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## TWO BETS—WITH ODDS.

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**F**ROM Montreal comes a news despatch that the Allan Line has introduced a mixed smoking room feature on its steamship *Virginian*, and that on the voyage out from Liverpool a number of “distinguished first class lady passengers took advantage of the privilege and smoked there.”

From the Brooklyn Courts comes the news, hitherto kept secret, that Mrs. Etta Hamilton Martin, the daughter of the Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton and leading singer in the choir of the Sumner Avenue Methodist Church, is to be divorced by suit instituted against her by her husband, who names six co-respondents, and says he does not name more “for the purpose of expediting the case.”

Odds are hereby given on two bets—

First that the “distinguished first class lady passengers” who took advantage of the smoking privilege offered by the *Virginian*, are antis in the British woman suffrage movement; that they declare it “a scandalous idea” to have women vote; that they are of those who feel shocked when they contemplate the prospect of “voting women,” of women who “will lose the womanly characteristics by indulging in men’s habits”; finally that the circles in which these ladies have been moving since landing on this side of the Atlantic are circles which likewise are engaged in guarding “woman’s womanliness.”

Second, that the church choir singer and daughter of a minister, whose husband is seeking to divorce her in Brooklyn and is in such a hurry about it that he abstains from naming more than six co-respondents only “for the purpose of expediting the case,”—the bet is offered, with odds, that this minister’s daughter, together with the co-respondents, the named and the unnamed, were brought up in atmospheres, and move to-day in atmospheres, in which Socialism and Socialists are denounced as “blasters of the family,” “destroyers of the sanctity of the hearth,”

“disrupters of the family relations,” etc., etc.

Let him who is bold take up the two bets—or either of them.

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