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he came back into the room and offered to do a little household job she had wanted done.

Now do you think he wiped out the score against him?
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I know a great many people like him and I think they are mighty hard to live with.

Quick temper and equally facile repentance make up a climate whose violent changes are bad for the health.

Pain and mortification, such as this man inflicted upon his wife by his outburst in my presence, actually drain the nervous force, and repentance, however sincere, cannot undo this harm.

I know a woman who has lived with such a man all her life and she is a nervous wreck. Experiments have proved that if you speak sharply to a sensitive horse you increase his heart beats per minute to an enormous extent and you cannot undo this harm by patting him and giving him sugar an hour or two afterwards.

Surely a highly strung woman is not less sensitive than a horse.

To my mind the only thorough, worth-while repentance for a fit of temper is that which makes the offender try to keep his temper the next time. But when repentance is soon followed by another outburst and that by a new repentance ad infinitum. I do not think that being sweet and obliging for a little while by any means undoes the harm or wipes clean the score.

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We heard sufficient the other evening, during the debate on the question, to convince us of how utterly unprepared honorable members are to deal with the matter. Out of all the talk we had to listen to on that occasion, and there was a deal of it, we could perhaps gather a thimbleful of anything useful.

Messrs. Kent and Hickman were the only ones who gave any light to the opacity of the debate. Mr. Kent by making the suggestion referred to above, and Mr. Hickman by telling the House what is done in Iceland, Norway and other fishing centres.

A. ENGLISH.
February 20th, 1914.

**Reorganization of
Fishery Department.**

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I was very much pleased to hear Mr. Kent, when speaking to those Fishery Resolutions lately introduced by Sir Edward Morris, suggest the re-modelling of the Marine and Fisheries Department.

The hon. gentleman thought that the Department should have a staff of qualified men, fitted by their scientific training to make enquiries into all matters relating to the fisheries.

That, I think, Mr. Editor, is an eminent and practical suggestion, and one which I think also the Government would do well to act upon.

As at present constituted, it can only claim the distinction of being a life saving station or bureau, that I think, is about all that members of the present Government claim for it, it is, at any rate, all that Mr. Cashin had to say of it a couple of days ago. Mr. Conker, however, claims that it has other duties, such as giving out of lobster and salmon labels.

To my mind all interference with the fishery question will be more or less empirical and unsatisfactory until we shall have had some exact scientific ground to work upon. As regards cull and standardization, such questions can of course be settled by men who from long experience in the handling and marketing of fish, know how to apply the remedy for such ills as at present exist. Apart from these more or less simple questions of cure, cull, etc., the Committee will be asked to consider "the protection and propagation of lobsters, the protection of the seal fishery, the effect of the prosecution of the whale fishery on our bait supply, and the supply of bait."

Now, as regards lobsters, what reliable data, based on exact knowledge, has the Committee to work upon, may I ask?

What information has the Committee, as a ground work for its deliberations?
Is it Mr. Dee's Report, and, I am

not aware of any other compilation on the subject. Mr. Dee's Report, apart from the array of figures which are useful in a sense, is of very little account to anybody; there is even some doubt as to the reliability of the figures.

Mr. Dee has fully covered the ground as far as his duties led him, and I believe he is a most painstaking and industrious worker, and one who is thoroughly interested in his work, but his report has no value in the deliberations of a Committee, such as the one proposed.

As regards propagation it is a matter of experiment only. I cannot, therefore see the force of submitting such a question to a Joint Committee, such a proposal is gotten up merely for display. Why not go ahead and experiment with a hatching or two, and have done with all this empty parade.

It may be that the lobster is doomed to extinction whatever we may do; conditions may so have changed as to induce that end. Who can tell; will the Committee be able to prove or disprove it? I believe not.

The history of our planet as revealed to us in the rocks is replete with evidences of growth and extinction of whole genera. Each period and epoch has had its distinguishing fauna. Each type of creature has had its day, run its race and died out. It may be that the lobster is but following the natural order and is doomed to extinction.

In nature we find that when a certain kind becomes very plentiful, another comes along to prey upon it, and in this manner whole genera may be destroyed.

The codfish is looked upon as being the greatest enemy the lobster has. In all likelihood the lobster came first to our shores, to be followed by its enemy—the cod, which in the natural order was meant to succeed it as the possessor of our waters. Man greatly helped the cod in his work of extermination.

It may be, too, that the food of the lobster has become scarce, or some other condition of its habitat has pre-ordained its doom. These are questions that the Committee cannot answer.

Neither is the Committee able to tell with certainty what the effect of killing whales has had on the bait supply. It may gather the opinions of fishermen, which is so conflicting as to be worthless.

I cannot see what good the Committee is going to do. It can only serve one purpose and that is to make a big show of doing something, which is Sir Edward's only loop-hole of escape from his present rather awkward position of doing nothing, when not working mischief by ill-advised undertakings.

Mr. Kent's suggestion of a re-modelled Fisheries Department is the proper course. All suggestions for the improvement of the Fisheries should properly come from the Fisheries Department, it is not for Parliament to take upon itself the burden

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BLACKMAIL ON A
GERMAN PRINCESS**

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An extraordinary story of an alleged attempt to blackmail a Princess was related at the Westminster police court yesterday.

Counsel for the prosecution said his client was the wife of Prince Victor of Turen and Taxis. It was alleged that the accused man, one Maur, had made the acquaintance of the Princess, had paid her attentions, and had afterward written a blackmailing letter to her, posing as a private detective.

Some remarkable letters were read, including one described as a direct demand, with menaces for money. At the moment of his arrest at his flat Maur, it is declared, was dining with a married woman. The accused, who denies he wrote the letters, was remanded on bail.

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