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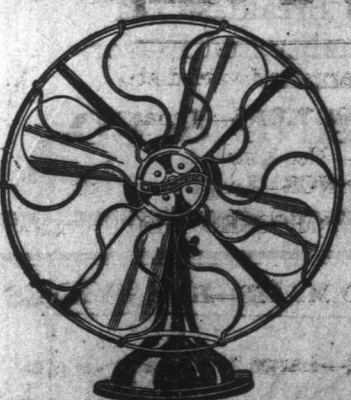
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LONDON GOSSIP.

PEARLS "SEE A DOCTOR"

The London pearl merchants who have just discovered that "faked pearls" which cannot be distinguished from the genuine jewel, have been made by placing artificial pearls into pearl oysters, and have been imported to England, are not resting content with a protest to the Board of Trade. Specimens of these false-hearted pearls have been taken to a Harley Street physician to see whether, under expert treatment, their fraudulent origin can be discovered. This physician has been making a study of ultra-violet rays, and has demonstrated that they can be used to distinguish between real and artificial diamonds. The pearl merchants are, therefore, paying a fee like other private patients in order to have their pearls tested by ultra-violet light or by X-rays. The need for some ready method of detecting these fakes is essential, because, failing it, all genuine pearls will be under suspicion, and will immediately deteriorate in value.

DEARER FURS.

After falling by leaps and bounds from the artificial height to which America speculation forced them in January last year, thereby involving many firms to heavy losses, and sending others into bankruptcy, fur prices have commenced to ascend again. This is evidence of returning confidence to trade, and recognition of the fact that during the slump values fell below an economic level because of absence of buyers, financial stringency, and unloading operations. At the London fur auctions now proceeding most descriptions of skins have advanced in price. Russian sable beaver, and cross and red fox have increased 10 per cent. ermine and silver fox, 15 per cent. Australian wallaby, marten, muskash, wolverine, and blue fox, 20 per cent. mink, otter, and white fox, 25 per cent. lynx and grey wolf, 35 per cent. and Australian opossum 40 per cent. Buyers from Leipzig have purchased considerable quantities of skins, while the United States has also competed keenly for certain of the pelts. As the bulk of the furs for sale in the shops next autumn were bought at the auctions last October and January, and manufacturers have reduced their profit margins, retail prices next September for fur coats, muffs, neckties, stoles, and fur-trimmed garments should be a great deal lower than they were a year earlier.

CHEAPER FURNISHED HOUSES.

An estate agent with one of the largest businesses in the West End tells me that the people who took flats, often at fantastic rents, put furniture in, and expected to draw a steady income by letting them furnished for the next ten years, are now wondering if their reasoning was sound. The anticipated American invasion is said to have started, but the visitors are not spending any length of time in London and their presence is not making any material difference to the furnished flat slump. Many houses and flats are actually being let furnished for less than 10 per cent. more than the rent, and often stand empty at the end of a tenancy. In the country the number of furnished houses on offer is also much in excess of the demand.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST PORT.

When, on July 8, the new extension of the Royal Albert Docks is opened by the King, the Port of London will stand pre-eminent as the possessor of the largest dock system in the world. The water area of the Port's docks will then exceed all others, with a quayage of 32 miles. These figures, impressive enough to the expert, perhaps convey less to the lay mind than the statement that they double the quayage of Antwerp. The great extension which His Majesty will open has been the work of several years. It was put in hand as far back as 1912 as part of a vast scheme involving an expenditure of £14,000,000. (£55,000,000) The new dock is entered by a lock-way 1000 feet in length and 120 feet wide, and will permit the passage of the biggest vessels afloat. It has 68 acres of water with 2½ miles of quayage. On the south side there are several jetties, each capable of berthing 600-ton vessels, and equipped with modern "luffing" cranes for the expeditious handling of cargoes.

A REALISTIC REHEARSAL.

M. Andre Brule, the French actor, who is appearing with his Paris company at the Prince's Theatre in a season of plays, told me to-day of an unfortunate incident that occurred whilst he was rehearsing "Coeur de Moineau." There is a boxing scene in which he became so thoroughly worked up that he knocked out his opponent, who was unconscious for five minutes. Andre Brule is an intimate friend of Carpentier, with whom he often has friendly bouts. Recently a French weekly paper organized a hearty competition for money by public vote. Brule and Carpentier ran very close towards the end, and finally Brule was voted the handsomest man in Paris.

THE MAN WHO MADE THE KINEMA

Mr. W. Friese Greene, the man who invented the kinema thirty-two years

ago, and who died suddenly last week after addressing a meeting of the industry, had shared the experience of many inventors. He opened a door which led thousands of people to fortune and he himself lived and died in poverty. The first camera he invented in 1889 for taking moving pictures was provided with glass photographic plates, but he soon hit upon the idea of using sensitized paper. He displayed the moving picture taken at Hyde Park Corner before a photographic society at the Chester Town Hall, but there was no machine for showing the photo in motion. By the following year he had invented a celluloid film and the War Office showed amonetary interest in his work, but took no notice of his suggestion that film photographs taken from a balloon would be valuable in war. I am told that one of Mr. Greene's sons, who is now partner in a company for taking scenic films from aeroplanes, did good work in this line as an R.F.C. officer in France. The same informant tells me he believes that Mr. Greene, who, so far from making a fortune through his successive inventions, lost thousands of pounds over his research work, never seemed to care about this failure. He was a gentle, kindly, very sincere man, entirely engrossed and happy in his researches. He did not know how to turn his inventions to profit, and other people, developing his ideas, reaped the fortune. His ambition was to devise an inexpensive, effective method of colour photography, and three weeks before his death he said he believed he had solved the problem. I believe the invention had been patented. The film people are arranging to give him a public funeral. Perhaps they will give him also a monument.

THE MIKADO'S HEIR.

The Crown Prince of Japan, who is to include in his itinerary of British visits to Edinburgh and Roslyn, comes to this country as the royal herald of the new order of things in the land of the Rising Sun. By his very visit he has thrown to the winds an ancient tradition—that no member of the Royal House of Japan should leave his native shores—a tradition said to have been respected for over 2000 years. If this is characteristic of the Prince, he may be expected to react to himself to the cheers which await him both in London and in Scotland. He comes to this country unaccustomed to this form of popular demonstration, for in Japan it is not regarded as polite to cheer royalty. As in other things, so in dress. The Prince will land in this country attired, not in the chromatic robes of the Orient, but garbed in a relatively som-

THE WAR GRAVES IN FRANCE.

I have heard of late some criticism of the condition in which some of the cemeteries in France are found. Much of this criticism is without doubt based on personal observation, and it would be strange if a great organization like the Imperial War Graves Commission should be entirely blameless, but a little information which I have got from a friend who has recently visited a considerable part of the grave area should help to disarm this criticism by explaining something of the procedure of tidying-up, planting the cemeteries, and completing the enclosures. It is a task of the magnitude of which the lay observer has little idea. There are thousands of these cemeteries, large and small, scattered throughout the country, and many are in remote districts badly served by roads. Each cemetery has to be surveyed and located, the owners traced, boundaries to be agreed upon, the land to be acquired. Parties of working gardeners are carried round the outlying cemeteries, and these are levelled and sown with grass and planted with flowers and trees. There is a great deal of ground to be covered by these travelling gardeners and in the intervals between their visits the remoter cemeteries are liable to become rather overgrown, but as the work advances into the forward areas and there are better facilities for billeting the permanent gardeners this temporary and periodical unkemptness will disappear. Behind the lines the condition of the cemeteries gives less cause for criticism. The gardening work is more advanced and is maintained in excellent condition, the turf is level and well kept and of a quality comparable to some of the best English lawns. In some cases where the work of construction is now proceeding it is not possible always to avoid damaging the turf, but exceptional care is taken by the contractors to protect it.

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The Cardinal Archbishop of Naples recently reconsecrated the historic little church of Madonna del Rosario. Women who worshipped there one evening recently, suddenly exclaimed that the reputed miracle-working image of the Virgin, standing above the high altar, was opening and shutting its eyes. Several hundred people in the church forthwith confirmed the report and for half an hour afterwards excited crowds flocked from every quarter of the city so that Carabinieri forces had to be summoned to preserve order. Thousands now hear personal testimony to the miracle.

The authorities have appointed a special commission for a rigid inquiry into the phenomena of "The Winking Madonna." Opinion is divided among the commissioners. Some claim to have seen the eyes darting fire and the pupils revolving in their sockets. Doctors Conti and Altamura witnessed partial manifestations, during which the pupils seemed to vary in color at short intervals from lustrous white to an intense dark shade, but they do not exclude optical illusion, especially as the phenomena becomes much more marked at twilight. Count Starace on the other hand, is convinced that it is a case of collective suggestion. "This latter theory, however, is discredited by experts sent by the local Carabine newspaper. 'We took a good look,' they say, 'to allow our way toward the high altar, but came away convinced that the phenomena was not one of the crowd hallucination.' The eyes of the image were clearly visible to fair sighted spectators some distance away. We kept us long observation and did not note any movement of the eye brows, but only the changing light emanating from the pupils which made them appear now white and now other tints."

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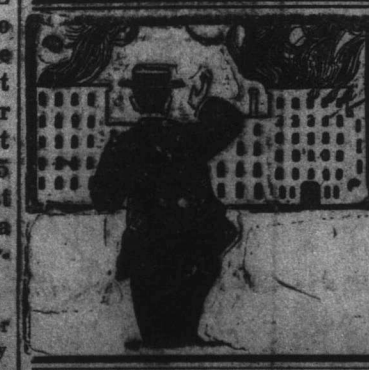
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