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NORWAY SEEMS ANXIOUS TO DE-COME A REPUBLIC.

Recent Debate In the Storthing Seems To Indicate a Desire to Abolish the Pomp of Courts — The King and Queen Seem Equally Desirous of Giving Up the Throne-Queen Fears For Her Son.

That Norway is tired of its King and Queen, and desire that a repub-lican form of Government should re-place the monarchy, was made plain in a recent debate in the Storthing. The question was raised as to what would be done in the event of Prince Olaf, the ten-year-old son of King Haakon, dying before his father and it was decided that in that event no other heir to the throne would be Haakon, dying before his father and it was decided that in that event no other heir to the throne would be nominated and that as soon as Haak-on passed from the scene the mon-archy would be abolished and a re-public proclaimed. This decision, startling as it appears to those who are not familiar with recent events in Norway, was no surprise to those who know that King Haakon and Queen Maud were just as tired of Norway as their subjects were dis-appointed with the monarchy, and that the Queen especially has been exerting all her influence with the King to abdicate. In view of the de-bate in the Parliament, she is said to

King to abdicate. In view of the dé-bate in the Parliament, she is said to be more than ever determined to leave, because she regards the atti-tude of the Storthing as placing a price on the head of her little son. Though Olaf is said to be one of the most charming princes in Europe, there are probably not wanting in Norway Anarchists who would think that if by making away with him they would bring their country with-in sight of a republic they would be performing a praisworthy act. Only pressure brought to bear upon Haak-on by brother monarchs has kept him upon his throne up to the present upon his throne up to the present time, and it would not be surprising if at any moment row he should de-cide to quit and either return to his home in Denmark or go to Ergland, where his wife has a beautiful home, given to her by her father, the late King Edward. Both King and Queen are very wealthy in their own right, and the loss of the civil list voted by

are very wealthy in their own right, and the loss of the civil list voted by the Storthing would not be an object. As regards a sacrifice in rank, they would lose little. In fact, they would be treated with greater respect in any other country in Europe, even in a republic, than in Norway. The King is never called "your Majesty" at the Court, but is referred to as "Mr. King" and the Queen as "Mrs. Queen." Of congenial society they have none. There is no aristocracy in Norway, and titles are unknown, even the "de" or "von" be-ing absent prefixes, and these are en-tertained by Haakon. It is said, how-ever, that the King's effort to be dem-ocratic and offhand with his guests has been misunderstood and criticiz-ed. What he has done to become so unpopular is not clear, but the fact is, probably, that the people in Nor-way, when they separated from Swe-den, desired that a republican form of government should be established, and that they set up a monarchy be-cause it was deemed expedient to do and that they set up a monarchy be-cause it was deemed expedient to do

Suicide as a Luxury. Suicide has often been regarded as a luxury, and Marsellies, France, col-onized from Miletus in ancient days, preserved a custom and a prison for many years under Roman rule. A dose of hemlock and aconite was al-lowed to any one who could show sufficient reason why he should de-serve death. "This custom," says Valerius Maximus, "comes from Greece, particularly from the island of Cees, where I saw an example. It was a woman of great quality, who having lived very happily ninety years, obtained leave to die this way, lest by living longer she should hap-pen to ssee a change of her good fortune." Suicide as a Luxury.

Persian Legend About Goats.

Persian Legend About Goats. In Persia there is a legend regard-ing the goat, which tells us that the goat, without fault of her own, ex-cited the prejudice of mankind until her life was unbearable. The pow-ers then made it possible for her to find sustenance on inaccessible moun-tain tops where man could not mo-lest her, and she was given the power to find by instinct the leaf of healing, so that she would never become III. And after centuries of isolation she was to return and live again among the haunts of men, to be a "blessed" animal and to be indispensable to his needs, alone having power to save needs, alone having power to save him from many troubles.

More Important.

More Important. Mr. Dustin did not approve of his son's choice of a wife and was trying to persuade him to see things as be did. "Yes, you are quite right, father," said thes on. "Mabel has her defects, she is vain, full of pretensions and grand ideas, with a very difficult character. But father, in spite of all, I simply adore her. I can't live with-out her."

out her." "But that is not the question, my boy," said the father. "Can you live with her?"

A Judge of Music.

A concert was given at a German court in honor of some foreign prince. court in honor of some foreign prince. At its close the illustrious guest ask-ed for a repetition of the first fitem on the program. The first piece was accordingly played over again, but the visitor failed to recognize it as the one he had liked best. Suddenly the musicians fell to tuning their in-struments, during which process all the company stopped their ears with the exception of the foreign monarch, who exclaimed in a rapture of delight, "That is my favorite piece!"

Not a Case of Sympathy.

Teacher — Willie, did your fa her whip you for what you did in school yesterday? Willie-No, ma'am; he said the licking would hurt him more than

me. Teacher—What nonsense! Your

father is too sympathetic. Willie—No, ma'am; but he's got rheumatism in both arms.

Not Tender All. Over.

A beggar had been for a long time besieging an old, gouty, testy, limp-ing gentleman, who refused his mite with great irritability, upon which the mendicant said: "Ah, please your honor's honor, I wish Providence had made your heart half as tender as your feet!"



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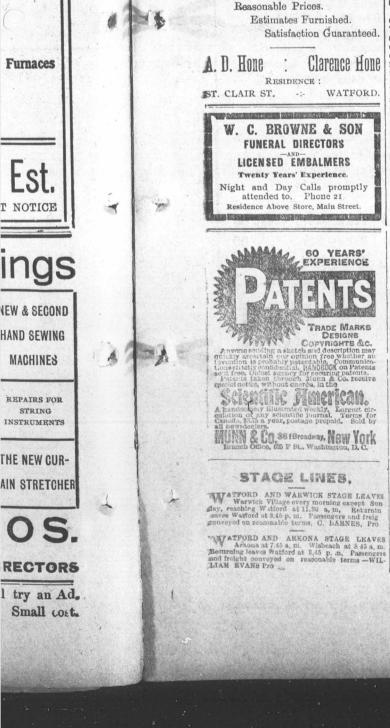
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Prompt Attention.

Most of the hostelries and taverns Most of the hosternes and tavernes of Rome, says Humbert de Gallier in "Usages et Moeurs d'Autrefols," were situated along the Applan way. Some of them were passable. It was at one of the better ones that Cicero used frequently to stop and write his let-

The most interesting hostelries, however, were near the circuses and amphitheatres. The shrewd and gen-erally dishonest owners had a double It was well chosen for the patron-age of the huge crowds that went to age of the huge crowds that went to the circuses on holidays to see the fights between wild animals and the gladiatorial combats, and the land-lords could buy conveniently and rea-sonably those animals that had been slaughtered during the day, to be served on their tables. Thus a merrymaker might witness a battle between a lion and a tiger in the amphitheatre in the afternoon, and if he went to a nearby hole

and if he went to a nearby hotel might find parts of the same lion or tiger in his stew for dinner. A bear's steak was considered a great delicacy in Rome.

bear's steak was considered a great delfeacy in Rome. The furnishings of the common room, which in these hotels served as dining room, parlor and taproom were severely simple. A few wooden tables, a few wooden benches and a sort of elevated throne were the only pieces of furniture. On the raised chair or throne sat the owner of the inn and watched over his guests and probably his belongings. A large number of the hostelries displayed upon the cellings of their common rooms a painting represent-ing a rooster. The painting bore an inscription, the spirit of which will never grow old: "When this cock crows, then we will give credit." That is the one link that binds the crude, uncomfortable tavern of an-cient Rome to the elaborate hotel of the present day.

At that time there were three Ger-At that time there were three Ger-man princes who, among their other titles, had been accustomed to call themselves "heir to the crown of Nor-way," and the Czar of Russia had a similar claim. Norwegian statesmen feaerd that if they immediately es-tablished a republic one or other of these claimants might come forward with a demand upon the throne. Al-theugh Great Britain and France had though Great Britain and France had though Great Britain and France had pledged themselves to maintain the integrity of Sweden and Norway, in exchange for a pledge on the part of the Scandinavian kingdoms not to iormit Russia to obtain a foothold of any sort in their territory, it was doubtful if these two powers would have gone to war over the succession to the throng and it was with a view

have gone to war over the succession to the throne, and it was with a view of enlisting the sympathy of Britain that Prince Charles, of Denmark, son-in-law of King Edward, was elected. The situation has changed in the past six or seven years. Norway has become firmly established as an inde-pendent nation, and no longer fears that if she reverted to a republican form of government she would be tacked by sympathizers of the princes who make nominal claims upon the throne. Moreover, it has been learned that both France and Britain would feel themselves bound to support Nor-way in the event of an attack, and that the British Government would offer no objection should Norway de-sire to abolish the monarchy. It is said that Russian agents are at the sire to abolish the monarchy. It is said that Russian agents are at the bottom of the present agitation, and that Russia believes that she could make some deal with a republican nation in the matter of an Atlantic port that would be impossible under a monarchy. However, apart from the activities of the agents of the Czar, there is sufficient discontent in Norway to make a change of govern-Norway to make a change of government likely, especially when the King and Queen would probably we come the opportunity to leave the unfriendly adopted country. leave their

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Vodka and quass are Russian drinks. The first is a species of whisky or brandy distilled generally from rye, but sometimes from potatoes, and the second is a beer derived from rye instead of barley.

Just the Thing.

Employment Agent — You come from the country, you cannot cook and you have learned to do nothing else. Well, suppose for the present you try to get a position for general housework.

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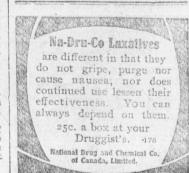
What Did the Bride Think? The three times widower, with his newest choice, was once more making the necessary visit to the city official in Hoboken. Upon receiving the fee, the clerk exclaimed heartily, "Thank you! Come again!"

Advice.

"My wife wants to adopt a child. Would you encourage her if you were in my place?" "If I didn't want her to adopt a child I would."

Prussian Blue.

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