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## British and Foreign.

Among the war correspondents in South Africa there are as many as fifteen representing the Australian Press.

It is a curious feature of the present Kipling popularity that he forms the one exception to the hatred of things English now so prevalent in Germany.

The cultivation of coffee on the northern coasts of Queensland is stated to be becoming an important industry. Growers are said to be making preparations to export to Britain coffee in a ground and timed condition.

From one end of Japan to the other a child is treated, as a sacred thing, be it one's own or a stranger's. Each one carries its name and address on a ticket round its neck; but should it stray from home food and shelter and kindness would meet it everywhere.

The difficulty which has arisen in India from the claim of Presbyterian and Wesleyan Army chaplains to the joint use with the Anglicans of military churches has been settled by the Government of India promising to erect at certain stations separate buildings for the use of Presbyterian, Wesleyan and other Protestants.

A thrifty housewife went into a shop in Hawick lately and asked for a brush to sweep the house with. "They're twopence dearer," said the shopkeeper. "What's the cause of that?" was the next query. "Oh, it's owing to the war" was the reply, whereupon the customer exclaimed—"Eh whow, they're no fechtin' wi' besoms, are they?"

An old Scotchman of Boston used to say, "I'm open to conviction; but I'd like to see the man that can convince me." Old Minister Wells, the predecessor of the Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Braintree, Massachusetts, himself a Scotchman, used to say—"It behoveth a Scotchman to be right; for if he be wrong, he will be for ever and eternally wrong."

An amusing story is told of a recent incident at Holloway College. The institution is entirely devoted to the education of women, and consequently the attendance at the chapel on Sunday consists exclusively of members of that sex. The other Sunday the preacher—the only male in the chapel—selected as his text, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" A suppressed laugh ran through the congregation, but there was no open outburst of merriment.

If a Russian girl wishes to study at any of the universities which now admit women, etiquette does not allow her to do so until she is married with a male student, whom very probably she has never seen before, and this marriage is quite legal, though, perhaps, they may never speak to each other again. On the other hand, if they like each other, and wish it, they are married for life; if they don't, the marriage is dissolved when their university course is run, and they are free to marry someone else.

The Kaiser is probably the last personage to inscribe his name in the Queen's autograph book. This book has been carefully preserved by her Majesty during the sixty-one years of her long reign, and contains a remarkably rich collection of autographs, including those of a Pope, four Czars, and several German Kings and Emperors. Amongst French autographs in the Royal album are those of King Louis Philippe and Napoleon III. The late Shah and the Sultan Abdul Aziz also inscribed their names on the historic roll.

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