

# Is This the Day of the Divorcée in Society?



### Path From the Court Room to the Altar Seems to be Well Trod



Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, Recently Mrs. Cox.



Mrs. Paul S. Pearsall, Divorced from James G. Blaine Jr.



Mrs. Henry Clews, Jr., once wife of Frederic Gebhard



Mrs. Perry Belmont, formerly Mrs. Henry T. Sloane



Mrs. Waldorf Astor, formerly Mrs. Shaw

A bill of divorce I'll get write for him. A man's better lord I'll get for these. —Child's Ballads.

Let memory jog quietly backward and recall the last few months and recall the new matrimonial ventures entered into by fashionable divorcées.

Only a short time ago Mrs. Mabel Cox, formerly the wife of Dr. Rowland Cox, Jr., of New York, was wedded in London to Congressman Francis Burton Harrison, also of America's metropolis. It was a union of wealth and high social position on both sides.

Two days previously Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., daughter of Rear Admiral Highborn, United States navy, became the bride, in Philadelphia, of Lieut. Paul Stanford Pearsall, son of a millionaire and quite wealthy in his own right.

Early autumn witnessed the capture of America's richest bachelor, James Henry Smith, by Mrs. W. Rhinelandt Stewart, from whose vest list the first matrimonial bonds had been stricken only recently by a South Dakota court.

At that time society had scarcely ceased discussing the wedding, in London, of Waldorf Astor, heir to untold millions, and Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, at whose feet a score of admirers were said to be petitioning for favor.

Not far backward in recent history it is necessary to travel to reach the marriage of Mrs. Louise Hollingsworth Gebhard, formerly the beautiful Louise Morris, of Baltimore, to Henry Clews, Jr., when she became the wife of Lieut. Pearsall. She had been preceded just nine years in the Dakota divorce records by young Blaine's first wife, formerly Marie Novins, now the wife of Dr. W. T. Bull, the eminent New York surgeon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison are said to be spending their honeymoon sailing the balmy Mediterranean Sea. A little over a year ago they met in Cuba for the first time. It was declared to be a case of love at first sight on both sides.

The then Mrs. Cox was desperately unhappy. She had virtually separated from her husband, and was reaping all the bitterness of her marital failure.

Mr. Harrison himself was emerging from the shadow of a great sorrow. Something over a year before his wife, Mary Crocker, a California heiress, had been killed in a sensational automobile accident.

It did not take long for Cupid to build up these bruised hearts.

Before her first marriage Mrs. Harrison was a Miss Judson, of a wealthy family, and one of the most popular of Brooklyn's exclusive Heights set. Mr. Harrison comes of a distinguished old New York family. He is a son of the late Mrs. Burton Harrison, the authoress, is a graduate of Yale, and has the entire into the most exclusive social circles of New York and Newport.

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Mrs. Bull was then living in New York, and Mrs. Blaine is Augusta, Maine. After her divorce the first Mrs. Blaine had been treated for rheumatism by Dr. Bull, who was as successful in overcoming the disease as he was in overcoming his patient's disinclination to a second marriage.

Last year's greatest surprise perhaps was the marriage of James Henry Smith and Mrs. W. Rhinelandt Stewart. Society had about given up Mr. Smith as undivorcedly wedded to the sole of bachelorhood.

With a fortune estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, Mr. Smith was regarded as the richest bachelor in the country. None was more welcome to the exclusive functions of the elite of the city than he.

Mr. Smith dodged persistently and skillfully, however. He entertained sumptuously, met all that New York and Newport expect a man of wealth except to lead a bride to the altar.

But when Mrs. Stewart secured her divorce in South Dakota, last August, the stars took on a different reading for Henry James Smith.

About a month later the two were married in the parish church of Alvie, Inverness, Scotland.

Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Annie Armstrong, daughter of a well-known Baltimorean, and a sister of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, of Philadelphia. She entered upon her first matrimonial adventure in 1879.

That Mr. Smith was pleased to desert the ranks of bachelors was indicated, in one way, by the magnificent jewels he showered upon his bride. In one combination of dog collar and necklace, are 2,000 diamonds, the value of the ornament being \$250,000.

Then there are arm ornaments of diamond serpents that coil several times about the arm from the shoulder to below the elbow. The eyes of the serpents are of pearly blood rubies. The combined value of the serpents is \$260,000, making the cost of two gifts alone half a million dollars.

Although the first marriage of Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw proved so unhappy that it terminated in the divorce court, her friends believe that as the wife of Waldorf Astor she will find a serene and happy path stretching into the coming years.

If unlimited wealth can insure happiness, it will be hers, undoubtedly. Her husband's father, William Waldorf Astor, the "expatriated American," is rich almost beyond conception. His present to the bride pair was the beautiful Cliveden estate, in England.

He also presented to the bride a tiara in which is set the famous Sancy diamond, weighing fifty-three and a half carats, and valued at \$75,000. From the bridegroom she received a necklace formed by three rows of superb pearls of immense value.

Mrs. Astor is one of the five famous Langhorne sisters, of Albemarle county, Va., whose beauty has made them known throughout two continents. On the South Dakota courts, she was awarded a divorce, amounting to \$155,000 and a handsome residence in New York.

Like other who had been freed in that state of easy separation, Mrs. Gebhard lost little time in proceeding from court room to altar again.

In about a month she took a second husband, in the person of Henry Clews, Jr., son of the widely known New York banker.

Another member of the Sioux Falls divorce colony at one time was Mrs. T. Suffern Taylor, a daughter of Pierre Lorillard, the tobacco and turf king. Later she married Hon. Cecil Baring, member of the famous English banking firm of Baring Brothers, a brother of Lord Revelstoke and heir presumptive to the title.

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## BASE INGRATITUDE

### ORPHAN BRINGS RUIN TO HIS BENEFACTOR.

Confesses Crime After Fifteen Years of Poverty and Shame to His Victim.

London, March 6.—Amp's fable of "the frozen adder" has had a remarkable illustration in a strange story, the final chapter of which was reported yesterday from Gravesend.

After lying for sixteen years under the unjust stigma of robbing his employers, Henry Snelling, former manager of the North-East and Green-paths Gas company, has received a confession from the real thief, a tall named Pearce, whom he befriended, and who supplanted him.

"I write this as a duty before God," Pearce writes from Canada, "and I am sorry for having been guilty of anything so mean; but the influence of Satan had fast hold of me, and I believe I would have done you all the injury I could but I hope you will forgive me."

In 1883 Mr. Snelling, who served his articles at Bury St. Edmunds and Edinburgh, came as manager to the North-East and Greenpaths Gas company. Pearce was an orphan, and he provided him with an outfit and taught him the routine work. In 1891 the chairman of the company received anonymous letters accusing Mr. Snelling of embezzling money and falsifying the accounts, while awaiting this the office was broken into and the credit book stolen. However, the strictest inquiry failed to disclose anything wrong, and Mr. Snelling was asked to resume his post, but refused to do so and resigned.

A committee of prominent townsmen who believed in Mr. Snelling's innocence was formed for the purpose of investigating the mystery, but it was unable to secure any material evidence and anxiety and worry resulted. In Mr. Snelling being laid low by an attack of congestion of the brain.

Meanwhile Pearce was appointed to the management, but he did not hold the post long, and a year or two after, in 1890, is banished from Gravesend altogether.

Mr. Snelling recovered from his illness, but the taint of the suspicion seemed to have broken his spirit. He has always had a presentiment that things would come right, but owing to the suspicion cast upon him, he has walked the town in want of food, and also was struck out of a will, under which he would have received a considerable sum.

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