He Would Make Divorce Harder for the Rich and Easier for the Poor

And the Losing Defendant in a Suit Should Be Socially Dead, Declares Rev. Dr. John S. Allen.

He Also Would Make Divorce Practically Automatic, With Little or Nothing for Lawyers to Do.

Rev. JOHN S. ALLEN, D.D.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

"Divorce in America should be regulated by a law at once universal and automatic. It should be made more difficult for the rich, more easy for the poor. Then it would at least possess the dignity of impartiality, a quality in which it is now shamefully deficient."

That is what the Rev. John S. Allen of the Marble Collegiate Church said last night when I called to ask him about the report that he had been "flaying divorce as a luxury of the rich." I found that Dr. Allen had been telling the Presbyterian Ministers' Association about his little plan for a divorce machine. Put a penny in the slot and pull out a decree. Only you won't need even a penny.

Seriously, this is how Dr. Allen explains his theory:

"Granted that the law recognizes certain causes as permitting absolute divorce. Then the process of obtaining such a divorce should be made as simple as possible. It should, in effect, be automatic. The intervention of lawyers, the prolonged suits, the noxious publicity should all be avoided. The only thing necessary should be that the innocent party produce proof of the other's guilt before a civil officer, presumably a judge. Then, without the expenditure of a cent, the divorce would be declared."

Wouldn't Increase Divorces.

"But wouldn't the number of divorces be greatly increased, and would you as a minister welcome such a result?"

"No, indeed," he answered warmly. "I do not believe that the automatic arrangement would increase the divorces if it were properly regulated. It would only offer equal and impartial relief to both rich and poor.

"As things now are, it is entirely possible for a person with a sufficiency of money to get a divorce in any situation whatsoever. Though conditions here are infinitely better than they are in England, it nevertheless remains much more difficult for the poor man or woman to obtain legal relief for his or her marital troubles.

"Now I think the divorce laws should be made much stricter than they are at present in many States. But I do think, as a simple matter of human justice, that they should treat every man alike.

Three Causes for Divorce.

"Personally, I would recognize three reasons for absolute divorce—unfaithfulness, desertion and a criminal act involving a long State's prison term. In those cases mere proof of guilt should be sufficient to secure freedom for the innocent party."

"Wouldn't you include cruelty as a cause?" I asked.

"No," said Dr. Allen, "because the term covers a multitude of excuses. In the case of proved physical cruelty there might be a legal separation. But nowadays there are so many sophistical pleas about the word being more brutal than the blow, and that idiotic thing 'mental cruelty' is dinned in our ears continually."

"But is it idiotic?" I was guilty of interrupting. "Personally, if I had a husband, I should feel that he couldn't do anything much worse than deliberately say what he knew would hurt me."

Dr. Allen shook his head gravely. "That's all wrong," he responded.

"You voice the mistaken idea of your age—that it is the individual who is first to be considered. The individual is not the unit of the State; it is the home.

"I do not agree with the Catholic and Episcopal Churches, which regard marriage as a sacrament and, therefore, never to be dissolved.

Purely a Civil Ceremony.

"I think it is plainly and purely a civil ceremony and that, since the law permits us ministers of the gospel to administer its rites, we should act in the name of the law and not on our own personal prejudices.

"But the law is the protection of society and, though we ought to consider it, we must sometimes get back of it to society itself.

"Just now it is that last duty which the sane, intelligent minister has to perform in assuming an attitude on the divorce question. The home must be maintained. It seems to me that divorce for the three causes I have mentioned rather uplifts than lowers the home standard. But in granting divorce for cruelty, incompatibility, or any other reason, the home is sacrificed to the individual."

"Would you remarry divorced persons?" I asked.

"That would all depend on circumstances.

"Generally speaking, it seems to me that no minister should hesitate to remarry the innocent party, while the guilty one should be accorded no such favor. I cannot express myself too strongly on that point. A man or woman who has been divorced for a crime against marriage should simply be disfranchised for the married state. He or she should also be socially dead.

Minister Should Investigate.

"Only, of course, under existing conditions a minister should make a very careful study to ascertain the facts in each individual case. For instance, I remarried a man whose wife had obtained a divorce for desertion, because I knew that she had really been the unfaithful one, only her husband had allowed her to get the decree for the sake of her name and family."

"Have you any suggestions for lessening the divorce rate?"

"We must attack the conditions that make it possible.

"According to statistics, the rate is highest among stage people and travelling salesmen; that is, among those who are living unnatural lives. They keep late hours, indulge in over-conviviality and seem to find a normal home life practically impossible. The same thing is true of a certain set in society, where divorce is as common as marriage.

"To fight the evil, we must try to induce people to adopt a saner standard of living. Also we must do everything in our power to secure a national divorce law, that shall be the same for all States, and then it is my hope that all Protestant churches, at least, will unitedly accept and support it."

LEAVES BANJO, WIFE AND $25 IN FLEEING FLAMES.

Edward Lafayette Washington Johnson in a Hurry When Tenement Burns.

While Edward Lafayette Washington Johnson was tuning his banjo in his flat on the ground floor of the five-story tenement at No. 212 West Sixty-first street to-day the kitchen behind him suddenly burst into flames. Johnson fled in such haste that he forgot his wife, his banjo and $25, hidden under a mattress. Mrs. Johnson got out safely, though, but by the time she and her husband were out the first floor of the structure was ablaze.

Twenty negro families on the upper floors were forced to seek safety on the fire-escape or get out on the roof and flee to adjoining roofs. When the firemen arived the fire was so hot and there was such a jam on the fire-escapes that those lower down were called upon to jump. Five, two men and three women, jumped into the life nets without harm. A score more were taken down on extension ladders.

Ida Downes, a twelve-year-old girl, who had carried some neighbor's baby out to the third-story landing of the rear fire escapes, was rescued by Daniel Moody of Fire Patrol No. 3 after she had been overcome by smoke. The entire building was gutted, but when the flames had been drenched E. L. W. Johnson recovered his $25 and the skeleton of his banjo.

BABY FATALLY BURNED.

Set Dress Afire With Coals From Kitchen Range.

Mrs. Josephine Volante's four-year-old girl Rose was mortally burned to-day in her home at No. 162 Leland avenue, Westchester.

The mother left the child in the kitchen while she was making the beds upstairs. The child poked some red hot coals out of the kitchen range and one of them set fire to her frock. When her mother got to her she was enveloped in flame and her hair had been burned from her head. The mother smothered the flames with a quilt, but when a surgeon came from the Fordham Hospital and took the child away he said he feared she had inhaled fire.

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SAYS HE CAN'T PAY WIFE.

Cotton Broker Hasn't Enough to Live on, He Declares.

Opposing his wife's application to Supreme Court Justice Gerard to-day for alimony and counsel fee pending her suit for a separation from him, Edward B. Van Dyck, a member of the Cotton Exchange, claimed he was in want and not earning enough money to maintain himself properly. Mrs. Van Dyck declared, through her lawyer, that his income was nearly $3,000 a month.

"The defendant's seat in the Cotton Exchange," said J. Lawrence Friedman, attorney for Van Dyck, "has been taken away from him. He is now being examined in supplementary proceedings in two actions, one to prevent him from transferring property to his wife and the other in a suit against himself."

Prior to their separation recently, the Van Dycks lived at the Hotel Chelsea. Mrs. Van Dyck said her husband told her that his income was $35,000 a year. June 10 last, she said, he agreed to pay her $400 a month for her support, but did not keep his promise.

Justice Gerard took Mrs. Van Dyck's application under advisement.

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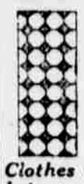

Window-phanic, variety of patterns, a yard 9c
Bestine, a can 3c
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Dutch Cleanser, a can 6c
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Tea Kettles, gray enamelled; 4 qt 25c

Bread Boxes, white or square oak, roll top, 49c
Sauce Pans and Pots, gray enamelled, 8 qt 29c
Dish Pans, gray enamelled, 8 qt 15c
Lip Sauce Pans, 4 qt. gray enamelled 10c
Sauce Pans and Pots gray enamelled, 3 qt. 12½c
Buckets, gray enamelled, 4 qt. size 15c
Ladder Chairs, hardwood 89c
Liquid Veneer Furniture Polish; reg. 25c 17c

Clothes Hampers, square shape, white willow, heavy wood bottom, 89c
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30.00 Brass Beds	22.50	35.00 Gold. Oak Dining Tables,	28.50	48.00 Golden Oak Buffets	39.75
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