

bells are ringing.
No account have they resounded o'er the hills and vales of Sigmaringen than the services of the royal rope-pullers are again in requisition for the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. as the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. as the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. as the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. as the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. as the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. as the matrimonial function here on the 25th inst. The service is the service sister, but takes the wide range of the rappet to the Princess of mania or Princess Margarethe, the service sister, but takes the wide range of the matriage to the nuptails of his r, all the marriageable girls in Berlin ware engaged and many who a few is ago were not, have become alaves to cadying spirit in vogue and selected were before in the annals of the Father-will are many marriageable girls in Berlin ware engaged for their weddings.

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His Majesty William the Second to None is beaming with delight at this turn of things in the matrimonial market, and mentioned to one of his equeries a few days ago that in order to encourage young marriages, and more particularly signalize the event in question, he intended, if he could think out some tangible scheme, to present every bride of the 25th inst. with some little souvenir of the auspicious occa. present every bride of the 25th max. White some little souvenir of the auspicious occasion, which would be further augmented when in due course the bride presented he hashand with a souvenir in the form of a male child. "For," said His Majesty, "is many thousands get married on the 25th, is can calculate from the birth returns the number of male children born in this year, and thus arrive at an approximate estimate and thus arrive at an approximate estimate of the number of recruits I may look "for when the time arrives for their taking service with the colors." "If it only could be," continued His Majesty, "that certain service with the colors." "If it only could be," continued His Majesty, "that certain days in the year could be set aside as matrimonial days, it would simplify matters immensely, both in the Registera-General's returns and in my calculation of the raw levies and I should further be enabled to preprint the future and rely upon a given to the future and rely upon a given SURPRISE PACKET FOR EDINBURGH'S DUKE,

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The Kaiser returned from Sigmaringen after being present at his cousin's wedding, in fine feather. Everyone was struck by his marked affability to all the Royals present, especially to the Duke of Edinburgh, whom he made a Graud High Admiral of the German Navy, and, as a surprise packet, presented him with a novel and gorgeous uniform, specially made in Berlin and désigned by His Majesty himself.

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Princess Margaret of Prussia, who is to marry Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse this week at B rlin, is the youngest sister of the Emperor of Germany, and, it may be added, the least attractive as far as personal appearance is concerned. She has the reputation, however, of being intellectually the brightest and oleverest of the family and has always been her mother's favorite as well as that of her lamented father. Perhaps she is more English in her ways and tastes than any of her brothers and sisters, speaks English with even less accent than any of Queen Victoria's children and is fond of English sports and smus-ments. Among her numerous accomplishments is that of driving four-in-hand.

THE MYSTERY OF PRINCE ALEXANDER.

for his talent as a musician and as a composer. He himself successed to the family setates on the death of a still older brother, who perished in a very mysterious manner about three years ago while on a voyage around the world. He was on his way from Batavia to Singapore, and one evening after dinner retired to his cabin for a siesta. When his attendants, alarmed by his long absence, entered the apartment they found it empty, nor has any trace been found of the Prince since. It is believed that he must have somehow worked his body through the small window of his cabin and thrown himself into the see in a moment of sudden and altogether unaccountable

the army, and a new brewery tax his proposed, which is estimated to rail a trill over that sum. At the reabiling of the Reichnung, the Secretary to for the Treasury delivered a forcible to in support of the bill fixing the new year.

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The atmosphere, so to say, is full of marriages, i. e., no one can talk of anything else. And this prattle is not limited in either respect to the Princess of Roumania or Princess Margarethe, the Empsor's sister, but takes the wide range of society at large. Whatever the Kaiser does the fashionable society in Berlin must do. And since His Majesty fixed upon the 25th of January for the nuptials of his sister, all the marriageable girls in Berlin who were engaged and many who a few weeks ago were not, have become slaves to the toadying spirit in vogue and selected the same date for their weddings.

Never before in the annals of the Fatherland will so many marriages be solemnized on a given date as will be culebrated on the day in question. The parsons will have a rough time of it, especially those of them whose ministrations lie in the fashionable districts. Some of the best known churchs have already over twenty marriages each booked, and more are being notified every day. Nor is, this matrimonial cross confined to Berlin. From Frankfort, Leipzid. Cologne and other large cities and towns comes intelligence of a similar state of things. Indeed, throughout the empire a violent matrimonial wave is now sweeping and all mating couples are hurrying up to enter the holy bonds of wedlock unon the same day and hour as will the Princess Margarethe and Prince Friedrich Karl of Hesse.

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Her fiancee, Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse, is the younger frother of the Landgrave of Hesse, and, as the latter has contracted a morganstic marrisge, will eventually succeed to the large estates and vast fortune of his elder brother. Prince Alexander is blind, and is renowned in Europe for his talent as a musician and as a composer. He himself succeeded to the family sattates on the death of a still older brother, who nerished in a very mysterious manner.

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alarming rapidity for three mouths, and the proprietors—one of whom is the Prince of Monaco himself, despite the repeated assertions to the contrary—have determined upon a cour. The man is the posterion and the proprietors—one of whom is the Prince of the contrary—have determined upon a cour. The man is made in deference to the wish of their patrons, but this is march almost of the patron, but this is march and the patron in twenty-five years there are signa that the lact of the situation. For the first time in twenty-five years there are signa that the self-respect of Europe is revolting against the Monaco gaming-hell.

THERE QUERIS OF SONG.

By a curious coincidence there were in Paris and the end of last week three of the most talented of women warblers, namely, Madame Patti, Mantiera in the word of the tries in engaged in writing her autobiography. It should be a particularly attractive one, although the passages which should and would be most interesting to her readers will be omitted. Presumably the life of the melliflacous warble from Australia will not be written just now; nor has the time arrived for Miss VanZandd's one half-dozen or saven years age.

AN ECCENTRIO DINNER PARIT.

The man without an explanation would be far from an inappropriate name for a certain member of the "Beighant" Club, Count de Brogers by name. This cortain society pet has lived not wisely, but ber well, and been frequently on the verge of balaruptey. An avening or so age he sale after the well from the countriesy divented of fornitaries, and the should be far from an inappropriate name for a certain member of the "Beighant Club, Count de Brogers by name. This cortains, and the should be far from an inappropriate name for a certain member o

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No bell and steeple—let there be for me. The blackbird calling from his illac-tree.

He wandered over all the world; his hair grew white as snow; He reached the final bourn at last where all of

The reason was that, north or south, where e'er his steps were bent,
On land or sea, in court or hall, he found but discontent. he took his disposition with him every where he went.

A Weman's Wall.

Oh, when that servant first with me Her eituation gained. She resily didn't know enough. To go in when it rained. I laught her how to sweep the ficor I taught her how to sweep the ficor I taught her how to dust, food for the first state of the

For we shall go and board!

Burne.

Though Scotland boasts a thousand nar
Of patriot, king and peer.
The noblest, grandest of them all
Was wed and oradied here.
Here lived the gentle p sant prince,
The loving cotter king.
Compared with whom the greatest lord
If but a titled offer, with straw,
A bovel made of clay;
One door shute out the snow and storm,
One window greest here day,
And yet I stand within this room,
And hold all thrones to accer;
For here beneath this lowly thatch
Loves eventest hard was bone.
Within this back and the straw,
When the glad lips at fast have touched.
The something deemed divine.
And nore the world through all the yea.
And here the world through all the yea.
And long as day returnes—
The tribute of its love and tears
Will pay to Robert Burns.

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You are so fair and sweet and tender, Dear, brown-syed little swertheart m As when, a callow youth, and slender I asked to be your valentine.

What though these years of ours be a What though the years of youth the I'll mock old Kronos with repeating: "I love my love, and her alone!" And when I fall before His reaping.
And when my stuttering spe-ch is
Think not my love is dead or skeping
But that it waits for you to come. So take, dear love, this little token, And if there speaks in any line The sentiment I'll fain have spoken, Say, will you kies your valentine I —Eugene Field in the February Lade Journal.

100 (Atlanta Constitution.)
What makes the trader's biz to hum i—what makes his clerks perspire.
It isn't "drummers" sont by train, nor messages by wire;
Nor salesmen's willy article, nor chief accountBut the lumping, humping business which resulted from the data. The column and the paragraph—the faces news,
It saves the merchant's business from the bad,
By the raking in of patronage the prefuse.

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