

Divorce Suit Decided By Specators' Vote

Los Angeles, Cal.—A divorce "by acclamation" is what the decree granted Mrs. Elizabeth Seely, 20 years old, might well be called, since spectators at the trial voted "aye" when the proposition was put to them by Superior Judge Jackson.

"You have heard the evidence," said the Judge. "Should she get a divorce?" "Sure," said all, as he asked each individually. She got it.

BOX HOLDS LITTLE GIRL

Omaha, Neb.—Just before an electrical storm the 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. Peter Lund, who was playing in front of the house, found a water stop box with the lid off.



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Prices Now Almost Same as Those of Thirty Years Ago

Yonkers, N. Y.—Looking through some old grocery and butcher account books that had lain away in a corner for many years, Mrs. F. M. Morton, of Cecil Park, long a resident of Yonkers, was so impressed by the prices she found therein that she called the attention of a reporter to them and asked him to compare the cost of living three decades ago with that of to-day.

"It may surprise you," said Mrs. Morton, "to see by these little account books with my grocery and butcher how similar some of the prices of 1889 are to those charged to-day. Take kerosene, for instance. In 1889 and 1890 it was fifteen cents a gallon in Westchester county; to-day I am paying fourteen cents.

I found in the account book that I paid eight cents a can for condensed milk in 1889, which sounds like the war prices of the present, and here is an item of seven pounds of granulated sugar, seventy cents, which was the price in 1889, and there was no scarcity of sugar then, either.

But other items in the account book showed increases of more than one hundred per cent in present prices over those of nearly thirty years ago. Mrs. Morton in 1889 supposed for her family of eight persons sixteen eggs and two pounds of bacon at a total cost of fifty-nine cents. The same meal to-day would cost twenty-eight cents a pound to forty-eight cents or more, and it was quite as good in those days as it is now.

No less startling change than in the price for breakfast of the present and that of three decades ago is shown in Mrs. Morton's comparison of the cost of the Sunday dinner. If the piece of resistance of the meat were taken it was purchased for fifteen cents a pound, and Mrs. Morton's family required seven and three-quarters pounds, \$1.17. The same chickens would bring far more than twice as much to-day.

Potatoes cost the housewife thirty cents a peck. Now they are selling for two and a half cents a peck. Two quarts of onions cost twenty cents. They now sell for thirty cents for two quarts. Lamb chops for a three-pound pair. Then it was bought for forty cents. Turnips sold for ten cents a pound, sweet potatoes for twenty cents a quart and rice for nine cents. There have been great increases in all these foods, the case of rice being the most noticeable.

This, according to Mrs. Morton, was about the time that potatoes began to remain cheap, and even it is on the upward path now. Here are the prices of some of the more expensive articles that are high now that one is tempted to put the foods in the safe instead of the family jewels. Porterhouse steak now sells for twenty cents a pound, it was forty-four cents. Rib beef then was sixteen cents, now it is thirty-five cents. Lamb was almost given away at eight cents a pound, it is scarce at thirty cents and more. Sirloin steak then brought sixteen cents, now it is thirty-eight cents. Lamin chops cost fifteen cents, now they are forty. Veal sold for thirty-five cents, now it sells for thirty-five. Molasses sold for thirty-five cents a half-gallon, now it brings seventy-two cents. Mackerel was twenty cents a pound, now it is twenty-six. Turkey then was a democratic bird, bought for seventeen cents a pound, now he is an aristocrat and now brings almost up to forty cents per pound Thanksgiving.

DIVINE LAW AS DEFENSE Religious Leader Makes Novel Plea to Charge of Illegal Hunting

Atlantic City, N. J.—When Elder W. Robinson, leader of a religious sect, was arraigned before a justice of the peace at Absecon to-day on a charge of hunting out of season, he set up the law of God as a defense.

Robinson said that he followed the dictates of his teachings, that the killing of the animals in the forest was a necessity. He told the justice that the law of God took priority over any law that man had written.

When Game Warden Otis Small testified that the defendant had killed a rabbit out of season Robinson was fined \$100. The dead rabbit was produced in evidence.

GERMANS RUSH AIRPLANES Cablegrams telling of the speeding up of Germany's motor works in an attempt to produce enough airplanes to hold out against the great air offensive expected from the Anglo-Franco-American forces on the western front were confirmed by items found in Berlin papers recently reaching London.

"The Light That Never Fails" in the Making



PACKING BIBLES.

The Bible is the most "popular" book with the boys in camp, in the field and on the high seas. Thousands of these little volumes have spread strength and comfort among the hosts of Army and Navy boys fighting the good fight for Uncle Sam.

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The photograph was taken in the binding and pressroom of the Bible House, Bible House Square, New York City. It shows the various processes come through before the book comes out, wrapped and addressed, ready to be sent broadcast to spread the truth.

Canadian Challenges Russian Bully

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Klondike methods as exemplified by Lieutenant-Colonel John W. Boyle, of the Canadian militia, who was sent by the American Committee in London to aid in restoring the Russian transportation system, recently disposed of a presumptuous exponent of freedom who, questioned Boyle's right to investigate the conditions confronting the Russian army.

Lieutenant-Colonel Boyle has been engaged for four months in improving the transport conditions along the Russian and Rumanian fronts. At a certain point in the Russian front the chairman of a soldiers' committee, to whom Boyle was referred for necessary information, met him in an uncivil mood, and imperiously answered one question with another calculated to rouse the Canadian's temper.

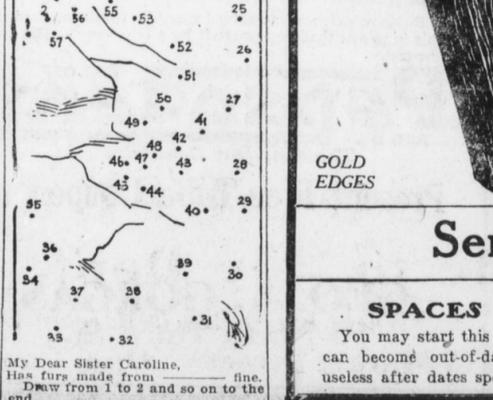
"Were you sent here because you were the best man they could find on the French front?" queried the nagging committee man. "Possibly so," was the reply. "Now, answer me this: Are you the best man in our committee?"

"What is your rank?" "I am a soldier." "It is unbecoming in me to start the talking of a soldier," said Boyle, who saw that he must either subdue his antagonist or fall in his quest. "But this is what I propose to you: I take off my uniform, proceeding in the meantime to lay aside his cap, 'harness,' and uniform coat, 'and meet you man to man. Now you name any job that you think you can do better than I can, from lifting or jumping to fighting, and I will take you on.'"

The interpreter, a young officer, interpreted the words. "Tell this chap," continued Boyle, "that if he fails to best me in whatever he chooses, he must go away from here and not interfere in my affairs, or I shall give him the best beating he has had since he was a child."

The bully held a brief conference with his fellows and went away. He may have had an inkling that Boyle was once the heavyweight champion of the Canadian Northwest.

Daily Dot Puzzle



My Dear Sister Caroline, Here are made from Draw from 1 to 2 and so on to the end.

Hand Written Copy of Bible Made by Canadian Salesman

Hugh Russell, of Notre Dame de Grace, is the proud, but reverent possessor of what is surely one of the most wonderful and unique books in the world, according to the Montreal Star. It is a copy of the Bible written entirely in his own hand and, as now bound, strange to say, not larger in size than the old style family Bible. It is beautifully written, too, bearing evidence in every word of an infinite patience and reverence, recalling the work of a medieval monk. It is certainly a wonderful piece of calligraphy throughout.

Mr. Russell is very modest about his achievement. "No, I am not a minister," he said, "I am only an ordinary commercial traveler—a knight of the road—but I was brought up by godly parents, both of them living still in Montreal, and I have love for the Book of Books. "People should turn to the Bible to-day, and maybe my work may help a bit in that direction. Yes, it is a sadly neglected book and some steps should be taken to have more attention paid to the Book of Books, in which this great conflict is assuredly foretold."

Mr. Russell, who is a Presbyterian himself, began his work in 1894 and finished it on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 1916. The work was done in odd moments of leisure, although more than half of it was done since the present war began. It is written in what Mr. Russell himself terms "a peculiar handwriting, almost half printing." It is perfectly legible, and, says Mr. Russell, "without making any boast, I would be willing, if I had money, to offer \$100 for every copy of the Bible any one could find in it." There are altogether 1,287 pages, of these "testament" taking up 471 of these. There are double columns on each page. It was written in sections of twenty-four pages each.

They Hunted 'Possum, but Caught a Hermit

Chicago.—While in quest of 'possums in the wooded vicinity of Zion Church, about seven miles from Decatur, John Dodson and Gus Taylor, Wednesday night, discovered the form of a man lying upon the ground. Investigation revealed that the man was alive and comparatively young, but that he spoke with a foreign accent that was almost unintelligible, he told with pencil and paper that he frequently disappeared in the shadows of the woods. His sole request was for the unassuming visitors to vacate his domain.

A further council culminated with the decision of the pair to report the discovery to Sheriff J. F. McCurdy. The Sheriff, in turn, escorted the hermit to the county jail, where he was held pending an investigation. He was unable to give his name.

ENGLAND COMPLETES 8 SHIPS London.—It was announced in the House of Commons that the total number of standard ships built, completed and put into service up to October 22 was eight. The tonnage was approximately 5,200 gross each. The number of standard ships expected to be completed between October 23 and December 31 was eighteen, of which sixteen would be approximately 5,200 gross tons each, one of 3,000 tons gross and one of 2,000 tons.

OLD GRAY GOOSE DEAD St. Louis, Mo.—A goose 35 years old died a few days ago at the home of its owner, Valentine Pfaff, at Postersburg, Ill., eight miles north of Alton, Ill. Pfaff said he knew the age of the goose because it was hatched and raised on his place. It was picked every year, furnishing enough feathers for several pillows, and laid eggs up to a short time ago. The old fowl was known to persons living in the vicinity of Postersburg as "Mother Goose."

No Poor Kiddies in Oskaloosa, So He Goes to New York



FREDERICK K. LOGAN

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Frederick Knight Logan, the "waltz king" of America, and composer of the Missouri Waltz, the melody of which has brought him \$50,000, has been unable to find any real poor kiddies in his home town here. He is therefore going to New York in the garb of Santa Claus to play the role of the merry friend to the kiddies.

Through the kindly offices of the New York Association for Improving the Conditions of the Poor he has been given a list of the very poorest kiddies in the metropolis. Those kiddies will be his guests on Christmas Day at the Majestic Hotel, New York, at a party, the like of which they have never dreamed. Each of the youngsters will be given a complete wardrobe of clothing, plenty of toys, a dinner such as only the chef of the Majestic can plan and a Christmas dinner basket for the folks at home.

Tried to Smuggle Pepper; Is Betrayed by a Sneeze

Basel.—Though the Swiss border authorities have sharpened their surveillance of all frontiers so as to put a stop to the petty smuggling that has been going on, principally into Germany, it has been impossible to eradicate it entirely. A recent arrest for smuggling, whereby a dishonest official was caught in the act, shows the amusing features that accompany the work of ferreting out the smugglers. Cantonal Constable May, charged with watching the smugglers, was about to leave on his bicycle for a tour of a part of the German-Swiss border, when he began to sneeze. His superior officer examined May's knapsack and found in it a quantity of pepper which the constable was about to smuggle into Germany on his tour of inspection. In his pockets was a quantity of German money, "earned," according to his admission, by similar previous operations.

Girls Ready to Kiss 10,000 Men as Recruits

New York.—Acreable stimulant lured twenty-five ardent young men "over the top" in the Navy yesterday. Miss Marie Antoinette Elliott, of 304 West Seventieth street, kissed each recruit at the midday meeting of the Minute Men of America, at 217 Broadway. And she announced herself ready to continue kissing recruits until the Navy has all the men it needs. The Navy needs 60,000. Miss Elliott also undertook to be a sister to her recruits, promising to keep them supplied with tobacco and books.

Overworked Women must learn not to neglect their health. How Women are Restored to Health. SPARTANBURG, S. C.—"For nine years I suffered from backache, weakness, and irregularities so I could hardly do my work. I tried many remedies but found no permanent relief. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great change for the better and am now well and strong so I have no trouble in doing my work. I hope every user of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will get great relief as I did from its use."—Mrs. S. D. McABEE, 122 Dewey Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

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