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CLOTHES OF A QUEEN.
HER MAJESTY TAKES A WARM INTEREST IN THOSE SHE WEARS.

The recipient of many of Queen Victoria's cast-off garments is Clara, a little draper in Windsor.

Clara is the personal friend of Queen Victoria's head-dresser. It is not a friendship to be despised, since the head-dresser falls all Her Majesty's cast-off apparel. As royalty never wears the same cap or nightgown more than once, the head-dresser's work is very "cultivating." Queen Victoria has very pretty feet. They are smaller and fainter than the feet of any of her children. She always wears an old-fashioned congress gaiter, and her feet are in the keeping of the provincial bootmakers at Windsor and Balmoral. Likewise have the provincial drapers the block upon which is fashioned Her Majesty's caps. The light frame is edged with fine white silk wire, and in a quarter of a century the style has scarcely varied. The caps are always made of fine white cloth, and the light frame is edged with fine white silk wire, and in a quarter of a century the style has scarcely varied. The caps are always made of fine white cloth, and the light frame is edged with fine white silk wire, and in a quarter of a century the style has scarcely varied.

The Queen orders these caps by the dozen. Six dozen caps generally suffice for a single sojourn at Windsor Castle. She took four dozen with her on her last visit to Grassano. Six dozen nightgowns are crumpled during a Windsor visit. Even the same nightgown worn a second time, never after laundering. Who gets them? Ah, that's the head-dresser's secret. It is suspected that she pines a fine trade in royal rubbish.

Her Majesty's mantles are always made after the same model. They number six for winter and four for summer. Black materials of various degrees of weight and warmth make the winter wraps, while the summer dresses are made of rich white silk, daintily lined and trimmed with four or six bands of narrow black braid. The white mantles are worn when Victoria takes her daily drive in the vicinity of Windsor, where her presence excites little attention from the townsfolk. Indeed, so democratic is our ruler that she is not infrequently met through the stable door, to the chagrin of curious strangers always congregated at the main entrance to the castle grounds. The coachman never knows which direction she wishes to follow. That apricot is confided solely to the stable outsider that accompanies her in these rural drives.

On the occasion of the opening of the institution founded in London in commemoration of Her Majesty's jubilee, the Duke of Connaught delivered an address in charge of the provincial draper, the order for Her Majesty's bonnet and mantles. Not until the night of the jubilee, however, did the Duke confess to the Queen that he had ordered the neck of the mantle trimmed with ostrich feather trimming.

The Queen was much disturbed. She retired before the mantle put in an appearance at the castle, but she could not sleep. "If there are feathers on my cloak," she finally announced to the maid, with truly royal pretensions, "I will not wear it to-morrow. The people will never wear it." Needless to add, the feathers were discarded.

Royalty suffers as much anxiety in preparing for public appearances as does its brother of the common law. There is as much excitement in the royal household in preparing for a state function as in the modest establishment. Everybody tries on her dresses and hats and comes in for the royal inspection. The effect each is likely to produce on the public beholder is carefully weighed and discussed as carefully as the personal like or dislike of the wearer. The members of the royal family are very human in their dress rehearsals, and the brothers and sisters are not above personal interest.

"I know Beatrice will cry," the brothers were wont to say, and the Princess of Battenberg, being very nervous, not infrequently dissolved into tears on the spot.

Next to Her Majesty's sleeping chamber is the dressing room, in which, on long, low shelves, her mantles, caps and shoes are laid. They make a curious picture—a study in black and white—two maids under the queen and put her to bed. Before she gets into bed they heat and spread between the iron linen sheets a white blanket, part wool, part cotton, and bound with white silk ribbon, with the royal arms embroidered in the corner. Queen Victoria reclines upon the blanket until the body is thoroughly heated. The maids then draw the blanket, and the finest product of Ireland's loom embraces the Queen of England and the Empress of India.

"Gone, Mr. Goss," Lanoever, the faithful animal painter, often told an amusing story, of which he was the hero, to illustrate that a man must go from home to learn the news about himself.

LOGS FOR THE U. S.

Lumbermen of Michigan Make an Important Discovery.
THEIR BUSINESS IN DANGER.

They Want a Retaliatory Provision Inserted in the Wilson Bill to Protect Their Trade.

SAIGAH, Mich., March 12.—Lumbermen interested in obtaining a log supply in Canada for stocking Michigan mills are greatly exercised over the discovery that their business in that direction may be entirely cut off. Under the provisions of the McKinley Act the duty on manufactured lumber is reduced from \$2 to \$1 per thousand feet, with a proviso that in the event of any country levying an export duty on sawed lumber the reduction in duty on manufactured lumber should not be operative, but a duty of \$2 a thousand feet thereon should be collected.

These interested have taken steps to have a proper retaliatory clause inserted in the Wilson Bill, and will send some one to Washington to watch the matter and see that their interests are not endangered.

MR. WIMAN'S THANKS.
He is Grateful to His Canadian Friends for Their Help in His Struggle.

MONTREAL, March 12.—Mr. Ernest Wiman publishes a letter of thanks to his Canadian friends in one of the papers of this city in the course of which he mentions the fact that he has received a letter from the Queen, both the monarch and her subjects, in which she expresses her sympathy for his struggle.

POKER A GAME OF SKILL.
An Alleged Gambler Escapes Conviction on That Ground.

HAMILTON, Ont., March 12.—James Heenan, a well-known man about town, was charged with keeping a gaming house, the rooms kept by Heenan were raided by police officers and half a dozen others were arrested.

FOUND A MAN'S ARM.
MONTREAL, March 12.—The scavenger in charge of cart No. 15 found a full-grown man's arm in a wall in a lane in the rear of City Court street.

THE PAY THEY GET.
Glasgow shipbuilders receive 16 shillings a week and work fifty-four hours.

FRUIT BUYS.
Orchard, bees, poultry, sheep—all these go well together.

REFORM MOVEMENTS.
In Connecticut 60,000 people have signed the pledge.

UNITED STATES WHEAT CROP.

Statistical Returns Showing the Amount of Harvested Wheat in Various States.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The statistical returns of the Department of Agriculture for March contain principally estimates of the distribution of wheat and corn, the amounts remaining in farmers' hands, the proportion of merchantable corn and the average price of wheat and corn.

THE QUEEN'S APPRECIATION.
Her Majesty Sends Autograph Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone.

LONDON, March 10.—The Parnellite manifesto issued by John Russell and others, which is generally regarded as a most absurd fulmination, which will have no other effect than to bring the names of its authors, some of the newspapers treat it as a weak joke, while others are disposed to treat it more seriously.

SHE IS A CHRISTIAN.

SAIGAH, Mich., March 12.—Mrs. Louis Landau has disappeared for the last few days ago she left her husband, a respectable farmer of Birch Run, and ran away with a distant friend, Judge Walter Stewart, where the couple were caught.

SENTENCED TO FIFTEEN YEARS.
BOWLING, N. Y., March 12.—Frederick Stewart, a well-known Bowling, N. Y., robber, was sentenced to a term of fifteen years at hard labor in the state prison at Auburn by Judge Walter Stewart.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Meaford has an Astronomical Society. Fine coins are now made of wood pulp.

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