NEW ENGLAND DIVORCES.

It is so common in New England, says the Boston Advertiser, to condemn the States of Illinois and Indiana for the laxity of their laws in relation to divorce, that many of our readers may be surprised to find how much progress in that department of business has been made in our beloved commonwealth. The following statistics will probably be considered suggestive and interesting: At the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Middlesex, in 1861, the whole number of libels for divorce, pending in court, was five, and the number of divorces granted was two.

In April, 1841, in the same county, the whole number of such cases was fourteen, and the whole number in which divorce was granted was seven. In April, 1851, the whole number was forty-one; 1861, the whole number seventy-six; divorces granted, twenty-six. In April, 1871, the whole number, two hundred and one; divorces granted, thirty. There is no reason to suppose that the case of Middlesex county is peculiar, or that the like increase in this department of litigation may not be found in all other counties of the State. It is to be remembered, also, that the Roman Catholic part of our population contributes substantially nothing to this kind of litigation.

A FAMILY QUARREL.

The wife of a gentleman at our hotel tells a good story at her husband's expense. It is well understood that the parties did not live pleasantly together, but evidences of this is rarely seen in public. The other evening, when taking their usual drive—they are both high spirited and hard to curb, and when their temper are aroused there is no controlling them—she word brought on another, when the husband said: "You will drive me mad."

"I should call that admirable driving," retorted the wife.

"By ——!" exclaimed the husband, "if you say another word I will drive down into the sea." They were then near one of the roads, in the vicinity of general Grant's cottage, that leads down to the beach.

"Another word!" screamed the lady. "Drive where you please," she added, "into the sea, I can go as deep as you dare to go, and dare."

He became fearful lest she hit her or her word and drove the horses and vehicle into the ocean. They began to swim. He held in, looked into her face, and she laughed in his.

"Why do you stop?" she demanded exultingly, exhibiting not the slightest alarm.

"You are a devil!" he exclaimed, turning the horses about, making for the shore with all expedition.

"Pooh, pooh!" laughed the tormentor. "Learn from this that there is no place where you dare to go whither I dare not accompany you."

"Even to ——"

"The only exception," she answered, with a chuckle. "There, my dear, I leave you."

She had conquered. The pair returned to the house, and the only evidence of anything extraordinary having occurred was the appearance of the poor horses. The lady repeated the story to one or two female friends, and, of course, such things are too good to keep.—*New York Advertiser.*

WOMAN'S VIRTUE.

It is a prevailing vice among men of doubting the virtue of women. To us it looks like not only an outrage to good taste, but also betokens a want of intellect. Besides this, it betokens a heartless nature, and passions that would disgrace a beast. The idea of dragging women down to man's level, in point of virtue, is so repugnant to the feelings, so utter ly at variance with the truth, that the utterer ought not to have a place in civilized society.

We would wish to impress upon those who cast this slur upon the character of the women of our land, that if what they charge were true, this fair world of ours would be a perfect hell. The women of our land are as far above those who make these assertions, as the heavens are above the earth. Our women are the highest types of purity and virtue, and any craven who would drive them from this high estate, deserves the execrations of all good men.—*Selected.*

Slow Work.—On Wednesday a peculiar emigrant party passed through Centralia, consisting of a man, woman and two children. The man was leisurely trundling a common wheel-barrow, which contained the entire household and kitchen furniture of the family. They had originally come from Nebraska to St. Louis and now are on their way from St. Louis to Nebraska City, having performed the entire journey on foot. The man said he was bound to reach Nebraska or hell, he didn't appear to be at all particular which he reached first, and we suppose it makes but little difference, as he will make a valuable acquisition for either place.

Some of our farmers are afraid that corn will not be worth over ten cents a bushel this fall. They would be better satisfied if about half the crop would be destroyed, so they could get a better price. Our advice is to risk it. We have lived in the county fifteen years, and have seen corn one dollar per bushel three times, and there has never been three years in succession when it would not bring fifty cents per bushel, and it may be so again. Don't throw or give away your corn, but save it, and get fifty cents a bushel in less than three years.—*Nodaway Democ.*

There is no longer any doubt that Mr. George H. Pendleton is a candidate for Senator in Ohio, to succeed Senator Sherman, whose term closes on the 3d of March, 1873. The Cincinnati Enquirer, which has always spoken for Mr. Pendleton, says the Democrats will elect him.

Mike Hinkle, of Blount county, East Tennessee, aged one hundred and fifteen years, went into the field a few days ago and shocked wheat after four cradles. The Republican says he is of small stature, but enjoys perfect health, and has not a gray hair in his head.

The people of Covington have put a dam across the creek, so as to have a bathing place. The editor says it is dam nice.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is said to be in the best of health, and looking younger by ten years than he did seven years ago.

PRO AND CON.

Among the prominent Democratic papers that endorse the "new departure" are the Boston 'Post,' New York 'World,' Buffalo 'Courier,' Cleveland 'Plain Dealer,' Ohio 'Statesman,' Indianapolis 'Sentinel,' Chicago 'Times,' Missouri 'Republican,' Louisville 'Courier Journal.'

The Sedalia 'Democrat' opposes the new departure.—[Sedalia Times.

Yes, and to the Sedalia 'Democrat' you may add the Holden 'Democrat,' Columbia 'Herald,' and Lexington 'Caucasian,' in Missouri. The Memphis 'Appeal,' Columbus (Miss.) 'Democrat,' Mobile 'Register,' Atlanta 'Sun,' Louisville 'Democrat,' and a score of the leading Democratic papers of the South. The Cincinnati 'Commoner' and sixteen other papers in Ohio, the ablest in the State; fifteen leading Democratic papers in Pennsylvania; the New York 'Day Book,' Pomeroy's 'Democrat,' and a host of other papers, the ablest in the country. "There is life in the old land yet," and there are Democrats who have never yet "bowed the knee to Baal," and, who will continue to oppose all departures from the principles laid down by the founders of our Government, and advocated by the Democratic party since the days of Jefferson, and who will wage war against all of the monstrous usurpations of the so called Republican party, until they no longer disgrace American civilization by a place on our statue books. And as sure as "God liveth" this time is hastening.—*Holden Democrat.*

Married Without Knowing It.—A Mr. Thomas Cooper, an Englishman, has published an account of his travels in Thibet, which he visited disguised as a Chinaman. Among his stories is the following:

He was just halting for breakfast, after leaving the Thibetan town of Bathang, when a group of girls gaily dressed and decked with garlands of flowers, came out of a grove and surrounded him, some of them holding his mule, while others assisted him to alight. He was then led into a grove, where he found a feast being prepared, and after he had eaten and smoked his pipe, the girls came up to him again, "pulling along in their midst a pretty girl of sixteen, attired in a silk dress, and adorned with garlands of flowers."

"I had already noticed," Mr. Cooper continues, "this girl sitting apart from the others during the meal, and was very much astonished when she was reluctantly dragged up to me, and made to seat herself by my side, and my astonishment was considerably heightened when the rest of the girls began to dance around us in a circle, singing and throwing their garlands over myself and my companion." The meaning of the performance was, however, soon made clear to Mr. Cooper. He had becomarried without knowing it. At first he tried to escape the liability entailed upon him—but such an outcry was made by the people around that he was forced to carry off his bride. He managed to get rid of her before very long by transferring her to one of her relations, but even that was not treated as a dissolution of the marriage. On his way back he was joined one day by a Thibetan dame, of about thirty years old, who announced herself as his wife's mother, and said she had come with the consent of her husband, to supply her daughter's place. We can well imagine Mr. Cooper's surprise at meeting with this novel proposal on the part of his mother-in-law.

The Chicago Post contains the following important decision:

Whereas, It having been stated that Aleck Stephens, the late Vice of the late Confederacy, had gained nine pounds since he had been an editor; and whereas, the Courier Journal said he must have been weighed with one of his editorials in his pocket; and whereas, Aleck has retorted that, if the Courier-Journal man had been weighed with one of his editorials in his pocket, he, the aforesaid Courier-Journal man, would go up like a balloon; therefore resolved, that in this round the first blood should be, and hereby is, awarded to the said Aleck, the said late Vice of the said late Confederacy.

The handkerchief upon which was wiped the blood from the dislocated nose of the Courier-Journal has been forwarded to Mr. Stephens by express.—*Courier-Journal.*

The Connecticut Senate has passed a bill which renders null and void all business dealings for liquors—enables the purchaser even of a glass of whisky to recover back the ten cents he pays for it; declares null and void all sales, transfers, contracts, quit claims, mortgages, attachments and liens, made in consideration (part or whole) of the sale of any spirituous liquor; makes null and void all leases of premises if liquor is sold on them; punishes by fine of $100 or a month in jail (or both) the sale of liquor to any minor under eighteen years of age; makes the person who sells responsible for all damages done by drunken men, and permits any tax-payer to sue such seller whenever the drunker abuses his family. Other stringent provisions follow.

The mode in which stock raising is managed in England is shown by the following extract of a private letter from near London: "Last week I went to a sale of pedigree stock, and saw some splendid cattle, as well as splendid prices paid for them. One cow, only two years old, sold for over $4,250; a calf six months old, for $3,000; and suckling calves for $125 and $150 each; while $10,000 was offered and refused for a bull."

Experiments made by Louisiana planters during the past year with imported labor from Sweden, show that the Swedes do more work and suffer less from sickness than native born blacks, under the same conditions. Their labor has been very profitable, both in the cultivation of sugar and cotton, and likely to explode the theory so long entertained that white men cannot endure the labor required to utilize these crops.

A member of the Arkansas Legislature, speaking on a proposition to increase the salaries of the State officers, said: "Gentlemen, talk about inadequate compensation of public servants. Why, sir, during the late war I was in thirty seven battles, was wounded thirteen times in the cause of the South, and the entire pay I received was $30 in Confederate money, every cent of which I gave for one glass of mean whisky."

Our Ladie's Column.

CAUCASIAN'S LADIES' COLUMN.

Sailor's hats are voted absurd for maidens of forty.

Our grandmothers' lace collars are again in fashion.

Black grenadine is a fashionable material for afternoon toilets.

White breakfast robes are profusely embroidered with black braid.

White muslin is the fashionable material for evening dresses.

Pearl jewelry is very much in fashion this season, especially pearl necklaces.

La Seville, a bit of head gear more a hat than a bonnet, is among the present styles.

White leather harness has been introduced by a sporting man at Long Branch.

Dame fashion's latest edict cautions ladies not to wear colored linen collars or cuffs.

Parisian bonnets of white lace, with orange blossom ornaments, are in vogue for brides.

Light colored silks are much in favor for afternoon or evening dresses, especially blue and lilac.

A portable croquet pavilion of silk costs thirty-five dollars, and is warranted to retain its color.

The wedding trousseau for Miss Throckmorton, who was married on the 19th inst., cost $20,000 in gold.

Wide hemstitched handkerchiefs are once more in fashion, and are ornamented in the center with initial or monogram.

Fashionable colors for summer gloves—putty color, strawberries and cream, smoke grey, tea rose, primrose, pale tan and cuir color.

Traveling suits are made of plain materials and subdued colors, a fact which will be hailed with delight by admirers of sense and modesty.

Queen Mary shoes have a white silver buckle, high flat heel, and wide black silk bow at the instep. Those who wear them generally fall down stairs.

Turban hats have gone quite out of fashion, for which heaven be praised, as they were without exception, the most ugly affair ever produced.

Fans show no material change in fashion, shape or style. Those of white or black lace, with gilt or coral frames, are the prettiest and most in use.

A wide brimmed straw hat, with an equally wide black band, appears to be the correct and generally recognized head gear for our Bean Bummers.

Since dresses have been lengthened, low buckled cottage shoes, and Newport ties are more in vogue, but for street walking costume high heel boots are still worn.

The following brief poem, contributed to the State Journal of Wisconsin, is equally well calculated for other latitudes:

I know a woman, pale and slight,
With heart as hopeless as night,
Who rocks a little infant the live-long night
Her husband's shoes.

While he, in strength's manhood's power,
Goes forth at morn with work,
And spends more than she can earn in an hour
Each she earns in a week.

The marriage record of Boston for 1871, developed the fact that during the year eleven white girls married negro men.

A Boston paper records five elopements in one day. It adds: "Good girls, you'll have something to keep you at home by and by."

A man who married a buxom Irish girl, greatly to the horror of his mother and sister, made the following defense: "If I married an American girl I must have an Irish girl to take care of her, and I cannot afford to support both of them."

Victoria's daughter, Crown Princess of Prussia, is growing fat, like her mother. She is 31 years old, and has given birth to six children.

At Newport the ladies' turn outs are this year graceful and pretty. Of course the lady handles the ribbons, the gentleman being mere passenger, and the Jehus sit with folded arms behind. Over eight hundred turnouts are taken to Newport every summer. Report says that there are now in one village three ladies with a retinue of twenty three servants, nine horses, and three dogs, and that it took all the baggage men in town a day to deliver the trunks belonging to the household.

An old lawyer says that the three most troublesome clients he ever had were a young woman who wanted to get married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

An Idaho girl is abused for putting on style, because she cleans her teeth with the butt-end of a blacking brush. She says she was brought up to be neat and doesn't care what folks think.

Eve was the only woman who never threatened to go and live with mamma. Adam was the only man who never finalized his wife about the way mother used to cook.

Young lady physicians are multiplying throughout our country, and as a result, it is said, the young men are becoming more sickly than they used to be.

An exchange tells us that "extremely fashionable ladies at Newport have an idea that to bathe in public is very vulgar." If they expose themselves as much in the water as they do in the ball-room, it is very vulgar.

A new German prima-donna has appeared, whose weight is 375 pounds. The feet-on-semble is charming.

The epitaph of the double-headed baby pronounced by the New York Mail is: "She are dead, they is gone."

"Mr. Postoffice man, I want to pay the postage on this letter." "Single or double, miss?"

"Double, sir" with a courtesy; "I was married last week."

The Norwich Ohio Reflector says: "A lady, whose name we will not mention, caught her husband in the act of kissing the hired girl. The doctor thinks his face can be patched up so that he will be recognized by his friends, but he will always be bald-headed."

"What is your consolation in life and death?" asked a Sunday School Superintendent of a young lady in a Bible class, who blushed and said, "I'd rather be excused from speaking his name."

In the dressing room: Husband—"Mary, dear, aren't you well, why don't you come down stairs?" Wife—"Oh, I've got one eye brow blacker than the other, and I can't find a pencil anywhere, and it won't wash off, I don't know what to do at all."

Here is a specimen of feminine wisdom. Two married ladies chatting about their husbands; "What," says one, "you permit your husband to smoke in your room?" "Certainly I do, but he spends his evenings with me," replied the other. "Yes, at that price!" "My dear friend, a sacrificed wife avails herself of her husband's faults to repress his vices."

If this thing were credited to anywhere else than the region of eternal oil and the Titusville Herald, we would not have believed it. "Two well dressed and fine looking ladies instantly dislocated their necks while passing each other, in trying to see what each had on. It was cloudy, the speed at which they were moving, and the delicate shade of the dry goods worn by each, operated against them, and a sudden lack with all sails set against a stiff breeze fetched them up too short, and they perched."

A second edition of the Grecian bend is now fashionable. It consists in holding the arms as close to the body as is possible, bending them until the back and fore part touch, the wrists remain elevated, and the hands assume a listless, drooping position, which has been likened to the kangaroo, and to various other animals which are known to assume a similar position. It is all the rage at Saratoga among the Metropolitan belles, and the Flora McFlimsey's from other cities.

The tables are about to be turned, and the woman women must be prepared to find the men getting into skirts, as a retaliation for the encroachments that women are constantly making upon the masculine style of dress. Down near Mount Pleasant, Ohio, there may be seen at work in the bayfields a number of men whose attire consists of a shirt and a skirt, very closely resembling a woman's petticoat. They wear this costume because Christ and his disciples did, because they find it very cool and easy, and because the notion that it is shameful for men to dress like women is all bosh. They anticipate a time when both men and women will dress as they please.

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