

Here is a good story of the late Tranby Croft scandal, taken from an English paper:—

"How deep a hold this scandal has taken upon the popular fancy a little incident which happened to myself may go to show. I was coming home late the other night from my club, when an urchin, undaunted by the fact that I held a lighted cigar between my teeth, persisted in striking matches in front of me and offering a light. When I sent him about his business, he pleaded hard for a copper to obtain the chronic night's lodging. I truthfully confessed I had not one with me. Then he stopped suddenly, and, looking up knowingly, said "Beg pardon, sir, but might I make so bold as to ask if you have a baccarat counter with you? I left mine at San'rin'am, and I spects to meet a friend to-night." From any Radical his wit would have earned for him sixpence, but from me and my empty pockets it merely evoked a loyal sigh."

The Prince of Wales is referred to as the Gordon-Coming, King of England.

According to this Prince Victor is having his customary "good time" It sounds a little more exciting than Halifax:—

A SENSATION AT A RECEPTION.

"Society is startled by a remarkable incident which happened at Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh's reception.

"His father though a coward and a sneak, was physically a fine-fellow and he took a fancy to a ballet girl at the Alhambra who was known as Florrie. As he smothered her with diamonds, she became known as the Maharance, and this in course of time became contracted to Marini, by which name she is now known.

"Prince Victor favors the society of the lemon-squash drinking boys, a number of whom were present at the party, among them young Lord Craven, a clean-shaven, effeminate creature, whose principal dissipation consists of smoking small cigarettes in an amber holder set with diamonds.

"In the course of the evening a charming silent play or pantomime by Mr. Augustus Moore, the editor of the society paper the Hawk, was produced with little Miss Norreys.

"Mr. Moore was naturally enough present at the production of this fanciful play, and after the performance Lord Craven, addressing the author, protested against Mr. Moore's denunciations of Mr. Charles Paston Cooper's imprisonment in Paris for complicity in the celebrated Rue de Penthièvre scandals.

"Mr. Moore was thunderstruck at this, but with the best possible grace suggested that for an English nobleman to champion such a nameless cause was the reverse of desirable.

"Lord Craven still, however, stuck to his guns and denounced the comments on the conduct of his friend Cooper, so Mr. Moore cut short the conversation by saying, very quietly, but with a degree of reserved force: "I cannot shut you up, Lord Craven, but I can knock you down if this conversation proceeds any further, I shall."

"It will be remembered that Mr. Moore was the gentleman who was selected by the "butterfly artist," Mr. Whistler, as the object of an attack at Dury Lane Theatre some little while ago, which furnished a good deal of gossip at the time, and Mr. Whistler with the occasion to rearrange his celebrated white tuft."

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Provincial Notes.

LIVERPOOL.—Summer has fairly set in, and the season for pic-nics, boating, ice-cream parties and strawberries is now on. Liverpool is A. 1. for boating, as we have "up the river," and "down the bay" to choose for that purpose.

Dr. J. C. Farish returned from Europe last week. Our old friend, Charles DeWolfe, is home on a visit from Kansas. He gives an amusing description of a "pow-wow," he witnessed between N. S. officials and Indians, when the latter received payment on account of reservation lands, and the squaws indulged in parasols and other finery, the store-keepers reaping a rich harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and the Misses Beardsley are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Haliburton.

Mrs. Heber Williams of New York is on a visit to her native town, with her two daughters. After an absence of many years Mrs. Williams undoubtedly finds much change.

Several other visitors are here making the town quite stirring.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamer left yesterday on their return to the States. They had a very enjoyable visit, and were much pleased with Liverpool. Garden strawberries abundant.

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