

DIFFICULT TO WED

Italy Offers Many Obstacles That Are Hard to Overcome.

Americans Abroad Find It No Easy Matter to Marry Owing to Our Divorce Laws—One Noted Case Cited.

Rome.—An American must live abroad to have an idea of how life is complicated by each state at home having different laws...

The consequence is that no American can legally marry in Italy. The other day another couple...

Even the religious marriage, however, was not an easy matter to arrange. Mr. Edmiston being a Protestant...

To make a long story short, it was discovered that the holy office was using a kind of obstructionism...

Trenton, N. J.—Vice-Chancellor Walker the other day ordered the Delaware River Quarry and Construction Company...

The quarry people retaliate by saying that she lives in a tumble-down, shanty, where the windows and plaster are loose.

Kansas City, Mo.—I would rather go to the workhouse and break rock than go home to her.

Mrs. Hains, a delicate little woman, carrying a small baby in her arms, told the judge that she was married last March.

LABOR 8 YEARS ON REPORT

Statistical Abstract of Commerce of World Finally Concluded by Government Experts.

Washington.—After eight years of arduous labor the experts of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor have, under the direction of O. P. Austin...

The new publication consists of 446 pages and is divided into three parts. The first shows the total imports and exports of merchandise and gold and silver...

Mr. Austin began work on this valuable publication by detailing a few employees of his bureau to undertake it in 1901. From time to time, as he had available experts...

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DIFFICULT TO STEER

Dirigible Balloon Hard to Manage at Night—No Landmarks.

Count Zeppelin Said to Have Lost Five Hours on His Celebrated Flight to Berlin for Lack of Means of Navigation.

London.—"No one who has not been at a great height in a balloon can have any idea of the difficulty of steering a dirigible toward any given point."

So said an experienced pilot of airships with special reference to the approaching Paris-London voyage of the monster Clement-Bayard...

"The most obvious way of navigating is to hold a map in hand and to keep track of one's position from moment to moment. This is, you can understand, very tiring.

"You can't think how different a landscape looks from above. The objects which were prominent so long as you were on the ground seem to have disappeared.

"In the darkness the difficulty is increased. Count Zeppelin, during the voyage which ended up in a pear tree at Litterfeld, when he was desperately anxious to reach Berlin at the appointed time...

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DISLIKE THE BROAD STREETS

Londoners Abhor Spacious Thoroughfares and Prefer the Narrow Lanes to Walk In.

London.—Londoners like narrow streets. They love to be jostled and abhor broad, spacious thoroughfares, where there is plenty of room to walk.

This interesting opinion was given by a Regent street land agent and surveyor, who said that the growing tendency to construct wide streets was a "fatal mistake" from a shop-keeper's point of view.

"Bond street, Cheapside, the Strand and other more or less narrow streets," he said, "owe much of their commercial success to their narrowness and consequent warm, sociable atmosphere.

"In wide streets, one side is sure to suffer. Thus along Piccadilly most people going toward Hyde Park walk on the left to Prince's restaurant, and then on the right until they reach the park."

"As for the north side of the Strand, it is most curious to note," said another real estate agent, "how the huge east going traffic melts away at the Gaiety theater and the west-going traffic equally mysteriously dies away at the law courts.

"So, too, with the Embankment—the shortest route between the city and Westminster. It is wide and open and commands a magnificent view, but it is lonely—as lonely as the south side of Piccadilly along the railings of the green park.

"The question inevitably arises: 'Are Londoners suffering from agoraphobia, or fear of open spaces'—a well-defined nervous disease?"

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RAISING CRICKETS FOR ZOO

Curator to Make Things Livelier in Reptile House This Winter—To Cultivate Insects.

New York.—Curator Ditmars of the Bronx Zoo is raising crickets to make things livelier in the reptile house this winter.

Among four varieties he has procured for the fireplace in this building is one with the appropriate name of rattlesnake cricket. The others are the field cricket, which makes the summer boarder dismal after the sun has set; the tree cricket and the sleigh bell cricket, whose song resembles the tinkle of winter chimes.

Last winter Mr. Ditmars, one cold night, heard a chirp and on lifting a brick out of the hearth in his dining room, discovered a cricket. For about three months it cheered the home of the curator. So last summer he determined to cultivate a colony of them and keep them in the reptile house, where they will make the only music to be heard there.

LEMONS CURE WHITE PLAGUE

Iowa Woman, Given Up as Hopeless by Doctors, Ate Dozen Citrus Spheres Daily.

Sioux City, Ia.—Eat twelve lemons a day for twelve days. This is the simple cure for tuberculosis recommended by Mrs. Charles B. Bance, who, after being given up to die by the physicians, made herself a healthy woman by taking the lemon remedy.

"Boil the lemons until they are palatable," she says. "I took 12 lemons a day in this manner for more than 12 days, but I saw marked improvement before the 12 days had elapsed. I am a well woman to-day."

Tuberculosis Hospital.

Washington.—Fifteen per cent of those who die from tuberculosis in the District of Columbia contract the disease from milk, according to a declaration by Health Officer Woodward.

HERMITS ARE HAPPY

Safe and Comfortable Seclusion from World on Blue Mountain.

Woman Over 70 Never Saw Trolley Car, Electric Car or Automobile—Has Not Left House Since Husband's Death.

Allentown, Pa.—On the southern slope of the Blue mountains, in Lynn township, beyond the Jacksonville, live an elderly couple in a dilapidated story-and-a-half log cabin who are remarkable for the simple life they lead and for their hermit-like existence.

Their home is near a little traveled road leading across the Blue mountain from Jacksonville to Tamaqua, and two and a half miles from the former village. It is the only habitation thereabouts, and is as lonely and secluded a place as the veriest reclus could desire.

Their cabin is a rough, antiquated structure of logs, about 10x14 feet, with a primitive porch in front, surrounded by a rough stone wall. The house has only one door and two windows. It has one room with a sort of vestibule. There is, however, an attic, reached by a rickety stair. The basement is a low apartment, and tradition has it that at one time it was used as a moonshine stillery.

Here, in season, the occupants of the home maintain a modest little garden with a few staple vegetables as well as a few flowers. They keep no live stock, nor even hogs or chickens, cats or dogs. Here, remote from contact with their fellows, they eke out a scant subsistence.

"I believe that as a result of our investigations there will be some effort to establish school gardens throughout the zone as a means of interesting the children of laborers and natives in agriculture."

HUGE SHIPMENT OF WALNUT

According to Estimates Year's Crop Worth Over \$600,000 to California Growers.

Santa Ana, Cal.—According to estimates at the walnut packing house in this county, exclusive of the Fullerton, Anaheim and Placentia districts, shipments for the season reach 25 car loads. The bulk of cars has moved, and there remain a few car loads from each house still to go.

The associations this year controlled 65 or 70 more car loads than they did last year. Even with that this locality remains the stronghold of the independent shippers of California. The association estimates for the season are: Santa Ana Valley Walnut Growers' association, shipped from Santa Ana, 80 car loads; Richmond Walnut Growers' association, shipped Capistrano Walnut Growers' association, shipped from San Juan Capistrano, 30 car loads. The independent houses reported as follows, all from Santa Ana: Gowen & Willard, 110 car loads; Smith & Miller, 15 car loads; C. C. Collins, 13 car loads.

These nuts will total between \$610,000 and \$640,000 for the growers. The Santa Ana association alone by the end of the season will have distributed \$200,000.

CAN'T GET HIS WAGES CUT

New York City Employee, Who Asked for 15 Per Cent. Reduction, Refused by Comptroller.

New York.—A city employee who last week stirred up a furor among the municipal officeholders by requesting a reduction of 15 per cent. in his \$1,500 salary, received a reply from the comptroller, refusing his request.

"This matter is not within my province. I am also informed that the salary you draw is the lowest possible for the position you hold under the civil service laws. I cannot believe that your financial condition warrants the cut which you recommend."

Year's Tobacco Output.

Washington.—More than 150,000,000 pounds of cigar tobacco and nearly four times that quantity of the other types of tobacco was grown in the United States in 1909, according to a bulletin issued by the department of agriculture.

Kentucky leads all the states in tobacco grown, producing more than one-third of the crop of the country and about one-ninth of the entire crop of the world.

Travels Million Miles.

Creston, Ia.—One hundred miles a day is the record of Conductor Charles Flint of this city, as he figures it, since he began work for the Burlington road 48 years ago.