Interesting Gossip About Notable Men and Women.

BY THE MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

Lord Malmesbury's engagement re- | Tasmania. There is no question about moves from the list of eligible his right to the baronetcy. For "Burke's Peerage" and other analobachelors and of matrimonial catches one who has figured thereon until now old cabman is the son of Major Charles as a bright particular star. He is Burton Meredyth, of the Royal slightly over 30 years of age, served in South Africa during the war, did duty as private secretary to the Minister of the Colonies, as well as on the staff of the Governor of New South Wales, and owns a beautiful place in Hampshire known as Heron Court, as well as some 10,000 acres of knights of Windsor precisely because exceedingly valuable landed property. He is not the grandson but the grand- Fusileers on which to subsist. nephew of the well-known statesman naval and military knights of Windwho played so important a role as foreign minister during the earlier portion of the reign of Queen Victoria, and whose "Reminiscences," published a few years before his death, form one of the most amusing histories of the idiosyncrasies and peccadillos of politi-

The first Earl of Malmesbury was celebrated as a diplomatist, was for many vears ambassador to the court of Catherine the Great, and the author of the aphorism that "the Briton who spends much of his time among strange nations and does not every time he visits his native land thank his God for being British, is unworthy of the blessings of true liberty." Heron Court is full of treasures collected abroad by this ambasador, one of the most interesting being a table which belonged to King Louis XIV. of France, and upon which was signed the treaty, or family compact, by which the French Bourbons secured the throne of Spain.

The late earl, that is to say, the father of the present peer, was quite the reverse of popular, and not long before his death his countess brought a suit against him for judicial separation, which at the last moment was arranged out of court with a view to avoiding scandal. Lady Malmesbury's sons, as well as society, sided with her, and when after her husband's death and the succession to the earldom of her son he brought her back to Heron Court, despite the testamentary injunctions of his father, she was received with much rejoicing by all the tenantry on the estates. Lord Malmesbury, let me add, is one of the considerable number of twins among the British aristocracy.

There is probably no country house in England which contains such 3 amount of silver plate as Enville Hall, the splendid country seat of Catherine, Countess of Stamford. which has just been almost entirely destroyed by fire. It is said that every bedroom at Enville—a place—was equipped with an entire Christmas holidays and to undertake the cooling to the capture of the control of the contr toilet service of superb Queen silver, and in the platerooms there were tons upon tons of grand old sil-It seems that one of the first Earls of Stamford was so fond of silver that he made a proviso in his will that a large sum of money should be devoted annually to the purchase of silver, and this had been going on for generations until in the middle of the ast century the seventh earl secured private act of Parliament annulling

this obligation. Fortunately most of the plate and the magnificent collection of paintings were saved. But the mansion itself, built early in King George III.'s reign in the place of the Elizabethan manor that previously occupied the site, has been almost entirely destroyed, which is a great loss. For Enville Hall, with its art treasures, its superb grounds, park and lakes laid out by the poet, Shenstone, and its once famous private racecourse, was one of the show places of England.

By right it should be owned by the present Earl of Stamford, formerly a school teacher in Barbadoes, and who succeeded to the earldom after the House of Lords had decided that the lusky son of the eighth earl-a missionary-and of his coal black Hottentot wife and cook was illegitimate, having been born prior to his parents' marriage. The seventh earl on dying trate of Limerick, and a granddaughwithout issue left all of his property for life to his widow, Catherine, and it is only on her death that the vast essions of the earldom, including all the family plate above mentioned. will revert to the earldom and come possession of the present

scure parentage, and as Kitty Cocks was practically dowerless, and it was was celebrated in her youth on the largely on this account that battle with the late queen (from whose court she was barred) in connection with her refusal to exchange her box Limerick is Pery, which does not preopera immediately adjoining that of the sovereign for one in some other portion of the house, is a matter of history and served to keep the Queen away from the opera during an

dyth, who died the other day at an was advanced to the rank first of visdvanced old age, as one of the socalled "poor knights" of Windsor, declined to recognize his kinsmen, yet borne by Lady Limerick's son, who here is no doubt that the lawful heir to his ancient baronetcy is his cousin, George Augustus Meredyth, some years of age, wizened and deaf, derold of education, and who, beginning life as a shoemaker, has been in turn at the age of 66, was the youngest a stoker, a shop assistant, and a half-brother of that Prince Richard policeman; while he is now earning Metternich who spent so many years

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gous works of reference show that the

> Marines, youngest son of Sir Barry Meredyth, the seventh baronet of the The cabman baronet is a This baronetcy is in every sense of the word a barren honor. For there are no estates or money that go with he had nothing but his pension as a retired captain of the Royal Irish

sor, formerly known as the "poor knights," are a foundation within precincts of Windsor Castle for deserving veterans in straitened circumstances, and they receive as such not only free quarters and allowances, but also a small stipend over and above their pension, the only duty required cians and diplomats during the greater portion of the nineteenth century.

their pension, the pension pen Castle in a quaint and picturesque uni-

> The baronetcy was originally conferred upon Sir Robert Meredyth, who was chancellor of the exchequer of Ireland and one of the commissioners appointed to fulfill the office of governor-general during the absence of the Marquis of Ormonde. No less than five out of the ten baronets-the cabman is the eleventh-never assumed The founder of the family was the Rev. Dr. Richard Meredyth, whom Queen Elizabeth appointed as dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral at Dublin, as a compensation for the long imprisonment he had unjustly suffered in the Town of London. There is another baronetcy in the Meredyth family, created about 120 years ago, and conferred upon a junior branch of the descendants of the dean of St. Patrick's just mentioned. This baronetcy is now in the possession of Sir Henry Meredyth, and he is quite rich, owns estates in County Kilkenny, and is a well-known man about town in London. He has been twice married, his first wife having eloped from him to America with Richard Cecil Leigh. Indeed, the entire evidence in the strength of which the divorce was granted was obtained on the other side of the Atlantic. When Sir Henry married again some years afterwards his wedding ceremony was interrupted by the Duke of Newcastle's friend, Father Black, who in-

Lady Limerick, who, according to a concert tour throughtout the United States, of which the profits, it is said. are to be devoted to the endowment of a national Irish school for music at Dublin, is the wife of one of the impoverished of British peers, the late earl, who himself was far from rich, having left everything of which he could dispose to his widow-a second wife. The late earl's first wife, the mother of the present peer was a woman of humble parentage.

sisted that Sir Henry's divorce con-

the marriage.

stituted a canonical impediment to

The present earl was formerly in the army, but distinguished himself more as an amateur actor than as a soldier his most notable performance having been his presentation of the nurse in his burlesque of "Romeo and Juliet," given at the Queen's Theater, Dublin in behalf of some local charity. He has besides this one peculiar hobbynamely, that of bootmaking.

Lady Limerick is a beautiful wowith dark hair and typically Irish eyes, possessed of great musical talents that are shared by her sister. Indeed, the latter's performances on the violin, together with Lady Limerick's singing and touch of the piano, served to secure them as young girls

the entree into Dublin Society. The countess is the daughter of Joseph Burke Irwin, a police magis- Salisbury's bust at Oxford, his address ter of that J. B. Irwin, of Fenn Hall, Roscommon, who in the early days of the nineteenth century was known throughout Ireland by the sobriquet of "Hard Riding Johnny." It was her uncle, Edward Irwin, who was so conspicuous on the turf, and who, with his grand race horse Faugh-a-Ballagh, Catherine Lady Stamford is of ob- won the historic St. Leger of 1844. She music hall stage. Her father-in-law, the late earl, so bitterly opposed her marriage. patronymic of the lords of the

vent their claiming descent on the distaff side from the Plantagent kings. The first Pery of note was William Pery, Bishop of Limerick, who was created Lord Glentworth in 1789. His son, for supporting the act of union and for inducing the corporation and Although the late Sir Edward Mere- County of Limerick to do the same, count and then of earl of Limerick. The title of Lord Glentworth is now has for his godmother the Princess of

Prince Lothar Metternich, whose death has just taken place in Vienna his living as a cabman at Hobart, as French ambassador at the of Napoleon III., and was a son, therefore, of the great statesman. Prince Clement Metternich, who, as chancellor of the Austrian Empire, contributed so much to the overthrow of the first Napoleon.

The chancellor was married three times, and, whereas, Richard was the son of his second wife, Lothar like his elder brother Paul-now the head of the family-was one of the children the third wife, Princess Melanie. It was the latter, a lovely woman. one day at a state banquet when the ambassador of King Louis Philippe of France ventured to compliment her cross the table on the superb corone which she was wearing, she, recalling cousin and benefactor, King

Charles X., exclaimed in reply: "Celle la, au moins n'est pas volee" that one at least is not stolen). fended, made a formal complaint on of books was just as bad as a surfeit with in some instances champagne, and the following day to the old chancellor (more than 30 years his wife's senior), who disclaimed all responsibility and refused any reparation.

known in the great world than his sister and brothers. About four years ago he contracted a second marriage with the widowed Countess Chorinsky.

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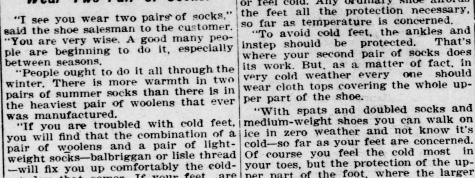
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DESHABILLE.

Tommy-Oh, Mamma, do come! Here's a efelant wiv only his inside

Men of Letters in Public Life

M. J. GRIFFIN IN TORONTO STAR.

tain that her public men of the first rank are almost invariably scholars and men of letters. Public life is thus admirably safeguarded from moral decay and from the absence of high prin- has at least the merit of novelty in

The names of Canning, Russell, Der- of Sydney Smith. He said: by, (Peel, Disraeli, Gladstone, Northbery, Wyndham, all will occur at once tions-the broad and tolerant spirit in have carried into public life the tra-

ature, even in their political speeches. The contributions of the greater men o literature are familiar enough; but miliarity with the best that has been said and written in all literature. Several public addresses have recently been delivered by public men which deserve a little consideration alike for their matter and their manner. In a time of great political excitement and with a general election imperding, it is consoling to be able to read such addresses as those of Lord Rosebery at the unveiling of Lord Rosebery at the unveiling of Lord Rosebery at the value of Sydney Smith was above all things a Liberal leader. It is worth while recalling the fact that during many years the whole of the body of the best Liberal teaching in England was to be found, and is yet to be found, in the serious key a cigar, with the hot end first, Salisbury's bust at Oxford, his address on books and reading at the opening

of a new library in Midlothian; and Mr. Wyndham's address as lord rector of Glasgow University. Lord Rosebery has an inimitable faculty for saying apt things in pregnant sentences. To have him appreciate Lord Salisbury is one of the most interesting experiences. The two men were so opposed in public life and so different in mental attitude that it seems almost impossible that the survivor should be able to find a point of agreement or a quality to praise. Yet what could be finer or more pregnant than Lord Rosebery's summary of Lord Salisbury's prime postulates of political belief and their history as worked out even during the

late leader's lifetime, as follows: "He used language of absolute depolitical life. He said in his place in Parliament that the monarchical principle was dead, the artistocratical principle was doomed, and the democratical principle triumphant. He lived to see every one of these prophecies falsified. Before he died the monarchical principle was infinitely stronger than it was in 1867, the arisocratical principle was so much stronger that it seemed almost to have assumed a permanent predominance, and the democratic principle which he pregnant phrases to run to waste thought would govern the country from 1867 onwards has had rather a sickly

time of it since." Here we have in one marvelous par-agraph a whole history of the political is the state whose public men are univerthought of England during the past sities on the platform. five-and-thirty years. The Murrays are about publishing Lord Salisbury's Es-says in the "Quarterly," and when they appear we shall see how sadly Lord Salisbury looked on the whole course of his own party's thought during that early reform experiment."

books and reading. He said: "Knowledge was power, but that tuted power. Books were excellent death. things. It would be high treason if A writer enlarges on the many excellent people he knew in this to make modern children old before world who spent all their days in reading, and who were of no use to them-selves or to anybody else. (Laughter

It is the good fortune of Great Bri- stupid people who do not love books, may come to pride themselves on their Punch's nose. This was the brute's everything within reach ignorance. The advice was not, of course, for such people.

He gave one piece of advice which our day. He strongly advised the study cote, Morley, Salisbury, Balfour Rose- spirit in which he approached great ques- death.

might think it was not a very fruitful Burke, and the questions with which having a good laugh underneath. to literature are familiar enough; but the essays of Northcote, of Balfour, of Rosebery, are not quite as familiar as Smith dealt. What he meant to urge was they might be. They contain the re-sults of much thought and great fa-and to take large, broad and generous views of life, they should drink deeply of the drafts of eloquence, wit and common sense furnished by the works of Sydney Smith " (Cheers

essays of Sydney Smith. Those who are Jim took it and then there was an dispose to study his writings will find awful row. The keeper says Jim them a mine of thought and information.
The wit is purely a secondary matter.
The views may be right or wrong, but
The views may be right or wrong, but

of his address. His point was that race and, crazy with pain, he was taken to of his address. His point was that race and national sentiment should run together, but not into extremes, and that cosmopolitanism was weakness. He said:

"The remedy against exaggeration of national sentiment lay in preferring the two ideas of empire and of race, produced that we did not let the one develop."

I would be the two did not let the one develop. The remedy against exaggeration of all the animals around showed signs all the animals around showed signs are the remedy against the one develop. vided that we did not let the one develop into cosmopolitanism or let the other frustrate the trend of political gravitaboth the intension of the race and the thinks they want to eat. The monkey extension of empire were necessary. A takes them just for the satisfaction life of polyglot restaurants and intennational sleeping-cars did not conduce to gets and doesn't care where the things spair when the reform bill of 1867 was civic virtue. It lapped us in the listlesspassed. He retired from office, It ness of cosmopolitan luxury. In an age pre-eminently of transit there was greater need for tradition. Let them not yield an inch to popular clamor which would restrict a university curriculum to applied science and modern languages. Let them not abandon the heaped treasure of humanistic learning. The influence of tradition must be sought in the classics, in archaeology, in comparative mythology, in ethnology and in folklore, for which Scotland offered a teeming field. These declared how much of piety towards all the past is needed for faith in

any future."

It seems a pity to allow so many out notice, even at such a distance. Politics, wit and scholarship are combined in them, and they deserve the at-tention of all to whom scholarship, wit

The Child of the Age.

Many people are beginning to regret the fact that a really childish child is becoming something of a rarity. There As a practical man of affairs Lord Rosebery, in his address at the opening of a library in Midlothian, uttered normal mental development known as ome very suggestive remarks on prodigies. But this year they have before the public in numbers, either as musicians, poets, had won by means of intrigue and did not necessarily mean book artists or preachers, and perhaps by revolutionary conspiracy the crown of knowledge. Book knowledge was only very reason of being overdone, the a part of the knowledge that consti- craze of prodigies will die a natural

he were to deny that, coming there rounds of fashionable children, the atto open a free library; but a gluttony homes, the balls, the elaborate suppers of anything else. There were a great the various festivities which combine

their time. There can be no doubt that late patting the ambassador on the shoulder and exclarming:

"My dear ambassador. I have had the honor to marry Countess Melanie Zichy, but I can accept no responsibility for her education, in which I had no share whatsoever."

Prince Lothar, owing to a mesalliance in early life, was much less selves or to anybody else. (Laughter and the twas that an appetite for reading — mere reading of impression, without digesting, and in the numbholesome as any other form of gluttony."

The only danger of sich good advice lies in the fact that it may be misinterpreted and misapplied; and that plicity of regime.—Chicago Journal. hours, little sleep and an absence of

WILD ANIMALS

THE HIPPOPOTAMUS AND THE EVEN ELEPHANT LIKE TO PLAY JOKES.

The Monkey a Natural Born Mischief Maker -An Elephant Who Suffered From Over-Indulgence.

"Can an elephant scent a joke? Yes, sir, every time. And they can play them, too, and about the worst trouble I have is in keeping the bulky brutes from carrying their fun too far. Nearly all animals know when there is any monkey business afoot." This is what Paul Souders thinks

about animal sense. He came down from Baraboo, Wis., the other day and told a new yarn about one of the pachyderms. Altogether, Souders has a big bunch of the beasts under his eye and can't see all that goes on; yet he catches the animals at most of their tricks. He has a little trouble occasionally with the other animals as well, and he is a firm believer in the idea that most brutes are born humor

"One of the best-natured beasts in the menagerie played a joke on a brother-in-law of mine last Sunday that made me redhot for awhile, but I've been laughing at the incident ever ince," said Souders last week. "My relative had his best girl with him and was rigged out in his finest. The elephants had all been fed, and a dozen or more were stretched out on the ground for a nap. Jewel, a mediumsized and good-natured brute, turned toward the visitors, and just as they got within a few feet of her she sprayed them with bran she had in her trunk, and while they were wiping eyes as if asleep. "My assistant, Reddy, heard the

who looked the picture of innocence, and ordered her separated from the der cover of the barn.
rest, which I knew would be heart- "When he got within charging disrest, which I knew would be heartbreaking, for these beasts like to hud-dle together, and when one is taken blow the dust in a cloud, and trumpet PUNCH GETS EVEN.

The hippopotamus doesn't look much ilke an animal that can laugh, but it can. One of my men 'got funny' with this ugly freak of an animal the other day and her ladyship taught him a lesson he will remember for some time. Punch is the name of this beast, and wide open. The funny fellow worried Punch by holding a big handful of these balls close to her nose so that Punch by holding a big handful of these balls close to her nose, so that she could get the savor, and then jerking the coveted food out of her reach. Finally, the ladyship lay down in her tank and held her nose close to the raised flooring at one end of the cage, and when the keeper held out the huge bran ball she pretended to be indifferent, as asleep. The keeper then became careless and rubbed the ball over Punch's nose. This was the brute's chance, and as quick as a wink she

"After enjoying the thing a minute to any reader as amongst those who which he dealt with great issues. They or so and winking her eyes knowingly, she eased up on the fellow's hand so ditions of the universities. All have task to read the works of Sydney Smith that he could get it back. Then she when the questions with which he dealt slid back into her tank of water and were dead. Yet every man who wished the bubbles that came up and danced to be educated had to read the works of around on top showed that she was

A MISCHIEF MAKER. "The monkey is a natural-born mischief maker. He sits up to think of ways and means to fool or worry somebody. In St. Louis last year a welldressed youngster, who looked as if things came his way easily, was show-The reason for this advice will not be ing a number of girls around the

were always striking and always al. not merely Whig. Liberal, not merely Whig.

Mr. Wyndham's contribution to thought waited his chance and shot the cigar at Glasgow consisted of a curiously-composed series of epigrams at the close end hit the chap square in the eye, "Of course, a monkey will steal. He For the ideal state of the future can't help it. Most animals hook

ELEPHANT AS A MODEL. 'A funny thing happened here in Chicago last year when a young painter tried to make a picture of an elephant with his trunk turned up and his mouth wide open. He had with him a flat-looking young fellow, who threw nuts and candles into the elsphant's mouth, so as to make him hold t.open, and often made believe to throw them without doing so. This was Baldy, one of the best elephants that ever lived, but he didn't like this kind of fooling, and seemed to know that the painter was more to blame than the fresh boy. So, waiting his chance, when the picture was nearly flinished, he dashed a quantity of water from his trunk over the paper and ruined the sketch, upon which the man had worked so seriously.
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their eyes the elephant smoothly got behind a bunch of eight or ten, and a bunch of cows grazing in a pasture DELIGHTS OF LIFE lopped to the ground, shutting her near a barn, he would drop behind the column of elephants. This was when we used to move from town to town girl scream, and took in the situation by wagor. Then he would grab up as carry and sneak up on the cattle unat glance. He picked out the culprit, much dust in his trunk as he could

and that old rogue, Sandy, would come back to the road and paddle along behind the rest of the column as quiet as you please. If we tried to stop him from having his little joke he would be ugly and mean for a week. A LARGE DOSE.

"The tables were turned on Sandy

"I took in the situation and underwas hard work, but finally he got was a faint squeal. The boys took pity on him and bought a five-pound bottle from that day until this he has been

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ON A SKY-SCRAPER

THE EXPANSIVE ROOF.

The tops of some of the big skyscrapaway they will know it is for punish- for all he was worth. The cattle would ers are broad enough to accommodate a ment of some kind. representatives of the younger generarepresentatives of the younger generation of roof-dwellers indulging in the delights of one, two old-cat. For hide-and-seek and tag, and a score of other games dear to the childish heart the opportunities afforded by the chimneys and pipes and volumns of the broad roof could not be excelled. It is odd to see little girls giving their doll parties here in midair above the busiest part of one of the busiest streets in the world. Some

grabbed the keeper's hand between her took to lasso the elephant's legs. It their slumbers disturbed than are the residents of uptown streets and avenues.

Not all the dwellers of New York's has at least the merit of novelty in our day, He strongly advised the study of Sydney Smith. He said:

"Whu—whu—whu—ow—a—a—a—a—
"He asked them to read him in the sport short in which he approached great successful in the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave he had toned down to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave he had toned down to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave he had toned down to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave he had toned down to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave he had toned down to the ground was thrown to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave he had toned down to the ground was thrown to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show was great to leave the had toned down to the ground was thrown to the ground. He then believed himself to sleep, and by the time the show as a proportion of the ground was thrown to the grou some, and was ready to move without these lofty dwelling places and have adopted them as their homes. The great day, Such a head! His trunk hung square tower of the Produce Exchange limply and his eyes were read and building houses several families; a number of well-known New Yorkers have heavily-lidded. His usual trumpeting found the Madison Square Garden tower a pleasant abiding place, and in various spots about the city others have set up of fizz-water stuff and gave it to Sandy Lares and Penates on the roofs, fifteen of fizz-water stuff and gave it to Sandy for twenty stories above the street. Mr. sizzling. This brought him around, and or twenty stories above the street. Mr. from that day until this he has been Osborne, a writer of prominence, has for many years held a loft in the tower of Madison Square Garden, where all his best-known works of fiction have been leary of anything coming in bottles."produced. Mr. Richard le Gallienne is another author who has learned the use to which a roof may be put by a literary man who requires quiet, and all this summer he has virtually lived upon the roof of a New York hotel. "On my roof," safe to take. The enormous sale of this remedy at home and abroad for more than a quarter of a century is certain- of the streets reaches the roof-dwellers as a subdued note, and, besides, one is freer of callers, for a man desires to visit a man very much to clamber to a roof to see him." This up-to-date adaptation of the chief feature of a prehistorio civilization adds one more unique features of modern city life.-The



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