Sumner's Divorce—Facts in the Case.

It is announced that the Hon. Charles Sumner has obtained a divorce from his wife on account of five years' willful absence from bed and board, which is a ground for divorce under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. We have a suspicion, founded upon the gossip of Mrs. Grundy, who in this instance, we are quite sure, has not made a mistake, that Mrs. Charles Sumner has really secured the sundering of the marital tie rather than her distinguished husband, although it appears in his name. Mrs. Charles Sumner was, at the time of her marriage, a widow, young and blooming, still in her twenties, and, we believe, without children. Her first husband was the eldest son of Mr. Hooper, a millionaire Congressman from Massachusetts. It is believed in Washington that Mrs. Sumner had a good legal ground of divorce against her husband, recognized as such under the laws of all countries and States, but that she was unwilling to plead it both from motives of delicacy to her and to himself, and that, therefore, it was mutually arranged that she should absent herself for a period of time that would give the Senator a legal right to cancel the matrimonial contract.

We know not how it may be, but it has been said that jealousy on the part of the honorable Senator had considerable to do with this unfortunate proceeding. When the parties were married, one, we presume, was in the neighborhood of three score, and the other a score and a quarter. There was, therefore, naturally a disparity of years, and of tastes and habits. This almost universally produces an unhappy marriage. But in this instance it was aggravated. Mr. Sumner was not only a bachelor of long-matured habits, but he had formed other connections and associations peculiar to himself, even aside from that fact. For instance, it was said that he always had his carriage at the door at any ball or party they usually attended, at which he would say, "Madam, it is now 10 o'clock; it is time to go home, and our conveyance is below." She would reply, "I am happy to hear it. You are sleepy and tired. Go home and go to bed, but I am not yet ready. I will follow you by and by. So good night, my dear." Then, as we have said, the Senator was said to be morbidly jealous of a certain gentleman connected with the Prussian Embassy, whom he had himself introduced to his wife and extolled in the highest terms, and which gentleman afterwards escorted her to many evening amusements which her husband's habits forbade him to attend. One day the young attache received a very peremptory letter from Berlin, ordering him to return home immediately, and recalling him from the Prussian Legation. He was thunderstruck by the intelligence; not conscious of any offense against his Government, he could not conceive what it meant. He, therefore, wrote to an influential friend at home to make inquiries of Count Bismarck as to what was the real reason of this very extraordinary proceeding. In reply he was informed that the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, who was then Senator Charles Sumner, had written a letter requesting his recall, and that the Count did not consider that he was authorized to refuse a request coming from such an influential source in the Government to which he was accredited. Of course, the young Prussian informed Mrs. Sumner of all this, and rumor hath it that that lady was not at all pleased with the conduct of her husband in the matter. The German secretary returned home, and for a time that cloud upon the marital relations of the Senator disappeared.

But, by and by, as it was announced to the public, and, we think, by an agreement between the parties, Mrs. Sumner's health required that she should leave the American continent, and breathe for a time the air of Europe. This was accordingly done, and the atmosphere has been so bracing, and the scenery so pleasant—to say nothing of her companionship—that she has lingered there so long as to enable Mr. Sumner to obtain a divorce for willful absence, required by the Statute. Mr. Sumner will resume his bachelor relations, and his late wife—a young, handsome, and wealthy widow—will be a prize to be contended for by gentlemen of position who are in the matrimonial market.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

The Goslin.

The goslin is the old goose's yung child. They are yellow all over, and as soft as a ball of worsted. Their foot is webb whole, and they kan swim as easy as a drop of kastor oil on the water.

They are born annually about the 15th of May, and never was known tew die natrally.

If a man should tell me he had saw a goose die a natral and square deth, I wouldn't believe him under oath after that, not even if he swore he had lied about seeing a goose die.

The goose are different in one respekt from the human family, who is sed tew grow weaker, but wiser; whereas a goslin alwus grows taffer and more phoolish.

I har seen a goose that they sed was 73 years old last June, and he didn't look an hour older than one that was 17.

The goslin waddles when he walks, and paddles when he swims, but never dives, like a duk, out of sight in the water, but only changes ends.

The food of the goslin is rye, corn, oats, and barley, sweet apples, hasty pudding, and biled cabbages, cooked potatoes, raw meat, and turnips, stale bread, kold hash, and the buckwheat kakes that are left over.

They ain't so partikular as sum pholks what they eat, and won't git mad and quit if they kan't har wut toast and lam chops every morning for breakfast.

If I was going tew keep boarders, I wouldn't want eany better feeders than an old she goose and 12 goslins. If I kouldn't eat them I should konclude I had mistaken mi kalling.

Roast goslin is good eatwholest, if you kan git eanuff on it, but there aint much waste meat on a goslin, after yu have got rid ov their feathers, and dug them out inside.

I have alwus notised, when you pass yur plate up for sum more baked goslin, at a hotel, the colored brother came kek empty with plate, and tells you, "Mister, the roast goslin is no more."—*Josh Billings.*

The Wishing Ring.

A young farmer, whose farming did not prosper particularly well, was sitting on his plow for a moment as he wiped his brow, when an old witch crept up to him and said:

"Why do you toil so hard and all for nothing? Walk straight before you for two days, and you will come to a large fir-tree, which stands alone, towering over all the other trees of the forest. If you can but fell it, your fortune is made.

The farmer did not wait to be told twice, but taking his ax on his shoulder, started on his way home. After walking two days, he came to the fir-tree, and immediately set to work to fell it. Soon it toppled and crashed to the earth, when from the top branches dropped a nest containing two eggs. The eggs rolled on the ground and broke; as they broke, forth came a young eaglet from one, and a small golden ring from the other. The eaglet grew visibly, till it reached half the height of a man, shook its wings as if to try them, raised itself from the ground, and then cried:

"You have released me! As a token of my gratitude, take the ring the other egg contained—it is a wishing ring. Turn it on your finger, speak your wish aloud, and it will immediately be granted. But the ring has only one wish; when that is accomplished, it will lose all power, and become no more than any other ring. Therefore, reflect well on what you wish for, so that you may not have to repent afterwards."

Having so spoken, the eagle rose high into the air, swept for some time in a circle over the farmer's head, and then, like an arrow from a bow, shot swiftly toward the east. The farmer took the ring, put it on his finger, and started homeward. Towards evening he reached a town. At the door of his shop a goldsmith stood, who had many valuable rings for sale. The farmer showed him his ring, and asked him what was about the value of it.

"Mere trumpery," answered the goldsmith.

The farmer laughed heartily, telling the man it was a wishing ring, and of more value than all the rings in his shop put together. Now the goldsmith was a false, designing man, so he invited the farmer to stay all night at his house, saying: "It must bring one good luck to entertain a man who is the possessor of such a precious jewel; so pray remain with me." He accordingly entertained him well, with plenty of wine and civil words, but when he went to sleep at night he drew the ring stealthily from his finger, and put on it instead, a common ring quite like it in appearance. The next morning the goldsmith could hardly wait with any degree of patience, till the farmer had taken his departure. He awoke him in the early dawn, saying: "You have so far to go, you had better start early." As soon as the farmer was safe on his journey, the goldsmith went into his room, and having shut the shutters that no one might see, he bolted himself in, and, standing in the middle of the room and turning the ring round on his finger, exclaimed:

"I wish to have a hundred thousand silver crowns immediately."

Hardly were the words spoken, when bright five shilling pieces began to rain down from the ceiling; shining silver crowns poured down so fast and hard that at last they began to beat him unmercifully about the head, and shoulders, and arms. Calling piteously for help, he tried to rush for the door, but before he could reach it and unbolt it, he fell bleeding to the ground. Still the rain of silver crowns did not cease, and soon, under the weight of it, the flooring gave way, and the unfortunate goldsmith and his money fell into a deep cellar. And still it rained on, till the hundred thousand silver crowns were completed, and then the goldsmith lay down in his cellar, with the mass of money upon him. Attracted at last by the noise, the neighbors rushed to the spot, and on finding the goldsmith dead, under his money, exclaimed: "It is really a great misfortune when blessings rain down like cudgels." Then the heirs came and divided the spoil.

Meantime the farmer went happily home, and showed the ring to his wife. "We shall now never want for anything, dear wife," he said; "our fortune is made. But we must consider well what we wish for."

"Let us wish ourselves more land," said she. "we have so little. There is just a nice strip which stretches into our field. Let us wish for that."

"That would never be worth while," replied the husband. "We have only to work well for a year, and have a moderate share of good luck, and we can buy it for ourselves."

And the man and his wife worked hard for a whole year, and the harvest had never been so plentiful as that autumn, so they were not only able to buy the strip of land, but had money to spare.

"You see," said the husband, "the land is ours, and the wish, too."

Then the good woman thought it would be a capital thing to wish themselves a cow and a horse.

"Wife," answered the husband again, clinking the surplus money in his pocket, "it would be folly to sacrifice our wish for such a trumpery thing. We can get the cow and the horse without that."

And, sure enough, in another year's time, the horse and the cow had been well earned. So the man rubbed his hands cheerfully, and said: "Another year has passed, and still the wish is ours, and yet we have all we want; what good luck we have!"

The wife, however, began to be very impatient, and tried seriously to make her husband wish for something.

"You are not like your old self," she said crossly; "formerly you were always grumbling and complaining, and wishing for all sorts of things; and now, when you might have whatever you want, you toil and work like a slave, are pleased with everything, and let your best years slip by. You might be king, emperor, duke, a great rich farmer, with loads of money, but no—you can't make up your mind what to choose."

"Pray do cease continually worrying and teasing me," cried the farmer; "we are both of us young, and life is long. The ring contains but one wish, and that must not be squandered. Who knows what may happen to us, when we might really need the ring? Do you want for anything now? Since the ring has been ours have we not so risen in the world that all men marvel at us? So do be sensible, and amuse yourself, if you like, by thinking what we shall wish for."

And so the matter was allowed to rest for the present. It really seemed as if the ring brought blessings on the house, for barns and granaries grew fuller and fuller from year to year; and, in the course of time, the poor farmer became a rich and prosperous one. He worked all day with his men as if the whole world depended on it; but in the evening, when the vesper bell sounded, he was always to be seen sitting, contented and well to-do, at his threshold, to be wished "Good evening," by the passers-by. Now and then, when they were alone, and no one to hear, the woman still reminded her husband of the ring, and made all sorts of propositions to him. He always answered there was time enough to think about it, and that the best ideas always occurred to one last. So she gradually fell into the way of mentioning it less often, and at last it rarely happened that the ring was ever alluded to at all. The farmer, it is true, turned the ring on his finger twenty times a day, and examined it closely, but he took good care never to express the slightest wish at the time.

And so thirty and forty years went by, and the farmer and his wife grew old, and their hair snow-white, and still the wish remained unspoken. At last it pleased God to show them a great mercy, and He took them to Himself, both in one night. Children and grandchildren stood weeping around the coffins, and, as one of them tried to withdraw the ring from the dead man's finger, the eldest son said:

"Let our father take this ring to the grave. There was some mystery about it. Probably it was some love token, for our mother often looked at the ring, too; perhaps she gave it to him when both were young."

So the old farmer was buried with the ring which should have been a wishing-ring, but was not one, and yet had brought as much luck to the house as man could desire. For it is strange, as regards the true and the false, that a bad thing can be turned to better account in good hands, than a good thing in bad.—*Good Things.*

Miscellaneous News Items.

New York doctors recommend figs for dyspepsia.

Six young ladies acted as pall-bearers at a funeral in New York, recently.

Four persons were recently killed by the falling of a scaffold at Macon, Ga.

Soot is said to be one of the best fertilizers, and quite as valuable as guano.

Stokes' relatives are discouraged, and they have plainly told him he must hang.

A Memphis printer has fallen heir to a third of a $15,000,000 estate in England.

One thousand Chinese arrived at San Francisco, a few weeks ago, on the steamer Altoona.

Three men were crushed to death by the falling of a hay loft, in New York, last week.

A Minnesota hen has got into the newspapers by laying thirty-six eggs in sixteen days.

There are strong movements in different States in favor of abolishing the grand jury system.

Twenty bushels of acorns were planted along the main line of the Pacific road, in Minnesota, last year.

The sale of oysters during the summer months is prohibited in Pennsylvania by legislative enactment.

The cotton seed of the South, which was once thrown away as worthless, is now worth $3,000,000 per year.

A vessel was recently loaded with 50,000 bushels of corn, from a Chicago elevator, in less than two hours.

A Connecticut man prefers to pay $6,000 for breach of promise than wed the girl who spells marry with one r.

The first Chinaman ever arrested in San Francisco for drunkenness turned up in the police court the other day.

A German friend whose wife takes in washing for their subsistance, claims that he earns his living by the sweat of his brow.

Brandy made of figs is the latest California novelty. It is said to be very cheap, and yet to have excellent drunk-making qualities.

The *Scientific American* says "that in less than twenty years most of the heating and cooking will be done by combustible gas."

The death of Hon. Mr. Orr is attributed to the severity of the climate at St. Petersburgh. Hon. Anson Burlingame died from the same cause.

England spends annually nearly ten millions sterling upon her navy. France less than five, the United States under four, and Italy scarcely one and a half.

More immigrants have reached America during the last three months than during all the year 1872, and not a third who intend to come this year are yet in.

The Taunton (Mass.) *Gazette* says that "if Ben Butler runs for Governor of Massachusetts he will be flattened out so thin that his shadow will disappear from the earth."

Ex-Secretary Welles declares that neither Mr. Seward nor any other member of the Cabinet ever influenced or controlled President Lincoln to any such extent as Mr. Adams implies in his section.

Justice Dowling wants $10,000 from the New York *Sun* for saying that he opened court, the other day, by asking a prisoner for a "chaw," and wound up by adjourning to the front room to take a drink.

Douglas Jerrold, for a long time one of the editors of *Punch*, said that the man never lived who could make 365 good jokes a year—or even half the number. One a week he thought a very good allowance.

It is said that "necessity is the mother of invention," but go to the Patent Office, in Washington, and they will tell you that invention is the mother of necessity. Nine inventors out of ten die poor; the other tenth die mad.

The Omaha Bridge Company, which is a lesser Credit Mobilier ring in the Union Pacific railroad, and which levies tolls of its own on all railroad freight which crosses the Missouri at Omaha, is said to make $1,000 a day by its extortion.

In 1872 there were scaled in the six Minnesota lumber districts about 400,000,000 feet of logs, and in the Chippewa, Black and Wisconsin river districts about the same quantity. The production of the season of 1873 will be even greater.

A new era in the history of American horse-racing is to be inaugurated at Long Branch this season. Admission to the field is to be free to the general public, and an admission fee is to be charged only to the grand stand and quarter-stretch.

Until recently it was supposed that water had little motion below fifty fathoms. It is now known, however, that in certain localities there is motion in the water at the depth of five hundred fathoms; and this motion has proved a serious source of injury to submarine cables.

The very worst penman in the world is Geo. M. D. Bloss, of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*. It is necessary to employ special printers to set his copy; they previously undergoing a long training to acquire a mastery over his hieroglyphics.

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