

BONDS OF WE WIDLOCK.

The Troubles Arising From the Want of Uniform and Consistent LAWS ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Discussed From Humanitarian and Legal Standpoints.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PROUDEST BOAST

Perhaps there is no better illustration of the conflict that exists, and which has raged for years between church and State, than the different laws of the several States of the Union which regulate marriage and divorce.

I witnessed a very apparent illustration of this fact a few years ago in Chicago. It was a bill of divorce that came up for hearing in one of the circuit judges.

A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE. With this, however, I find no fault, on the principle that what is good while it is a law, and the liberty of people depends on its promulgation to the latter.

It is no principle with sensible men, of whatever cast of opinion, to do always what is abstractedly best. Where no direct duty forbids we may be guided to do, as being better under circumstances.

A CIVIL CONTRACT. If marriage be "the most beneficial institution known to man," as Mr. Kent defines it (2 Kent Com. 73, 75), and if it be true that "our laws consider marriage in no other light than as a civil contract"

Some objections have arisen to Mr. Springer's proposed amendment, and I believe in the opinion of the majority of the members of the committee that it would be an open invitation to put into our sacred Constitution an expression of a principle so barbaric and ancient; and also that it would be an encroachment upon rights of the States.

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A PAINTING WRITER, and a friend of my own, took the trouble to form a table of statistics on the subject, and developed this terrible state of affairs, showing that while some of the States granted one divorce to ten marriages, yet quite a fair proportion of them granted one divorce to every six solemnizations of the marriage contract.

THE SESSION OF 21, Victoria, ending in the spring of 1888, granted three absolute divorces, the relief of Andrew Mackay and Irvine, on account of the infidelity of his wife; the second was for the relief of Catherine Morrison, on account of the failure and desertion of her husband; the third for the relief of Eleanora Elizabeth Tudor, in consequence of the continuous unchastity of her husband; and what is significant, too, in both of these instances the marriage was solemnized in the United States, where the contract was more easily rescinded.

IN ENGLAND, since jurisdiction has been taken away from the ecclesiastical court by an act of Parliament, dated August 28, 1857 (21st Vic., c. 75), the jurisdiction has been transferred to a new court styled "The Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes," dissolutions of the marriage contract have increased in number, and the process, while the taste, desire and

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Many stories are told of the annoyances that the Methodists had to suffer in holding their meetings at one time during the progress of a prayer meeting in the house of Mr. Cooper a young rosy fired off a squib in the room. The eccentric preacher burst in, and at one time during the progress of a prayer meeting in the house of Mr. Cooper a young rosy fired off a squib in the room.

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FIGHTING A FAMINE.

Cincinnati in Deep Distress Receives Help From Pittsburgh.

FURNITURE BURNED FOR FUEL.

The First Experiment of Shipping Black Diamonds by Railroad.

A NOTABLE EVENT IN LOCAL HISTORY.

Monongahela river coal is to be sent West and South by rail. This departure cannot but have an important bearing upon that great industry, in opening up new markets and keeping old ones supplied, regardless of the uncertainties of water transportation.

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KITCHEN MARKET.

Staple Meats Fall to Follow Live Stock in the Decline—Game and Poultry Scarce, Steep—Effect of the Lenten Season on Prices.

Better Business in Lent.

A fair trade in fish and oysters is reported in these lines a full supply occurs immediately before Lent. Dealers look forward to an active movement in the market.

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DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Honoring the Country's Father No Help to Friday's Trade.

DULLNESS IN ALL PRODUCE LINES.

Grain and Hay Receipts the Lightest for the Week Past.

GENERAL GROCERIES ARE UNCHANGED.

Produce commission houses might as well have closed for the holiday, as they did the day before. The expected activity in wheat which usually precedes Lent has not yet materialized.

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Wholesale Groceries. Green Coffee - Fancy Rio, 25c per lb. Java Coffee - 20c per lb. Sugar - 10c per lb.

Wholesale Groceries. Butter - 20c per lb. Eggs - 15c per doz. Lard - 10c per lb.

Wholesale Groceries. Flour - 50c per barrel. Meal - 30c per barrel. Beans - 10c per bushel.

Wholesale Groceries. Raisins - 25c per box. Apples - 15c per bushel. Oranges - 10c per box.

Wholesale Groceries. Potatoes - 15c per bushel. Corn - 10c per bushel. Wheat - 10c per bushel.

Wholesale Groceries. Coffee - 25c per lb. Tea - 30c per lb. Spices - 15c per lb.

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