THE IDIOSYNCRASY OF LANDON

John Landon was unusual. In the first place, he was unusually good looking. Among those who knew him best he was considered an unusually good fellow. What is more, he was unusually good fellow. What is more was unusually good fellow. What is ly indifferent to women, since, with wealth, good looks, and a fair amount wreaths of smoke. He knocked the veranda. Along the eaves colored age of 35 and was still a bachelor.

In this latter respect Landon was the pet despair of the wife of his law fallen in love this night." partner, a happily married and, therefore, matchmaking young matron. It occasion with his six feet of blonde utations were exchanged. masculinity, he invariably proceeded "They say Cameron is the favored to make himelf agreeably to-his one," commented Edmond. pretty hostess, much to the well meaning little woman's vexation and chag- other. rin. So matters stood when, one summer day, during the outing season, his Then,

Better come over to the lake, John. | the boat vanishing in the distance. The

was soon bowing low before one of streamed through the lattice. Mrs. Clare's divinities. He was conscious of a pair of over large blue turned quickly, with a look of exeyes, soft, floating ruffles, and a lot of pectancy, which gave place to disap-

As they drifted around the crowded ed with her back to the others.

Next morning the birds chanting ballroom in the dreamy waltz, suddena conventional apology, she was gone. was His glance roved over the drifting, tion. rhythmical human sea, then the waves parted for a moment and he saw her. him. She was looking straight at him. Their "Not if I must travel it alone," he eyes met, and the tiny, festooned ball- said, boldly. "Won't you turn back?"

watching him. she said, with something like a sneer

'Why-why!" he stammered. "I do not understand you, Miss Readly." "O, I was only joking," she lisped. She hesitated a moment, then ad-"Grace has a partner for every num- nounced.

Another pause, then:

'Men seem to prefer girls who dress loud, Mr. Landon." John looked across to the far end of the room, where an exquisitely molded creature drifted for a moment before his vision, then was swallowed spouse later in the day, "John is fallup again by the moving tide of danc- ing in love with Miss Chalmers." He wondered vaguely, in unsophisticated man fashion, why an all white gown of delicate lace-like material, following closely the contours "Ye-es," was the sick at heart feeling utterly new to ded, half to herself, since her audihim, but which had the effect, strange ence was unheeding. to say, of causing him to assume an Out on the piazza she found Lan-with no perceivable results. Docto extremely deferential air toward his don. He placed a chair for her and advice proved likewise of no avail. bright companion and to listen with she sat down. a great show of interest to the petty "John," she began, "I am going to

And when, later in the evening, he her." graceful figure in clinging lace, he ing."
really believed he went unwillingly, Nothing in his quiet manner becard, showing every number taken.

The next minute she was his cheek. whirling away with her partner.
"I'm tired," said Mrs. Clare. "Let's in the city he felt he would be safe. hunt up Edward and go home."

Once in his own bachelor quarters pill a dose, 25 cents a box. At an of more exact sciences, but an ms professors are agreed in finding his quick-ronto.

Poor Landon! His was the same fate ronto.

of good nature, he had reached the ashes from his pipe and went to bed. "If I did not know that such a thing is impossible," he thought, as he turned out his light, "I should say I had by half a dozen men, as usual, was

Early next morning Landon, with his host and various fishing parvas in vain that Mrs. Clare inveigled aphernalia, rowed across the lake, "after their breakfast," as they exhim into various dinner parties and plained to Mrs. Clare. They passed soirces where were always to be met another boat containing a man and a maidens more or less charming, for, woman. A pair of dark eyes peered after dutifully consenting to grace the from beneath a wide sunshade, as sal-

"Looks like a chump," growled the

"Ah, no; Cameron's a fine fellow." mer day, during the outing season, his partner paused, suit case in hand, in scrutinized the face of his guest, while the door of their offices in La Salle a quizzical smile turned the corners street and called back to him the part- of his mouth.

Landon was intently gazing after There's some pretty good fishing."

"All right," was the answer, as the door banged shut. "Maybe I will."

Thus it happened a few days later, when the thermometer was ascending the Clare cottage. Cameron had spent the clare cottage. Cameron had spent the clare cottage. Cameron had spent the clare cottage. the nineties that Landon bethought himself of his senior's invitation, and an hour later was speeding in the direction of the latter's country home in the hold just time to get the Clare cottage. Cameron had spent some cowboy days on his father's ranch in the vicinity of the Rockies. Miss Chalmers was, of course, the center of attraction, and Landon development. Michigan. He had just time to get voted himself assiduously to the girl into his dinner jacket upon arrival, with the flery hued tresses. He could and when at dinner his hostess announced a hop down at the little hotel casional glance in her direction, and on the beach, and that he "really she seemed always to meet his gaze. must come along, as there was the summer resort scarcity of men." Landon acquiesced, as was his habit. The dance was in progress when they beaming at him unmistakably, he entered the pavilion, all gayly decorat- caught a glimpse of a pair of red lips ed with wreaths of evergreen, flags curled in scorn. He went out on the and multicolored bunting, and Landon piazza and lit a cigar. The moonlight

fluffed red hair. Landon had always pointment when he saw-Miss Readly. Throwing away his cigar, he walk-

ly a pair of dark eyes gazed into his, their matins outside his window awoke pair of dark eyes gazed into lock him. Between the trees a path ran unbrushed his cheek. She had a clumsy partner, but by some skillful maneuv- looked inviting, so he dressed and ering a collision was averted. When went out. He had not followed the Landon looked again, his lips framing path far when he came upon her. She was coming from the opposite direc-

"Yes, it is a pretty walk," she told nim. "You will feel repaid."

room seemed flooded with roseate Without a word she turned and light. He caught his breath, and be- walked by his side. They paced leiscame aware that the bulging blue urely on in the cool shade of the eyes of his dancing partner were branches for nearly an hour, and time sped as it is apt to do when two souls "So you, too, have fallen a victim," bent to the same pattern find each When they emerged from the sha-

dow of the trees on the lawn surrounding the Clare cottage they met Mrs. Clare "Breakfast has been waiting

minutes for you two truants," she an-Miss Chalmers, however, had promised to return and waken her mother, who was not an early riser, so she passed on down the narrow roadway which led to her hotel, her dainty

"Quite the proper thing to do,"

promtly responded that extremely "Ye-es," was the slow answer, but of the figure, and swathed and flar- Grace Chalmers will have plenty of had pains across the back and up the ing about the feet in a flimy, graceful 'chances' whenever she takes it into way, was the sort to be designated as her charming head to marry, while Then, as the dance ended, with Maud Readly"-looking thoughtand she was immediately surrounded fully at her husband, immersed in a by a crowd of chattering admirers, he belated morning paper-"it is differ- night and depression of spirits. turned away with an unaccountable ent. I shall not encourage it," she ad-

small talk which seemed her fund of have Miss Readly to dinner tonight. You must promise to be agreeable to

"You are too late, you see," she said, lock of waving raven hair had swept who are afflicted as I was."

the back of a chair and puffing clouds | who attempts to run away from him-

if you buy a "Souvenir." Down goes

the gauntlet! It is the almost universal

Ranges are more durable,

last longer-are better made

and easiest to keep clean.

Handsome, economical,

convenient, have large

voice of the Canadian people, that

self. He sought out all the women of his acquaintance and surprised them THE EDUCATION with unwented attentions. How could they know that he was applying the ancient prescription of "woman plur-"woman singular?"

The upshot of it was the end of one Learned by Alfonso.

> Eventful Than They Are to Most Children.

his headlong flight. A train was pulling away from the little sation platin fact as well as in suggestion. A

volved in a tangle. In a few days he had set out on the long journey.

he alighted from the train. Going to his hotel, he hastily brushed off the stains of travel, and immediately made his way to the Chalmers resi-Miss Chalmers received him with frank cordiality. He held on to the hand extended in greeting, and talked so rapidly his words crowded "I love you," he told her. "I have loved you since the moment we met. My girl! My girl! Be my wife?"

the echo of her words, "Too late."

lanterns swung and danced in the soft

laugh, a ringing peal of mirth.

Readly blocked the pathway.

the last coach.

held out a slim detaining hand.

joyousness of it maddened him.

drew her hand away sharply. "Why, Mr. Landon," she began. Then a light dawned. "O, you do not know. Mr. Cameron

and I were married in Paris nearly two months ago."
She blushed rosily and dropped her eyes, veiling with the long lashes that his first pair of shoes was made mene indescribable expression of mingled amusement and scorn.

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"At times I was incapacitated for years ago. These three efficers have work, and had spent probably one hunbeen the King's constant companions dred dollars in different medicines for the last nine years, one or an-with no perceivable results. Doctors' other being always with him, day and advice proved likewise of no avail. The actual staff of professors "Finally on the advice of a friend I was more numerous. Under the tuition began taking Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver of Senore Alfonso Merry del Val, who Pills, and in a short time the bad speaks English like an Englishman, symptoms began to gradually disapand possesses an excellent knowledge pear, and by the time I had used five of English literature, his majesty has

others to profit by my experience. professors, have been chosen for speand that he felt bored at being obliged | trayed the fact that John Landon was | Some have done so and are well, while to make the conventional request, running away from something that others did not and have succumbed to to make the conventional request, running away from something that others did not and have succumbed to "Would she favor him?" though he had frightened him-nothing less than this dreadful disease. I am a living did not attempt to account for his dis-appointment when she held up her had undergone for him since a pair of medicine, and I am full of enthuiasm dark eyes had gazed into his and a in imparting the good news to others Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one

The Question of Longevity.

Two prominent French scientists. investigating the question of centenarians, have reached the apparently inconsistent and contradictory conclusion that, while the human race life—is much greater than it ever was lains of the court. before and is steadily increasing, thanks to improved sanitation, better of the King may be gained from an medical treatment, better nursing and account given in 1900 of his ordinary generally better care, but at the same day's work: "The King rises always generally better care, but at the same ments made, the care and nursing of the sick have diminished or lowered the vitality or constitution of the human race by keeping alive by almost

tive members of the community. In olden times the weaker persons perished early, and generally died before reaching puberty. The Drwanian system of the survival of the fittest eliminated them and the population was preserved through those of stronger physique, whose vigorous constitutions were able to resist all the unsanitary suroundings and the diseases that lurked everywhere. As a consequence, the average individual who survived childhood in the middle ages was of more vigorous growth than he is today, when, thanks to sanitariums, doctors and nurses, the most feeble, thin blooded, scorbutic child may be nursed to manhood, to become the father of a family which perpetuates his maladies, and in time spreads his constitutional weakness throughout the community.-Washington

ertificial means the weak and defec-

OF SPAIN'S KING

The Lesson of Responsibility

Bays of Childhood Almost Less

Grace Chalmers. He heard Cameron's The first sixteen years of life do not voice. They could not see him where he stood in the shadows, gazing as if offer much in the way of history, or fascinated by the bright picture be- even of indication of character. Still, Suddenly he heard her they are years of education, and the He education of a king as a matter of conturned and rushed blindly down the siderable importance to his future subslope. There was a quick cry of sur- jects. Legends are too apt to grow prise, and the slender figure of Miss about royal infancy to be anything but doubtful evidence of character. brushed it roughly aside and continued but there is one legend about Alfonso

form. He swung on to the steps of bomb explosion had taken place in Arrived in town, he went immedi- Madrid, and the ladies of the royal ately to his office and wrote some let- nursery were expressing wonder that ters. One was to a client respecting they had not heard it. "I heard it," the latter's request, hitherto refused, that Landon go to Cape Nome and settle some claims that had become in-"Your majesty could not have heard it," objected one of the ladies. "The It was four months later when he King heard it," he repeated in correcfound himself once more in his native tion. "The King hears everything." city. The long, lonely days had taught At so early an age had one of the John Landon much. He called him- duties of a king been revealed to him. self a conceited fool—an idiot of the Efforts have been made before now to first water. All his waking hours had bring up a future ruler of a country been haunted by the memory of a girl in ignorance of his coming power and in swirling draperies, holding up to in subjection to his temporary guar-his gaze a filled dance programme, and dians. With Alfonso XIII. the opposthe echo of her words, "Too late."

It was early in the forenoon when he alighted from the train. Going to but little time for him to learn the lesson of responsibility, but, at least, it was begun as early as possible.

The days of childhood were almost less eventful to Alfonso XIII. than they are to most children. The strict etiquette of the Spanish court, tempered only by the affection of his mother and sisters, swathed his infan-cy and confined his first childhood in its inexorable bonds from the day that he was presented to the great officials and grandees of Spain, a new-born infant lying upon a silver salver. It is hardly worth recording now that he

opened his first Cortes in his nurse's arms at the age of one, or that at two years old he sat on a throne to open the exhibition of Barcelona, or that orable by the gift of many hundreds of pairs to the children of the poor. He had the usual illnesses of childhood; one of so severe a character that it cost the country many days of painful suspense. But, like many other delicate children, he grew in health and strength as the years went by, and his subjects were very soon able to assure themselves that it was no weakling that would sit on the throne of Spain. He shared his sisters' lessons, and his ime was spent between the palace of

Madrid and the palace of Miramar in San Sebastian, where a crowd of loyal Basques were wont to assemble dail on the sands to watch the important ceremony of the King's sea bath. And, borne upon his mind some perception of the idea which all the pomp and ceremony surrounding him portended, and some knowledge that he him was the embodiment of that idea. himself At the age of seven, in conformity with the traditions of the court of Spain, his care and his education were

taken entirely out of the hands of wo-

mankind, and he was given his own

establishment of teachers and attend-

ants. His father's old valet Jorge took the place of his former nurses, and a military staff controlled his studies. A distinguished officer of the royal household, Gen. Sanchis, became chief director of the royal education, assisted by three subordinates, Col. Loriga, Col. Castejou, and Rear Admiral bilious headache about half the time, Aguirre de Tejada. The last named, as senior in rank, took the place of Gen. Sanchis when the latter died two was making for the smoking-room, and Mrs. Clare headed him off, saying "but I have decided to go back to town tonight on the 5 o'clock train."

"Come, I want you to meet Miss Chal
"Chasses Kidney-Liver Pills" "Since my recovery I have advised him an apt pupil in German. Other cial branches of knowledge, and for the last year Senor Santa Maria de Paredes, a well-known juris-consult, has instructed him in the elements of law, political economy, and the theory of government. It is said that the King has shown a very marked aptitude in this branch of study, although his per-

> Pope has naturally shown great interest in the choice of his godson's spiritual directors. The King's first confessor was Monsignor Merry del Val, on one side of the Atlantic and of dole brother of his English tutor, and for on the other that wealth-producing en-Some idea of the industry required

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when he retires to his apartments.' Three days in the week, from 2 to 4. the king was regularly instructed in military drill and exercises. For this purpose he was joined by several boys of his own age, chiefly the sons of high officials at the court; the two sons of Count Revillagigedo, the grandsons of the Duke of Medina-Sidona, the son of Rear-Admiral Aguirre de Tejada, and others. Thanks to the attention paid to his physical education, the g has become a good fencer and an cellent horseman. He has an admirle seat and great pluck and judgment, and never looks better than he does on horseback. In the extensive stables of the palace, which contain a vary varied collection of steeds from all countries, there are very few horses which he has not ridden. He is a fair

shot, and has lately tken a great pleasure in such shooting as the rough preserves of the Pardo afford .- Correspondence London Times.

MONEY AND RANK RUB SHOULDERS

The London Houses of American Millionaires.

Mansions-The Effect on Society.

[Montreal Witness.] There has been a great deal of glea

some time afterwards one of the Pope's terprise was beginning to be controlled secretaries. The second, Padre Mon-tana, a Jesuit, made himself distaste-by and to pay tribute to the superior lives longer, it does not reach as old ful to the country owing to an im- accumulations or else the more brilan age as formerly. The average duration of human life—what is technically called the expectation of has been dependent upon the chapter of the capital found in the United States. The whole question was as to the domicile of the capital found in the United States. and there seems to be a remedial force at work mending Great Britain's losses in that respect. Wealth is naturally aristocratic. The drift of American time there are fewer centenarians, and at 7 o'clock, and works, with the exmendo not reach the extreme old ception of one hour on horseback, unage they did a century or five centuries ago. The reason given by the meal. He breakfasts in company with nobility are indications of a human scientists for this apparent contradic- one of the chief of his studies and the propensity to add social rank to the tion is that the sanitary improve-ments made, the care and nursing of he takes a lessen in German or in drew Carnegie is the latest republican drawing. From 2 to 4:30 he goes out, millionaire to fall into this line of in order to profit by the sun in winter precedent, following the immediate extime, generally in the Casa de Campo ample of Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who or on the road to the Pardo. On returning from his walk or drive, he
joins her majesty at tea. Literature,
for which, as well as history, he shows
the same inclination as his father,
occupies him till 7 at which how he
occupies him till 7 at which occupies him till 7, at which hour he in magnificence with the ducal homes dines with the Princess of Asturias of the proudest of Britain's nobility. and the Infanta Maria-Theresa. After As if to emphasize the way the new rich are elbowing themselves into the exclusive circles of the old land, it is stated that Mr. Carnegie will have for his neighbors in London Lord may not be grateful to the old British | popular and the best read novelist in

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