

in the making of shirts, and so forth, are always of the best. The value of a non-irritant, supple fabric can best be appreciated by wounded men who have endured the terrible hardships which fall to the lot of our brave defenders.

"If Queen Alexandra enters the room when the workers are seated she does not wish them to rise, she greets them with her pleasant smile and quietly takes her place at the cutting-out table—at which sits an expert cutter, whom any one may consult on a knotty point. At five o'clock the work is put away in a large bureau, every garment being labelled with the name of the person who is responsible for it. Then comes tea, which the Royal hostess often has with her guests and co-workers.

"Queen Alexandra has an invaluable assistant in Princess Victoria, and often other Royalties join the gathering, each taking an active share in the work. Her Majesty's personal friends, too, not only supply materials, but also are invited to come and help. Still an important feature of the plan is that girls who are paid for the work are employed and so given the opportunity of earning money in these days of hardship.

"The Queen and Princess Mary are both engaged in making garments at Buckingham Palace, but they often

John L. Toole. It bears on the inside the inscription "From H. I. to J. L. T., July, 1874," and on the outside the signs of the Zodiac. This ring, which will no doubt realize a goodly sum of money, was sent by Miss Sybil Ruskin, of the F. Glossop-Harris & Cellier Shakespearean Company.

A small Spanish guitar from Madeira, called a machete, and an English concertina, priced at £30, are other items of interest.

Recent Events

A MERICANS in Canada are practically natives in the anxiety they are everywhere displaying to assist in the relief of war conditions. The American Women's Club, of Vancouver, which recently donated the entire proceeds from a successful recital of Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" to the fund which is being locally raised to start an industry for unemployed women, is only one instance of many such on the part of our friendly "Aunt" from across the border.

Now that so little remains of the glories of art and architecture in the beautiful cities of Belgium, memories, impressions and reminiscences



TRIBUTE TO THE PEACE-MAKER'S BROTHER.

The Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia are here seen enjoying the "three cheers" to the Duke, which greeted his appearance at the Montreal civic celebrations, the great event in connection with which was the unveiling of a statue to Edward VII.

look in at Queen Alexandra's parties, and on one occasion the Queen made a most successful suggestion—that when the material could so be arranged, two garments should be cut at the same time from the one pattern—an idea that has resulted in a great economy of time and labour."

Queen's Fund Curios

SURELY it is one of the strange turns of the wheel of Fate that a wonderful cameo necklace which once belonged to Princess Pauline Bonaparte, sister of the great Napoleon, should be among the gifts sent to the Queen of England's fund to be sold for the benefit of our women who have suffered by the war that England is now waging side by side with the gallant French nation against a common foe. This interesting necklace was given to the fund by Miss Mary F. Clifton, it was bought by her father from an army officer who, in his turn, had bought it after the princess' death in 1825. The necklace is from Thorwaldsen's well-known designs.

Among the other curios which have been sent to the Queen's Fund is a gambler's pewter mug, with a dice box at the bottom, which bears the stamp of George I., and was subsequently corrected in the reign of William IV.

A gift of histrionic interest is a ring which was given by Henry Irving to

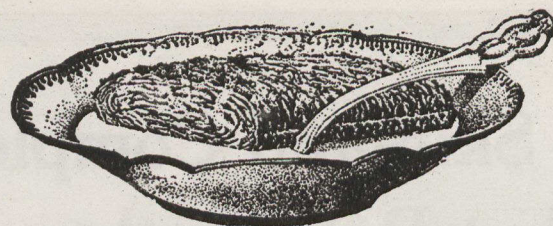
of the erstwhile traveller in that country will hold an immeasurable value. Members of the Toronto Women's Press Club were delighted to listen to an informal address given them by Miss Estelle Kerr at their rooms one day last week, in which she described a tour of Belgium made a few years ago. A dozen or more etchings of Bruges, Brussels and Antwerp by the remarkably brilliant young artist, Miss Dorothy Stevens, were on view, and served to illustrate the story told.

Committees have been formed under the auspices of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club to help the Canadian movement towards relief of distress in Belgium due to the war.

The Municipal Chapter of the I. O. D. E. in Winnipeg is planning a patriotic concert to be given by the local school children, shortly, for the benefit of the funds of the Red Cross workers.

The Ottawa Ladies' Aid Society gave a highly successful "Japanese Tea" on Thursday, the proceeds from which were donated to the Red Cross organization. Lady Borden, as patroness, was present.

The nurses of Winnipeg have agreed to work in conjunction with



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