



SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1902

DIVORCE IN MISSOURI.

He Fiddled and She Danced, and the Judge Was in Sympathy with the Musician.

About 40 Bohemians of both sexes came up from Lingo mining camp to Macon, Mo., as witnesses in a case wherein one of their number sought a separation from another. Frank Striver, a man of 26, wanted a divorce from his wife Maggie, a good-looking woman of 20, because, she claims, she flirted with other men, refused to cook for him and called him bad names.



REFUSED TO COOK FOR HIM.

In it. The defendant was becomingly dressed in black and sat at the table with her lawyer, Robert Mitchell. It was admitted the plaintiff was an honest, hard-working young man and did not drink any more beer than was usual in the social circles in his section.

Leading up to his main cause of action, the plaintiff's counsel asked him: "What occurred the night of your wedding, Frank?" "She danced with Charley Howe six times."

"Was the dance at your house?" "No, sir; at her mother's."

"Why did you object to her dancing with young Howe?" "I didn't think she ought to dance so often with one man."

"Then the defendant's attorney ruck in: "Frank, did you ever attend dances?" "Yes, sir; often."

"Have you seen married women there dancing?" "Yes, sir; lots of them."

"But you never danced with any of them?" "No, sir; never."

"Will you please tell the court why?" "Because I fiddled."

THE PRAYER DENIED.

I asked the Lord that I might be a beacon-light for all to see; A shining influence from afar; A bright and heavenly guiding star!

Instead—He hedged my way around; He led my feet to lowly ground; He shut me in where none could see, And gave this humblest work to me!

Yet dare I not repine or sigh; I guess His wise and loving "why;" Each day I work, each hour I live, Thanks for my prayer denied I give; The wisdom of His choice I trace, And bless Him for my lowly place! —N. Y. Observer.

JUDGING.

Some Instances Showing How Easy It Is to Add to the Misery of Others.

A young man from the country walked into a city picture dealer's store and asked to look at some pictures. Several were shown him, when noticing on the wall an engraving of a little child looking up into a mastiff's face he asked in a diffident tone its title.

"Can't you speak?" was the quick reply. The young man's face flushed, and bristling up, he advanced aggressively. "What do you mean?" he demanded.

"I mean just what I said," was the cool rejoinder. "The name of that picture is, 'Can't you speak?'"

The young man was chagrined at his ill-advised conclusions. And so should we often be could our mistakes and misapprehensions come home to us as his did.

You have heard, perhaps, of the minister and his wife who set the small town where they lived agog with their reported bickerings, until it was discovered that they had simply been rehearsing a dialogue to be given at a social entertainment in a neighboring city.

A woman, prominent in church circles in a suburban town, was reported to have given a rose to a motor-man as she was leaving the car. She was accused of flirting and of all sorts of improprieties. Tongues wagged and a dire outcome was prophesied for her, until it became known that the motor-man had a sick wife to whom she sent flowers almost daily.

"I saw her waiting in the corner grocery for a man who came out of a saloon, and then they walked off together. Now what do you think of that for a teacher?" The story was repeated and additions made. Clouds began to lower above the young teacher's horizon, and it was long before they were dispelled. But she had only been obeying the orders of her principal in getting the services of a policeman in citizen's clothes to investigate a robbery in the school. A clue had been furnished in the saloon while she waited.

Trifles light as air are indeed proofs strong as those of holy writ to the suspicious-minded and the idle. And what irrevocable harm does this judging, "honest" though it may be, do! The only thing to do is not to do it. Make up your mind that you, at least, will not add to the world's misery and anguish in this way.—Young People.

Might Make Themselves Useful. Mr. Gaswell—We are having a good many late frosts, which endanger fruit and vegetables. Mr. Dukane—Yes; but it would not be so bad if those late frosts caught the early flies.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Never Gets Things Straight.

"Bobby, your mamma tells me you are a very bright boy, and she expects you to be a great man," said Mr. Blossom, as he sat in the parlor waiting for Bobby's sister.

"Ma never does 'spect nothin' right. She doesn't know what she's talkin' about. She told pa she 'spected you and my sister would be married 'fore spring, and that was more'n a year ago."—Tit-Bits.

Willing to Help Him. "You have wounded me," he sadly said as he arose from his knees, "wounded me so deeply that I shall never—"

"Wait," she said, picking a book off the library table. "Let me see what 'First Aid to the Injured' says to do in such a case as yours."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Inappropriate Name. Mrs. Crimmonbeak—What kind of a cigar is that you're smoking? Mr. Crimmonbeak—That's the latest, dear; it's called Ping-Pong.

He Had a Job. Fred—Now that our college days are over, what are you going to do for a living? Bob—Oh, I've accepted a position with old man Gotrox.

Going Down Hill. Miss McSpurge—Why do you take on so over papa's failure, ma? This isn't the first time he has had to call his creditors together.

Consolation. Mrs. Subbub (engaging cook)—I'm sure you and I will get along together first-rate, but I want to tell you right now that my husband is a very hard man to please.

Natural to Him. "Your husband," said Mrs. Oldcastle, as she again availed herself of the privilege of inspecting the splendid library of the new neighbors, "seems to have a particularly fine taste for articles of virtue."

All is Fair in Love. Menpeck—My boy, if you wouldn't lead a dog's life, let your wife have her own way in everything. Newed—Indeed! Didn't she promise to love, honor and obey me? Menpeck—Of course, she did—but you're landed now!—Puck.

A Simple Matter. Gas President—That complaint clerk of ours is stone deaf! Friend—Then how does he know what the folks say to him? Gas President—Oh! We told him just what they'd say when he took the job!—Puck.

Classified. Foreman—Where shall I put this item about the retirement of Alderman Soaker from public life? Editor—Put it under "Public Improvements."—Puck.

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