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DIVORCE PROGRESS.

The Everett Herald, recently referred Mo in an editorial to the subject of divorce as ventilated by a Wisconsin clergy man, who admitted that "Mormon polygamy," even as he and the public generally view it, does not need so much attention, and is less hard to fight, than the consecutive polygamy which is prevalent throughout the country. The Everett Herald endorses the remark, but points out that the minister usually talks against divorce, and goes on to say:

"Possibly it is right that he should, but among the Protestant clergy the one that would decline to perform a ceremony wherein one or both of the contracting parties were divorcess would be such a rarity as to attract general attention. If they would prac-tice what they teach their preachments would have more weight. It is not nec-essary to go outside Everett to obtain essary to go outside Everett to obtain divorce statistics, for the local courts have cases of marital misfits before them almost constantly. It is inter-esting to note, however, that last year divorces were granted, almost ex-19,600 divorces were granted, almost ex-activ double the number of ten years ago. Statistics show that there was one couple divorced for every four that had not been divorced in Los Angeles, which leads in the comparative size of its colony of divorces. In San Francisco the ratio is one to six; Denver, one to convert Changes one to nine: St. Louis. seven; Chicago, one to nine; St. Louis, one to twelve; Cleveland, one to fif-teen; Boston, one to eighteen; New York, one to twenty. These figures are terrifying enough in themselves, but the real seriousness of the condition comes to light when it is shown that in almost three-fourths of the cases dispensations were granted for immediate marriage one of the parties in the case.

There seems to be a notion, enter tained by a good many people, that when married couples want to separate a competent court will divorce them up. on their showing that both parties agree to it. Well, that is of itself good ground for a dismissal of their case. Collusion of the parties, if demonstrated, vitiates the application. There must be

o the prison, took the prisoner and graphs, the sentiments on the subject most beat him to death; then they uched upon which have been exhanged him to a telegraph pole, cut reased by many persons and public his body with knives and riddled it The action of the Presbyterournals. with bullets, and finally kindled a fire an Assembly in passing resolutions of nd consigned the mutilated remains to the kind mentioned, supported by h the dames. Is it possible that any evidence whatever, and based on gossil same man, in the pulpit or out and the prurient suggestions of evil it, can speak one word of excuse for minded sectaries, was so adverse to a such a dastardly deed? We speak about hristian spirit and so contrary to com-

ferocious wild animals. But no tigere on fairness and good sense that many o wolves, no hyenas would do anygood Presbyterians openly censure th thing comparable to such acts of "hu preachers who were the originators of maa" beings. The murderers of the the movement. We think the entire Jews at Kishineff, and the Turks that delegation ought to compare their acmassacred thousands of Turkish subtion in this matter with that commandjects; also the regicides of Servia ment of the decalogue which their would, no doubt, plead that the influweed holds as slill in force though once on a community of lynching i tiven under the Musale law: "Thou "wholesome," but no other than mur halt not bear false witness against ferers would accept that proposition thy neighbor." The Philadelphia Bulleas true. The influence is the opposite

to wholesome. It is pestiferous. It i "At its closing session in Los Angeas dangerous as blood poisoning il the General Assembly of the Pres-terian Church passed resolutions de-uneing Senator Reed Smoot as "a the human system, and it may necessi tate a painful operation, if a cure l representative of polygamy not otherwise effected. The statement ing him with having "encouraged erpotuntion and practice by his his | attributed to the Chicago elergymat cal influence as apostle." and de-ing that he should be expelled in any from the United States is queer doctrine indeed, and the pulpit ought to protest against it in no uncertain länguage.

about the same time when these resolutions were in course of adoption President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mr. Smoot and by Mr. Kearns, the other STHL TALKING WAR.

from Utah, was et enator rmon Tabernacle, at Salt Lake City he delivered an address express-idial appreciation of the courage nergy and industry of the pioneers whose labors laid the foundation of the Atterward the President, with everal other persons, was a guest at a on at which Senator Smoot was

"The contrast between the action of the Chief Executive and that of the opresentatives of Presbyterianism is to striking to escape notice. If Mr. riminal who had done his utmost to aspire his fellow Mormons to defy the tws, is it fair to presume that he would ave broken bread with him? If he had egarded the Mormon Church as an intitution arrayed against Federal au ority and deliberately attempting to nullify the statutes by practicing polyg-

amy, as the General Assembly's utter nces strongly intimated, he would hardly have accepted the invitation to speak to an audience largely made up of great battlefield. Mormons in the chief temple of their faith The members of the Assembly do not

seem to have had before them any proof that Smoot was a lawbreaker. I such evidence is in existence, it would probably have been brought to light before this time. In refusing to recog-nize differences of religious belief as a reason for ostracising any man or sect the President has planted himself squarely on a fundamental American principle."

## THE TRAGEDY IN SERVIA.

With the tragic death of King Alexander of Servia, and Queen Draga, a royal romance of rather unsavory char. acter ends. The two have been conspicuous among royal persons, but mostly on account of their eccentricities. Alex-

erless to change it legally, and there-

fore, he set it aside, and proclaimed an

other constitution, and further ousted

all opponents from their offices. This,

lowever, gave the latter the oppor-

unity they had been looking for, When

the king had struck down the consti-

tution, the assassing felt sure that they

could perform their work without too

such censure on the part of the people

There are renegades in all walks of

6, royal cureers not excepted. King

Alexander was one of these who make

monarchics odious in the eyes of the

QUEER DOCTRINE.

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ommon people

in the opinion of those who are in a poander was advanced to the Servian sition to know, it must come. The Rus. throne, to support Russian interests, slau government has invested colossal and it was planned for him that he should marry a European princess. But | suics in railroad construction; and can-It is claimed that the lady refused him, not afford to withdraw and give the control of Manchuria to another govwhen she saw him, regarding him as impossible as a husband, and finally he ernment. It can as little afford to do married Drags, the daughter of an ob- | this, as the United States can afford to cure family, and alienated the friend. build the Panama canal without secur-

Studdy club. Other features are "An Indian Aristocracy," "Heroes Who Fight Disease," and a review of the been the comment of Prince Karageorgevitch when he heard of the terrible tragedy at Belgrade that made him a king.

How some of the bears in Wall street did get their claws clipped! They won't be able to reach berries or dig roots for some time, poor things!

"The Salt Lake baby that fell thirty feet without being seriously injured is surely entitled to the appellation, bouncing boy." says a morning contemporary. This is all right only that the baby was a "bouncing girl,"

"Any future problems in the destiny of man, will be worked out through the instrumentality of the word. There is no escaping it." said Rear Admiral Luce at the opening of the naval war college. The admiral was only giving loose to his imagination when he spoke thus.

The most notorious bandit in the island Luzon has been captured. The 'most notorious'' bandits are as numerus in the Philippines as the "oldest lving Mason in the United States." They have been having floods in Arizona, about the driest place on earth.

MICROBES IN WAR.

According to the latest advices from Los Angeles Times. In a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria t is stated that the revolutionary lead. eastern Asia, war is still expected to break out between Russia and Japan. rs have in their possession a large uantity of Indian plague baccilii, with over Manchuria. The Japanese, it is claimed, are gathering in large force in which they propose to infest Constan-inople, Salonica, and even Berlin, if their demands are not acceded to. They Korea, in the guise of settlers. On the other hand, Russia is said to increase say in effect according to the dispatch, that "if within eight days the great her strength in Manchuria, instead of that "If within eight days the great powers do not guarantee the execution of the Berlin treaty, then we shall die, but we shall not die slone, for there shall follow us to the grave myriads of people in Europe-Europe, which robbed us of our liberty." It seems incredible that any human beings claiming kinship with the race of men could resort to so damnable a scheme for the accomplishment of their pur-poses or the wreaking of their revenge. evacuating that province. Port Arthur the dispatches say, is one succession of large camps. In answer to Chinese questions the Russians say they expect war with Japan, whose troops would most likely try to enter Manchuria through the western coast of Liaotung, and Russian officers, friendly with Chihese, have earnestly advised them to

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cleveland Flain Dealer. The threat could be easily carried out and its consequences are too easy to im-agine. The ravages of the plague in Constantinople, one of the flithlest towns on earth, would be unspeakable. Salonica would be in little better case. Berlin, a trpical modern European city, would have little to fear. The successfue is in keeping with that mada not come back until after the war, on the ground that the whole of Linotung and southern Manchuria will soon be a If these advices are correct, the sit nation in the far east is critical. China, of course, would join Japan against suggestion is in keeping with that made by irresponsible fanatics during the Russia, should a confrict occur, for Japan takes the field for China's integrity American civil war to infect northern cities with yellow fever. The conseand the open door, but China is not yet uences of this course are not likely to be what these Bulgarian patriots exwell prepared for war and her ald would be of little value, except indiect. A continuation of the present propect. A continuation of the present pro-gram may rouse Europe against them no less than against the Turk. Such a threat is a confession of weakness and the last resort of desperate out-casts from civilization. If Europe is to be stirred against the Turk it must be by other many Japan would have to depend on herself and her own resources, and it is by no means certain that Russia could have an easy task to accomplish It would at least be as difficult to beat be by other means. the Japapese, as it was to overcome th

## Baltimore Sun.

Turks in 1877. And it would be a much more costly war. It is a question No little indignation has been aroused in England by the reported threat of whether Russia would not get worsted The conflict may not be imminent, but, the Macedonian revolutionary leaders distribute Indian plague bacilli Salonica, Constantinople and certain European cities, and, in case the powers do not intervene to "send into the grave myriads of the people of Europe the continent which has robbed us o our liberty." Some of the Macedoniar revolutionists are desperate and uncrupulous men, capable of almost any but not even the worst of them yould be likely to engage in such a



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Friendship.

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better in the markets. Look into the merits of these "hot-weather stoves" and you'll be enjoying their many good points within a day.







There is a very general sentiment in favor of uniform laws regulating both marriage and divorce, so that all the States of the Union may be agreed con. cerning these important matters. The simplest way to reach the end in view appears at first sight to be a national law on the subject. But that would in velve an amendment to the national Constitution. And there is a very great reluctance as to tampering with that splendid instrument, particularly or this question, because it would be a radical departure from the very system which the Constitution was framed to establish and maintain; that is, the right of each State to regulate its own domestic affairs.

It would seem, then that the better method would be a movement to obtain an agreement among all the States to adopt some uniform rules and regulations, to be formulated into law by the several State legislatures, by which marriage and divorce might be made similar in form in every part of this country. This could be done by means of a convention of delegates from the several States, at which the whole question could be thoroughly ventilated Several able newspapers have pointed out the error into which some o the societies and orators, male and fe male, interested in social reforms have fallen, when they allowed themselves t be worked up over alleged condition in Utah, and ignore those that actually exist around them in their immediate vicinity. Referring to the action of a Mother's congress a St. Paul paper remarks:

nable women took a not row view of the matter, however, an ontented themselves with demandi uniform laws, without defining the as it ought to be, and with denounc polygamy in Utab. Uniformity of Uniformity of ( vorce law is certainly to be desire provided the uniform law is good. It to secure uniformity, there must ich concessions all around as to sult in looseness, the result might b oven worse than it is at present. It is to be regretted that the mothers wer result might not more definite in their demand Denunciations of polygamy in Uta where legal polygamy no longer exists is hardly to the point. Depundation of the consecutive polygamy which le gally exists in every state in the Unio cutside of Utah would have been mor timely and effective."

We think that "denunclations" of any kind are wide of the mark. They are not practicable. They are little more than "hot air." And they are often the result of ignorance and haste. Rea reform will have to begin in society itself, in the training that begins in the home, in the planting of the seeds of correct principles in the hearts of the ricing generation, and in the honor purity and forbearnce of parental life This may be supplemented by rational and uniform enactments, and the evil now complained of may thus be reduced greatly if not cradicated.

## PRESIDENT AND PRESBYTERY.

But the offender was a negro. For that reason some beasts in human We copy the subjoined editorial from the Philadelphia Bulletin because it form started an agliation and soon a nob, 2,000 strong, gathered, These went embodies. In brief and pertinent para-

SHORE.

ing permanent control over the strip ship of all the courts of Europe. The of land through which the canal runs. queen was a gifted woman, and she The cases are parallel. very nearly brought about a reconcili-Japan, or the other hand, is not pre

rectly.

return with their families to China and

ation with the Russian court. But, uncared to permit Russia to assume confortunately, she had no child, and the tiol, without a struggle. And for years succession to the throne was assigned to Pfince Mirko, a son of the prince of she has been preparing for this. Since the boxer disturbances, the sole aim of Montenegro and brother of the beautithe Japanese has been to obtain the ful queen of Italy. Queen Draga was confidence of their Chinese neighbors. the object of much abuse in the pal-They have been drilling and reorganizace, and finally she conceived the idea ing the Chinese army. They have been of trying to palm off a son of her sister secretly active in every branch of the as her own. She was detected in this Chinese administration, as well as in scheme, and lately the king has threatened to institute divorce proceedings. educationa' and industrial life. Of course, her labor in this direction is by King Alexander is also remembered no means completed, and it would be for the irreconcilable attitude he asa her advantage to gain more time. sumed toward his father, Mi'an, who had abdicated in his favor. The ex-king But perhaps this is precisely what Rus. sia is anxious to prevent, and this may plead in vain for reconciliation with his son, but the latter gave orders to the be the reason why the Russian govern army to take the life of his father, ment is acting so openly, in the hope of precipitating the conflict before her anshould be presume to return to Servia. tagonist is fully prepared for the fray Then the king died, as many said, of a If Japan is given sufficient time, Russia broken heart, and Alexander was justly ensured for his unfilial conduct, no ess than for his brutality as a hus-

will have to confront a tripple alliance in which China and Korea are the ther parties with Japan. But the suspension of the Servian Servia has out-Heroded Kentucky in constitution was his latest mistake, and the manner of settling a feud. that which sealed his doom. That in.

strument dld not suit him. By means of The Czar of all the Russias believes the secret ballot, he was rendered pow-

in looking a gift horse in the mouth. The flood sufferers at East St. Louis ire now suffering for want of drinking water.

"No flowers," was the Czar's answet o offers of aid to his distressed subjects at Kishineff.

The Servian revolution may not up set the peace of Europe, but it has jarred it tremendously.

All the rural free delivery carriers all over the country are to have a holiday July 4. Hurrah for the Fourth!

One moral of the Servian revolution is: Don't suspend the constitution against the will and wishes of the people.

A Chicago elergyman is quoted as It is noted of Mr. Roosevelt that he aving spoken approvingly of the reis a very unconventional President ent Jynching at Belleville, Til. Ha But next year he will be very convenald that, "while lynching is not to be ustified, he influence on a community

wholesome. If some of the hold-up A German professor has discovered ain and murderers of Chicago has in infallible cure for insomnia. What con tynched other innocent lives would t is, is not stated. But so far sleep is doubt have been saved. Our courts is ind slow, our punishments are not the best cure for it.

were enough and our politicians are The backbone of the strike at Moreno active in protecting the criminal ri naa been broken. It was broken ement." If this is what the ray, without striking a blow, the arrival centleman soldy he is without question of troops being sufficient,

Harvard is going to reduce the size o If there ever was an unjustifiable her diploma one half. It will repre urder by a mob, this was one. The rime of which the negro was accused sent just as much scholastic attain ment as the old one did. cas not against woman. It was not

f that particularly shooking class of Karageorgevitch's manners are said trocities. He was accused of having o be extremely simple. In fact he is the ried to kill a county officer, and he had 'mildest manner'd man that ever scut can arrested and was to be tried for tled a ship or cut a throat."

The devastated towns of the flooded districts of Kansas and Illinois, when the 'vaters have subsided, may be expected to spring up like mushrooms.

nough." is absolutely slily in this Governor Wells calls the child "the lewel of the home hfe." And Mr. Roose velt wants every mother in the land to have a long string of these jewels.



foolish and fiendish enterprise as intro-ducing the Indian plague in European ities. If they were to attempt an act f such wicked folly they would become ities, outcasts, a price would be placed upon their heads, and every decent man's hand would be raised against them. LAST OF THE BOSTON MUSEUM.



The curtain has dropped on the stage of the Boston Museum for the last time. The lights are out forever in a playhouse which for two generations has made theatrical history not only in Boston, but in the United States. The career of the Boston Museum spans the period of the development of the drama n Boston. Sixty-two years ago it was stablished by Moses Kimball as a compromise, a subterfuge, by which the tra-ditional prejudice against playhouses might be satisfied. It was a museum of irlosities with a dramatic attachm From this beginning it developed into a theater in which the best that the art afforded was produced, and all the great names of the histrionic profes-sion have at some time been associated

with its entertainments. Boston Herald. The Boston Museum is stated to have in its material which is now being dis-posed of a large number of manuscript plays. There must be some curiosities among them. The first play of all in the list is probably "The Drunkard," the authorship of which was never ac-knowledged, but it probably swed a read deal in its construction for the good deal in its construction for the stage to William H. Smith, who was stage to winnin H. Smith, who was at the time stage manager of the Mu-seum, and played the most prominent character in the plece. Then Dr. J. S. Jones, a physician of Boston, who had also done some acting, and was the last manager of the Tremont theater, where the play of "Old the ard Lasob wrote the play of "Old Job and Jacob Gray" for the Museum, satirized the country members of the state legislaire in it, and created the character of Jefferson Scattering Batkins for Will liam Warren, Later J. F. Trowbridge ham Warren, Later J. F. Trowbridge who has been giving his reminiscences in the Atlantic Monthly, prepared in conjunction with W. H. Smith a play from his novel, "Neighbor Jackwood," a plece that had a run. Shortly before the days of the civil war, Benjamin E Woolf came to Boston to play the violin in the Museum orchestra, and from that position began to write and to dramatize plays for its stage, which rose to more than a score in number before his work was completed. These are probably to be found in the Museum



The Juvenile Instructor for June 15 is out. It is an unusually interesting number, and the contents are as fol-lows: "The Tower of London (Illus-trated), Lydia D. Alder: "If I Were a Boy Again." The American Boy: "Man's Inhumanity to Man," Martyr-dom by Fire (Illustrated) Loseob Hylom by Fire (illustrated), Joseph Hy-um Parry; "Current Topics," The Massacres at Kishineff; "The Resurrec-Massacres at Klainneff. "The Resurrec-tion." Sunday School Times: "Keeping a Journal." H. W. N.: "Healed of Diphtheria." Laura Moench Jenkins: "Some of Our Sunday Schools." The "Highland Boy" Sunday Schools." The Sydney, Australia, Sunday School (il-lustrated); "Editorial Thoughts." The Stelke Craze. Women in Lordership Strike Craze-Women in Leadershi Jos F. Smith: "A Worthy Ambilion," Notes: "Some of Our Poets:" Williar Clegg-1822-1903 (illustrated), J. H. P. Early Theatricals in Utah," Phil. Mar etts: "Cardinal Virtues," Press; "Be Neat," Selec New York Selected: Press, "Be Neat, Selected, The Swallow," (illustrated), Thomas Aird; "Our Little Folks," What Prayer Did, To the Letter Box, A State of Mind, "My Willing Song," Words by H. W. Naisbitt, music selected.—Sait Lake

In the June number of the Woman's Home Companion, there are valuable hints for June weddings, with pictures showing the decorations for church and home. There is a charming article on "Bird-Land Nurseries" in The Nature.