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Our LONDON LETTER

Doings and Fashions in the World's Metropolis.

I am afraid this my usual letter, which my many friends take such interest in and flatter me so by their appreciation, will fall short this time of its usual on dits. To one who has visited London as often as the writer, there appears a great sameness—a sort of expectancy of something to come—of some sort of dissatisfaction—almost discontent brooding over the great national events—the opening of Parliament—took place while I was there—the King and Queen rode in their gilded carriage, drawn by the eight magnificent greys that had so often done duty for the late Victoria—the same which drew her to her last resting place, the crowds were larger as the weather was superb; in fact traffic was stopped several times around Victoria Street, the Horse Guards and the several streets and courts leading from Trafalgar Square to St. James' Park. As for Buckingham Palace and vicinity, thousands had taken their stand there as early as 9 a.m., though the Royal equipage did not leave the Palace till 12.

There's nothing very startling on in theatres either—nothing thrilling such as "Nero," "The Sign of the Cross," or an "Englishman's Home," which latter stirred the Nation last year, and was the means of starting the great Territorial Army. I saw the "Dollar Princess," but it can't fill the bill of "The Merry Widow" which was really clever and the music beautiful. There are three scenes in "The Dollar Princess"—the reception hall of an American millionaire's house; a tennis court where all the guests are playing—and lastly a scene—splendid in the extreme—of a view in Southern California where the blooming magnolia sweeps the successful settlers' home and where "The Dollar Princess" meets the man who now equals her in wealth and where they are "happy for ever after." It is just a society comedy and not much in it. The "Arcadians," a musical comedy, is having a good run; it is beautifully staged, and I don't think I ever saw a more lovely gypsy scene than that on which the curtain rises, showing a glen for miles and miles, as it were, of green sward shadowed by towering trees and flowers of every hue, where the happy Arcadians "lived and moved and had their being" till the aeroplane fell among them and its occupant aroused their curiosity, real all the doings of the outer world. Its very pretty, but too impossible. Sir Peerholm Tree is playing "The O'Flynn" at His Majesty's Theatre; this is quite an historical piece in the reign of the first James and shows the loyalty of the Irish to their lawful sovereign. There are some fine scenes in it, and the dialogue abounds in irrepressible Irish humour, even at the most thrilling and tragic episodes! It is almost inconceivable how splendidly everything dramatic is staged

in London. When the curtain goes up on some scenes, the effect nearly takes one's breath away, so transcendently lovely are they to look at. This applies more especially to pantomimes; they are still playing "Alladin" at Drury Lane, and the transformation scenes defy description. These latter shows are largely patronised by young folk and children; and 'tis sweet to hear their fresh young laughter rippling through the applause.

Fashions have not changed very much since last spring; the clinging skirts and "Princess" mode still prevail; coats and skirts are de regueur, with the coat growing gradually shorter. Violets and violet shades will prevail, with a good sprinkling of greys, old rose, mole and cock's comb colour, for the "Rooster" has come quite into prominence by the "Chanticleer" play they have brought on in Paris. It's well it was not introduced in the autumn or there'd be nothing but "chanticleer" hats; but they are too heavy for spring and summer. I have seen the French model; it is just as if a rooster were skinned and its feathers, wings and all put on a pointed toque shape; the comb is made of pecked-out "cock's comb" made of pinked-out "cock's comb" just as if a rooster were on the head. It is not a feat in millinery to crow over—pardon the pun; for it it looks like an outrage on, not only good taste, but common sense. There is a great variety of hats and toques this season; the large and medium "manchroom" still obtain; while the "Dollar Princess" and other turbans notably the "Bushby" are as popular as ever. While on hats I might remark that the large hats are worn quite down on the shoulder as ever. There is also a folded turban like that known as the "Turkish," worn right at the back of the head; they are not becoming, and are worn more by Misses. The hair is dressed to an enormous size—immense pomps each side the face, and a chignon at the back of curls and rolls and twists; bands of ribbon are freely used for evening or dressy occasions, in the Grecian style; sometimes bands of gilt, silver or sequine are used; and I must say look very pretty. For instance I saw a lady one night in a black sequine gown with steel bands and "cock's comb" ribbon in her dark hair. She was a picture. Young ladies wear pale blue, pink, white or cream, to suit their dresses, and one I saw looked handsome in cream, with this new red ribbon in her hair. But one sees such variety in London, with its teeming millions, its gorgeous shops with their daily arrival of Paris novelties, that one may never stop describing them. One thing flowers will be profusely worn, and hats for spring are literally smothered in them.

E. C.

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Mr. Editor,—My excuse for troubling you so often with my effusions, is the fact of my having more time on my hands than I can otherwise profitably employ, as work of all kinds is very scarce in these parts at present. But, sir, as I see the Government has made a contract with a company for the exportation of beach rocks, or as they are more elegantly styled in the contract, "Pebble stones," I hope soon to be able to report a change in the existing order of things, as there are any quantity of pebble stones right near "Long Harry's" place of abode. I am going to interview the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and ask him to use his influence with the company to get me the job of foreman or "super-cargo" or something of that kind, and I think, sir, I will have a good chance of succeeding, providing Mr. Seymour is not fishing for the position. I would not require a very large salary—\$100.00 a month to start with and travelling expenses thrown in would suit me to a dot.

By the way, I am told that our "Junior Member" is trying to "hook" the job of looking after the Colony's exhibit at the Festival of Empire in London in June next. If he succeeds, then I think Mr. Piccott will have no trouble in securing the position for me, for Mr. S. would be the only competitor I need fear. That little gentleman, I am also told, in conjunction with enlightening the debates of the Assembly with his wit and wisdom, is engaged delivering a course of lectures at the Model Farm, preparatory, so my informant says, to the Premier inaugurating his great policy of whitening the South Side Hills of your city with sheep and growing the two-blade grass on the wonderful agricultural lands which the branch railways to Trinity and Bonaville are going to open up! When that policy is carried out, sir, we will no longer be carrying all our eggs in one basket! The land will flow with milk and honey and lam factories will be flourishing all over the country. The "soiling process" will revolutionize the fishing industry and no longer will we need fear our rivals—the Norwegians or the French. Cold storage, judging from the past, will be a powerful lever in our hands, alongside of which the Mackinon cod will sink into insignificance. Our toilers of the deep will become so prosperous after a few years of the Morris's regime, that they will be able to retire and hie off to the Old Country to man the new Dreadnoughts which are being built, and if there are any of them remaining after the "Bulwarks of Old England" are crewed, these will go up to Canada and enlist in the Dominion Navy, just for the fun of the thing. Capt. Bill Winsor, Mr. Editor, would make an ideal commander of a Canadian man-of-war, and "Long Harry" would most respectfully call the attention of the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries to this fact. The Hon. J. C. Crosbie would willingly furnish the necessary recommendation.

The matter of Newfoundlanders wearing the cast-off clothing of people of other countries has also engaged the attention of the Government, and the Minister of Finance and Customs seeing prosperous times ahead (for himself) has taken time by the forelock, and prohibited the importation of that commodity. While, however, I am willing to give the Minister a mead of praise for his action in this connection, I cannot refrain from saying that I think the primary motive of the Government in making this move was a reward to Hon. John Anderson for the very postulate letter he wrote Sir Edward Morris on his departure for the Old Country, wherein he left the impression that he had fully repented of all he had previously said regarding the railway policy of the Government. (I think, Mr. Editor, last May he said it was a wild cat scheme, and one that would land us in Confederation)—and how sorry he was, he could not stay to cast his vote in its favor.

It is getting late, Mr. Editor, and soon the train that is to bear my scribble to your city will be winding its way through Connors' Grove, therefore I must cut it short, and subscribe myself once again Sincerely yours,

LONG HARRY.

Hr. Grace, March 14, 1910.

Successful Sociable.

The sociable held by Leeming Lodge at Victoria Hall last night was a great success. Tea was served at 6.30 by the lady friends. A concert was given in which the following assisted: Messrs. Peet, Crocker, Edwards, Pottles, Cornick, Roberts; Misses Edwards, Morris, Crocker, Hicks, Maunde and Moore. At the close a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. G. T. Phillips and seconded by Mr. J. Penny was carried unanimously.

Opening of the C.E.T.S. Rooms.

Yesterday the new reading and recreation rooms of the Church of England Temperance Society were formally opened for the benefit of the members. A large number of the members and others were present, including His Lordship Bishop Jones, Sir E. P. and Lady Morris and Miss Outerbridge. His Lordship having called upon Rev. Jas. Bell, that ardent worker in the cause of temperance gave a very interesting account of the work of the organization and the movement which led up to the building of the new rooms. Five weeks ago matters were in chaos, but now they were in fine order. He had collected and expended \$340 on the rooms. They were out of debt now but there were other necessities to be acquired. These were detailed, and it must have been gratifying to know that at the close of the meeting these were supplied by generous visitors. Mr. Bell stated that the work on the rooms had been done by volunteers from the Society, whose contributions, if they had been paid at the rate of 16 cents an hour, would total \$180. He conveyed special thanks to Mr. Norman Outerbridge for the gift of a very handsome new gramophone. His Lordship the Bishop then made a brief but very interesting address and then declared the rooms to be open. Speeches were also made by the Premier, Hon. Jas. Angel, Rev. Jos. Thackeray, President Ellis of the T. A. Society, Revs. C. Hackett and Canon White and Mr. I. C. Morris. On motion of Mr. R. G. McDonald, seconded by Mr. G. Hayward, a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation for His Lordship the Bishop. Mr. Bell read letters from His Excellency the Governor, Chief Justice Horwood, D. Browning, Esq., K.C., and others regretting that they could not be present. Tea was served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Rev. Dr. Kitchen Lecture to T. A. Society

The last lecture in the series given before the T. A. & B. Society this season took place yesterday afternoon when the Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Kitchen, delivered a very entertaining and learned discourse on the Irish in Newfoundland.

After being introduced by President Ellis the rev. lecturer spoke in fluent language of the Apostolic labours of the great saint whose feast was being observed to-day. He then interestingly portrayed the manner in which the people of Irish descent in Newfoundland celebrated the day, showing that they did so with as much enthusiasm and patriotism as the Sons of the Emerald Isle themselves. His discourse which occupied an hour and a half was one well worth listening to, and the rev. gentleman was frequently applauded. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. J. Norris and seconded by Mr. G. J. Coughlan, was accorded Dr. Kitchen.

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HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

To make pure pea soup, heat in its own liquor a can of peas, press through a sieve and add the pulp thus obtained to one quart of beef stock. Reheat and serve with cubes of toasted bread.

All table linen stains, fruit and even coffee stains where there is cream in the coffee, may be removed by rubbing the spots with pure glycerine. Let it remain an hour and then rinse in lukewarm water.

To prevent starch from sticking to the iron and streaking, drop a small piece of alum into it when it is done and stir over the fire until it is dissolved. Then remove from the fire and add a teaspoonful of kerosene.

To heat a smoothing iron on the coals without smutting it, take a cap from the kitchen stove and lay it on the coals. Place the iron on top of this, and both will soon be heated through.

To hard boil eggs so that the yolks will not be discolored, they should be put into boiling water on the stove, never into cold, and after boiling for half an hour they should be plunged into cold.

If there is a bit of cauliflower left over from a meal, try dipping it first into crumbs, then into eggs, and again into crumbs. If not enough to serve separately, then fry in deep fat and use as a garnish to any meat or luncheon dish.

Cold cooked beef, whether boiled, broiled or roasted, chopped fine, mixed with cooked potatoes, also chopped fine, and moistened with gravy and milk, makes a most acceptable dish. Put it into a pudding dish, cover over the top with grated cheese and bake.

Before putting white furs away, clean by rubbing gently with corn meal dampened with gasoline in the open air. Repeat until clean, and then stuff the fur with dry meal. It will easily shake out. Clean dark furs with dry bran, which should be heated.

A safe and sane skin lotion that will prevent premature wrinkles is made by boiling twelve tablespoonsful of barley in a quart of water until gluten is obtained. Strain through a fine linen and add to the liquid a tablespoonful of tincture of benzoin.

Rice with fruit makes a tasty dessert. When the rice is boiled tender add a little orange pulp, a sliced banana and a few canned cherries. Pour into a mold to become firm. When cold cover with powdered macaroons and serve with either whipped cream or a soft custard.

Jellied salad is nice for a change. Chop bits of celery rather fine, mix with shredded lettuce or flaked cabbage and saturate thoroughly with a well-seasoned French dressing. Mix a teaspoonful of granulated gelatine in a little water, blend this well through the whole, press into a crockery mold or small bowl, and put in a cool place to become firm.

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