

Lady Ann Blunt, who has embarked upon a controversy with the American cartoonist, Homer Davenport, by expressing in print her pronounced disbelief in his claims to the purity of blood of the Arab horses which he has recently imported in the East, is the daughter of the dramatist and the poet, Lord Byron, the offspring in seed of that daughter "Ada," whose name figures so frequently in the verses of England's famous bard. Lady Ann is entitled to speak with a considerable degree of authority on the subject of Arab horses, for she not only has her husband and herself possess a more extensive experience of that mysterious and mostly unexplored region known as Arabia than any other living white people, but Wilfrid Blunt has for the last thirty years been engaged in endeavoring to improve the Arab horse in England, and above all to use it for improving the breed of English horses. His stud farm of Arabians at Crabbet Park, his ancestral home in Sussex, enjoys an altogether international fame, and the sales of his Arab stock, which take place there once every two or three years, are invariably attended by horse lovers from all parts of Europe.

Severe injuries from the treatment received at the hands of the tall, handsome, fair-haired and extremely English-looking count that he was confined for a number of weeks in a hospital, and that he was not sufficiently punished in all conscience, the jury in the divorce court mulcted the co-respondent in \$50,000 damages, payable to the Count de Maupas.

The count is the grandson of Napoleon III's famous minister of police, who was also the author and engineer of the coup d'état by means of which Napoleon III. secured the possession of the throne. While the Count de Maupas was one of the most peculiarly honest of all the men who played a prominent role in the reign of Napoleon, nevertheless, more bitterly execrated than any other of the statesmen of the Second Empire. For he was held responsible, not merely for the thousands of lives lost during the clearing of the streets of Paris by troops during the sanguinary days of the Commune, but also for the death of the Emperor in the last days of December, which inaugurated the reign of the Emperor but was also regarded as accountable for the subsequent tyranny of the

Ever since Wilfred Blunt retired from the diplomatic service, nearly thirty years ago, he has devoted himself to the study of Oriental life, the taste for which is shared by his wife, Lady Ann, a sister of the Earl of Lovelace. Speaking Turkish and various other dialects like natives, they have traveled all over Arabia, arrayed in native costume, living on native food, and establishing the closest kind of friendship with the various sheiks and emirs. Their hold on the good graces of the Moslems is due to the great popularity which they enjoy throughout the Moslem world by reason of the championship of Wilfred Blunt of every Moslem cause against the white races and the Christians. He has represented the Moslems in the "Nineteenth Century" and other English reviews, in the London Times, and in other organs of the British press the cause of the Sultan, the cause of the Moslems in general, and the cause of the Arab and Bedouin, and of his grandfather, old Issamli. In fact, his enthusiasm in their behalf has compelled Lord Cromer on two occasions to have him expelled from Egypt on account of the disturbances arising against the English authorities among the native dignitaries and clergy.

Being regarded throughout Arabia as the most powerful and devoted friend of the Arab, Turkish, and Egyptian races, Wilfred Blunt has been able to obtain from the various chiefs and emirs many of the finest and most famous and pedigreed horses, with pedigrees as highly prized as those of the descendants of members of the prophet's family, horses which not even the Sultan himself could buy. However, Wilfred Blunt has secured the fine stud of Arab horses belonging to the late Ali Pasha Sherif of Cairo, whose stock is descended from the celebrated mares which Viceroy Abbas I. of Egypt obtained from Arabia. The then phenomenal cost of \$60,000

When at Matarieh, their country place outside the walls of Cairo, the Hlunds don Arab dress, live entirely as Arabs, restricting their association as far as possible to natives, being on equal terms with the khedive and his family. Within a stone's throw of their place at Matarieh is the sacred tree in which the Virginia Mary is asserted by tradition, to have concealed by the soldiers of King Herod, a spider having thereupon woven its web over the entrance of the hollow, so as to convey the impression that no one could be concealed inside. Khedive Ismail made a present of this tree to Empress Eugenie when she visited Egypt on the occasion of the opening of the Suez Canal. She donated it in turn to the Lazarist Fathers, who have a monastery close by, and who devote themselves to its care.

Count Guy de Maupass, in spite of his French name and title, is an English citizen. He has just come prominently before the public in connection with the divorce which he obtained in London from his wife. He seemed to have avenged his wrongs upon the Don Juan who wrecked his home in an altogether exemplary manner. For, in the first place, he thrashed the man within an inch of his life, and, then picking him up, flung him body and soul into the sea, near Angouleme, into the sea. In fact the co-respondent sustained such

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name, which is fourth sea lord of the admiralty. Capt. Edward Ingfield is at the present moment in command of the first-class cruiser Antelope, one of the fleet. Captain Edward Ingfield, joined the navy thirty-two years ago, served under Lord Wolseley in the Nile expedition for the relief of the garrison at Khartoum. He was first on the staff of Admiral Sir George Tryon's ill-fated flagship Victoria, which, it may be remembered, was sunk by a collision off the coast of Syria and came down with all hands. He was, therefore, near the officers and men, of whom only about a score were picked up after having lived from the shark-infested sea. Edward Ingfield has been some time as assistant director of the naval intelligence department at the admiralty, and is regarded as one of the most intelligent officers of the navy. He was proposed for administration of "Lloyds."

Col. Sir Henry Hozier, whose place he takes, has held the office of secretary of the Lloyds more than twenty years. He served both the Horse Guards and the Admiralty, and in the latter capacity, in the royal artillery, took part in the capture of the Taku forts, and was the first capture of Peking, and in the Abyssinian expedition, went through the Austro-Prussian war of 1866 as special correspondent of the Times, and was the Franco-German war of 1870-71, militarily attached to the British Government at the German headquarters. A few days before the close of that conflict old Emperor William, after obtaining the permission of Queen Victoria, conferred upon him the Iron Cross, and he enjoyed the distinction of being the only man in the British army upon whom this distinction has ever been bestowed. Sir Henry married in 1878 Lady Blanche Ogilvy, daughter of the late Earl of Arllie, and of whose other brothers, the Hon. Lyulph Ogilvy, has for years made his home out in Colorado, where he has married an American girl, Miss Edith Rothrold. He went through the Spanish war under the American flag, and died there, just by way of demonstrating the fact that he had not lost his fighting qualities. He was a volunteer

for the land in South Africa, in which he is different. Lord Alfric, was killed.

It is difficult to believe the story which comes from Paris to the effect that the correspondence between Gabetta and Mme. Leon, comprising about 2,000 or 3,000 letters, is about to be published. That correspondence is in the hands of either of Mme. Leon or of the son whom she bore to Gabetta, and the chances of its publication are of much solicitude on his part. Mme. Leon manifested such an amount of uselessness and delicacy concerning her relation with the poet that even the publication of this tribune during his lifetime that she should be so indiscreet as to be willing to lay bare to the public the correspondence which she had had with her which he wrote for her was a temptation during his life.

time to be known. There were several persons of considerable prominence who owed their importance to the influence of Mme. A. as factors in the official and political life of the world to the influence of Mme. A. claimed to exercise over Gambetta their alleged possession of his a few relations.

It is doubtful whether Mme. A. would ever have been able to play the role in Paris which she played in London as the Egeria of Gambetta. Of the banks of the Seine, and the many of her countrymen, this influence would have been better known. In the French capital were better informed, and while they were not so numerous as in London, they were

of France's most powerful and popular statesman, they were convinced that Mme. Adam was not its object; consequently, when she visited St. Petersburg and Vienna she found the support of all the leading people closed against her, her humiliation being compounded by the manner in which she was treated by court and government.

Mme. Leon resisted all temptation to boast that she alone was the heart and the actions of Gambetta; to expose his alleged fair friends as mere impostors.

Never was there an affair de-
ducted with so much discretion
as that of Mme. Leon. Her
discretion. His closest friends
people who frequented his house
by day, never caught a glimpse
and while they may have suspected
existence, at any rate never knew
thing definite, until his death.
In fact, the romance re-
mained a secret to everyone, a
his cronies, until it was brought
light by the tragedy which resulted
the premature termination of his
That tragedy resulted from his
to prevent Mme. Leon from dis-
jury to herself with a revolver.
deavoring to wrest the weapon

her it went off accidentally, in
upon him a fatal wound. He
was anxious to
because she had become convinced
she was the obstacle to the attain-
the culmination of his career
ly, the presidency of the republi-
was on this account, too, that
refused to comply with his per-
demands to permit him to legally
relations by marriage. That
was the one subject of discord
them. She refused to
her the payment of the digni-
chief magistrate would be bey-
reach. He, on the other hand,
willing to subject the woman to
he was so deeply devoted to the
cal position resulting from
romance, and wished rather to
his political ambitions and p-
than to take advantage of her

Under the circumstances, it is credible that Mme. Leon should have participated in the publication of the letter written to her, and for herself, by Gambetta, and that she should have taken part, at this stage of her life, in the unselfishness and the devotion which she displayed throughout her life.

Fourteen or fifteen years of her romance with the statesman who still today, nearly a quarter of a century after his death, retains a stronger hold on the affection of his countrymen than any of the leading personages of the third republic.

Attention has lately been drawn to the extraordinary story of the daughter of the Young Pretender. It seems that the unfortunate Stuart prince, during his brief and meteoric stay in Edinburgh, became infatuated with Miss Walkishaw, who followed him to France, and bore him there a daughter. The girl grew up to be a very beautiful woman. But for some reason or another the Jacobites in France looked upon her with profound suspicion, believing that she acted as a spy on their movements in behalf of the British Government. Accordingly, she was sent to New Zealand, where she was to be the country store for the outfit of another, got on board a whaler at Dunedin, and carried off to one of the islands to the south of New Zealand known as Campbell Island, where she was marooned. Carrick, in his book on New Zealand, says the Lands and James Ross, the account of his Antarctic expedition of 1840, allude to her. The remains of her humble dwelling are still in existence, and around it are masses of real Highland heather, found nowhere else in that part of the world, and the purple blooms, of a few wild flowers, grow as freely as if they were growing on the brags of Ben Lomond. The woman died there alone at an advanced age, since which

Korean visiting cards sometimes measure a foot square. The savage Dahomey announce an intended visit by sending in advance a wooden board on which is carved the name of the branch of a tree artistically carved. When the visit is paid, the "card" is returned to the possession of its owner who will doubtless use it for many years. With the natives of Sumatra the visiting card is composed of a piece of wood about a foot long, decorated with a bunch of straw and a knife. It is, perhaps, not common here to pledge that the British Government will pay the cost of soldiers who have fallen in foreign wars, and that £200,000 per year for maintaining the cemetery in the Crimea. The sum of £200,000 also spent for keeping the English graves in order at Suakim.

The Second Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders, who will in the autumn garrison Edinburgh Castle, have lately had photographed a group of thirty of their men who are still serving, though, for length of service, have a remarkable record.

The group is made up of officers (including their commanding officer) and commissioned officers and men whose total service has been altogether between two years and 9 months, giving each an average of 20 years and 9 months' service. There are 90 medals among the thirty men—an average of four each; 144 clasps—an average of 4½ each. The medals include 10 Long Service and Good Conduct medals, and two Victoria Crosses. The medals include also one from the Boer War, one from the Black Mountain Expedition, South Africa, etc.

Some of the number have over 20 years' service, and it may be added that this interesting little group could hardly have had their number added to by a man of equally long service. However, they were home on furlough and other causes away from barracks at the time their colleagues were being photographed.

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He was serving at one of the San Francisco military posts at the time of the earthquake, and when the destroyed city was turned into a camp he was one of the detail of army surgeons assigned to co-operate with the health authorities.

"I'd hate to say, for fear of being accused of exaggeration," he went on, "how many quite helpless San Francisco souls were shaken out of the rum habit by the earthquake and fire and by the long period of enforced abstinence that followed. The destruction of a city by earthquake and fire is a pretty heroic method of curing rum fighters, and I'm not making

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"I'm not exactly ready yet to hold that all the confirmed rum fighters should be driven into immense municipal stockades by the authorities and forced to live for a few months under the conditions which brought so many chaps in San Francisco out of the slough, but I believe there could be a far worse way of hounding them, at that. In fact, the present is about one hundred times worse

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