

The Planet

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THE TEN EDWARDS OF ENGLAND.

There have now been ten Edwards of England, three before the Norman conquest and seven since. Of the three Saxon Kings, Edward the Confessor, who was the third, was the most famous. He was so religious that he was eventually made a saint and presumably still remains one. Of the Norman Edwards King Edward I., the conqueror of Wales, the lawgiver who established order in the land, was the greatest of the Plantagenets and a good many historians think the greatest man that ever sat on the English throne. Edward III. and his son, the Black Prince, were the glory of a fighting age, the victors of Crecy and Poitiers, when England's overlordship extended over Scotland and half of France, and London held a King of France, and the King of Scotland captured in battle, prisoners at the same time. Out of the tangle of the Wars of the Roses the later historians are claiming that Edward IV. was a shrewd, intelligent, energetic King, if he was cruel and unscrupulous. Of the two boys, Edward V. was one of the poor little Princes murdered in the Tower, and Edward VI. though overshadowed by his sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, attached his name to the English prayer book.

It will be seen that with one or two exceptions the present King has an illustrious list of sovereigns of his name to follow. The opportunities which a constitutional King has to impress his personality on the history of his country are, of course, far less than in the days when a King was a King. But the complications of modern times will give ample scope to the statesmanship and tact of Edward VII. in co-operating with and aiding his constitutional advisers, and to say that he has already proved himself to be a man of ability and resource is but to state a fact freely recognized among statesmen and rulers.

DANGERS OF HYPNOTISM.

Here is a case that has probably more in it than appears on the surface, says the Free Press. A man was walking in Fifth avenue, New York, in the evening lately, when a stranger tapped him on the shoulder, and in a melodramatic tone of voice said, "I want you." To impress his victim he opened the lapel of his coat, displaying a sardine box label, which he said was the shield of a detective, and attested his authority to make an arrest without other warrant. The citizen courteously remonstrated, but was told that resistance was futile, and that to proceed quietly with his captor to the West Thirtieth St. Police Station was the part of wisdom. What should an honest man do under the circumstances? Unless he were under some malign spell, he would most likely resist arrest, first, because it would be the natural instinct to do so, and secondly, to furnish ground for an action for false arrest. This man quietly jogged along with his captor. As the N. Y. Times describes it, "He simply went where he was told to go. He did not even insist upon being taken straight to the station, but permitted himself to be led into a saloon, where, without resistance, he surrendered himself, his watch, and a pocketful of railroad bond interest coupons. He further agreed to redeem his watch and coupons the following day by paying the pseudo detective an additional hundred dollars, and was left sitting in the saloon while the crook slipped away. It seems to have been nearly twenty-four hours before he reached the conclusion that he had been humbugged." The Times observes that the man did all this "under the absurd notion that he was bribing a policeman who had arrested him to let him go again," and concludes its article with the well-known line, "What fools these mortals be."

It does not strike the Times writer that this may have been a case of hypnotism. Why would a man the possessor of money and valuable railroad securities voluntarily give them up to another man in a saloon, and go where he was told to go, unless the malign will of the pretended policeman had been asserted upon him in the way that is nowadays accepted as being not only possible, but an every-day practice? For which reason professional hypnotists should not be permitted to use their power indiscriminately in any community. The insolence with which this craft is pursued by some operators and the mischief it is apt to cause in families and to individuals who are susceptible to its influence is only matched by the eagerness, tameness and gullibility with which its professors are followed and submitted to by so many of the public. In the leading countries of Europe the practice is rigorously suppressed for reasons held by the authorities to be allsufficient. Feeble-minded and nervous persons are especially subject to the "control" of these strong-willed professors of animal magnetism, and become as wax in their hands, to "make monkeys of them" upon a stage for the sport and laughter of an uneducated and unthinking crowd, and perhaps to be permanently injured in their nervous organization along with the absent-mindedness otherwise demoralized.

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point of view is a poor commentary on the spread of popular enlightenment and a reproach to the laws which permit exhibitions, the tendencies and possibilities of which are more dangerous and demoralizing than any of the public shows which announce themselves on the bills by meagreness of drapery.

Senator Money, of Mississippi, says if he were a West Pointer he would kill any man who hazed him if he had to wait a hundred years. The Senator evidently would use old age as his weapon of massacre.

In the Delphi case, in which the ecclesiastical law of Quebec has declared the marriage between two Catholics, performed by a Protestant minister, null and void. The decision is upheld by the laws of Quebec. But if either of the parties attempted to get married again the criminal code of the Dominion would then come in and the offender would be liable to imprisonment for bigamy.

An Egyptian mummy has been discovered dating back to 8000 B. C. This is the record, so to speak, of mummies, as far as age is concerned. And, strange to say, the features and figure of the dead show him to have belonged to a refined and well-developed race. The age of the world is slowly being pushed back a good way beyond the 5,000 B. C. of our youthful Sunday school days.

With the late Queen the House of Guelf or Hanover ceases to occupy the throne of Great Britain, which has been in its possession since 1714. The new dynasty will be called after the late Prince Consort and will be the House of Whetton or Saxe-Coburg. The House of Normandy occupied the throne from 1066 to 1154; the House of Plantagenet, 1154-1399; the House of Lancaster, 1399-1461; the House of York, 1461-1485; the House of Tudor, 1485-1603; the House of Stuart, 1603-1714, and the House of Hanover, 1714-1901.

A number of bogus despatches about the late Queen, and present King are daily appearing in the American press. Here is a sample of some of them:

To Jockey Johnny Reiff, Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 27.—My Dear Little Johnny: Your tender message of sympathy to me in this saddest hour of affliction that I have ever known, will be one of my most cherished as graces of a brave American boy's love. I thank you. Your true friend and comrade in the old Edward VII. days.

That this despatch is a fabrication, and a silly one at that, is patent on the face of it. Kings don't sign their despatches; secretaries do that. When King Edward does put his name to a document, he "doesn't sign it" "Edward VII." but "Edward R." the "R" standing for rex, king.

Without wishing to harp on the subject of star chamber meetings on the part of civic committees, let us take this illustration in an unbiased way and guess what the result would be: A candidate for alderman, we will assume, addressed the electors as follows:

Gentlemen—I am a candidate for alderman. If elected I will see that your business is transacted behind closed doors. If there is anything I think good for you to know of your own affairs you may find it out there, I am against daylight being let in on civic proceedings, because I am always afraid that I may say something or vote some way that will lose me support next election. If you like this platform, I trust you will give me your united support.

How many votes would such a politician gain?

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MAKING HASTE.

"Soon," says the Snowdrop and smiles at the motherly earth.
"Soon—for the spring with her languor comes stealthily on.
Snow was my cradle, and chilly winds sang at my birth—
Winter is over, and I must make haste to be gone!"

"Soon," says the Swallow and dips to the wind ruffled stream.
"Soon—for the spring with her languor comes stealthily on.
Snow was my cradle, and chilly winds sang at my birth—
Winter is over, and I must make haste to be gone!"

"Soon," says the Soul, with a desperate gaze.
"Soon—for I rose like a star and for aye would have shined;
See the pale shuddering dawn that must wither my rays,
Leaps from the mountain—and I must make haste to be gone!"
—Arthur C. Benson in Spectator

COURTSHIP OF SAVAGES.

The Way Hottentots, Zambesias and Dyaks Win Their Brides.

Among the land Dyaks no youth dares venture to pay addresses to a maiden unless he can throw at her feet a useful of skulls, it being necessary for him to prove his prowess by killing a few men, women or children. Among these tribes the lover offers the maiden of his choice some betel nuts. If she accepts, he is happy, but if she refuses and says, "Be good enough to blow up the fire," it means that he is dismissed. Sometimes the courting is carried on through a medium of a sort of Jew's harp, one handling it to the other, asking questions and returning answers.

When a young Hottentot goes courting, to render himself more attractive he paints his nose, cheeks and forehead with soot. Among some tribes of Madagascara the boys decorate their long locks with leaves, flowers and feathers, "only in order to please the women." The natives of New Britain blacken some of their teeth and knock out others, knowing that otherwise they run the risk of being refused by the ones of their choice on account of ugliness. A woman in that beautiful land would "scorn to accept the addresses of a man possessing white teeth, like a dog or a pig." A girl who has arrived at a marriageable age has her teeth filed.

The beaus of Zambesia file the middle teeth in the upper jaw into the form of a swallow's tail, and in the case of the Zambesia a rebellion nearly broke out when orders were once issued forbidding the use of ocher and grease, for the young men feared the loss of favor in the eyes of their courtly women. Among the Guanyos the suitor when courting keeps for days close to the cabin of the mistress of his heart, being painted from head to foot and armed with his battle club.

The Melanesian women do the courting. When a girl likes a man, she tells his sister and gives her a ring of string. The sister says to her brother, "Brother, I have good news for you. A woman loves you." If willing to go on with the affair through the sister, an appointment is made, and the following dialogue takes place:

The man says, "You like me proper?"

"Yes, I like you proper, with my heart inside."

Unwilling to give himself away rashly, he asks, "Now, you like me together, I your skin good."

"I like you together, I your skin good."

The man says, "Tomorrow, if you like, there is a mock fight, if you tell their relatives and everything is settled."

In Moriland the girl generally begins the courting. The love token which the girl throws at the feet of her lover is a little bit of wax made into a sort of ball, the girl, by pulling the knot tight, "No," by leaving the matrimonial noose alone.

A TRAGIC TRIFLE.

Trifles, and sometimes queer ones at that, have been the cause of many a frightful catastrophe. A fire which directly responsible for the loss of more lives than any other single conflagration originated through the vagaries of a stray tarantula, a species of huge, hairy spider peculiar to South and Central America. The scene was Santiago, Chile, and a grand religious festival was taking place in the principal cathedral.

The building was a sea of drapery, flooded with every variety of illumination. Tapers, and the acolytes were busy lighting the 2,000 tapers on the grand altar when the errand spider slipped into the central aisle and alarmed a woman, who, in her terror, fell upon the tapers, or, of some of them, looked around to learn the cause of the commotion, and one of the naked lights they carried came in contact with the drapery of a colossal figure of the Virgin. A few minutes later the vast cathedral was a raging furnace, in which were being consumed more than 2,000 persons, the elite of Santiago society.

New Mexico Torments.

"Besides the rattlesnakes, the New Mexico end of the Rocky mountains is blessed with the tarantula, the scorpion and the centipede," says Will Sparks in Ainslee's. "Then there's the gila monster and many poisonous lizards. Of all these the centipede is, perhaps, the most to be feared, because it is the most plentiful and has a habit of living among the rafters of old adobe houses. At night, when a man is sleeping, it drops, and if it strikes his body it leaves a wound that takes months to heal, provided some blood disorder does not develop and kill the man. The gila monster generally does not bite unless teased. The scorpion and tarantula inflict wounds more painful than dangerous."

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The Old Stager—Second, irritate them so that they will make you prominent.

Promising.

"Your son seems a very promising young fellow, Snipkins," observed a friend.

"Yes; he is rather too promising. He promised a girl he'd marry her, and now he won't, and I've had to pay £200 to compromise the matter."—London Fun.

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APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario at its next session for an Act to amend an Act passed in the first year of the reign of Her Majesty, the Queen, Chapter 59, entitled "An Act respecting the Chatham City and Suburban Railway Company" by adding additional names to the board of provisional directors, and for extending the time for completing the said railway; and for such other amendments and changes as the said Legislature may deem necessary and for conferring upon the Company such other and further powers and privileges as may be deemed necessary.

J. R. RANKIN,
Solicitor for applicants.
Dated at Chatham, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1901.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Biles, late of the Village of Thamesville, in the County of Kent, widow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the revised statutes of Ontario, Chapter 139, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Elizabeth Biles, who died on or about the 21st day of December, A. D. 1900, are required on or before the 16th day of February, 1901, to send post prepaid or deliver to Messrs. Scane, Houston, Stone & Scane, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, Solicitors for Charles John Moore and Thomas Marven Syer, the executors under the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Biles, deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, together with the full particulars of their claims and a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is further given that after the said last named date said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not have notice at the time of the said distribution.

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