

DIVORCES GIVEN BY RABBIS.

A PRESENTMENT MADE BY THE GRAND JURY AGAINST THE EVIL.

They recommend that the granting of Divorces by Rabbis in accordance with Religious Customs, and when not Preceded by a Judgment of the Court, Be Forbidden by Law—The Practice Based on Tradition and Insurance.

"I have had applications to-day from more than twenty women for warrants against their husbands for abandonment," wearily remarked Police Justice Hogan to a reporter in the police examination room of Essex Market Court a day or two ago.

Justices Hogan's experience during the past three or four months at Essex Market has given him some insight into a peculiar institution which has been imported into this country by a great horde of immigrants who have been driven to America by Russian persecutions.

Comparatively few of these cases come before the court, and the majority are settled out of court. It is seldom that a deserted wife applies here for a warrant unless she has children whom she is unable to support.

The Grand Jury was investigating the matter thoroughly. There came before them the case of a Russian Hebrew named Schwarz, who had been arrested for bigamy.

These facts led the Grand Jury to investigate the whole subject of divorces by rabbis. They sought information from Chief Rabbi Joseph, representing the orthodox Jews, and from Rabbi Gotthel, representing the reformed Hebrews.

Dr. Gotthel, speaking for himself and others of his race, strongly condemned the evil which the Grand Jury was investigating, and expressed the hope that it would be relentlessly stamped out by law.

MR. BEACH WILL INTERFERE.

ANN O'DELL'S PROJECT FOR A HOME FOR MEDIUMS AT A STANDSTILL.

The Fat Spook Priestess Equirms Under the Repeated Unmaking of the Enterprises of Her Devoted Gang of Mediums—She Calls for a Vindication and Shows Downer's Pictures.

Mr. Alfred E. Beach, editor of the Scientific American, has been awakened to a realization of his responsibility in the matter by the exposure in THE SUN of the doings of the gang of spook jugglers who have gained prominence for several years, but dread of notoriety had kept them in the shadows.

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LAWYER HUGHES LOCKED UP, AND HE APPEARS TO BE GLAD OF IT, FOR IT ENDS THE SCUFFLE.

THE THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT. Its Advocates in Kansas Say the Convention Will be Held.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Gen. John H. Rice, who was one of the Kansas representatives at the recent Farmers' Alliance Convention at Ocala, has taken a leading part in the third party movement, and has signed the call for a national conference in Cincinnati on Feb. 23, in the city to-day.

STOLE THE RINGS FROM HER FINGERS. And Yet Mrs. Francis Never Woke Up—Had Predicted the Robbery.

REES P. FRANCIS, a wealthy lumber merchant in Hoboken, notified the police yesterday that his house in Park avenue had been robbed during the night, and he told a story of his wife's remarkable escape.

MADE A HING FOR HIS FRIEND. Now the Friend, with Constable's Aid, Has Jeweller Bloomfield's Ring 850.

THOMAS M. TURNER, a dealer in cotton goods at 109 West Broadway, who is a former friend of James M. Bloomfield, jeweller at 23 Gold street, arraigned in the Tombs Court yesterday.

KUNZ IS WITHOUT A COUNTRY. Not Allowed to Land When He Returned from a Visit to Germany.

JOHN GEORGE KUNZ, who has lived in Pittsburgh for twenty years, went to Germany last spring to visit his mother.

A Blaze in Fulton Street. The Christmas tree scene in "Blue Jeans" became last night a veritable holiday haunt of Kris Kringle.

HER BRIGHT AFFECTIONS.

AN ACCESS SUES A BOARD OF TRADE MAN FOR DAMAGES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—An interesting courtship, a promise of marriage, and a broken heart are the basis of a \$20,000 damage suit brought in the Circuit Court by Mary Costello, 216 W. 4th street, against A. P. Blakeslee.

SAID SHE MUST DIE WITH HIM. A Rejected Lover Sues a Young Woman and Tries to Drive Her.

WATERLOO, Dec. 24.—W. B. Merriam, a widower, aged 40, who has five children, attempted to drown himself and Miss Josephine De Mars in the Black River in this city last night.

AND YET HE SEEMED SO PIOUS. Samuel Williams Confesses to Theft—Arrested at Church.

ELIZABETH, Dec. 24.—Samuel Williams was arraigned here to-day for stealing a \$65 gold watch and \$5 in cash from Mrs. Gunner of Longo Farm, with whom he boarded.

NO MRS. ROBINSON AND HER CAPTIVE. No Information has been received as to the whereabouts of young Henry S. Brown and Mrs. Robinson of Huntington, who eloped last Thursday.

A NOTED HORSE THIEF AT FIFTEEN. LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 24.—In the last three weeks Mrs. Lawrence, 15 years old, whose home is in Lewiston, has stolen five horses, besides forging orders and committing petty thefts.

FRANK K. WARD ACQUITTED OF MURDER. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Frank K. Ward, for many years a well-known man about town, and who during the last two weeks has been on trial here charged with the murder of Lawrence C. Ward, tonight reached their verdict in a verdict of not guilty.

LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE SUN'S UBQUIQUITOUS REPORTERS.

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