

MONEY DOCTORS

The House of the Red Shield Busy These Troublous Times.

Europe's Chief Financiers and Their Idiosyncrasies—A House That Has Never Been Divided Against Itself—Rules of the Family—Something of the Lives and Habits of the Rothschilds.

This is the busy season for the Rothschilds—the financial doctors of Europe. There are sick nations, ailing kings, grip-stricken banks and malarial financial concerns. All feel that there is danger in the air, and the trouble is that not even the Rothschilds—the financial doctors—can diagnose the disease.

France has organic trouble. Franz Josef is harassed, the Bank of Spain needs the doctor, and no great commercial concern will venture forth until the doctor says it is "safe."

And who are these men, the physicians who heal all national wounds, even those of royal love? How and where did they get their names? How maintain their prestige? Mooley rise and Barnato die, Rhodesian suffer; but never a Rothschild smart!

Telegrams are still pouring in upon Nathan Meyer Rothschild, head of the banking house of England—telegrams of congratulation—for on the 8th of November he was 66 years old, and all Europe had to wish him health. Not that Europe hesitated about doing so, for Lord Rothschild is one of the best loved men in the



FAMOUS BANKING HOUSE IN ST. SWITHIN'S LANE.

world. Only those of us who spell our names with a very small p hesitate about declaring our affection for him, but this is merely because of his enormous wealth and the vague ways in which tinkings of it reaches us. But to the bankers of Europe, the financiers, the merchants and mercantiles, the kings and rulers, he is the kind one who helps them out of their difficulties.

Like pawns upon a chessboard are great men like Lord Salisbury, and the greatest financiers are no more than bishops and knights in the great game of money which the Rothschilds are playing with the world; the veriest rulers and the absolute monarchists are not as much as castles in the game.

No great war ever takes place without a Rothschild knows it in advance—and gives his permission. The sick nation appeals to him for medicine and he says he can supply it, after listening to the case and deciding whether or not it is curable. The Rothschilds doctored little Alfonso's bank in the recent Spanish crisis, and the bill is said now to amount to \$100,000,000. They doctored France during the Franco-Prussian war, and France still looks to them for help.

Is it any wonder, then, that Europe respects and loves them, for with it all they have been exceedingly moderate and so generous in the final settling that the King of Serbia once asked them how they got along. "We let somebody make something," replied Baron Rothschild. And that has been the motto of "The Red Shield" for a hundred years.

The Rothschilds made their money themselves. About the beginning of the 18th century Meyer Rothschild, a citizen of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, opened a small coin shop, and did so well that he left a nice little fortune. His son, Anselm Meyer, succeeded him, and did so prosper that in 1776 he was really a rich man.

About that time England wanted to get troops to fight George Washington in the colony called the United States, and Anselm Rothschild offered to send over an army of 16,000 Hessians. The British Government accepted the offer, and these Hessians were the famous ones who made "the father of his country" so much trouble. Anselm received a very large sum from Great Britain for the job.

When the Duke of Wellington got into trouble in Spain England desired to send him coin. Anselm offered to convey it to him, and succeeded in getting a great amount into Spain. These were the first great deals of the house.

When Anselm died he left five sons—Meyer, Nathan, Solomon, James and Carl—who were instructed on his deathbed to scatter to Frankfurt, their native home, Vienna, London, Italy and Paris. They did this, and in 1820 they were already great bankers, doing business at all the principal stands of the world.

About this time they formulated the family rules that have given their fortune a chance to accumulate and have held the family intact. The rules were drawn up by their mother, the aged wife of Anselm, who lived until 1849 and died at the ripe old age of 96, and were governed largely by the advice of their father on his deathbed.

These rules were substantially that: No Rothschild should make a financial arrangement without the unanimous consent of the whole family.

That the mother or oldest living woman of the family should be present at all important financial meetings.

That the great councils should take place at the banking house at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

That the family residence should be maintained at Frankfurt, at the original old home, which stands where once was the Judengasse which divided the Jewish from the Christian part of the town.

That no Rothschild should go out of the family for a wife.

That only the members of the family should be employed in the banking houses.

That the family arms should be a red shield to be set over all banking houses.

That the family motto should be "Give a Little More."

That the Rothschilds should remain arm in the faith of their fathers.

These rules have been rigidly followed except in a few instances. Hannah Rothschild married Lord Rosebery, and there

have been three intermarriages with the nobility.

Another exception has been the hiring of clerks, for though the Rothschild boys are all sent to Frankfurt at an early age to learn the banking business, the hiring of clerks became a necessity, and now there are 100 women, selected, it is said, for their ugliness, in the English house, on St. Swithin's Lane, London, which is only eight feet wide.

The Rothschilds, as the present generation knows them, are represented by Lord Nathan Meyer Rothschild, who was the oldest son of Baron Lionel Rothschild. He is not the only one in the public eye, for there is Ferdinand, the widower without children, who keeps "bachelor's hall" at Waddesdon, the finest country seat in Europe. Every Saturday Baron Ferdinand takes an immense house party to Waddesdon to stay over Sunday. The Prince of Wales has often been a guest here, and once Her Majesty Queen Victoria gave the host great delight by joining the party. It was at one of these "Saturday to Monday" gatherings that the Prince of Wales slipped upon the staircase and injured his knee. Baron Ferdinand has since been inconsolable. He belongs to the Austrian branch, but never England, and became a naturalized English citizen, and is now an M.P. for Aylesbury.

Doctors as well as patients must have their sports, and so the country house of Baron Edmond Rothschild, this owner of Atmah, which is the largest private yacht in Europe.

One hears also of Nathaniel and Adelbert of Frankfurt, for the former is called the alchemist of princes. Baron Nathaniel has personally helped more princes than any other Rothschild that ever lived. Twice he had offers of crowns from small principalities, but he refused them. Once a German duchy was tendered him by an impoverished duke in return for money. "No," he replied. "To be a Rothschild is better than being a king."

It is often asked how these brothers got their titles, for they are all decorated. The answer dates back to their first service to Vienna. They loaned the city a large amount to help it out of pecuniary trouble, for which service they refused all but the smallest interest. By way of award the King created them all "barons." In this generation Lord Nathan was made peer of England.

The Rothschilds could go in any society they chose. But they are very exclusive, and their family rules are exacting. Once a year they go to Frankfurt for a family reunion. Much more frequently they travel from the different capitals of Europe to visit each other. Every night they hold a family dinner, in what would seem to us a large, but which is to them small, fashion, and they are intensely interested in their own affairs. Beyond entertaining and being entertained by kings and princes they go out little.

The Rothschilds have always had their own peculiar way of doing things. Once a clerk absconded with a large sum of money, but the Rothschilds refused to prosecute. They said the case would expose their clients and their confidential business. But they took care to place temptation before a stranger no more.

Their acumen is as great as their wealth. Baron Alphonso, the head of the French branch, who occupies in Paris the magnificent old Talleyrand palace, is afraid of riots. For months workmen have been busy at his walls and now the story is that by touching secret springs the baron can cause all his priceless paintings to disappear and the wonderful statues to occupy hidden shelves within the walls.

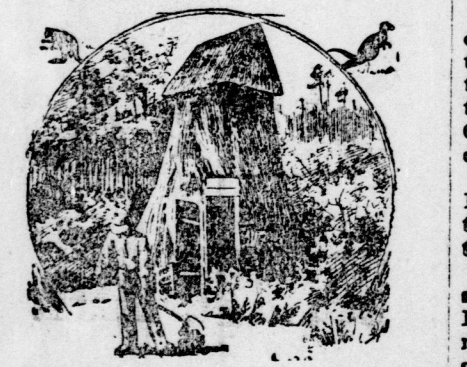
Not only to the powerful are the Rothschilds the financial doctors, but to the people also. After the great charity bazaar of 1,000,000 francs was received, a contribution of 1,000,000 francs was received. This proved to be from the banking house of Rothschild. They maintain in every capital in Europe one charitable institution. They generously head every public contribution. They give to the poor, as a matter of conscience, \$100 daily.

Their superstition—if you can call it such—is loyalty to their women. Mother and wife are worshipped.

Another family peculiarity, promised to old Anselm, is loyalty to home. This they fulfill so well that Frankfurt is the richest city of its size in the world, and so well have the Rothschilds doctored the enterprises of the city that there is one bank to every 1,300 persons.

Of these "physicians" it may be told, as a remarkable thing, that they have never "lost a case." No country or king borrowing from them has been too poor to pay.

Living "Up a Tree." Being "up a tree" has no terrors for one resident of South Gipsland, Australia, who has literally made a house out of a gum tree stump. There is a door in one side of the stump. Within, a stair



A GUM TREE STUMP HOUSE.

ascends to the second story, a steep roof of thatch protecting the whole from the inclemencies of the weather. The second story is considerably smaller than the first, owing to the slope of the stump, but a family of five manages to stow itself away in it somewhere and somehow. The designer of this queer mansion is more than satisfied with it, and professes himself to be as comfortable as the proverbial bug in a rug.

A "Mile in Various Countries."

Our English mile is 1,760 yards, and differs from the unit of distance used in other countries. The kilometer of France, Belgium and Holland is 1,094 yards, the Chinese mile 609 yards, the Russian 1,167, the Spanish 1,322, the Italian 2,025, the Portuguese 2,350, the German 5,280, the Austrian 5,297, the Danish 8,238 and the Norwegian and Swedish 11,600.

Source of the Gulf Stream.

Recent investigations have shown that the principal source of the Gulf stream is not the Florida channel, but the region between and beside the islands of the West Indies. At Bimini the volume of this warm water is 60 times as great as the combined volumes of all the rivers of the world at their mouths.

If you have catarrh, don't dally with local remedies, but purify and enrich your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

FRENCH EXPANSION

The Republic Has Vast Possessions in the Dark Continent.

Desire to Connect the Eastern and Western Colonies Led to Fashoda and Aroused Britain—Although Less in Area the British Possessions in Africa Are the Most Valuable.

There was much more at stake in the Anglo-French controversy over the ownership of the territory around Fashoda than that territory itself. The controversy has reached the danger point because there have been constant clashes between the two nations during their work of seizing the dark continent and opening it to civilization. That it is out of the way does not lessen the friction. In the struggle for African territory France has been England's greatest rival. To-day Great Britain controls 2,572,900 square miles of African soil exclusive of Egypt, while France controls 2,999,890 square miles.

These figures show that the French own the greater share of the territory. Yet that owned by England is more populous, having 40,436,500 inhabitants within its borders, against 27,099,000 in the French possessions. The possessions of England are not only more thickly settled, but they are also more valuable. The Sahara desert counts for 1,550,000 square miles in the French estimate, and, as is well known, a great proportion of it is absolutely useless for any purpose, as is shown by the fact that its population is less than one individual to each square mile.

Algeria, the principal colony of France, though by no means the largest, is practically a part of the republic itself. The Algerians send three Senators and six Deputies to the French Parliament, and these have a right to vote. The Chamber passes laws for Algeria except on the most local subjects. Algeria has an area of 287,600 square miles, including its " hinterland," and a population of 4,000,000.

Tunis, which came under French control in 1881, is the most important foreign



MAJOR J. B. MARCHAND.

possession that is administered by the French Minister of Colonies. It has an area of 94,800 square miles and a population of 1,500,000.

Madagascar and its dependencies are a recent prize. Originally a French protectorate, the republic gobbled in the whole of the island. The Hova dynasty made concessions which gradually ended in its detronement by the French. England laid claim to the island, but did not push it, and French influence there is now unchallenged. August 6, 1896, the island was declared a French colony. Madagascar has an area of 228,000 square miles and a population of 3,530,000.

With the exception of the British colonies of Gambia, Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast, Portuguese Guinea and Liberia, France claims the whole of West Africa from Cape Blanco to Tongo land and inland to the Upper and Middle Niger and considerable areas to the east of the Upper Niger, including the kingdom of Kong and neighboring territories. By the Anglo-French treaty of August 6, 1890, Great Britain recognizes as within the French sphere of influence the whole region to the south of Tunis and Algeria north of a line from Say on the Middle Niger to Barrow on Lake Chad, including all the territories which belong to Sokoto. The line of division between England and France has not been settled and war has been threatened before on this account. The total area claimed by France in West Africa is about 550,000 square miles, and it is divided into Senegal, Riviere du Sud, the Gold Coast, French Sudan, Dahomey and French Guinea.

French Congo and Gaun region is a continuous and connected territory on the right bank of the Congo. It has a total area of 500,000 square miles, and the native population is estimated at 5,000,000, with 300 Europeans in the district.

Diego-Suarez, Nosie Be and Ste. Marie were placed under the authority of the resident-general of Madagascar after the annexation of the island.

Reunion, which has belonged to France since 1764, is represented in the French Parliament. It has an area of 965 square miles and a population of 167,000. The government of Mayotte and the Comoro island, which together are about as large as Reunion, were in 1896 attached to the latter island.

On the east coast are Obock and the Somali Coast protectorate, with an area of 6,330 square miles and a population of 200,000. It is France's endeavor to connect this with the French Congo and West Africa that has led to the Fashoda affair.

Wear on Valuable Coins.

A gold coin passes from one to another 2,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes about 3,250,000 times before it becomes entirely effaced.

Abyssinian Murder Law.

In Abyssinia it is the law that the murderer be turned over to the relatives of the dead person, they, if they please, to put him to death in the same manner in which the murdered person was removed.

British Pill Consumption.

Recent investigations have shown that the people of Great Britain swallow over 5,600,000 pills daily, or one pill a week for every person in the population.

Noble Venetian Family Now Extinct.

By the death of the widow of the last Prince, the name of the Venetian family Giocanelli, that had existed since 1280, has become extinct.

WILHELMINA'S BETROTHED

Prince William of Wied May Be the Future Husband of Holland's Pretty Queen.

The engagement of the Queen of Holland with the young German Prince of Wied may be a love match, as everybody claims, but it has a practical, everyday side to it as well, it is said. One of the principal reasons, according to a European authority, why the Queen intends to marry a member of a family of so little importance as the Prince of Wied has not yet been brought to light.

The royal family, as well as the people of Holland, want first of all to avoid the possibility that by the marriage of the



PRINCE WILLIAM OF WIED.

young sovereign to a prince of a ruling family it might happen after some time that through inheritance a ruler of a foreign country might become also King of Holland. This might easily happen if the young queen should marry a prince of any ruling European house. The Dutch royal family and the people of Holland do not wish to repeat the experiences which the country has had in the past. Such marriages were the reasons for the Dutch war of independence in the sixteenth century, and indirectly for the dividing of Belgium and Holland into two kingdoms in 1839.

The family of the Prince of Wied has practically no influence in Germany. The Wieds are not even ruling princes, as the rule of Napoleon in Germany. After the evacuation of Germany by the French it was considered best by the rulers of all the large German states not to restore their thrones to the smaller princes, included among whom were the Princes of Wied. The former territory of the Wieds was therefore given to Prussia in 1815, since when the Princes of Wied have been Prussian subjects, with less influence in Germany than many of the oldest noble families. Nevertheless, the Wied family is considered to be of equal birth to the other royal German families. Their title remains, but that is all, as they have very small family possessions.

Many Germans believe that there is not much love on the side of the Prince of Wied. They will not admit that as far as he is concerned his aim is not to obtain a position of influence and a fortune, both of which he lacks at present. Even if he plays only "second fiddle" in Holland as husband of the Queen and is known only as "Queen's Consort," as it was with Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, he will have quite an other and more influential position than he had in Germany as Prince of Wied. His income, too, will be far greater than he ever dared to dream of.

Frightened Into Health.

Fear is sometimes curative, although vastly less so than the opposite emotions of joy and hopeful expectation. Dr. Tuke reports the case of a man suffering greatly by the shock and fright of a railway accident. Sharp relates a similar history. Hysterical paralysis has been cured by sudden fright, although such occurrences are rarer than is generally supposed. Mischea, a celebrated physician, one of the most profound in the knowledge of mental diseases, used to write insulting anonymous letters to some of his patients in order to cure the hysterical cases. Physicians have sometimes had recourse in hysterical cases to threats or sudden fright to check dangerous symptoms when all other remedies have proved useless. Amann tells of a hysterical patient who suffered from tetanic convulsions and trances, and whose father treated her with blows and cured her. Pansanctis relates that a youth recovered his speech in the fright caused by the sight of a lion; and Herodotus, in his history, narrates that the son of Croesus was dumb, and that at the taking of Sardis, seeing a Persian with drawn sword about to kill his father, he cried out, overcome with fright: "Kill not Croesus!" and from that moment he was able to speak.

Woman Man's Best Friend.

Because she is his mother. Because she is his wife. Because without her he would be rude, rough and ungaily.

Because she can with him endure pain quietly and most joy gladly.

Because she is patient with him in illness, endures his fretfulness and "moanings" him.

Because she teaches him the value of gentle words, of kindly thought and of consideration.

Because on her breast he can shed tears of repentance, and he is never reminded of them afterwards.

Because she will stick to a man through good and evil report, and always believe in him if she loves him.

A Fifth Season.

In northern Russia the month of October is characterized by features so remarkable that it is reckoned as a fifth season, coming between autumn and winter, and called the *rasputnya* season. It is nearly coincident in time with our Indian summer, but is more regular in its occurrence, and lasts longer. The word "*rasputnya*," says Mr. Trevor-Batye, a recent traveler in Russia, means "the separation of the roads." During the season bearing this name the country is impassable, owing to the thawing of the first frosts and the blocking of the streams with broken ice. The land resembles a quagmire, and even the Government postal service is suspended for a month.

The Power of Coal.

An interesting calculation has been made, which shows that the energy produced by a pound of good coal equals the work of one man for one day. One square mile of a seam of coal only four feet deep could therefore be made to exceed the work of 1,000,000 men for 50 years.

ONLY 700 CITIZENS

Inhabit the Capital of the Falklands, Port Stanley.

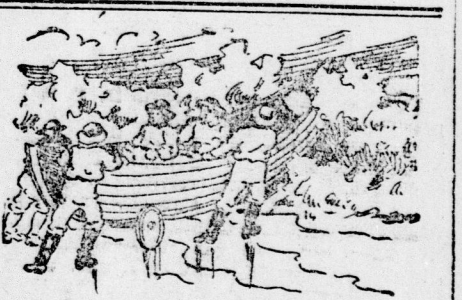
The Unique City That Will Be Headquarters of the New Naval Station of Great Britain, Which Is to Control the Magellans and Cape Horn—A Thrifty Community.

Port Stanley, the capital of the Falkland Islands, is shortly to become a coaling and naval station of Great Britain, and the fleet whose base it will be will thus command the Magellans and Cape Horn. This capital is one of the most unique towns in the world. Frank G. Carpenter, who recently visited the city, says it has only 700 citizens, including the Governor and all his officials, but it has more thrift and business than many towns of five times its size. It is perhaps the richest capital of the world, for every one of its inhabitants has all he can eat and to spare. Port Stanley is situated on Stanley Harbor, just beyond Cape Pembroke, at the east end of East Falkland. Its harbor is a safe, land-locked bay, about half a mile wide and five miles long, with an entrance so narrow that a large ship could hardly turn about in it. Upon the south side of the harbor, running up a gently sloping hill, are a hundred or so neat one and two-story cottages. They are made of wood or stone, with ridge roofs of corrugated iron. This is Port Stanley. As you look at it from the steamer it makes you think of a German village, and as you come closer to it you find that every little house has its front yard and garden, and that the front doors of even the poorest of the cottages have vestibules. This is to shield the visitors and families from the cold wind. In nearly every window you see potted plants and flowers. Such things will not grow out of doors, and I venture that there is not a town of this size in the world which has so many green-houses and conservatories.

Beside each house is a pile of what looks like cubes of well-rotted manure. This is peat. Peat forms the fuel of the town, and it comes from the bog on the top of the hill, at the foot of which Port Stanley lies. Everyone here can get his own fuel for the digging, and nearly every householder in Port Stanley goes to the moor and chops out his own peat blocks for the winter.

Some of the houses are quite pretentious. The manager of the Falklands Company has a house containing a dozen rooms, and the cottages of the Governor cover perhaps one-quarter of an acre of ground, all of his rooms being on the ground floor. There are three churches, one of which is called the cathedral. This is presided over by the bishop of the Falklands. Another church is Roman Catholic and a third is a Baptist. There are two hotels or public houses where you can get a bed or a drink. If you want the latter you may have good Scotch whiskey for six cents a glass and Bass' stout for four cents. There is a butcher shop which sells delicious mutton at four cents a pound and fairly good beef for eight cents a pound, so you see the necessities of life are cheap.

Port Stanley has a post office at which the monthly newspaper mail averages five pounds per family. It has a postal savings bank in which the deposits now amount to \$180,000. There are only 2,000 people in the Falklands and the depositors in the postal savings bank number 850. The town has a Governor appointed by the Queen, who gets a salary of \$5,000 a year. It has other officials whose salaries foot up \$50,000 annually. It has an American Consul, a Kentuckian named Miller, who seems to be hand and glove with the Governor, and who is trying hard to earn his salary on these faraway islands, where there is no American trade and where there are not a dozen vessels in a century. The Consulate is a little cottage of three rooms and a lean-to such as could be built for \$100 in the United States. It is one of the most useless Consulates in our service, and there is no earthly reason for its existence except to give some politician a place. By the time this letter is published the present appointment will probably be back home, as an Iowa man has been chosen to succeed him.

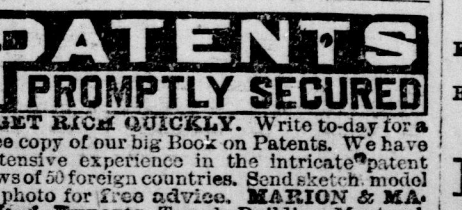


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