there was dancing on the green to the music of all the fiddlers far and near. As if this old-fashioned house-warming were not sufficient a monster balloon was sent up and in the evening brilliant fireworks terminated the fets. Besides his magnificent residence, Rue de Varennes, Paris, the Duc de Doud de Varennes, Paris, the Duc de Doudeauville possesses three great estates, the Valleesax-Loups, Esclimont and Bonnetable. Vallee-aux-Loups is a Swiss chalet near Paris,
and was built by Chateaubriand, who spent
here the happiest years of his life. Esclimont
was built by Francois de la Rochefoucauld.
Prince de Marsillac, who, in 1494, was godfather of Francis I. Since his time all the La
Rochefoucaulds bear the name Francois; the
statue of this La Rochefoucauld perpetuates
his memory in the courtyard of Esclimont and
secalls the time when the castie was the sceneof royal fetes.

mouvre la chasse, is the real ancestral home of the La Rochefoudaulds.

The arms of the family are the same as those of the Lusignans, burele d'azur et l'argent, avec brisure de trois chevrons de pueule, le prenaier evime brochant sur le tout. Their motto is "Cest mon plaisir" (it is my pleasure), prouder than mottoes ot the houses with which they are allied—the Bauffremonts, Poliguacs, Montmoreneys, Bourbons, Mortemarts, &c. The present Duc de Doudeauville married, first, the beautiful Yolande, Princesse de Polignac. Her only child is now Duchesse de Luynes, whose visit to America some two years ago made so great a sensation in the social world of New York and Newport. Mme. de Luynes made a vow beside the tomb of her husband, killed at Patay during the Franco-Prussian war, never to forsake the name of her hero and to keep the father always in the memory of the children. That sattle of Dampierre, one of the most beautiful ancestral homes of France, has in no way been changed since the Duc de Luynes left is for the last time, and here cocasionally the Duchesse offers hospitality to some privileged guests.

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After the death of his first wife the Duc de Doudeauville married Marie, daughter of the Prince de Ligne, who, after the Revolution of 1860, was offered the throne of Belgium. The princely house of Ligne possesses estates in Belgium, France, Austria and Galicia, but their favorite residence is the Castle of Belgiil, near Mons, Belgium.

The Doudeauvilles are very popular, and if the Comte de Paris were on the throne the Duchesse would be the "first lady in the land." Who can tell? Perhaps after the Duc shall have restored his castles to their former splendor he may restore the French throne. A bestoration devoutly to be wished.

BARONESS ALTHEA SALVADOR.

which he perpetrated, a short time aince, is now the talk of the town, Dressing himself in the threadbare, frayed, fringed and faded earments which would, quite likely, be worn by a cross between a Bohemian journalist and a tramp, Bret Hart visited the office of Labouchere's Truth, and asked to see the eminent journalist. He was ushered into the holy of holies, the inner office of the newspaporial M.P., and told him that he had a poem which he would be pleased to sell, and asked Mr. Labouchere to look it over. But the famous lance-hurler of the London press at first refused to glance at the offering, but upon Harte's earnestly pleading his immediate need of money, Mr. Labouchere hastily examined the production. Then he returned it with the remark:

"Te cannot use this trash."

"But, my God!" exclaimed Harte, "I'm starving."

He looked like it, for his make up for the "What do you want for it?" inquired Labouchers.
"Its worth a pound?" said Harte, with an expression hidicating that his heart was crawling up in the vicinity of his larnyx.
""Ant a pound! It is not worth the paper it is written on," raged Labouchere. "If you want charity, I can give you a few shillings, but it would only be accompanied by advice to the effect that a strong, able-bodied man like you can make more money and give less cause of offense by seeking employment at hop-picking, or shipping before the mast. Instead of trying to worm your way into journalism, why did you not join the expedition for the relief of General Gordon? Who are you anyway?"
"Bret Harte," was the answer, as the major portion of the disguise was removed, and the astonished Labouchere belief a club companion whom he had not known for years. The poem, however, will soon be published to the world, and it was one of Harte's greatest efforts. But its introduction to the great world will not be through the columns of London Truth.

Thomas Mers. Bracebridge, writes:—"Dromas' Eclewric Oil is the best medicine I. It always gives satisfaction, and in case coughs, colds, sore throat, &c., immediation has been received by those who us

Teaching Dogs.

The pointer is the most easily trained of short-haired dogs. The bulldog is much mor intelligent than is generally supposed, and while less ferocious than is generally believed none is capable of greater affection. Mr. Stevens insists that kindness is the principal factor in training dogs. Other fanciers, however, have long contended that brute force only can be relied upon. Most stage tricks are done by cues or signals, without attracting the attention of the sudience. "Romeo" selects any number given by one of the audience. Blocks upon which the ten numerals are painted are arrayed in a row on the stage. The dog has been taught to commence at the extreme right, and resign clearing in the throat by the master, unheard beyond the footlights, is a cue for the dog to pass the first, second, third, etc., until he reaches the correct one. Silence then gives consent and the trick is successfully performed. It required two years of patient training to teach Romeo to pick out these numbers, Mr. Stevens said, although the dog is a remarkably bright aniintelligent than is generally supposed, and ough the dog is a remarkably bright ani-

Sons of Millionaires. Providence Journal's New York Letter. The news that the heir of a millionair named George Law has just given away \$13,750 worth of diamonds to a lot of bar-room loaters, fighters and ruffians, has made a great ensation here and has newly armed those wh hold that what one generation saves is spent by the next. One of the Schuylers shot him-self not long ago because the maternal pile ran out. Berry Wall is another instance of the but. Berry wall is another instance of the lendency of sons to scatter quickly what their fathers raised by patient saving, and of course instances of the sort crowd one another, but it is not the rule in New York. The Yander-bilts are all rapidly increasing their wealth; bilts are all rapidly increasing their wealth; the Astors have never known a prodigal in their family; the Goelets of to-day are as thrifty as their ancestors; Peter Cooper's wealth is in good hands, Jay Gould appears to have no child who will throw away money. His eldest sonk is a money-maker like the Vanderbilts and Astor men. Perhaps there is a field for study in this subject. All these millionaires, whose money is now or soon will be in safe hands, were thrifty and successful from the first, while the elder George Law, who left eight millions, was a workingman until middle age, and only then begun to make his pile. He began to make it by building public works, and then he became a pionear horse railroad constructor. The faculty for gaming wealth may have been born in him, but it only showed itself when other men are preparing to lay back and rest on the fruits of earlier enterprise.

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