

DENIES A DIVORCE TO NAGGING WIFE

Iowa Judge Says Husband
Was Driven from Home
in Order to Get Peace.

Boone, Ia., July 20.—Judge R. M. Wright of Fort Dodge, presiding jurist of this judicial district, has handed down a decision which is considered a most remarkable legal document. Coming, as it does, from a jurist who is kindly, home loving, and a tender hearted old man, it is all the more remarkable.

Judge Wright recently listened to the evidence in a suit for separate maintenance. His kindly face betrayed nothing of what was to come in the opinion handed down.

He says that if the good Lord ever made a man who could live at ease and comfort with the woman who was suing he would like to see him, for he would be a phenomenon. The opinion has been read by all attorneys in this city and is attracting much attention. The decision follows in full, it being short and to the point:

"A bright, capable, and fairly good looking woman has obtained a divorce from two husbands on the ground of desertion and has two or three times brought actions for divorce against her present husband, based on no just ground, needlessly putting him to great and inexcusable expense in paying costs and attorneys fee on both sides. When she had had her husband twice arrested on the ground of drunkenness when the charges made were not true and her husband was on neither charge convicted; when she dogs her husband's footsteps into public places and openly and, as the court believes falsely accuses him of talking with lewd women; when she goes to the hotel where he has gone in search of peace and after he has retired forces her way into his room, and after creating a public uproar compels him to get up and go with her, then she comes into court in an action for separate maintenance with many presumptions of fact against her.

"I have given this case much thought, care, and attention, and have tried to find from the evidence some way whereby I could decide in her favor and award to her some money for maintenance, but I have been unable to do so.

"The great mass of the evidence is overwhelmingly against her, and I have been forced to the conclusion that if the good Lord ever created a man with whom the plaintiff could live peaceably and happily, I should like to see him, for certainly he would be the most wonderful phenomenon in the universe.

"She has badgered her husband with annoyances, some of them small, but all of them humiliating to the last degree. At the end of it all, I am forced to the conclusion that the defendant was practically driven from home, and that he was fully justified in leaving it, as life there for him had become not merely difficult, but impossible. After the plaintiff had threatened to shoot him, he was justified in notifying the merchants no longer to extend credit to plaintiff on his account, and after his repeated trials he was justified in packing up his little personal effects and leaving the plaintiff and in afterward refusing to go back to the sheol he had left."

LOOPED THE LEAP.

His Act Delighted the Audience, but Enraged the Star.

"My father in his youth," said E. H. Sothorn, "was once playing in a romantic drama wherein he made a tremendous leap—a leap from his lady love's tower to a mattress behind a wooden rock on the stage far below. It was a thrilling leap, and my father no doubt enjoyed the applause it won him. But one night he sprained his ankle and vowed he would leap no more.

"So the manager hired a professional acrobat to do the leap made up as my father's counterpart, while my father would slip back under cover of the tower wall and descend to his dressing room by means of a hidden ladder.

"The afternoon the acrobat came to the theater to rehearse he made the leap, and then he set up a loud complaint.

"What's the matter?" asked a young member of the company who happened to be in the theater.

"Why," said the acrobat in a disgusted voice, "this here leap is too tame. It's too easy. A man with glass eyes and cork legs could do it. Now, if they'd let me throw two slip-slaps in the air as I came down."

"Splendid!" cried the young actor. "The very thing!"

"You don't think the boss would mind?" said the acrobat doubtfully.

"Mind? Why, man, he'll be tickled to death. Ten to one he'll raise your salary."

"That evening when the great leap scene began my father was gratified to see the acrobat, a perfect picture of himself, crouching in the shadow of the window.

"Love, good night, good night!" my father cried.

"Stay!" moaned the heroine, and she threw herself on his neck. "Stay! That leap is death!"

"Nay, nay, my own; 'tis honor. I leap, 'tis true, but there is that within my heart will bear me up—thine image, love. And so good night, good night."

"He kissed her madly on the brow, tore himself from her clinging arms and rushed across the open space into the shadow.

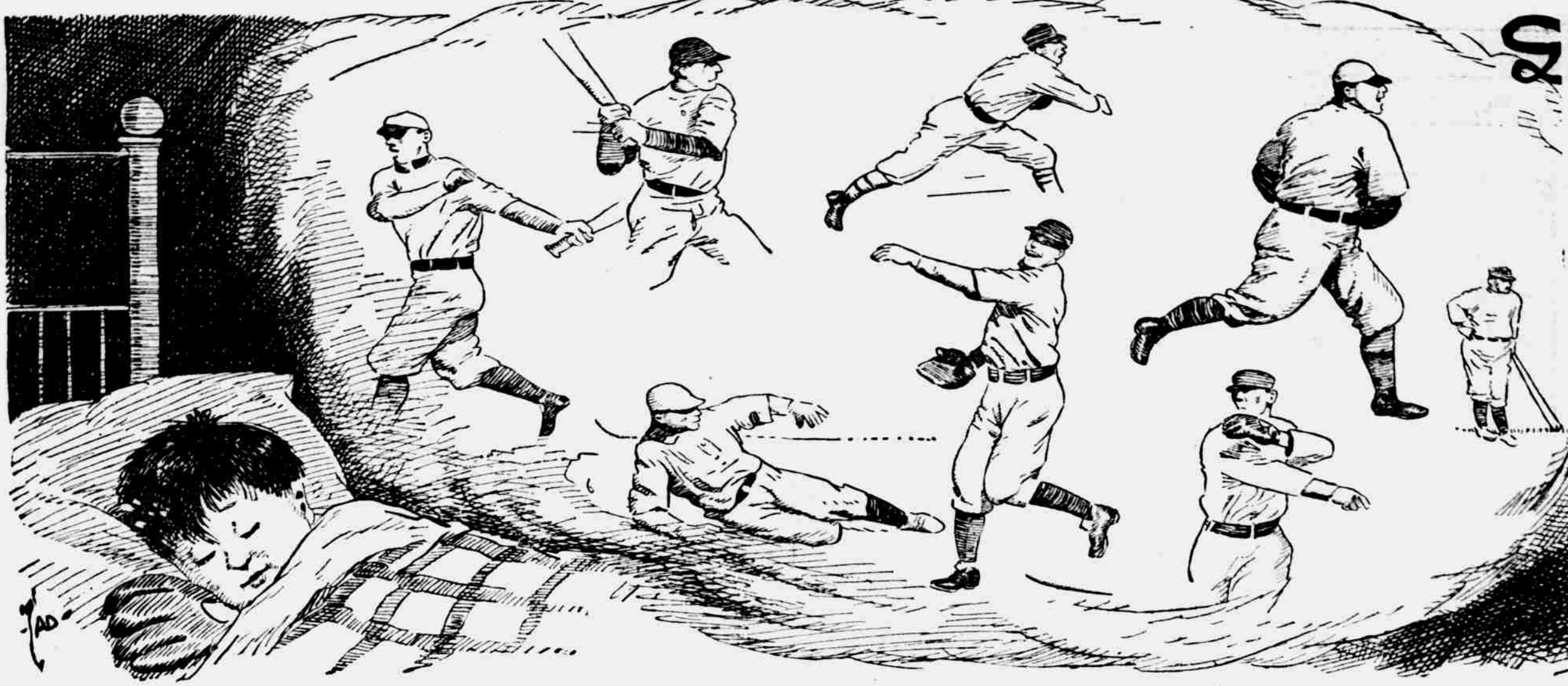
"Jump!" he hissed to the acrobat between his teeth.

"And out, straight out into the air, shot the acrobat. Twice his little shape whirled round like a great flywheel. Then he lit lightly and easily on the topmost point of the wooden rock.

"Boas of laughter and thunders of applause shook the theater. The acrobat bowed stiffly and strutted off into the wings with his arms folded. But the remarks of my poor father on his ladder have not come down to us."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE DREAM OF THE BLEACHERITE



BURBANK ASSAILS FEDERAL EXPERTS

Plant Wizard Says Agriculture
Department Sends
Out Useless Trash.

San Francisco, Cal., July 20.—Charges that experts in the United States Department of Agriculture, through ignorance or worse, are sending out tons of "just as good as Burbank" spineless cactus, which in reality is "ancient trash such as the builders of the Pyramids in Egypt might have cultivated," are made by Luther Burbank in a pamphlet he has just published.

Burbank fires a whole broadside of sarcasm and scorn at the government experts and speaks of his own achievements as "the most valuable improvements in vegetable life during the centuries, fully equal in importance to the discovery of a new continent."

Assails the Federal Experts. Experts in the government service at Washington are called "low browed, narrow gauged, and pinheaded employees, who have to keep shouting to hold their places, and who are largely responsible for the trash free seed and the trash so-called spineless cactus distribution."

"Only nine years required to wake up the experts," is the title placed by Burbank over his chapter telling how reluctant the Washington authorities have been to recognize his work.

"The existence of the United States department of agriculture has been rightly supposed to be, among other things, for the purpose of fostering and encouraging improved methods," writes the plant wizard.

Hunt for Spineless Cactus. "That the cause of agriculture and horticulture would receive a lasting benefit by the prompt dismissal of some of the low browed, narrow gauged, pinheaded employees is too well known to need further comment."

After telling how he developed seedless and spineless cactus, Burbank says the department experts at Washington at last became ludicrously earnest in their interest in his experiments.

"Agents were hurriedly sent in all directions to discover, if possible, come wild or cultivated opuntia (cactus) of agricultural value which was absolutely spineless. All known regions of the earth were literally scoured in this vain effort. No such plant was found, for none existed outside of my own grounds at Santa Rosa."

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REMARKABLE FRAUDS

Are Lewis Schemes, if Charges
True, Says Judge.

(National News Association)
St. Louis, July 20.—The St. Louis Union Trust company was today appointed blanket receiver for all properties of the enterprises of E. G. Lewis. In granting petition the judge said: "If recitals in the bill of the complaint are to be believed, the 'South sea bubble' and the 'Panama stock and bond scandal' in France, fifteen years ago, have been equaled or surpassed by the Lewis schemes."

When the Barber Was a Wit. In original literature the barber is a great figure, and Arabian tales are full of him. In Italy and Spain he was often the brightest man in town, and his shop was headquarters for wit and intrigue. Jasamin became famous as a poet in southern France and recited his verses with razor, scissors, brush and comical gesture as he dressed the hair of fine ladies and gentlemen in his shop. He had a great run, made money, lived fame, and smiles made a book about him.

Hadn't Heard It. "Money talks," asseverated Gilderleeve. "I am not so sure of that," retorted Throckmorton. "It is not on speaking terms with me."—Detroit Free Press.

Of Course Not. If a man really loves a woman of course he wouldn't marry her for the world. If he were not quite sure he was the best person she could by any possibility marry.—Holmes.

Too Rusty. Lady (after singing a few rusty notes)—Don't you think my voice should be brought out? Manager:—No; pushed back.

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TO DRAFT PROGRAM

The program for the 1911 assembly of the Richmond chautauqua assembly will be drafted in full at the meeting of the program committee on Friday afternoon. The program with the exception of a few features has been published.

IS NOT CARED FOR

Charge has been filed in the juvenile court that Joseph, the young son of Ella Clark, is not properly cared for and the authorities wish the child be made a ward of the board of children's guardians.

GENESIS OF LIFE INSURANCE.

Life insurance originated in 1706 in London. In that year there was formed the first life insurance company. It was called the Amicable Society For a Perpetual Assurance Office. It was a mutual benefit concern. Each member, without reference to age, paid a fixed admission fee and a fixed annual charge per share on from one to three shares, and at the end of the year a portion of the fund accumulated was divided among the heirs of those who had died in accordance with the number of shares each dead person had held. Out of this company, with its crude and imperfect methods, life insurance as it exists today has grown.

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JURY DISAGREES AS TO GUILT OF DOLAN

(National News Association)
Lexington, Ky., July 20.—The jury which heard the evidence against turfman Thomas Dolan for the killing of Alderman Mooney, disagreed and was discharged.

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