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some friends that he was going to put a boat on the slide the next summer, and many were the prophecies of disaster which he met with. Mr. Schaefer, however, was not disturbed, and went to work quietly on the construction of his queer craft. The boat was finished and put on the slide, as promised, and no disasters occurred to mar the novel amusement.

Among those who made a trip down the slide was Hon. George E. Foster, M.P., who made the descent on July 11th, 1886, when Minister of Marine, and is said to have enjoyed the experience. Mr. Schaefer patented his idea in Canada and the United States. His Canadian rights, however, were allowed to lapse, and the United States patent was sold.

A Lady of Leinster

THE position of Vice-Admiral of the Coast is now almost purely honorary, although it carries with it certain pleasing privileges. Recently the Marchioness of Ormonde, wife of the Vice-Admiral of Leinster, presented, on behalf of the Irish people, a handsome set of silver ornaments for the mess-table to the officers of H.M.S. "Hibernia." The presentation took place in the concert hall of the Irish International Exhibition. The Marchioness of Ormonde is one of Erin's handsome daughters, and it is not surprising that a



The Marchioness of Ormonde.

recent vote in England declared her daughter, Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew, to be the most beautiful woman in the United Kingdom. The Marchioness of Ormonde originated the fund for the gifts to the "Hibernia," and has always taken an enthusiastic interest in matters relating to the sea. The "Hibernia" is a fine modern battleship.

A Frank Opinion

THAT estimable journal, "Collier's Weekly," seems to be growing saner as the days go by. The following editorial from a recent issue shows a knowledge of the Canadian attitude towards the United States, which is almost unique among United States publications. More frankness of this kind would probably help each nation to understand the other. "Collier's" says:

"Our fool treatment of Canada is another illustration of what our legislators can accomplish. The Dominion has now made up her mind to treat us to as harsh laws as can be devised, and her decision is wise and right. For a quarter of a century she has waited patiently, while one President after another, and one Secretary of State after another, devised treaties intended for the mutual benefit of Canada and the United States. Every time the Senate, imagining itself to exist for sequestering benefits desired by the well-intrenched, has protected its clients against the Administration and the people. Calmly, at length, Canadian leaders have seen that no fair measure of reciprocity could ever pass the Senate, and she has decided to do all in her power to stop trade with us, to develop it with England and her other colonies; to favour all Europe against the United States, to develop her own incalculable resources. We wish her well. Whatever harm our ass policy brings to us has been fully and painstakingly deserved."



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