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Blue Ribbon Ceylon Teams

Subject of a Carteen.

The rubicund subject of the cartoon The rubiculal subject of the cartoon in a recent humber of Vanity Fair was Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Schretary of Freemasons. Though he was born seventy years ago, he is described as still a hale and hearty young fellow, who plunged into matrimony last year with a lady who preferred his picture to dismousless as wedding resent so lady who preferred his picture to diamonds as a wedding present, so that his portrait helped to adorn the walls of the Royal Academy. He began life as a solicitor, but he is now one of the best known men in the world as the most frequently executive officer in English Freemasonry. In 1877 he was made a member of the Grand Lodge of England, and, after having worthly filled a Grand the Grand Lodge of England, and, after having worthily filled a Grand Deacon's office, he was chosen to succeed the late Colonel Shadwell Clarke as Grand Secretary. Five-and-forty years ago he was a keen promoter of the volunteer movement, and served as captain in two corps; he was a sportsman who rode and rowed; he is a Governor of the Foundling Hospital and of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and he was knighted last year.—London Star.

The trouble that takes away the pleasure of possessing eider down com-forters is the trouble and expense of having them washed. If they are cleaned at home they must be ripped apart, and after washing the covers and giving the down an airing both must be remade. If sent away to a professional cleaner one might as well buy new. It has been proved, however, that these spreads can be wash ed in a very satisfactory manner at home without the extra trouble of making and remaking. For this work a bright warm day is absolutely nec-essary. If the colors of the cover are doubtful place the article in a solu tion of either ammonia or common salt and let it stand for half an hour. This will generally set any color. Then immerse the comforter in a tub of hot soapsuds and wash by squeezing rather than by rubbing it. Wring from this water into clear hot water and from this rinsing hang on a line where it will dry as rapidly as possible. Keep watch of it while it is drying, shaking it and turning it on the line and rub bing the down to prevent it from be-coming lumpy. It requires considera-

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ble care to make a satisfactory job of it, but it pays for the trouble when

ALIEN INDOOR SERVANTS. London Magistrate Says Many Are Thieves

trate in sentencing a young Hun-garian valet to imprisonment for robbing his employer have reawakeng ed interest in the foreign servant question in England.

According to the Westminster mag-istrate these aliens obtain employ-ment often without reference and they are able to run away whenever they choose, and are difficult to trace. The result is a great increase

of robberies.

During the last two years London police courts have had to deal with a considerable influx of these foreign a considerable innux of these foreign criminals, male and female, who ob-tain footholds in private houses as domestic servants, and either ran-sack their employers' premises them-selves or admit confederates who are

ern metropolitan courts yesterday recalled a case where a German serfar superior

Some curious relics, says The West-ern Morning News, believed to date from the Civil war of the seventeenth

in Disguise.

The remarks of a London magis-

also burglars.

The officials at one of the north-

recalled a case where a German servant girl had been convicted for admitting two male compatriots, who practically looted the halement. In this case the girl had been engaged with the fullest character, so that her employer can hardly have been accused of contributory negligence. On the other hand, the head of a large west end employment agency declared that the foreign servants who turned out badly were only a very small percentage of the everincreasing numbers that find places. According to this lady, it is idle to deny that the foreign manservant has many advantages over his Engilish competitor. He will do more work for less money; he is generally far more soher, and he is always more contented. As a valet, the more contented. As a valet, the Swiss-or Frenchman is claimed to be

Dated a Long Way Rack.

from the Civil war of the seventeenth century, have recently been picked up on the rocks below Dartmouth Castle, having been washed up by the heavy gale on Sunday week. These are some leaden bullets of various sizes and ages, but evidently trace back for over two hundred years. Judging from the shape of the bullets and the position in which they were found, they must have been fired from God-my-Rock Castle and Mount Ridley, on the Kingswear side of the River Dart, two strongholds which were held for the Parliament by Sir Thomas Fairfax and Sir Henry Cary respectively, in that historic struggle. struggle

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To treat everything in the lightest tone of persislage—never for one mo-ment to relapse into seriousness—to hide real feeling and to advertise un-real feeling, so that it is always impossible to say where reality begins and affectation ends—this is the dominant mode in large sections of English society to-day, and that mode finds its highest, boldest and roost besides a property of the same lish society to-day, and that mode finds its highest, boldest and rost lucid expression naturally in the man who holds the highest office in the State. There have been plenty of cynical Prime Ministers in our history. Melbourne was a cynic; Disraeli was a cynic; bisraeli was a cynic; bisraeli was a cynic; but it was the cynicism of the world-weary, or the astute, or the adventurer. It remained for Mr. Balfour to display the cynicism of persifiage. There are few personalities in political life, therefore, whom it is more difficult to understand than the Prime Minister. If you talk even to people who are intimate with him, it is hard to find two who take exactly the same view of his character. There are those who will tell you that he has no human feeling at all, or that if he has any it is strictly confined to one or two individuals, and these individuals do not belong to the ranks of the men who are his leading political colleagues. On the other hand, there are intimates of Mr. Balfour who claim that he is a man of warm personal feeling and of strong personal friendships, and who declare that of all the men they strong personal friendships, and who declare that of all the men they show, he is the one above all others to whom they would go in a moment of stress and difficulty. Again, who can tell which is the real Arthur Balfour as regards his ambitions and his treatment of other men? Is he what he once said of himself as he what he once said of himself, as a little child who has got to his great position and is able to retain it, almost in spite of himself, without conscious effort—with as little calculation of consequences as though he were playing a game of golf or writing an abstruse metaphysical essay? Or is he a man of inordinate ambition, who pursues his purpose with all the cold astuteness of the race to which he belongs, and who used and then casts off other men as they suit his policy and his purpose?—T P. O'Connor, in M.A.P.

The report that the veteran librettist, W. S. Gilbert, may again take up writing for the stage has revived stories of the old Gilbert-Sullivan

union and a new lot of reminiscences concerning Sir Arthur. An old friend, Mr. Cellier, has been recalling the ways of the composer. Sir Arthur Sullivan found his chief difficulty in getting started," Mr. Cellier says, "but once he got his hand in he would write for twelve hours at a stretch and for days took hours at a stretch and for days took no time for regular meals, but snatched a bite from the sideboard when he thought of it. He was a charming man, making everything easy and being very approachable. Naturally all desired to please him. In a certain chorus he had written a high top note for the sopranos, and on it there was a difficult word to on it there was a difficult word to sing. They demurred over it and told him of their troubles.
" Why, bless me, it is one of the best top notes I ever wrote," was his

best top notes I ever wrote, was his reply.

'They were so devoted that they struggled with the word and sang it very charmingly.

'One day a young debutante was extremely nervous on a first rehearsal with the orchestra and almost in tears. When it came to an unaccompanied quartet she said to Sir Arthur, 'I know I shall sing out to tune.'

"'That's right, my dear,' he re-plied; 'sing out of tune. That's how I like it.' The result was that her nervousness quite disappeared. She sang it in tune and was afterward a successful prima donna of the

On the China Station. Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Uctred Noel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief on the China station, in suc-cession to Admiral Sir Cyprien A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., is one of the G. Bridge, K.C.B., is one of the fast-disappearing band of midshipmen who served in the White Sea during the Crimean war, and he also saw some fighting during the Indian Mutiny. He is a gunnery officer of wide experience, who has smartened up the shooting of the guns' crews of his ships to a commendable point of excellence. No officer is better fixed for the suprepage control of Britand for the suprepage control of the supre of excellence. No officer is better fit-ted for the supreme control of Bri-tis's naval interests in the far east, and no other officer has ever won from a Minister a more generous meed of praise than the late Mar-quis of Salisbury ac(orded to Sir Gerard Noel. In 1898 he risked his reputation in a bold move in Crete, and settled in a trice the tangle dip-lomacy had failed to unravel. Not and settled in a trice the tangle dip-lomacy had failed to unravel. Not only has he been Director of Naval Intelligence at the Admiralty, but he was in command of the Australian station from 1895 to 1898, and has studied carefully the political situa-tion in the Pacific. He is an officer of high attainments and has written widely on naval topics.—Exchange.

The O dest Pertrait Esews.

Professor W. M. Flinders Petrie, the world-famous archaeologist, contributes to Harper's Magazine for November an absorbing account of his recent explorations at Abydos, his recent explorations at Abydos, Egypt, where the most remarkable facts are being revealed regarding the past of Egypt. What is probably the oldest portrait known has been discovered by Professor Petrie himself while "groping in the thick, brown organic mud of a rubbishhole." It is the ivory portrait of a King, subtle in conception, wonderful in execution, a photograph of which accompanies the article. Professor Petrie is an Englishman, born at Charlton in 1853. His discoveries at Abydos, ranging through a period of nearly a quarter of a century, have been of incalculable value and distinction,

Sometimes we are greeted in the traing by flags at half-mast for some prominent official who 'yesterday was apparently in perfect health. When we inquire the ailment by which he was stricken it is not uncommon to be told 'acute indigestion' or "stomach trouble."

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An Old Hunter's Advice. Here is the advice an old hunter gives to those who may come in unenected contact with had animals: "If you are cornered by a snake stand motionless and he will never

bite.
"If a vicious dog attacks you show instruhim a knife or some similar instru-ment, and he will keep out of reach. A dog can never learn the deadliness of a revolver or a gun, but unless he has the rables he knows how to re-

spect a knife,
"If a swarm of wild bees attacks you stand motionless and let out all your breath. Then only a few of the swarm will sting."

This advice should be reversed at sea. A man who is swimming in shark infested waters is safe as long as he kicks about and makes a great deal of noise. The shark is too timid to approach anything that looks as if it meant to fight.

"What would you do in case you were cornered by a cinnamon bear?" some one asked the old hunter. "Say my prayers," he answered la-

Mrs. Burton, with her husband, Sir Richard Burton, the famous traveler, and two ladies, had driven out of Triest to a village dance and were sit-ting in the carriage listening to the band. In telling of it she said:

Suddenly, at the top of a roof, I caught sight of a rat, which appeared to me to be spellbound by the music.
"Look:" I said. "Don't move, but watch that rat fascinated by the mu-

So we all sat and watched it and thought it most interesting that rats should be susceptible to music like liz-

ards and snakes. We all saw it move. We all saw its head turn and its tail move, and we kept still, not to frighten it away. The next day, feeling so much interested in the affair, we sent to inquire about it. The rat, it turned out, was made of painted tin and fixed to the top of the house. So much for imagination.

Tortured with Pain. Too Weak to Work ULCERS, BOILS AND PIMPLES ALL OVER HER BODY

BY CRASS DIPLOMACY.

anada Stripped of Territory—Judge Hed-gins' Address to the U.E. Loyalist As-sociation—Mistery of Fermer Losses.

The story of "Canada's territorial osses since 1783," as told by his

losses since 1783," as told by his Honor Judge Hodgins to the United Empire Loyalist Association at their meeting the other night in Toronto, presented a striking record of diplomatic blundering, not at all flattering to the national pride.

His Honor in opening referred to the territory of some four million square miles which Great Britain obtained under the treaty of 1763, by which France ceded not only the magnificent heritage which now comprises the Dominion of Canada, but also what are now known as the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and half of Minnesota. Owing to the pussilanimity of Mr. Richard Oswald, a neophite in diplomacy, to whom the negative second of the property of the property of the property of the present of the present of the present of the property of the present of th mity of Mr. Richard Oswald, a neo-phite in diplomacy, to whom the ne-gotiations were entrusted at the close of the revolutionary war, and who advised that Canada and Nova Scotia be also ceded, the States above named, together with the In-dian territory out of which the Stat-es of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ala-bama were afterwards formed, were ceded to the United States. The U. E. Lovalists were a galandoned to E. Loyalists were a o abandoned to their colonies. The Canadian fisher-ies were also ceded under false re-presentations.

The war of 1812 gave to Great Britain the whole of Maine, to the Penobscot, on the Atlantic; the whole of Michigan to Prairie du whole of Michigan to Prairie du Chine, and also the mouth of the Columbia River, which controlled Oregon. These were all given up by the treaty of 1818, together with 4,000,000 acres of territory which Congress had previously admitted Great Britain owned.

Next came the Ashburton treaty of 1842 under which 4,500,000 acres of Canadian territory were ceded to the United States, owing to the suppres-

United States, owing to the suppression of maps; and a strip 150 miles long by from one to two miles wide, which had been confirmed to Canada which had been confirmed to Canada by three previous treaties. In 1846 Lord Ashburton made another treaty under which Oregon, which had been jointly occupied by England and the United States, was ceded as "worthless." The Washington treaty of 1871 followed, under which the island of San Juan, which, under the treaty of 1846, was British, was abandoned, and Canada's claims, amounting to \$1,600,000 in connection with the Fenian Raid were abandoned by Lord Kimberley; and, astly, in 1903, Canada sustained the loss of two strategic islands in Alasloss of two strategic islands in Alaska, and connection with the ocean which was our right by the treaty of 1825, by a decision which had been described as a travesty of justice.

As the Year Passes.

The crisp rustle of the leaves grows more pleasing as the brown transitory covering deepens in the hallows and yields to the caprices of vagrant and yields to the caprices of vagrant winds. Where the red maple still displays its foliage it is the most brilliant of forest trees. Every leaf has a special design in crimson, yellow, and green. Some are daintly tipped with the richest hues, others vary their brilliant reds with a tracery of pale yellow and surviving green, while others show a uniform richness of color in every vein and fibre. When the sun looks through and the wind pulls at the clinging foliage the masses of color glow and gleam in vivid intensity. The oaks still cling to their rich and varied foliage, and vivid intensity. The oaks still cling to their rich and varied foliage, and seem scarcely to miss their generous contribution to the crisp covering on the ground. They like to retain their leaves, and often a brown bunch will remain here and there throughout the winter, gathering a transient load of snow from every storm. In this they show a sympathy with some of their evergreen relatives in the south Branches stand out in more distinct tracery as the leaves are cast aside. The silver birches are almost disrobed, and their clear, graceful outlines The silver birches are almost disrou-ed, and their clear, graceful outlines lend distinction to the changing landscape. The cedars, spruces, and hemlocks in their perennial green become conspicuous in the fading and disappearing foliage. The dense banks and masses of verdure that blended with the surrounding woods in the fullness of summer now stand in the fullness of summer now stand out distinctly among the half-denudvites the loitering feathered visitors on their southern migration.—Toron-to Globe,

Familiar to Canadians.

In the latest list of accessions to the Balfour Government will be found a name that is familiar to many Canadians. It is that of Mr. Such was the condition of Mrs. Samuel Deitz, Zurich, Ont.

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He Balfour Government will be found a name that is familiar to many Canadians. It is that of Mr. William Bromley-Davenport; who has been appointed Financial Secretary to the War office. Mr. Promley-Davenport is not known in Canada, but his next eldest brother, Mr. A. H. Bromley-Davenport, was a resident of Toronto of Toronto of the Toronto of the was a prominent member of the Toronto of the trier, though hardly finished atyle of hatting, helped the Toronto of Paper." which was given by the club in the Grand Opera House, some fourteen years ago. Mr. Davenport's interest in the atricals continued, and it was not long before he secured a minor part with Mr. Willard. His conscientious study soon brought him promotion. After some years with Willard he joined Mrs. Langty of the profession.—Toronto Globs.

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