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Characteristics of George V.

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His Retiring Disposition and Simple Tastes.

probably choose as the most congenial of all lives that of an English country gentleman. He has never cared for society or show the least ambition to be a leader of fashion. The "smart set" he detests as heartily as he abominates snobs, flatterers, and the butterflies of both sexes that are apt to flit round a court. His home life is as pure, as unpretentious, as much as matter of intimate, homely joys, as that of any household in the land.

His Devetion to Religion.

As for church-going, the King, besides recognising the dut/ of setting an example of religious devotion, has a genuine and natural vein of piety. It profoundly shocked both his feelings and his judgment to notice the slackness of religious observance among the British population in India. "Here you are," he said to them, "ruling the most spiritually minded peoples in the world, and you do not even trouble to pay the ordinary tribute of respect

And whenever he travelled, and whatever his surroundings, he made a point of holding a service every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The officials and their families had, of course, no option but to attend it. Whatever their motives or their pri-

vate emotions, they came. Sportsman and Farmer.

in the Kingdom, and a first-class and enthusiastic angler. His achievements on the Dee and the Spey are matters of piscatorial history; and as for his skill with the rifle and gun, it is enough to say that he has shot turkey-buzzards in the Argentine, wild duck and teal in Japan, quail and kangaroo in Australia, pheasant and snipe in China, elk, sambur deer and

be found in Canada and all the small game in the British Isles. Like most sailors ashore he has developed a taste for farming which he

diligently cultivates. His Political Bias.

The King is a keen politician, much keener than his father, and is much given to getting up on his own account the pros and cons of public questions. Since his accession he has had to face crises that well might daunt a great man, and it is to his lasting credit

(From an article by Sydney Brooks.) rather has gained in the respect and nonour that all Englishmen delight to

A Famous Story.

A true story of his youth is told. He, and his elder brother, Prince Eddie, had been misbehaving at table, and the grandmother (Queen Victoria), who was a firm disciplinarian, order ed them both under the table until they learned how to behave themselves. Under they went and became so silent that Queen Victoria at last became suspicious that the boys were up to some mischief and graciously told them that they might come out and behave themselves. Imagine her consternation and that

of the company when Prince Eddie and Prince George darted out from their temporary prison and began dancing and capering in high glee round the room, stark naked!

The young rascals had improved the period of their detention by divesting The old Queen nearly had a fit she

laughed so heartily, nor could the others preserve their gravity. At last the little wretches were captured and banished to a dressing room, scolded severely, but really triumphant Whether it was Eddie or George who hit upon the brilliant idea of undressing under the table to get even with Grannie only the King can tell.

Anxious for International Peace.

When he uncovered the Champlain Monument at Quebec in 1909, King George (then Duke of York) said:-"We recognize that the presence of representatives of France and the United States among us testifies to the growth of the spirit of friendliness between the nations. On that spirit the progress of humanity largely depends; in it, I hope and believe, true progress will express itself more and more during the years to come. The high ideal of universal peace and tion, but every act that promotes har-

mony among the nations points the way towards its attainment."

Dominions Beyond the Sea.

George V. is the first British Sovereign proclaimed on his accession as King of the British Dominions beyond the Sea. It is fitting that it should be so, for no other King has ever seen so many of the Dominions beyond the Sea as our Sovereign.

He has been at least thrice to the West Indies, thrice or four times to Canada, twice to Australia and South Africa, twice to Ceylon and once to India and the Far Eastern Colonies.

The King has had to make many buffalo in Ceylon, tiger in India, and speeches in many lands and he has pretty well all the big game that is to always stuck to the same keynote which Tennyson sounded in his ode on the opening of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition:-

Britons' myriad voices call, Sons, be welded, each and all, Into one Imperial whole, One with Britain heart and soul; One life, one flag, one fleet, one throne Britons, hold your own,

Long May He Reign Over Us! GOD SAVE THE KING.

BANKER HOME.—The schr. Lilla B. Hirtle, reached Belleoram on Satthat in all his actions and words the urday, reporting for 170 quintals of Throne has lost none of its dignity, but codfish, taken on the Grand Banks.

The Cornet.

By H. L. RANN.



and a determine heard, regardless of anybody's feelings. On a still summer night, when everybody is tryng to sleep except the febrile frog. a new. unterrified cor-

the country seat.

The cornet is played by forcing ong, thin strips of breath through its bronchial tubes. When these strips escape into the crowd they become very pleasing to people who prefer their music without any sharps or flats. The favorite method of playins the cornet is to hold it firmly against the front teeth, tilt the head back as far as it will go, shut both eyes and blow until the veins of the neck can be seen with the naked eve two blocks down the street. This causes the player to assume an enraptured and apoplectic appearance and grouses concern in the minds of all present for fear the cornet will run out of breath and die away in the wrong key.

In band work the cornet is used t give the pitch to the other instru same temperature two measures II succession. The leader of a band is always a cornetist who keeps time with his head, which can be waved up and down without affecting the er

The cornet is subject to sudden attacks of bronchitis, and in cold weather has to wear a flannel compress around his throat. A thoroughly chilled cornet is about as pleasant to listen to as a hired man sharpening a rip saw. In warm weather the cornet sounds better late at night. practising the tripple-tongue hurdle under the window of some musical enbrotherhood may be far from realiza- thusiast who can drink in its dulcet tones while swearing in five separate

and distinct languages.

The cornet would be more popular if t were not played by so many people who try to see how high they can go and show long they can stay up.

The Pension List.

It is announced that by September It is announced that by September next another 400 names will have been added to the Pension List for aged men, the third batch of 400. We should have preferred, had it been at all possible to do so—and we daresay it was—that all of the age of 75 should have received the pension at one and the same time; for "picking and choosing," the other method involves, must be attended with a certain amount of unfair discrimination must provoke heart-burnings and questionings, have given those that had to do with the selection much worry of mind, and tended to make them unpopular with many. We shall be pleased when all men of the age be pleased when all men of the age fixed upon shall be on the roll, better pleased when the age is reduced by five years, and still better when the number of needy women not otherwise provided for—of whom every community has more or less—are placed in an equally good position as the men.—Hr. Grace Standard.

To-Morrow's Events.

Rifle Club's Shoot for H. D. Reid Challenge Medal and J. P. Mc-Loughlan Handicap Medal—10 a.m. Levee at Government House—Noon. Excursion train to Kelligrews; Rifle Club's Shoot for W. H. Rennie Handicap Medal; Performances at Star and Nickel Theatres—2.30

Reception at Government House— . Performances at Star and Nickle Theatres—7.30 p.m.

Where Animals Score.

There are singular differences in he longevity of the various species of

Two such opposite in size as the rocodile and carp live three hundred ears; the elephant and whale com credit. The falcon takes the lead in age for birds with one hundred and fifty years, one hundred being the limit of the parrot and eagle.

The lion and the rhinoceros live sixty years; the goose, common pike, and pelican, fifty; the hart and vulture, forty; the ass, bull and camel, thirty; the horse, twenty-five; the acock, from twenty-three to twentyive; the pig, bear, cow, pigeon, cat, og, deer, wolf and the fresh water

bster, twenty years. Fifteen years is the average of the uck, nightingale, lark, fox, and easant; the canary and the cricket, n; the rabbit, eight; and the hare

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