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HE "FIXED" HER.

"I want a divorce, and I want it right away," a woman exclaimed, excitedly, as she entered the office of a well-known attorney of Baltimore recently, and who tells the story.

"What has your husband been doing?" the lawyer asked.

"My husband is a brute, and I can't live with him any longer."

"But what has he been doing? Has he beaten you?"

"Beaten me?" (in a scornful tone) "I would like to see him attempt it."

"Has he abandoned you?"

"He is too lazy to leave the house."

"Well, has he fallen in love with another woman?"

"He is so ugly that no other woman would have him."

"Well, then, on what ground do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, he's a brute, a perfect brute."

"But you must tell me exactly what he has done or I cannot do anything for you."

"Well," the woman replied, "my husband became angry when he came home to dinner yesterday and found that his dinner was not ready. I had gone out to visit my mother and when I got home I found him in a terrible rage I cooked dinner for him, and when I put it on the table I said to him: 'There's your dinner, and I hope it will choke you.'

"He ate his dinner and then went upstairs. I heard him pounding something, but I did not go up to see what he was doing. When he came down he said to me, 'I have fixed you, and you will not eat any dinner.'

"What do you think the brute had done? He had broken up my false teeth, so that I could not use them, and therefore could not eat any dinner."

The lawyer bowed the lady out of his office, telling her that he would look into the case. He is still looking.

Lost His Bet.

The other day a Londoner said to a countryman:

"I'll bet you anything that you cannot spell three simple words that I shall give you within forty seconds."

"I'll take that on. Now, then, what are they?" said the countryman.

"Well, here goes," said the Londoner, he pulled out his watch; "London."

"L-o-n-d-o-n."

"Watching."

"W-a-t-c-h-i-n-g."

"Wrong," said the Londoner.

"What?" exclaimed the countryman, in surprised tones; "I've spelled the words you gave me correctly. I'm certain I'm not——"

"Time's up!" the Londoner said, triumphantly; "why didn't you spell the third word—w-r-o-n-g?"—*London Spare Mmoents.*

IT IS the correct thing to be sensible this winter. Stout-soled shoes and garments suited to the climate's fickleness were never so fashionable.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

What Professor LeFevre Thinks of "Sparing the Rod," and Religious Observance in School.

QUESTION.

Dear Professor LeFevre: "Do you believe in the old adage, "Spare the rod and spoil the child?" Should the use of the rod be continued in maintaining the discipline of our schools, or think you the more gentle method of "moral suasion" is sufficient argument to control the twientieth century lad and lassie?"

Let only those use the rod who must. There are conditions under which a whipping is the best mode of punishment but in very many instances the lash is detrimental rather than beneficial. The rod is a poor instrument with which to reach a child's reason, will, or affections; but a wholesome fear of authority does much to insure obedience and the child ought to be taught that punishment is sure to follow in the path of wrongdoing. God chastens his faithful people to cleanse them from their transgressions, and He would not be a just God if He did not punish evil-doers and show a repugnance for wrong. "Spare the rod and spoil the child', is quoted from His Inspired Word. Many of the ablest educators uphold a judicious use of the rod, but I believe the number of those children who are of so low an order that an ennobling form of discipline will not reach them is much smaller than the number of those who have been unnecessarily whipped.

When Napoleon banished flogging from the army, the wiseacres were anxious to know how he would treat a company that had deserted in Italy. Riding up to them where they had been ordered to await their punishment, Napoleon, knowing how to aim words as well as bullets, merely said: "Chief of the staff, cause to be inscribed upon their standards "They are no longer of the army of Italy." His command went like an electric shock, not only through that company, but through the whole army, and the weak-kneed company that a flogging might have debased to incorrigible cowards, became from that day the bravest of the army of Italy.

Is it not probable that there are tactful ways by which the citadel of heart and mind may be reached without first battering upon the outer walls with a view to frighten the inmates into disgraceful surrender?

Editor LeFevre: What "degree of religious observance, if any, should be practiced in our public schools, and if practiced, what time in the day is most suitable? TYASKIN.

Tyaskin.—The name of God does not appear in the Constitution of the United States, yet the Supreme Court has decreed that this is a christian nation. Therefore, it is befitting that our public institutions should recognize the deity. What could be more appropriate and inspiring as an opening exercise than a short religious service—asking God's blessing and help for the day. This can be made so as not to be objectionable even to the most bigoted and fastidious. The attendance need not be compulsory, yet there are few persons who would object to a verse of Scripture and the Lord's Prayer. The Bible contains the finest code of ethics the world has ever known, and the petitions of the Lord's Prayer contains nothing that is objectionable to any religious denomination recognizing the suzerainty of God. The reading of the Scriptures should be made without comment.

CHAS. H. LEFEVRE.

[With apologies to the Salisbury *Advertiser*, in which has been conducted for months past, a department of peculiar interest to the teachers of public schools.]

Lost At Sea.

An illustration of life on the huge ocean-going ships is given in the following story from a Philadelphia exchange:

On one of the voyages of a great steamship from Hamburg to New York, a little seven-year-old immigrant boy was lost for three days. He left his mother and started in quest of adventure about the big ship, but upon growing tired was unable to find his way back to her. Instead of asking some one where to go or telling that he was lost, the young truant decided to continue his explorations indefinitely.

When found, he was sleeping in an empty coal box down among the engines. One of the crew took him to the captain, who detailed two stewards to search for his mother.

They found her with some difficulty, and discovered that she, too, had been lost. She had started out to look for her son, and had not been able to get back to her own part of the ship again.

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