### ROYAL ACCOUNTS.

#### Methods of the King of England in Transacting Business.

No advertisement is more valuable to a British tradesman than the royal warrant, which allows him to place the royal arms over his place of business and describe himself as "purveyor by intment to his majesty the king." Each tradesman who has the royal fom must send in his bill at the end of the month. It is compared with his ledger account kept at Marlborougb House and if correct is paid in the first week of the month. No discount is asked on any of the royal accounts. A tradesman who receives the royal custom is informed that he must supply goods at the lowest reasonable prices, and there is never any attempt at bargaining by the official of the royal household. If a tradesman is thought to be making extortionate changes he simply lones the royal cus-

Coal is supplied to Marlborough House by contract, the contracts bemade for three years and the con-tors gaid in equal hair yearly payments, Window cleaning, carpet cleaning and chimney sweeping are all done by contract, and the glass frames of large pictures are also kept clean bycontract.

Servants' wages are paid monthly, the upper servants being paid by check sent to each from the treasurer's department. The king's accounts for les cigars, theaters, newspapers, books and other personal articles are sent to his secretary, not the treasurer, and are also paid monthly.-Toronto mes.

## CORE OF THE EARTH

One of the Enigman of Nature That Science Cannot Solve.

man beings know only a mere skin of the surface of the earth, not more thus thirty miles deep, while the globe is 3,000 miles in diameter. There globe is 8,000 miles in diameter. There is probably no oxygen at all below thirty miles, and it is difficult to guess what are the elements within. Probably the heaviest elements form a application of sweet oil will give the

dense core near the center. It is in some respects astonishing, most alarming, that we are so completely devoid of any direct knowledge of the constituents of the vast mass of globe beneath us and really only ing gloves are now to be bought, know the merest film. A skin or mem-brane one-twentieth of an inch in thickness (the thickness of kid or hands absolutely clean.

#### A TRUE PROPHET. CARE OF SHOES AND HOSE. Some Things Noted In "Looking How to Clean the Former and Save Backward" Already In Use

the Latter.

Most girls who have to darn their own stockings have given up wearing pumps. The slipping up and down on to recall Edward Bellamy's book of the heels would wear out any stock 25 years ago and compare his preings in a day, and there was not time dictions with conditions to-day at the end of the week to keep them feel almost sure that they are.

all evening slippers and also the Ox-ford ties it is an excellent plan to ialized as yet, but they soon may. ford ties it is an excellent plan to baste a small square of black silk on the outside of the stocking just where the shoe rubs. This will be found a wonderful relief as regards the know-wonderful relief as regards the knowing that the heel of one's stocking is explains a writer in The New York sure to be quite whole, and it will also World. Under his scheme labor is the creases in turn wear out the lin- of his life, but no more. The period Just as soon as a shoe lining has of service is from the ages of 21 to 5, thus leaving, in Bellamy's own ing of the shoe.

become worn it should be taken to be mended. For a very small amount a sese." The New Zealand system of shoe or slipper can be entirely relin-But it is in the mechanical rather

shoe or slipper can be entirely rein-ed, if necessary, and this will save the stockings extraordinarily. Many girls now have a bit of suede placed at the inner side of the heel of the shoe, thinking it will help to keep a low than in the merely economic field that Bellamy's word has seemed to earry the gift of prophecy. Perhaps the most striking instance of the trend of invention along the lines of

shoe from slipping. A girl who finds she gets unreason-ably tired and has constant backsches Bellamy is that work of Dr. Cahill, from walking on city pavements may be reasonably sure that the last of her of Holyoke, Mass., which is aimed at the distribution of music to every one on a telephone system. In Look-mg Backward Dr. Leet had but to turn a switch and his music-room shoe is wrong for her and that the heel is either too high or placed too far forward. Rubber heels are also

great fatigue savers in a city. For summer white canvas and white would be flooded with the most inspiring strains that musical instrubuckskin are generally worn with nents could produce. white gowns, but for the morning rus-After the setting of an indicator as white gowns, but for the morning run-set shoes and stockings are equally smart for young girls. To get their brown shoes to a good color they should take the trouble of always cleaning and polishing them them-selves. If it is desired to keep the leather light in color the shoes should be malished as solder as nossible and one would set an alarm clock the musicians in the central producing plant would arouse him in the morning with a melody. Dr. Cahill has his system practically in working order. A public dining hall to save work

be polished as seldom as possible and the polish allowed to dry theroughly when first applied before being rub-bed. It is more fashionable newafor women was one of Bellamy's ideas. Btop to consider the number of people who to-day take all their meals in restaurants and you will see that conditions of city life are making real the dream of which the seer evenly over the surface and the leathwrote. In Bellamy's scheme there were no er allowed to dry out well before be-ing shined with the liquid polish will small stores to kill or cripple each other with wasteful competition. He darken the shoes rapidly, and a few had huge department stores. In his scheme they were operated by the Government, of course, but that is neither here nor there. The point is same result and also help to make the leather waterproof. The liquid polish that he, in a day when the country and the paste must be put on very evenly to avoid marking and staining, store was the only one which attemptand a clean reg and soft brush should always be used. Special shoe polished to handle everything, could see the gathering of the retail business of all sorts under one roof.

The Hurry Habit.

A Lucky Escape.

"Are you short of the market?"

"Did you get out in time, then?"

It Got There Just the Same.

Good Breeding.

fall of stocks.

"Oh. no.

"Oh. no."

just painted.

Mabel-No. Why?

post?

#### MEDICAL ADVICE. Read These Admonitions and Then Do as You Please.

In order that the reader, too busy to keep in touch with the findings of Are the prophecies of Looking Backward coming true? One has but medical highbrows, may not be left to work out his own physical destruction, the following rules have been taken from articles made impressive by the signatures of professional Of mended up. If trouble is still experienced with Bellamy declared would come to pass the rules may be followed at once writers. It is not assumed that all Breathe deeply. In this way the

lung area is enlarged, oxygen more readily consumed, purifying the blood, quickening the circulation, and promoting functioning.

The fad for deep breathing is nonsense. No benefit is to be derived from it. The normal person will take save the lining of the shoe iteslf. When the stocking is rubbed to a hole tioned that every one works 24 years fort, all the air that is good for him. Take a cold bath once a day at least. Twice would do no harm. Avoid the hot bath as enervating. Take your daily bath as hot as the water can be borne. Cold water gives

old age pensions is based largely on a dangerous shock. Moreover, it is not cleansing. Bathe every day. A common error is that of bathing more frequently than is necessary

for purposes of cleanliness. Use tepid water. Omit, until at noon at least, the

The practice of going to bed hungry is foolish. Sleep comes more quickly and is more restiul if just be-fore retiring you partake of lunch.

Never drink water with meals. Drink two or three glasses of water Beware of low shoes, even in warm all anxious to supply the missing word. weather. The low shoe is desirable, despite

a possible sense of chill. In high shoes the feet suffer from lack of venon toast?" tilation. Wear heavy underclothes in cool weather, particularly over the chest.

Many make the mistake of swathing the chest and throat. Adopt light underwear for the entire year. Chew thoroughly and eat sparingly. Take a quantity of food. Nature will eliminate all that is not needed. No harm is done by bolting meat, as digestion is a chemical process, taking place in the stomach.

milk. Milk raw, from a healthy herd, is



#### STUPID PEOPLE.

Couldn't Tell What Grew Up Straight and Was Served on Toast.

Never ask any one to supply you with a missing word, says a writer in the Atchison Globe, and if the experi-Regularity of meals is essential to ence which he relates is typical it is health. Take three of them daily. beginning with a hearty breakfast. good advice. A woman was engaged recently in writing a letter to a friend. in which she was telling of what they meal ordinarily known as breaktast. in which she was telling of what they Then take half sterlized cracker and hal to eat at a party. She was getting along very well when all of a sudden a sip of water. Eat when you are hungry, without she stopped to think. "What," she regard to the hour. Never go to bed within three hours of having exten. "Evergene trees" called to her family, "is that green

"Evergreen trees," some one replied. "Oh, no," said the woman; "I mean something to eat."

"Onions," was the reply. "No." she said, "net onions." "Lettuce," "beans," "peas," and so

on, were all called out by the family, "None of them is right," said the woman. Then she tried a new tack. "What is it," she said, "they serve

"Poached eggs." said one member of the family.

"Jam," said another." Then the woman got up, tore her letter into pieces and put the thing

Three days later she was in a grocery store and saw something marked "15 cents a bunch" that sent her running all the way home.

There is no beverage more healthful should think some of you might have than tes and coffee in moderation. | known it was asparagus! Didn't I say Decline to use any but pasteurized it grew up straight and was served on toast?"

One day Louis XVI. decided to for-

Her Only Criticism.

He Mastered the Trap That Was Sat to Ensnare Him.

Not long ago it became a problem Not long ago it became a protocol in a metropolitan hotel how to keep down the population of rats, which had become so bold that they stole from under the very noses of the cooks. Traps and poisons were suc-cessful at first, but after a few deaths the wary rats avoided both. The rat-catcher was then called in, and cats, dogs and ferrets had their turn, but still the rats increased.

The steward bagged a few with a small rifle, but the rats soon grew too cautious for him. About all he cou see was the tip of a tail or two bright eyes that disappeared as soon as he raised his gun. Then he hit upon another idea. He swung a lid on a bar-rel with a swivel, filled the barrel half full of water and fastened a lump of cheese in the centre of the lid. As soon as a rat alighted on either side of the lid, over he would go into the barrel, and for a while rate were

drowned by the dozen. It was at this juncture that the redents evidently held a council, for the number of victims grew steadily smaller. Sometimes in the morning there would be two or three rats in the barrel, oftener there were none at all. The observant steward felt that they were all the time trying to figure out how to get that cheese. Sometimes two rats would get on the edge of the barrel, opposite one another, at the same time and balance the lid as they crept toward the cen-tre. This worked well until one or the other forgot the need for caution, when

both fell in. Finally one old rat mastered the game. For several nights the cheese disappeared, and there was no rat there in the morning to show for it, ight the steward caught the rat in the act of dropping from some pill right in the centre of the lid. balanced himself for a moment, then quietly nibbled at the cheese. When he had satisfied his hunger he care-fully moved off along the line of the swivel and dropped to the floor safe. At this point the steward ecknowl-edged defeat. He decland that the ing the reign of unfortunate Queen Marie Antoinette were exceedingly absurd, particularly hairdressing and man who was smart enough to defeat hats, which were trimmed with such those rats was smart enough to do an extravagant wealth of feathers that

brown paper) spread over a ball a littie more than a foot in diameter represents the proportion between the own crust of the earth thirty thick and the great globe itself. We are dependent on inference and speculation for our notions as to the constitution of all that is beneath the mere skin of thirty miles thickness on the globe's surface! Even what is thrown up by the biggest volcances does not come from below this depth or tell us what lies hidden There .- Ex-

# Heiter Skelter.

"Hatter skelter" has been sugges-tively defined as a jingling expression vaguely imitating the hurried clatter of test rapidly and irregularly moved. dictionaries, bowever, led astray probably by the ordinary orthography, have missed the true etymology of this phrase. It should be "belter kelter." "Heiter" is an old word for "bang," probably connected with halter, and "keiter" is used by old writers in the sense of "order" or the proper state. Thus Barrow, the divine, says, "If the organs of prayer be out of kelter how can we pray?" "Helter skelter," therefore, is literally "hang order" and means. "Ob, hang order; let us do it, or tet it inke its chance." Ben Jonton in "Every Man In His Humor" writes. "Helter skelter, hang sorrow, care Il kill a cat" and Shakespeare. and think a few minutes and earn a cush and hurry. nsing \$100,000 a year." says, "Heiter skelter have I rode to

Horseradish as a Vegetable. In Germany horseradish is frequent ly made into an excellent cooked vegetable which goes particularly well with bolled mutton or chicken fricassee. It is made as follows: Grate as usual and stew till tender in butter; mix well with grated Parker House rolls, one cupful of the latter to three of the horseradish, and boil up once more, adding a heaping teaspoonful of sugar. Served with very firmly fellied currant jelly, scooped out with a teaspoon and laid in solid little ovais like a wreath round the white mound of horseradish, this delectable dish looks the party. almost as good as it tastes.-Subur-

banite. 

The Attraction. Tourist-I must confess that I can't

see why so many people want to come asked a bystander. bere-no scenery, no amusements, no good things to eat, absolutely no attractions. . Innkeeper-Ah, signor, zey come because we 'ave ze gr-ran' label then?' to stick op ze luggage,-Mexican Her-

had any more money they would have broken me harder." ald. M Civilization. The upward sweep of civilization is not unlike the rising of the incoming tide. It advances and recedes, but each advance carries humanity to a higher altitude than it had reached before .-8. O. Flower.

Insulting a Humorist. "Did you write this joke?" "I did." 30GP "Ha-ba-ha!" "Well, what are you laughing at?

win't it a good joke ?"-Toledo Blade. The wise man is cured of ambition

He mentioned them in a matter-of-Varieties In Gold Filling. fact way as existing in 2000. They are A gold filled touth and your gold

here to-day. which filled watch case may be said to be could Paper dishes, thrown away when soiled, took their nversely analogous - that is, your gold filled tooth has more or less of places among his improvements. In that Bellamy was in dead earnest, as his family will tell you to-day. Often he would go into the kitchen, the tooth structure or enamel on the outside, with gold as a core filling the centre. Your gold filled watch case consists of two sheets of gold having witness the toil which the preparabetween them some baser metal to which the gold is soldered. As to the tion and eating of a meal demanded and express the wish that he were gold in the case, it may be of any enough of a mechanic to perfect the neness and any thickness commenkind of dishes which were his ideal. urate with the term "gold filled." A It is true that paper dishes haven't eweler will tell you that 10 carat gold yet passed the picnic stage, but they is not gold, having too much admixcan be considered within the realm ture of baser metals. Many persons have the idea that the gold filled case of the possible in the light of the uses to which paper is being put tois an amalgum of the kind instead of a sandwich of gold smeared on the inside with the base metals. day.

#### How Russian Peasants Live.

Most of the Russian peesants pass a great deal of their lives in workshops, where they work, eat and sleep, "The most exasperating citizen ncounter," says the retired profesthe same room sheltering a number and probably a pig in the bargain. There are few beds. Instead, all "is the chap who's always excushimself for his neglect of you on a second. His days and nights are so full, the demands upon his time a second. His days and nights are so full, the demands upon his time are so many and so urgent, that you must forgive him if he appears rude. are so many and so urgent, that yoe, must forgive him if he appears rude, You're willing to forgive him for any-thing if he'll only forget to apologize. There are thousands of such citizens, here are thousands of such citizens, the Russian prison and military barbuzzing like tops, trotting around a the Russian prison and military racks, so far as interior arrangen ting from \$15 to \$20 a week out of life are concerned, are akin. Chairs there -if they have luck-while their deioned, as a rule, by the men themliberate neighbor next door'll sit down selves.

Color Test For Florists.

The counter of a florist's shop was Italy's Marriage Brokers. such an unusual place to find a basket of woolen threads that the Marriage brokers are a regular institution in Italy. In Genoa there curious customer was impelled to ask are several marriage brokers who have pocketbooks filled with the names of the marriageable girls of what business they had there. "They have just been used training a young man's sense of their figures, personal attractions, color," said the florist. "He has been fortune and other circumstances. working in our greenhouses on Long These brokers go about endeavoring Island. He wants a position in, a Broadway shop, but before he could be transferred he had to undergo the to arrange matrimonial alliances in the same offhand mercantile manner color test. Every man in a florist's which they would bring to bear upon shop must have as keen a sense for a purely business transaction, and the different colors as a ribbon or when they succeed they get a comsilk salesman. This man passed the dowry, with such extras of bonuses examination all right, but lots of men who know a good deal about as may be voluntarily bestowed by flowers fall down on the color test.

Animals and Climbing.

Bears can climb well if little, but "Thank heaven!" exclaimed a man the grizzly and other large species watching the ticker tape mark the stay mainly on the ground. A bear always climbs down a tree backward, as does the domestic cat until she has nearly reached the ground, when she turns and jumps, but most wildcats run down a trunk head first, even the heavy leopard being a more skillful "What are you so thankful about, chimber than the light house cat. The tiger and lion, however, do not climb, "Why, they broke me, but if I had for no discoverable reason unless it be that they fear of falling on account

Fully Qualified. Mabel-Such a joke on Mr. Gay-The invalid was on the road to rebetween the dances, and he got the covery, and the physician had just sleeve of his dress coat all over red presented his bill for \$700. ov! We were out on the balcony "Doctor," said the patient, "you paint from one of the posts that were missed the opportunity of your life. You should have been a nerve spe-Maud-And did you go near the

Maud-Because you have red paint all over the back of your waist.

Archer gave me his first dance last evening

The scholar without good breeding Syl-Yes; he told me later on that is a pedant, the philosopher a cynic, he believed always in getting dis-

the only sort fit for human consump-ABSURD FASHIONS. Induige in vigorous exercise.

Hairdressing and Hats In the Time Pursuit of your ordinary vocation will give you all the exercise you of Marie Antoinette. Some of the fashions in France dur-

dies.

Experience demonstrates that the vegetarian has the only same theory. If you would keep well, follow a mixed diet, with meat as a staple. Take all fruits and most vegetables raw. The skins have a distinct value. the coaches had to have their seats Vegetables and fruits must be cooklowered. According to Mme. Camed. It is well to peel them. The skins harbor deadly germs.

pan, "mothers and husbands murmured, and the general rumor was that the queen would ruln the French la-Sincere Flattery.

At the dinner of a literary club two minor poets were heard in con-

versation. "Harold," said the one, "I've just royal hunt in coaches. In order to be freet he wished only to permit real seen your triolet in The Spread Eagle sportsmen to attend. The noble is-Magazine." "Ah !" exclaimed the other, a pleas ed expression coming into his face

Princess of Monaco criticised the deciand with the air of a man preparing sion by means of her headdress, upon himself against a burst of praise. which arose a miniature royal coach, "Yes," continued the second poet, followed by two gentlemen on foot in gaiters. On the left of this was displayed a cypress garnished with black tears, the large roots being formed of

Harold seemed still more please May T ask what she said?" More absurd still was the hairdress-

ing of the mother of Louis Philippe, queried. Whereupon the first minor poe urgled. "Why," said he, "she upon whose head every one could adgurgled. mire her son, the Duc de Beaujolais, wanted to know whether I had writin the arms of his nurse as well as a ten it." PERMICA IN THE A. T parrot pecking at a cherry.

Unexpected Erudition. An absentminded professor of languages dropped into a restaurant one lay for a luncheon.

and coffee to have the appearance of being "real and truly," but she also "What will you have, sir?" asked liked to taste the flavor of each. One the waiter. "Fried eggs," replied the professor afternoon her mother took her to a "Over?" said the waiter, meaning, friend's home where tea was served at of course, to ask whether he wanted them cooked on both sides or only 5 o'clock. The hostess gave to Dorothy what

she usually gave to her own children, "Ova?" echoed the professor, surof Dorothy's age, in the line of liquid prised with his apparent familiarity refreshment-viz, bot water, sugar and with Latin. "Certainly. That is what milk. Dorothy tasted hers politely and I ordered-Ova gallinae. This the waiter interpreted meaning "extra well done," and that ate her little cakes. "Why, Dorothy, you aren't drinking

is the way they came to the table. asked the hostess. Just a Little Favor. "Yes, Mrs. C., it's sweet enough," re-

A Billeville prisoner addressed the following note to a friend on the plied the child. "Then why aren't you taking it?" "It's too dull," she replied .- New "Dear Bill-I want my case postpened till the next term o' court. York Times.

behind the hoss that killed your

tell me that your splendid cook has for command of the ship by letter he eft you? Mrs. Holmes-Yes; the sensitive went in person to see about it, and then he secured it'."-London Tele-

thing was offended because the doctor graub.

Made No Difference.

anything.

Trinter,

A remarkable change has come over the conditions under which sugar is grown in Queensland. In 1902 the amount produced was 77, 835 tons, of which upwards of 65,000 bid the court in a body to follow the royal hunt in coaches. In order to be was soon after the Federal Parliament had decided that the Kanakas or South Sea Islandars, who supplied the black labor for the cane fields dies immediately rebelled, and the must leave the country, and the champions of the black conditions loudly proclaimed the speedy destruction of the industry. Since then, however, there has been not only a rapid falling off in the quantity sugar raised by black labor, but also a substantial increase in the total amount of sugar grown. In 1908 the crop yielded 150,400 tons, of which no less than 132,076 tons were the product of white workers,

> Whims of Famous Singers. Mme. Scalchi was in a very sad way if she met anyone who squinted, and she would go through a whole host of evolutions to rid herself of

Little Dorothy not only liked her tea he evil spell Mario's foible was smoking. the evil spell smoking was forbidden at the thea tre, he would never sign a contract until the clause which made him an exception to the rule was inserted. He would have his valet waiting in the wings with a match and a cigar and would rush off the stage, take a few whiffs and then return to a tender love scene. The cigars that he smoked cost him half a crown, and he never more than partially finished one. Even the street boys in London knew him, and when they followed his carriage, cheering, he would have your tea, dear. Isn't it sweet enough?" a handful of coins ready to toss to

them. Sex and Handwriting. That it is possible to determine sea from handwriting in perhaps to cases out of 100 is a conclusion reached from an examination of the writing of 200 persons. The specimens were submitted to two "professional graphologists" as well as to fifteen persons ignorant of their art. The so-called sex signs are found to be largely influenced by the amount of writing done, by

age and to a certain extent by practice and by professional requirements. as in the conventional writing of teachers and the rapid hand of book-Share Printpringer keepers.

Snakes.

Of all kind provisions of nature perhaps the manner in which snakes are brought into the world is the most remarkable. As a rule, all narmless snakes are hatched from eggs, arriving in batches of from thirty to eighty. The poisonous snakes, on the other hand, are born in litters of from seven to eleven in number. There are exceptions to the rule, of course, but hey are few and unimportant, for, though the deadly king cobra fays her eggs to be hatched by the sun, they are few in number, unlike the colories deposited by the harmless makes,

a-ridin' with you, couldn't you man- the Central Law Journal. The followage to shoot him in the leg for me? Ef you'll'do this for me, Bill, I'll call you my friend forever." A Heliotrope Moss Rose. of their weight. William Tweddle, of Stanhope, Eug., has growing in his garden a novelty in the shape of a heliotrope moss rose. Gardeners declare that they have never before seen or heard of a moss rore of that color. The bush, which stands four feet high, contains about a dozen buds, besides two or three roses in full cialist." loom. A Reflection on Her Product. Cheering Her Up. Mrs. De Visite-You don't mean to Maud-Did you observe that Gus.

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outside:

mother-in-law an' spill him in the big road an' cripple him so's he'll have to take to his bed for about two weeks or better, or, if he won't go and then his body into an office, says

lawyer's office.'

Her Gentle Hint. "And what was her reply?"

Nelson'

Please invite the judge to take a ride Different Suits. A man with a bundle thrust his head

ing dialogue then took place: 'I've brought these clothes for you

to press," said the caller. "The man next door says you're a bird at pressing suits.' "Well," said the occupant of the

office, "the man next door is right, only this isn't a tailor's shop-it's a

"Yes, I proposed to her by letter." "She simply referred me to a certain

chapter and page in 'The Life of Lord

"And what did you find?" "It says, 'After fruitlessly applying

