

MARRIED AT FIFTEEN YEARS.

DIVORCED, RE MARRIED AND SEPARATED AGAIN BEFORE SIXTEEN.

A very singular case of marriage and divorce transpired in this city within a few months, the parties being Mrs. Joe Drago, nee Miss Lizzie Rompf, and Joe Drago.

Lizzie Rompf, a young German girl up to the time of her marriage lived with her parents, on Brent street. Her father is an industrious tanner, and Miss Lizzie was a lively, pretty, fifteen year old girl at the time of her marriage to Drago. Drago is a swarthy, dwarfish Italian of twenty two, whose occupation has been to peddle ice cream around the streets in a hand-cart, and to rouse the echoes and the indignation of the citizens with a tin horn. In some way he became acquainted with Miss Lizzie, and whether by virtue of the tin horn, the ice-cream or his personal charms, after a short courtship he married her. This took place about a year ago.

The marriage was with the consent of the bride's parents, and the couple immediately went to house-keeping. But their married life had been of but two or three months' duration, when discord, worse than a tin horn, began to sound between them. The lynx eyed Italian began to get jealous of his youthful wife, and many a quarrel was the result. Mrs. Drago also found that peddling ice-cream was not a very lucrative business, and her husband contributed scarcely anything to her support.

Finally, in an angry moment Drago drew his pistol on his wife, which frightened her so that she went home to her mother and immediately instituted a suit for divorce. The case meandered in the usual way through the courts, and six weeks ago a divorce was granted.

Meantime the ex-Mrs. Drago remained at home. Her industrious father wanted her to go out to work, but she declined to do so, and a domestic schism was the result.

Ever after his wife left him, Drago followed her and lost no opportunity to be with her. He loved her and constantly begged her to come back and live with him, and finally one day, meeting her away from her parents, who had been keeping a close watch upon her, he eloquently urged her to elope with him. She, thinking she must choose between marrying and working for a living, consented. This was only three weeks after the divorce had been granted. The couple went over to Jeffersonville and proceeded to a magistrate's office. They were so anxious to be man and wife again that they misrepresented the place of their residence, claiming to be from a distant part of the country. The girl affirmed that she was a grass-widow, and there was no trouble in getting a license. And so she was married to the little Italian for the second time all within a year.

The doubly married pair returned to Louisville, and again attempted to keep house. Drago's old jealousy returned, and he kept his wife locked up in the house, not permitting her to see any one.

Their honeymoon lasted but a week, for, at the end of that time, the bride escaped her husband again, and went back home. She called on her lawyers, who had procured her divorce, and wanted them to get her another, but this was impossible, as two divorces can not be granted for the same causes. This second separation occurred three weeks ago.

Drago was very much enraged at this action of his wife, and believing her mother to have been the instigator of the matter, he was violent in his language toward the latter. He was going to get even with the woman yet, he said, and his threats so frightened old Mrs. Rompf that she swore out a peace warrant against him.

Drago was put under bonds to keep the peace. He has since left the city. Mrs. Drago is now living with her parents, sorrowful only because she can not get another divorce from her spouse.

To be married twice to the same man, and to be separated from him twice, and all before reaching sixteen years, is an experience which falls to the lot of but few young girls.

A second volume of the story may yet be developed, for Drago is full of love and danger, and Mrs. D. is very uncertain. — [Louisville Post.

—SENATOR Conkling is not popular in pent up Utica, where he resides, and a letter from there says the feeling against him has been growing in bitterness since his refusal to attend his daughter's wedding. Shortly after the adjournment of the session he went to Utica and, although his daughter and son-in-law live on the same street with him, distant only two blocks, Conkling has not called on his child, neither has he recognized his son in law. — [Exchange.

A CAUTION TO GIRLS.

WARNING AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF THE GREEN EYED MONSTER.

There are some men, especially in the lower walks of life, who are naturally jealous. Probably it is an infirmity for which they are not entirely responsible, and may proceed from some mental defect rather than a wicked heart. We know a shoemaker, a well-meaning, pious man, who has been married 40 years and is jealous of his wife to this day. She is a modest, virtuous, unpretending, hard-working woman, the mother of a large family, who has devoted her whole life to the care of her children, and probably never has been absent from her home a single day from the time she began house-keeping. She is now nearly seventy years of age, but her husband still buys her clothes for her, because he apprehends danger to his domestic peace from storekeepers and their clerks.

A woman who has the misfortune to be united to a jealous husband leads a wretched life. The mania generally shows itself before marriage, and a wise girl will always summarily dismiss a suitor in whom she detects this dangerous tendency. Men who are always imagining evil things of women should be compelled to live alone. They ought not to be permitted to make a home unhappy by their cruel suspicions. Women have it in their power to protect themselves from this class of petty tyrants before marriage, but not afterwards; maidens should shun them as utterly unworthy of their notice, much less of their love.

A foolish young girl in Maryland married one of these disagreeable fellows a few months ago, against the consent of her parents. She was only 17 years of age, but she thought she was old enough to choose a husband for herself. Her mother was a plain country woman, but she knew that if her daughter married a jealous man she had nothing but misery before her. During the courtship there were frequent quarrels, and the lover threatened to break the heads of several young men whom he had seen talking to his "girl." Despite the warnings and entreaties of her parents, Ida Marmaduke ran away from her home near Sharpsburg and married Thomas H. Benner, the son of a farmer residing in the same neighborhood. His connections were respectable, his habits were not vicious, and he had no glaring faults except his jealous nature.

Early in the present week an account of a tragedy at the Antietam National Cemetery, near Sharpsburg, was published in the newspapers. — Thomas H. Benner, keeper of the cemetery, was shot by his wife. This was the sequel to the runaway match. The thoughtless, wayward girl soon found that she had married a man with whom she could have no happiness. He constantly accused her of being unfaithful, and if he saw her speak to a man, it was sufficient cause for an outburst of ill-temper. As already stated, Benner had charge of the Antietam National Cemetery, and lived in the "lodge" house. Two or three weeks ago Lieut. Haverfield, a one-legged soldier from Indiana, was appointed Superintendent of the Cemetery. He made arrangements to board with Benner until his own family should arrive. Lieut. Haverfield scarcely spoke to Mrs. Benner when he met her at the table. However, he frequently heard her husband quarrel with her and upbraiding her.

On Saturday evening Haverfield, Benner and a man who was employed as a laborer at the cemetery, walked down to the village of Sharpsburg together. They returned about 9 o'clock in the evening. Haverfield went to his room, but Benner got in to a quarrel with his wife, refused to go to bed and finally laid down on the kitchen floor, where he passed the night. In the morning the quarrel was renewed; Benner seized a large carving knife and ran at his wife. An old carbine, a relic of the battle of Antietam, was standing in the corner of the kitchen. Mrs. Benner picked up the carbine and snapped it, without knowing whether or not it was loaded. Benner fell dead on the kitchen floor. The woman had never fired a gun before in all her life. Public sympathy is entirely with Mrs. Benner, and it is doubtful whether the grand jury will put her upon her defense. She was committed for trial by a magistrate, but a writ of habeas corpus was sued out and after a hearing at Hagerstown, Judge Motter released her \$1,500 bail. For the remainder of her life she will bitterly regret that she did not take the advice of her parents and refuse to marry a jealous man. — [Philadelphia Press.

—A gentleman traveling on a train of cars recently said to the conductor: "Suppose the brakes should give way, where would we go to?" The conductor remarked that it was impossible for them to give away. But the gentleman again asked the same question, when the conductor replied: "It all depends on what your past life has been."

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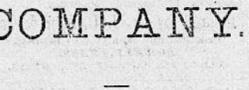
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