

KAISER WILLIAM II.*

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EMPEROR WILLIAM II. OF GERMANY.

Bismarck once remarked that in estimating the character of a man, he first of all subtracted his vanity. If that principle of computation were applied to the present German Emperor, there would not, in the opinion of many, be much of him left. But that might be as great a mistake as the summing

up of a man's character from the first half of his life without waiting for the addition of the latter half.

"A boy! God preserve mother and child," was the message that was flashed to Windsor Castle from Berlin on the afternoon of the 27th of January, 1859. "Is it a fine boy?" telegraphed back her anxious Majesty within the hour. Equal solicitude had been displayed by the crowds of Ber-

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