

Our Paris Letter.

(Special Paris and Continental Correspondence.)

PARIS, Aug 2, 1867.

Paris has lately had a visit from one of America's distinguished sons—Admiral Faragut, of the U. S. Navy. The reception he met with here must have been very gratifying to him, for his hotel was instantly crowded with visitors.

Report says that the recent numerous fetes and entertainments given to the illustrious visitors will cost nearly £2,000,000, a large sum truly, and one which the Emperor contemplates paying by instalments in the next two or three years.

Among others the veteran Paul de Kock has at last been favored with a nomination as chevalier of the Legion of Honor. It was a universal comment that this most popular and amusing writer had been neglected year by year.

"They come, they come!" is still the cry in Paris, and king after king arrives. We have at this moment His Majesty the King of Bavaria, and His Majesty of Portugal. By the way, the King of Bavaria is considered the matrimonial *tit bit* among speculative court circles.

PARIS, Aug. 9th, 1867.

Many persons without any specified object do what they can to stir up strife and let loose the hell hounds of war. A short time since the Luxembourg Question was very nearly blown into a flame, and now that the stringers are strung hard to influence the evil spirit of the French against the Prussians, and the Prussians against the French.

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Mustapha's Hotel, whereupon the representative of the English bankers, after assuring himself that Mustapha Fazil did not figure among the official personages forming the suite of the Sultan as printed by order of the Lord Chamberlain, demanded that Mustapha Fazil should deposit by the 22nd of July £27,000 with the English bankers, in default of which he would be arrested.

PARIS, 16th August, 1867.

I am frequently written to and asked by Americans in Europe and those desiring to come here from America to give, through the columns of leading journals, advice that would be useful to foreigners who come for the first time to a strange country.

Persons coming from America have great trouble in purchasing bills of exchange, at least they are troubled with them before they get to the end of their journey. Bills of exchange bought on London are always the best, for there is a premium on them.

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The *Fete* passed off in the usual way. Crowded streets, regattas, every manner of fancy show, a multitude of beggars, blind and maimed, in fact begardom and minstrelism turned loose, the air was filled with the screaming of delapidated violins and groaning of organs.

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found in Australia. But do what they will, in spite of banknotes, warrants and cheques, they will always be *parvenus*. They have not the ease of hereditary, they are always rich from yesterday, insolent, prodigal with arrogance.

A curious attempt at suicide was made a few days ago by a young man whose father, having become tired of paying his numerous debts, refused him any more money. He invited a young damsel of easy virtue to breakfast with him at the Cafe de la Paix, and coolly swallowed "a cup of cold pizen" during the dessert, very much to the alarm of his fair companion, who by her screams alarmed the waiters, who speedily ran for assistance.

I am really sorry to say I cannot place before my readers news of some kind, for there is nothing whatever to write about; and so I must beg their pardon for the extreme dryness of the present letter.

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Boulogne, Dieppe, Havre, Deauville, Etretat, and those that have them, at their respective chateaux. Each of these well known *canis de mer* have their idiosyncrasies, the society at Etretat being composed chiefly of artists, composers, literary and theatrical writers.

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