience had the effect of converting him to home rule. It is just as well that it should be remembered in his behalf among the Irish here that he not only resigned a lucrative and im- portant office rather than be identi-

The Art of Roger Payne.

The art of Roger Payne was, per- haps, ultimately a product of the extraordinary impetus that was given to the pursuit of book-collect- ing in England about the middle of the eighteenth century. With the demand for fine buildings to encase the treasures that were being gathered together from every possible quarter, Roger Payne, in the lan- guage of a contemporary eulogist, "rose like a star, diffusing lustre on all sides, and rejoicing the hearts of all true sons of bibliomania." A filthy, ragged, ale-sodden creature himself, his name, perhaps, is still first in the English school of book- binding, and it was to Payne that England owed her final supremacy in the art in which she had so long contested with France for the pre- mier place. His work, as he ex- pressed it himself, was "very care- fully and honestly done," the tool- ing especially being very beautiful, and the fine and delicate method of ornamentation, which is so charac- teristic of his buildings, exceedingly artistic and appropriate. He died in want and distress Nov. 20, 1797. There is a story told of the Coun- tess of Spencer's French maid faint- ing at his unkempt appearance when she saw him engaged one day in conversation with her mistress. Lord Spencer was one of Payne's chief patrons.

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