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LONDON AND WASHINGTON.

The King's Speech does not outline any remarkably new plans of legislation; in fact, it has become more and more the fashion of British Prime Ministers to place in the hands of the sovereign at the opening of Parliament an address that is sometimes almost platitudinous. The legislators and the country have come to watch proceedings in Parliament rather than the Speech from the Throne, as the best means of finding out how Governments are progressing. The average Ministry in England seems to be highly impressed by the necessity of being so far as possible non-committal until the psychological moment has arrived. And in the United States the President, in his messages, seems to consider it his duty to say as little as at great length as may be. A writer in *Harper's Weekly* stated some months ago that, while Mr. McKinley, was deprecating in March, 1898, war with Spain, he was in reality temporizing until certain warlike preparations should have been completed by the chiefs of the United States navy. This statement has often been made at Washington; in fact, it has been advanced as proof of Mr. McKinley's caution and good judgment.

Mr. Bagehot, in one of his books, assigned what seems to be the true reason for the lack of interest of the people of the United States in their own politics; namely, that discussions in Congress cannot possibly affect the fortunes of a party in so far as the control of the Government is concerned. And the same consideration explains the immense interest taken in a Presidential election, and the intense caution which usually marks the actions of the Chief Executive. The President is usually looking for re-nomination, or, at any rate, is trying to advance the interests of his party. Hence his reticence. Under our system the possession of the Government is always in some degree at stake, and so the Government usually finds it advisable to say as little as possible in the Speech from the Throne. A premature announcement or an indiscreet divulgence might menace an administration's existence. As the writer already mentioned says: "Human nature despises long arguments which come to nothing; abstract disquisitions which leave things as they were. But all men heed great results; and a change of Government is a great result. It has a hundred ramifications; it runs through variety; it gives hope to many and takes away hope from few. And debates which have this catastrophe at the end of them, or may have it, are sure to be listened to, and sure to sink deep into the national mind." Mr. Bagehot calls the debates in Congress "prologues without a play." They cannot be followed by a catastrophe, for the President's Government is firmly entrenched for four years. But under the British system any debate might bring down with a crash the Administration of the day. If one storm be weathered, the next may bring disaster. Not so at Washington, where every elected man from President knows that he is in office for a term. He always has the desirability of re-election before his eyes, and his whole plan is to do nothing to interfere with his chances. The British system, in a word, takes more account of the Government as a whole; the American plan keeps every man actively alert to his own paramount interests.—Toronto News.

The cigarette ought to go. It is destroying the health of the boys.—Kingston Whig.

Some of the spring birds are here already but they had better go away back for a while.—Hamilton Speculator.

A bright idea for the Hamilton summer carnival. Instead of a battle of confetti, why not pelt each other with sausages?—Toronto Star.

Guelph is going to close the bars at 9 p. m. at which early hour everybody with a thirst will have to adjourn to the back room.—Toronto Telegram.

Sarah Bernhardt, the noted French actress, has got her tomb ready. The next thing will be to get the corpse. That will positively be her last appearance.—St. Thomas Times.

If Lord Strathcona brings the members of the House of Lords over here the Canadian girls will probably marry the bachelor section of the outfit if they take a fancy to the shapes of their coronets.—Ottawa Citizen.

Catarrh

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Wish to hurry back to see;
If perhaps there still may be
Some little thing which you forgot to do,
Be ready.

When she sweetly looks at you and sighs some day,
Be ready;
Some one else may hover near, prepared to say
The word that you in fear
Hesitate to let her hear;
Love is often lost when it is turned away,
Be ready.

Opportunity will some day ring your bell,
Be ready;
She will not inquire if you are ill or
She will not stand waiting there.
While you hasten to prepare,
She must hurry to where anxious others dwell,
Be ready.

A messenger will summon you some day,
Be ready;
He will not withdraw, implore him as you may;
He will not consent to wait;
While you pray to God, too late,
To let you clear mistakes away—
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He doesn't call his wife pet names any more, does he?
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Privileges in Preference to Rights.

Josephine Dodge Daakam, one of the most popular of the younger writers of the day, is not in sympathy with woman suffragists, and thinks the girl of to-day ought to be eager to hang on to her many privileges and let her rights go. "If you cannot in this generation get your vote, you always can get your votes. Women have always influenced men and I don't see but what that's just as good. There is some danger of women getting what our brothers call the 'big-head.' If the young girl isn't careful her brother may turn like the worm. Whatever we do, we should leave him two things. One of these is the conviction that he knows more than we can (as, for instance, looking up our trains for us), and we should leave him his bank-book. He may give us everything else, including his latch-key. I think there is a great deal of unnecessary twaddle these days about the increasing strenuousness of the young girl. I don't think she has changed so much. I don't think she has little fads of the modern girl and modern woman, such as physical culture, or vegetarianism, or Greek grammar, to which she must devote at least a morning a week, have changed the woman undemocratically. She has no more mind. She may use her mind a little differently, but it's the same old mind, the same energy that she uses. There are two things which women must always have had since the creation to be successful, and those two things are the same in the far-off islands of the Pacific and in the high school in Massachusetts. A woman to be successful must be good and she must be charming. You may think of her charm as her parliamentary ability, her oratorical power, or her excellent command of penmanship, but she has got to have it and if she lacks it, the work she can't progress. There may be something interesting in the bad woman, but she can't perpetuate nations, and, after all, that was the main purpose of our creation, I think. If a woman is good and nothing else, she will be as dull as anything the world ever made, but if she can be good and charming, her heritage and posterity can ask absolutely nothing better." Miss Daakam proved her sincerity and fearlessness by including the above remarks in a paper which she read before the Pilgrim Mothers, at their recent two hundred and eightieth anniversary of the landing of the "Mayflower," for most of the members of the league are woman suffragists. Naturally they were somewhat surprised and disappointed with her point of view.

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A man of rough exterior will sit down to meat with you, and though he may mix up his forks and branch a fork in the air along with his knife as he talks, he will observe many graceful customs, offering whatever is passed to him to a lady at his elbow and if he gets a tidbit insist on his neighbor sharing it. In country places your host in true Moorish fashion will put a choice morsel in your mouth. At bottom Mexican etiquette is Moorish, Spanish, and many of the most familiar articles of food hark back for their origin to the Arabs. Especially this is so in the matter of sweetmeats, and the famous alondigas, meat balls of small size with a stuffing of eggs and sometimes of spices, are Moorish for a thousand years. On the tables of the well to do the desert is a matter of wonder and shows the Arabian taste for sweets. Sometimes half a dozen delicious preserves will be seen. The people have a very sweet tooth.

Living on \$300 a Year.

In saying that a workingman and his family could live on \$300 a year and save money, Prof. Clark, of Northwestern University, makes the error of assuming to imply that mere living is enough, says *The Chicago Daily News*. A little happiness and a comfort or so to serve as a palliative to the crude and useless task of living are commonly eliminated from the calculations of the wise theorists who think out a simple regimen for the man with a large family and a small income. It is true that economy is a joyous thing in itself under most conditions, but the pinch of poverty is not conducive to economy. It is the poor who have to buy wastefully. The hod of coal is for sale only at an exorbitant price. The ill-nourished body is in poor condition to resist the craving for a glass of liquor. The cramped comes in the congested tenement of the crowded quarter of the city breed disease and the doctor and the druggist have to be paid if the workingman is to retain his self-respect.

Let us teach economy by example, not by theories spoken from the platform or by figures on a lecture blackboard. These serve merely to embitter the workingman who has felt the clutch of poverty in some time of closed workshops and open soup-houses. It is quite true that wastefulness is a sin of which most Americans of all grades of life are guilty. There is a great field for missionary work in the way of spreading the gospel of economy and independence. But the missionary must show how to economize by economizing, not by telling his theories, if he wishes to accomplish a good work.

How to Tell the Age of Fish.

The scales of fish as an index of age was the subject of an exhibit by the Marine Biological Association at a recent conversation of the Royal Society. The scales of many fish show a series of parallel eccentric lines, which indicate successive periods of growth. They have been found to be more widely separated in that part of the scale found during warm weather, and the resulting alternation of the two series gives rise to the appearance of annual rings which indicate the age of the fish in years. The results of J. Stuart Thompson's investigations indicate that it is possible to determine the age of individual fishes of many species with considerable precision.

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