

**Fair Ice Ballerina**



NEW YORK (Special)—Erna Anderssen, Norwegian skating champion and star of the ice show at Sun Valley in the Amusement Area of the New York World's Fair, illustrates her prowess as a figure skater.

**THE SOWER**

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**HUMANITY'S INFLAMED APPENDIX.**

I lay in a hospital coming out from under an anesthetic. I had been brought in fifty miles from Sitapur to Lucknow on an army truck, with a high fever, from an inflamed appendix. At daybreak they operated on me. The British surgeon sat by my bedside as I came to consciousness. His first words were: "We were able to drain it only; there were too many adhesions and the fever was too high. You will have to rest up from this and have it taken out the next time." Encouraging first words, but very necessary.

I believe God is sitting alongside of a very fevered humanity. The appendix in the body of humanity has supplicated. It is at the breaking point, spreading its poison through the whole body. It does, the patient dies. That supporting appendix in the body of humanity is the selfish economic system of ruthless competition. We have tried to drain it, modifying it here and there to get out the worst of its poison to make the system more bearable. We have been afraid to take it out for the adhesions are many.

The system ramifies in every direction with its vested interests everywhere. To get it out means uprooting many things. We are afraid too of the fevered condition of humanity—is not the world too sick, too upset for any thoroughgoing operation? These fears beset us, but there is only one thing to do; that appendix must come out! The health of humanity, the very life of humanity depends on it. There can be no peace in the body of humanity as long as there is a lack of righteousness.

Moreover, we must be reminded that selfish, ruthless competition is an appendix in the body of humanity. It is a vestige, a left-over from a jungle existence. It performs no useful purpose now. It only gathers poison. Humanity will be much healthier without it. Co-operation is the spirit in which the body grows and develops. Under the other it dies for the appendix is a nonco-operating element of the body. It must come out. Jesus says, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off."

The competitive selfishness at the basis of life is offending us, is causing us to stumble, is upsetting humanity from top to bottom, is at the basis of our world trouble. We must cut it off. Co-operation must come to the heart of life and then there will be place in the whole life.

While this is true if the collective order it is also true of the individual. He too has to get out of his own life any suppurating moral appendix. Only then will life turn into health and radiance.

The Kingdom dominating the whole of life will then cleanse the whole of life, the individual and the social and that cleansing will go hand in hand, for life is one. In South Africa, where the race problem is the most acute in the world, I gave an address on "Christianity and Race," and one Christian, unused to anything but a personal emphasis in religion commented: "That was a political address."

It was not, of course, but the answer was simple: politics cannot keep out of moral issues, for almost every single thing debated in a legislative council in any part of the world turns into a moral issue when it comes down to human lives.

If the politicians cannot stay off the realm of the moral, then religion cannot stay off the realm of the political. Life is one and must be dealt with as

such. In the Kingdom of God, the social and the personal are brought together and life is unified at that point.—Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

**NEW LAW ALLOWS LADY TO DROP NAME OF HER HUSBAND IF DIVORCED**

The question of whether or not a divorcee may take her maiden name—moot subject at many an afternoon bridge table—was settled at the last session of the legislature.

Act No. 100, copies of which have been forwarded to Ebensburg by Secretary of the Commonwealth S. M. R. O'Hara, provides that "it shall be unlawful for any woman who has heretofore been or shall hereafter be divorced from the bonds of matrimony to retake and thereafter use her maiden name."

The new act was under discussion last week while Superior Court Justice William E. Hirt was visiting in Judge Ivan J. McKenrick's Chambers. Justice Hirt pointed out that the new law stipulates that every woman who elects to resume her maiden name shall file a written notice avowing such intention in the office of the prothonotary of the court in which the divorce decree was entered, showing the caption and number and term of the proceeding in divorce.

It was explained that a copy of the "notice of intention to resume maiden name" duly certified by the prothonotary, shall be competent evidence for all purposes of the right and duty of such woman to use her maiden name thereafter. The new law became effective May 25, 1939, date of signature by Governor James.

Prior to enactment of the bill clarifying the maiden name issue, the practice had been to grant the right to use maiden name when such request was included in the petition. From time to time this practice was challenged, but Act 100 now provides a legal method for "the woman in the case" to rid herself, not only of her husband, but of his name.

P. S. Justice Hirt and Judge McKenrick said there's no law which can be invoked by a husband to compel his former mate to drop his name.

**OLD FASHIONED HOME IS URGED BY BISHOP OF THE ERIE DIOCESE**

Detroit.—The influx of women into industry has so changed the home that the reputation of American democracy has been cheapened, Bishop John M. Gannon of the Erie, Pa., diocese, declared the other night.

Bishop Gannon, attending sessions

of the 18th national convention of the Catholic Daughters of America said that a startling transition is occurring in the American home.

"Today ten millions of American women are employed in gainful occupations," the bishop said. "As a result the number of children born is shockingly reduced, the delinquency of both boys and girls is increasing with alarm, and the common morals and manners of American youth reveal the divided attention of the mothers."

"We have become the greatest industrial nation in the world. Years ago we were known as the greatest moral nation of the world."

The prominent leader in national Catholic activities said the old fashioned home, in which fifteen children were not uncommon had substantially changed. Long hours spent by women in factories or offices has caused abandonment of training of children and placed them under secular teachers, he added.

"We have so completely depended upon women and the home to keep flowing the springs of morality and virtue that we have built up a national system of education which excludes the teaching of religion and its kindred subjects," he said.

Bishop Gannon said the evidence of the low level to which American manners and morals can sink was shown in the theatre, "news-stand magazines," the drama and "the music of the day."

The successful combination for preserving the strength of the old fashioned home and the benefits of industry is in the hands of the American mother, the Bishop asserted.

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In the Estate of Onufer Sciranko, late of Elder Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

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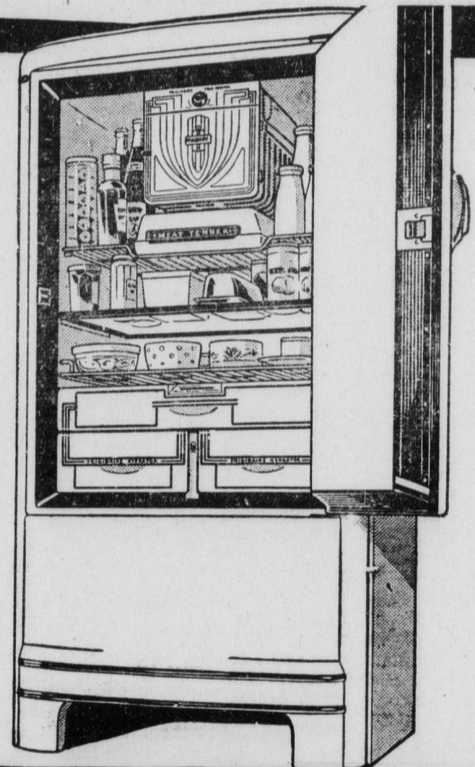
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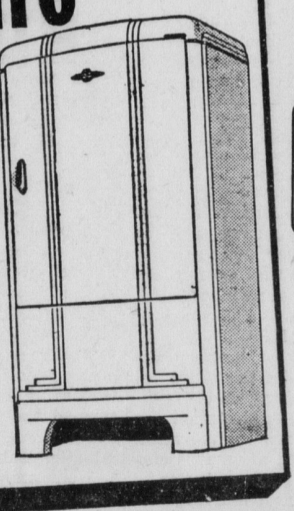
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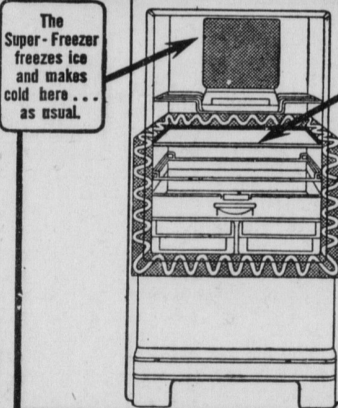
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