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LONDON GOSSIP.

THE PRINCE'S RETURN.

LONDON, Oct. 29th, 1920.
I understand that the arrangements for the reception of the Prince of Wales on his return from his tour will resemble closely those which were made for his return from Canada. This was practically decided on at a meeting of those who are concerned with the plans. The Duke of York and Prince Henry will probably go to Portsmouth on Monday to welcome him when he steps from the battleship Renown, but the King, the Queen, and the remainder of the Royal Family will await his coming at the London terminus. There will be an extended drive to Buckingham Palace, where the King and Queen, who will have driven direct from Victoria, will again welcome the Prince. A luncheon or a banquet will be given at Buckingham Palace, probably on the following day, at which the High Commissioners, Agents, Generals, and other distinguished Colonial officials will be present. The function will have a semi-official status. I hear that the Prince is being inundated with invitations to attend functions all over the country, many of them specially in his honor, but some of their promoters, will be doomed to disappointment.

A BOOM IN DOGS.

There is at present a boom in dogs of all sorts. The terrier tribe is popular, but dog breeders do not find them so profitable as the smaller dogs, such as Poms and Pekingese. Quite an ordinary Pekingese will easily make £10 (\$40) or £15 (\$60), while show specimens run to 50 or 100 guineas (£10-\$120). It is a breed, curiously enough, which has been maintained true to type in Scotland than in England. Bulldogs are doing well, but are not so popular for certain constitutional reasons. The biggest boom, however, is in Alsatian wolf dogs. Most of the best animals are imported from Germany or Switzerland. They run with a long, easy stride, and are used in Germany for police work. There seems to be a danger, I am told

by an expert, that their working qualities will be bred out for appearance in this country. A serious effort is made to preserve them, as in the case of field-working dogs like retrievers and the bigger spaniels. For a really good Alsatian puppy nine or ten weeks old 60 guineas (\$250) is not unreasonable. Good breeding adults have recently changed hands at £250 (\$1,000) and higher prices have been known. The prevalence of rabies has told against dog-breeding, which was just beginning to recover from the war restrictions imposed by the Kennel Club. "War babies" were discouraged by the authorities, and in order to make this recommendation effective it was decreed that puppies born between certain dates should not be eligible for show. It is little more than a year since the ban was raised, and dog-breeding is only now beginning to recover, which probably explains the boom.

AN INTERNATIONAL NURSING SCHEME.

An international scheme, which should be the means of disseminating throughout the world a greater knowledge of the science and practice of nursing and the methods most effective for the prevention of disease, is to be inaugurated in London. Eighteen countries are to be represented, each by one or two nurses, who are to take a standardized course of study, both of a theoretical and practical character, in public welfare. The scheme is promoted by the League of Red Cross Societies, an international body. The women attending the course in London are at the conclusion of their studies to return to their respective countries, there to act as pioneers and impart to their fellow countrymen and countrywomen the knowledge and experience which they gain here. The course will extend over a year. Much good is expected to result from the scheme, which owes its inception to a suggestion made at a conference held at Cannes in the spring of 1918, when the League was started. To Miss Alice Fitzgerald is due the

credit of having developed the proposal.

THE COFFEE-STALL FASHION.

A pleasant way of making a living in London these nights is to buy one of the new painted coffee stalls decorated with shining urns and clean glass and china, and stocked with bread and eggs and pastries to suit the taste of the neighborhood you select. The stall will cost £300 (\$1,200) and the task of working up a connection may at first be anxious, but one reward will be in the variety of the customers drawn from all classes of society. In the old days the coffee stall was a dingy affair, depending on its charm for its lights and the aroma of hot coffee, and it was patronized almost entirely by night workers or impoverished wanderers. It had an air of tragedy. Perhaps the canteen habit is partly responsible for the change, but all sorts of people have now learned the value of the stalls, and in West End streets you may see men and elegantly dressed girls, going home from the theatre or from dances, standing in front of a flaring stall enjoying coffee, sandwiches, and cakes. One man who has a stall by the gates of Hyde Park and works from half past seven at night till the same time in the morning, says he serves the taximen, night workers, dance guests, men taking an early stroll in the park, and people now requiring to travel by cheap workers' trains. He is one of London's 150 new coffee stall keepers.

MENAL INSTABILITY AND CRIME.

The opinion is growing that an amendment of the criminal law is becoming necessary in view of the number of offences put down, from medical authority, to mental instability caused by shell shock. It has long been urged by reformers that crime is a disease, and should be treated as such in justice to the individual, whereas the penal code is founded less upon the basis of providing suitable punishment for each class of offence than upon the principle of deterring others from committing the same crime. For the modern mind this is too rough and ready a method of dealing in wholesale fashion with breaches of the law, which are plainly attributable in many cases to definite mental disease. One of the results of the war has been to draw prominent attention to this more scientific view of the problem of criminality, and the idea is certainly gaining ground rapidly that the question is one upon which doctors as well as lawyers should be called to adjudicate. Those who are appointed to administer the law find themselves, owing to the limitations placed upon their discretion, considerably handicapped in dealing with these cases of chronic mental aberration, which demand treatment rather than punishment, not only as a measure of justice, but in the interests of the community at large.

BOOK PUBLISHING TRADE.

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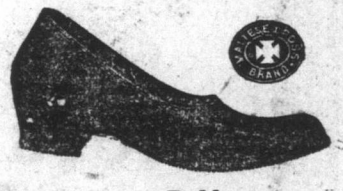


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that plenty of books are being sold—indeed, the sales are wonderful—but except in the case of those novels which reach a very large circulation I am assured there is little profit for the publisher. The cost of paper, printing, and binding not only remains excessively high, but it threatens to go higher still, owing to the never-ending demands for higher wages. The public, it appears, will not pay the prices for books which would be necessary if all charges were met and a fair profit left for the publishers. So the latter have to do without the profit, and from this comes a tendency to restrict trade and to choke off enterprises.

PIPE SMOKING BY WOMEN.

Pipe smoking by women is not very new, as everyone knows who has visited the rag-picking quarters of any big city. Very often these smokers were Irish women, and they were always aged. In Glasgow there was a coffee house 25 years ago with a special smoking room for women. The customers were old rag-pickers who were only allowed to travel with their packs on the river boats at certain hours, and they spent the waiting time smoking in this place. Lately in London there has been an effort to prove that

pipe smoking by women has become fashionable. I doubt it. Still, the idea has been attractive enough for the stage to make a show of it. Miss Sybil Thorndyke has introduced a pipe smoking scene into the revue entitled "Oh Hell!" at the Little Theatre. She smokes a pipe with a richly grained briar bowl and a slim black vulcanite stem marked with a tiny white spot and encircled by a gold band. Another actress is said to have smoked a pipe not by way of business behind the scenes at the Palace Theatre, and women smoking pipes are said to have been among the audience at the Princes Theatre. That, I think, is as far as it will get. Mrs. Patrick Campbell's quite successful effort to smoke a cigar when she appeared recently as George Sand does not seem to have set a fashion for women smoking cigars, although it received more publicity than the play.

A Safe Bet.

One of the best stories told by George Goodchild in his newly published book, "Pinches of Salt," concerns an old sailor named Thomas who, having read innumerable prophecies on the subject, was firmly convinced that the world would come to an end on a certain date last year. Another seaman named Wilkins scouted the idea, and offered to lay his odds of one hundred to one about it.

The bet was taken in pounds. The day that was to be the end of all things dawned fine and warm, and nothing extraordinarily happened. At breakfast next morning Thomas handed over his Brabury, gloomily. "Thanks," said Wilkins, cheerfully. "I'd have made it a thousand to one if you had stuck out."

"I say," whispered a friend, "supposing he had won, how on earth could—"

"S-sh!" hissed Wilkins. "He never thought of that!"

Making Ships Jump.

A wonderful new invention is a mechanical fish that can jump.

Many tributary streams would team with traffic but for the places along their course where canals or locks would have to be built.

The new contrivance does away with these difficulties. A system of dams is constructed, each dam being furnished with a machine which lifts the boat over the obstruction.

The boat-lifting mechanism is a structural steel framework composed of two triangular shaped side members joined at the top by a horizontal transverse pivot-shaft; on this is mounted a bridge-like cradle. The two sides are made rigid by transverse girders, which also provide for mounting the whole upon four four-wheeled trucks running on a track laid on the bottom of the river and extending up over the dam.

The boat is hung from the overhead pivot-shaft by two bridge-like mem-

bers. These are provided with a longitudinal track on which run two small carriages with pulleys, over which the boat-lifting cables extend downward from the drums in the house mounted midway between the bridge members.

In operation the boat is first floated between the side members and under the lifting platform. Then the small carriages are moved until the ropes drop perpendicularly, when they are connected with the special cables attached near each end of the boat.

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