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AGAINST DUELLING.

A conference against duelling has been called by Prince Lovenstein (of Bavaria) to meet at Leipzig on October 19th, points out the Windsor Record. Most of the signers of the call belong to the church party. It is apparent that the person who enters into a campaign against the duel in Europe should be prepared to labor all his life without visible results. In the course of a long time a strong public sentiment might be created against the practice, but until that shall have been achieved, no laws on the subject will be effective. No ruler could be more positive in forbidding the duel in the army than has been the Kaiser, yet secret duels among officers are said to be frequent. In the 15th century the duel was strongly forbidden by Louis 13th and 14th of France under heavy penalties, yet it prevailed, and is still the mode in France, though less deadly than formerly. It is still the European idea that a man's honor requires him to fight when he has been attacked in any way by one who is socially his equal, and the man who should attempt to evade the duel on the ground that it is immoral and against the interests and the laws of the country would be socially ostracized.

All the leaders of society must be converted by the anti-duelling people before the least impression can be made on the custom; and there is little prospect of an early conversion. The duel has survived ridicule as well as legal prohibition, and this means that it is firmly established in Europe.

THE DISCOVERIES OF DR. KOCH.

Of course no one believes that the recent declarations of Dr. Koch concerning the communication of bovine tuberculosis to human beings will detract from the value of his previous discoveries in bacteriology. He is still recognized by the medical world as the greatest bacteriologist, notwithstanding the assaults made by medical and sanitary experts upon his latest announcements made at the British congress on tuberculosis.

Whether it shall be proven or not that he is in error in declaring that man cannot be inoculated with bovine tuberculosis, his fame as the most distinguished bacteriologist will rest securely upon the most remarkable discoveries made in this department of science. That these discoveries have been far reaching in their influence upon medical science is shown by Dr. Hermann M. Biggs in an article in the September Review of Reviews. It was in March, 1882, that he presented before the Berlin Physiological Society a communication in which he detailed the results of his investigations concerning the causation of tuberculosis and described the tubercle bacillus. So thorough and complete was this work and so well founded its deductions that it placed tuberculosis definitely in the class of the infectious and preventable diseases, and resulted in entirely recovering the prevalent belief in the common hereditary transmission of the disease.

This, of course, was the crowning achievement of Dr. Koch. It solved a problem that was of greater importance to humanity and to scientific medicine than any that had ever been presented to scientists. It is also significant of the thoroughness of Dr. Koch's investigations in this line that all the subsequent study of bacteriologists has made no important modifications in his discovery. Dr. Biggs shows that the death rate from tuberculosis in New York City has decreased more than 35 per cent since the announcement of Dr. Koch's discovery, but still nearly 10,000 deaths a year are caused by it. While at the head of the German commission appointed by the German government, Dr. Koch carried on investigations in Egypt and India which resulted in the discovery of the cholera bacillus,

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and the observations which followed have given us full and complete knowledge of the means by which cholera is transmitted, and of the most effective preventive measures for checking its spread.

Following this important work came the discovery of the so-called Koch lymph for the treatment of tuberculosis, which was found to have a specific influence on the tuberculous processes. After surveying the entire range of Dr. Koch's discoveries Dr. Biggs is moved to declare that it has fallen to the lot of few men in the history of the world to contribute as much to the alleviation of suffering and to the saving of life as Koch has contributed.

Somehow it seems as though the white-winged dove of peace is becoming somewhat of a stranger in the local Liberal camps.

Young Canada's manifest destiny is to send over a yacht to lift that America's cup which has proved too hefty for Pa.

It isn't a lack of prospective candidates that bothers the local Liberal management. It's the prospective lack of votes which will attend the chosen.

For every 100 girls that come into the world, 105 boys are born; but there are more women than men in every civilized country. Is it that the males have a harder time scratching for a living, or is it a case of the survival of the fittest?

The Hamilton Post has ceased publication. It was a morning paper and by no means a poor one. But Hamilton has three excellent evening papers and this is the age of evening papers. People prefer to obtain today's news to-day rather than wait the morrow morning.

It is really quite a surprise and matter for considerable congratulation that the Duke had such a successful shooting trip while in the west. We read that the game was still quite plentiful. Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. John W. Young, was evidently far more generous than we had supposed.

Thin Babies

often develop into weak, delicate, backward children; undersized, nervous, feeble, adults. Lack of nourishment is the cause.

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A Pathetic Appeal.

THE following plea for judicial mercy, sent to "Law Notes" by a correspondent, will be found brimful of pathos: Ex parte Samuel Rice.

To the Hon. H. A. Sharpe, Judge of the City Court of Birmingham, in Equity: Your petitioner, Samuel Rice, of Mobile, Ala., would deferentially represent that on January 10, in the year of grace 1891, your honor dissolved the connubial ties theretofore existing between petitioner and his consort, Annie Rice, granting her a divorce a vinculo et matrimonii, with the befitting privilege thereto annexed of marrying again, a privilege, it goes without saying, she availed herself of with an alacrity of spirit and a fastidious levity disdaining pursuit; but on this vital point your honor extended to petitioner only the charity of your silence.

Petitioner has found in his own experience a truthful exemplification of Holy Scripture, "that it is not well for man to be alone," and seeing an inviting opportunity to superbly ameliorate his forlorn condition, by a second nuptial venture, he finds himself circumsvalled by an Ossa Pelion obstacle, which your honor alone has power to remove.

His days rapidly verging on the sere and yellow leaf, the fruits and flowers of love all going; the worm, the canker, and the grub in sight, with no love and none to careen him, petitioner feels an indescribable yearning, longing and heaving to plunge his adventurous prow once more into the vexed waters of the sea of Connubiality. Wherefore, other refuge having none, and wholly trusting to the tender benignity and sovereign discretion of your honor, petitioner humbly prays in view of the accompanying flats of a great cloud of reputable citizens, giving him a phenomenally good name and fair fame, you will have compassion on him, and relieve him of the hymeneal disability under which his existence has become a burden, by awarding him the like privilege of marrying again; thus granting him a happy issue out of the Red Sea of troubles into which a pitiless fate has whelmed him. For, comforting as the velvety touch of an angel's palm to the fever-racked brow, and soothing as the strains of an Aeolian harp when swept by the fingers of the night, and dear as those ruddy drops that visit these sad hearts of ours, and sweet as sacramental wine to dying lips, it is when life's fitful fever is ebbing to its close to pillow one's aching head on some fond wife's bosom and breathe his life out gently there.

And in duty bound to attain the possibility of compassing such a measureless blessing, petitioner will pray without ceasing, in accents as loud and earnest as ever issued from celibatary lips.

SAMUEL RICE, Petitioner.

A Familiar Odor.

Senator William E. Mason of Illinois is a good campaigner and a great stump speaker, relates the New York "Times." His wit and eloquence are not of the most refined order, but they are just the thing to catch a crowd. Mason is never at a loss for a retort, and enjoys being interrupted in a speech. During one of his campaigns he was getting his share of interruptions in a speech he was delivering. Mason was enjoying himself, and was making a great hit with the majority of the crowd. There was one man, however, who interrupted Mason up some-what. This man had imbibed more alcohol than was good for him. He was on the outskirts of the crowd, and he was asking Mason questions in a thick voice. The Senator could not catch the questions, and he did not at first know what was the matter with the fellow, he stopped and attempted to catch the question each time. He always failed, and this led to several awkward pauses. At last Mason became irritated. The next time an interruption came from the intoxicated one, Mason asked:

"Who are you?"

"You know me, Billy?" came the answer, in maudlin and swaying tones.

Mason paused. "My friend," said he, in a measured and metallic voice, "I don't recognize your face, but your breath is familiar."

An All-Around Hit.

A certain government officer was new to his duties, and he was taking those who were under him, the servants in his own establishment being no exception. His valet was expected to be on duty three hundred and sixty-five full days in the year.

Being detailed to accompany a scientific expedition on an extended cruise, the officer unbent a little in communicating the news to his personal attendant.

"Well, James," he said, "how would you like to go with me around the world?"

"Do we go from east to west, sir?" asked the valet.

"Yes."

"We lose a day in going that way, don't we?"

"We do."

"Well, sir, I'd like it first-rate. It would give me one day off."

Returned For the Pan.

Only the experienced and methodical housekeeper knows the agony of the woman whose maid forgets her tray while performing the ceremonious obligations of the tray is recognized in Milwaukee is evidenced by the relation, by the "Sentinel," of the horror which seized upon a fashionable mistress while listening to conversation in the hall.

The maid had just arrived, and had been solemnly instructed as to the necessity of carrying the silver card-tray when answering the door-bell. It was an "At Home" day, and the domestic, in immaculate cap and apron, rushed to the door at the first tinkle. The caller proved to be the most imposing representative of the very upper set.

"Sure, an' she's in," said Mary, affably, in answer to the usual inquiry, and started upstairs. Halfway up she turned, and rushed madly back, snatched the card-tray from the table, and holding it out to the astonished visitor, exclaimed:

"And wasn't I after forgettin' me Pan!"

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