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The Lady (rather stiffly)—"Thank you. You are very kind, and I am certainly not offended."
Lester (seeing that he had made a blunder in the form of his last speech)—"I am glad of that. I was afraid you might think that you had not been treated very courteously."
The Lady (descending from her perch, and, after a short pause, during which she had been considering)—"Pray do not mention it. It is I who ought to apologize. But as I have been here a good many mornings now, of course I thought there was no harm."
Another pause. Then—
The Lady (with a sudden frankness, and as though her mind was quite made up)—"I should only have come once or twice more."

Lester-"Might I ask if you have any Lester—Might I ask if you have any special purpose, then, for wishing to come here? If so, no doubt Miss Clare would give you permission willingly." The Lady—"Yes; and I should certainly like to be able to come once or twice again." Lester waited for her to explain. "In fact it was the deer that tempted me."

Lester (mystified)-"The deer." Lester (mystified)—"The deer."
The Lady—Yes; to study them."
Lester—"Ah, I see. You are an artist,
The Lady—"I am a learner."
Lester—"Then I beg your pardon more
han ever. I know Miss Clare would
nly be too happy to let you sketch her than ever.

The Lady (evidently not intending to let her chance slip)—"I should be so glad! But she might not like it; and—"Lester—"Oh, she would be sure to make no objection. On the contrary, she would feel flattered. But I cannot give you leave myself. I must speak to her first—" The Lady-"Of course. But I hope you li not put yourself to any trouble on Lester—"It would be no trouble at all.
How could it be? Let me see—I will
speak to Miss Clare today; but how can
I let you know her answer? But it would
be sure to be all right; and you could
come here tomorrow, if you like, very
safely."

Lady-"I should not like to with-Lester (struck by a good thought)-Lester (struck by a good thought)—
"Then she or I could write you a note.
You would get it today, if you live at
Denethorp, as I suppose you do; so, if
you would tell me your address—"
The Lady (gratefully)—"You are most
kind indeed, sir, and I should be
ashamed to trouble you or Miss Clare so
much as that; and, as it is, I am
ashamed of seeming so persistent about
what you must. I'm sure, think a mere what you must, I'm sure, think a mere

caprice."
Lester—"What trouble could it possibly be? If you will tell me your address, shall remember it."
The Lady—"Then, as you are so kind—Miss Lefort, 23 Market street."
Lester—"Thanks. You shall hear today, or tomorrow at farthest. Meanwhile I will take it upon myself to ask you to finish your sketch this morning."
The Lady—"Thanks indeed; but I could not think of such a thing."
Lester—"But why not? Surely—"
The Lady (resolutely)—"I would rather not now, indeed. I would much rather wait till I can come with Miss Clare's permission."

Lester-"I am afraid you are angry with me?" with me?"
The Lady (very coldly)-Not at allwhy should I be?"
Lester-"For having interrupted your es for a whole morning. And the Lady (with a smile)-"I daresay you have not done my studies very much Lester-"But I cannot allow you to

have had your long walk for nothing. I must really ask you to remain this morning, if only to set my conscience The Lady—"But I do not consider that I have had my walk for nothing, by any means. To meet with kindness surely cannot be called nothing. But, indeed, I would very much rather put off my letter the control of the con ketch till another time."

Lester (seeing that she did not intend to be persuaded)—"Then, since you will not do me this kindness, I will see that the shell be feeled on soon as possible.

not do me this kindness. I will see that it shall be finished as soon as possible. But I am sorry—I wish I could persuade you to remain."

The Lady—"You are most kind indeed.

It is I who ought to be sorry."

Lester (not liking to press her further)—"You have no occasion to be. I assure you. By the way, Miss Lefort, if I might ask you, are you living in Denethorp? If you are visiting. I may very likely know something of your friends."

The Lady—"We have been many years in Denethorp. My father is a teacher of French."

Lester-"Oh, I think I have heard of

ester—"Oh, I think I have heard of I hope that he finds the place suits and that he has no want of pupils." he Lady—"Oh, he does well enough now I must wish you good morning, thank you once more." he gave him a grave bow, which Lesanswered by raising his hat and was is wered by raising his hat, and was He wished that he had been able persuade her to remain, and, failing this, would have willingly invented an in this, would have willingly invented an excuse for seeing her as far as the great gates; but as that, to judge from her manner, was wholly out of the question, he lighted another cigar, and, with a good appetite for breakfast, strolled quietly back to the house.

On reaching the garden he met Miss Baymond

what an early riser you are!" Not in general, I am afraid."



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+0+0+000+0+0+0+ "My aunt has told you? Yes, if I "Of course you will win."
"Perhaps I shall, if you canvass for me. Prescott, they say turns the heads of all the women; but if you appear in the field, I shall have one on my side

worth a host."

"But suppose Mr. Prescott turned mine with the others?"

"Then I should at once retire from the contest. The election would be virtually decided. Will my aunt be down tually decided. to breakfast?" "She is down."
"Already? Is it so late? By Jove, so it is!"
"Do you call this late-you, a Londoner?"

"I meant I did not know I had been out so long I have been having a ren-dezvous with a young lady, you must "With a young lady?" "It is quite true, I assure you. I arranged it last night before I went to

"You certainly make good use of your "I have spoken the exact truth."
"I have spoken the exact truth."
"Nonsense! Come in to breakfast—that will be more amiable than asking riddles. Miss Clare has been down this healt bour." half-hour. "I will come, then, since you lead, And you shall hear my confession."

At the breakfast table he gave a lively

account of his adventure, much to Miss Raymond's amusement; but when he mentioned the name Lefort, she said:

"Why, surely, it can't be Angelique?"

"And who is Angelique?"

"And who is Angelique?" "Oh, my friend-my traveling com-panion. She is staying with her friends, while I am staying with mine. Oh, I daresay it is her coustn-she has one. By the way, Miss Clare, I ought to call on the Leforts. They are old proteges of my dear mother. Could I, do you think?"

think?"
"Oh, certainly, if you wish it."
"That will be capital," said Hugh. "I am going to drive over to Denethorp after breakfast to see White. If you like to trust yourself with me, you can see your friends while I am doing my talk. White will keep me same time I White will keep me some time, I that would be delightful! "Oh, that would be delightful! I should so like the drive, but—"
But Miss Clare made no objection, and so the arrangement was made.

CHAPTER V. Leaving Hugh Lester to the enjoyment of his well-earned breakfast, Miss Lefort, when he parted from her, walked quickly but quietly along the avenue toward the lodge naturally rather flurried by her unexpected interruption, and yet rather pleased at it, too; something in the same way as a child may feel pleased by the way as a child may feel pleased by the excitement of having been caught in a piece of mischief, scolded and forgiven. She had liked the manner of her new acquaintance and felt even flattered by his evident care to be polite to her under difficulties. In short, she had been anything but offended by her morning's adventure. In this mood she traversed the large three miles of difficulties. the long three miles of dusty high road leading to the town, and then, passing leading to the town, and then, passing the few villas and ornamental cottages, the exact reverse of ornamental, that showed Denethorp to be what builders call an improving place, and a narrow, old-fashioned street or two, in which still remained not a few houses with the projecting storys and pointed roofs of centuries ago, stopped before a bootmaker's shop that bore the number 23. The shutters were not yet taken down, nor was the shop door open; but, at the side entrance, a shabby, red-armed servant-girl was producing a miniature and vant-girl was producing a miniature and muddy flood by scrubbing and mopping the rough pavement in front of it. Step-

ping as well as she could over the barri-cade of mops and pails, Miss Lefort made her way up a dark and dusty staircase, smelling of closed windows, to the second The room which Miss Lefort entered was in front of the house, and looked out upon the narrow Market Street; that is to say, upon a double row of second and third rate shops, principally patronized by the small farmers of the neighborhood who drove into town on Thursday—Denethorp market-day—and looked down upon by the wives and daughters of the mill-owners, lawyers, doctors, and parsons, who composed the aristocracy and plutocracy of the place, and who, for the most part, did their shopping at Redchester. It was therefore for six days out of the seven rather excessively quiet, not to say dull; and on the seventh, very much noisy. This particular room in No. 23 was not of a character in itself to mitigate the effect of the external dullness that reigned of the external dullness that reigned from Friday to Wednesday; and as its windows commanded the whole length of the street, it had the full benefit of the one day of bustle. It was small, and coorly furnished in what may be called or the occasion, after the same manner as that in which one speaks of the style Pompadour or Louis XIV., or de la Renaissance, the style criniere, or horse-hair style—a style too well known and too unvarying even in its minutest description. There are few so fortunate as never to have met with it once; and whoever has seen one specimen knows. as hever to have met with it once; and whoever has seen one specimen knows as much about it as if he had seen a hundred. The occupants of the room, however, had more individuality than the chairs on which they had to sitar a remark that cannot be made of all occupants of all rooms, even when the latter are not furnished in the horse-

[To be Continued.]

IN PLACE OF LAP DOGS.

[Philadelphia North American.] The Princess of Wales has made babies fashionable in England. Children are supplanting lap dogs and silken-coated cats as drawing-room pets-How long the babies will rule no one can tell, but at present they are wearing the crown of popularity. There are three bright children in the palace of the Princess of Wales, two boys and a flaxen, curly-haired little girl. These tots were left behind when the prince and the princess went on the great colonial tour from which they but recently returned. And when they came home the glad welcome the royal mother received from her three children were so touching that the while nation was put into a sympa-thetic mood. Now the princess is rarely seen without having one or more of her babies with her. Naturally, when the future Queen does a thing that sets the fashion which all other titled ladies follow. That is the reason why fewer dogs and more children are seen in the fashionable drawing-rooms today. One thing the princess absolutely forbids, and it is for any member of her suite or one of her servants to kiss a dog or a cat. She does this for sanitary reasons, having been informed by her physician that such animals frequently communicate eczema to human beings.

COULD INFER.

The irritable master of the Louse, waking from a troubled nap and hearing no noise down stairs, called out to his daughter:

"Melissa, I wonder if that snobbish young squirt of a Caddleigh, who comes here five or six evenings in the week, knows what I think of him?"
"Yes, sir," answered the cheerful
voice of the young man in the hall
below. I think he does."

OF SPORTS.

BASEBALL.

PLAYERS YOU KNOW Owing to the fact that the owners of the local baseball franchise have not heard from "Hunky" Hines, despite the fact that he has been written to repeatedly, a number of the enthusiasts have suggested that an effort be made to secure "Pete" Lohman to manage this year's team. Lohman is regarded as a favorite, and it is said that with the proper inducements he would agree to return here. It has been rumored for some time that Hines had figured on captaining the Rockford team this year.—Des Moines Leader. Lohman will manage the Oakland (Cal.) club

Radcliffe, the crack young shortstop of the Denver team last year, according to the Denver News, will either play in Detroit or Minneapolis next year unless the Denver management gives him fully as good inducements as these clubs are offering him. He was one of the players who was closely watched at the conclusion of the Western League season last year, and a number of the big teams of the country had their eyes on him. The brilliancy with which "Rad" finished the season last year shows what a young player can do under careful watching. Before Bil Everitt took charge of the Denver team Radcliffe was very ordinary. In fact, his playing did much to lose many of the games, as he was very erratic. He became so discouraged that he wanted to quite the team. Everitt saw that all Radcliffe needed was someone to steady him, and he coached the young player out of a few bad playing faults he had. Radcliffe drank everything that Bill told him, and at the end of the season was the idol of the Denver fans. He not only fielded brilliantly, but he was there with

will be disappointed when they learn of the fact that he will not be holding down the first corner for the locals next season. La Rocque is at present in the city. He was on the first of the year given a permanent position on the fire department. This position was procured for him by a member of the board of aldermen and is quite a lucrative job. Several teams of Southern League could better themselves greatly by securing Sam La Rocque to cover first. No first base-man of any Southern League team last

good things are said about the Canuck twirler. It is told that not more than four or five hits have been made off his delivery in any one game. If this is so, and Powell concludes to sign him, he will help out considerable, as Powell only has Stewart, High, Dannehower and Stanley so far signed as twirlers.-New Orleans correspondence. NO AMALGAMATION.

Chicago, Jan. 20 .- Ban Johnson and A. Spalding held a conference Saturday, which the baseball situation was discussed at considerable length. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Spalding agreed that it was inadvisable to consider amalgamation of the two leagues on any kind of basis. Mr. Johnson stated that the American League schedule was made up for the year, and that there would be no change in it in any way. Mr. Spalding was squally emphatic that the present four local clubs of the National League—Pittsburg, Chicago, Philadelphia and Brooklyn—would go through the season inact, and would play out a four-club schedule if necessary. He expressed the opinion that there would be the usual number of eight clubs, but not more than eight, nor less than four. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Spalding are united in the opinion that two major league clubs, representing the larger cities, are a necessity to satisfy the public, and League sch a necessity to satisfy the public, and each believe that rivalries between these local clubs of the two leagues wil ter satisfy the baseball patrons in cities were two clubs may be located. Among other results of the conference Saturday was the suggestion that the respective was the suggestion that the respective playing rules committees of the National American and National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues have a joint conference and formulate a uniform code of playing rules for the coming year. For the purpose of carrying this into effect Messrs. Johnson and Spalding sent a joint letter to P. T. Powers, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, suggesting a joint conference to formulate a uniform code of playing rules, to meet Feb. 10, 1902, at Buffalo, N. Y.

CLASH THREATENED. Kansas City, Jan. 20.—Dale Gear, secretary of the Players' Protective Association, gave out an interview Saturday night, which indicated that clash between the players' organization and the national organization of minor is threatened. Gear says that the re-ported declaration of officials of the minor association will certainly be resented by the players who are om, and that they "will not



on at his wife's suffering willing to do anything to aid her and able to do nothing.

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skill of twelve different doctors. She took gallons of medicine during the time she was ill,
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stand idly by and allow themselves to be handled as a lot of slaves." Gear continues: "To be told that they are to play and have a fine assessed if they dare to accept a position in another league, where better money was paid, was an action of this combine, the minor leagues, that was directly against the interests of the players, and striking at the very roots of the Players' Protective Association. It aimed to destroy all the good the union had done the players, and I, as secretary of the association, will send out letters to all members warning them against this new combine, organized for the interests of the managers to further shackle the players." Gear has written to President Daly in regard to the matter, and will push it into an issue between the players and Powers' organization. organization.

TURF.

AT NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, Jan. 20.—A string of eleven 2-year-olds faced Starter Fitzgerald in the third race Saturday afternoon, making their debut on the turf. Based on trials, the Morris-Walden pair, Merry Sister and Offset, were favorites and coupled. Merry Sister's race was much the better. She was on the outside all the way and was carried wide on the turns, but came very fast at the end and finished strong. Mustcal Slipper was well handled, ran a good race, and was drawing away as they finished. Dagmar, the favorite in the stake event, the Live Oak steeplechase, worth \$1,015 to the winner, has probably closed his racing career. He unseated his rider early in the race, but Bartley remounted and started after his field. Rising to the career. He unseated his rider early in the race, but Bartley remounted and started after his field. Rising to the tenth jump, the horse broke a blood-vessel and was pulled up. Coley made a new record for the track. Mynheer, who won the fifth race, was the only winning favorite. Weather partly cloudy, track fast. Summaries: First race. 6 furlongs, selling—Orla 1,
. G. Fox 2, Little Jack Horner 3. Time,

1:14.
Second race, 1 mile 4½ furlongs, selling
—Major Mansir 1, Judge Steadman 2,
Star Cotton 3. Time, 2:42.
Third race, 3 furlongs—Musical Slipper
1, Flash of Lightning 2, Merry Sister 3.

Time, :36.
Fourth race, Live Oak steeplechase, full course—Coley 1. Bristol 2, Captain Conover 3. Time, 4:39½.
Fifth race, 11-16 miles—Mynheer 1, Reseda 2, Silver Coin 3. Time, 1:47.
Sixth race, 6 furlongs—The Hoyden 1, Lingo 2, O'Hagan 3. Time, 1:14.

WHEEL.

BROKE ALL RECORDS. Philadelphia, Jan. 20.-A crowd that filled all the available space in the Second Regiment Armory witnessed the fin-ish of the six-day bicycle race Saturday night. The contest was won by Freeman and Maya, the former, by a remarkable and Maya, the former, by a remarkable sprint, crossing the tape a wheel's length ahead of the second man. Four teams covered the same distance, 1,004 miles and 10 laps, breaking the best previous record by 38 8-15 miles. This record, 965 3-10 miles, was established two years ago by McFarland and Elkes in Madison Square Garden. Five minutes before the finish the tail-enders retired, giving the track to Freeman Monroe Leander and man of any Southern League team last year could field a ball with the surety of La Rocque. It was rumored that Little Rock was communicating with him, but nothing definite is announced.
—Birmingham, Ala., correspondence of Sporting News.

Bradford, who was with the Canadian and Interstate Leagues last season, has been in correspondence with Powell for a trial on the slab. Lots of good things are said about the Canuck

Binish the tail-enders retired, giving the track to Freeman, Monroe, Leander and Wilson. The four men started away, with Leander leading, following by Freeman, Monroe was pocketed by William and Interstate Leagues last season, has been in correspondence with Leander third and Wilson last. The teams finished as follows: Freeman and Maya, Monroe and McEachern, Leander and Rutz, Wilson and Gougoltz, each 1,004.10; Mueller and Barclay, \$1,003.10.

BILLIARDS. LOST CHAMPIONSHIP. New York, Jan. 20.—Arthur Townsend lest the championship of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players to Edward Gardner, of the Acquacknack Club, Passaic, N. J., Saturday night in the final game of the tournament at the Hanover Club, Brooklyn.

FISTIC.

OLE OLESON WON. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20.—Ole Oleson, of Chicago, was given the decision in a fast 20-round fight with Eddie Gardner, of Wheeling, W. Va., before the South Omaha Athletic Club, Saturday night. SIX-ROUND GO.

Chicago, Jan. 20 .- Frank Childs, of Chicago, Jan. zu.—Frank Childs, of Chilcago, colored champion heavy-weight puglist, won a decision over Walter Johnson, also of Chicago, at the club rooms of the Athletic Association Saturday night. Six rounds were fought. Fred Russell, of Denver, was scheduled as Childs' opponent, but the management appounced just prayious to the management. Russell, of Denver, was scheduled as Childs' opponent, but the management announced, just previous to the men entering the ring, that Russell had quit, and that Johnson had been secured to take his place. The contest was tame and uninteresting.

PUGS DISCHARGED. Philadelphia, Jan. 20 .- Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey, who were arrested on Friday at the instance, it is said, of the Law and Order Society, and held in \$5,000 bail to keep the peace, appeared at the magistrate's office here on Saturday and were discharged. James H. Mc-

Ask Scores of People Who Endure the Wretched Itching. Burning Sensations of Piles and Do Not Know the Nature of Their Disease or the Remedy to Apply.

sometimes called, are small tumors, which form in and about the orifice of the rectum. They are caused by an enlarged and inflamed condition of the veins, which are very numerous in are situated along the veins which carry blood from the intestines to the iver; external piles, on the veins which surround the rectum.

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after child birth. In bleeding piles the hemorrhage is sometimes so profuse as to cause death, but protruding piles are probably more dreaded, because it is beleved that nothing short of a surgical peration will cure them. As a rule every form of piles becomes at times acutely inflamed, and extremely painful. The itching and burning usually increases at night, and the misery which many people endure is beyond description

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bout, who was also under bond, was re-HOCKEY. SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Quebec sprung a surprise on the Mon-real hockey public on Saturday night treal hockey public on Saturday night by defeating the crack Shamrocks in the senior series by 6 to 2. The Crescents refeated Sherbrooke in the intermediate series by a score of goals to 3.

The Ottawas were defeated by Montreal by a score of 4 goals to 2 in a

trear by a score of 4 goals to 2 in a lively game.

The first W. O. H. A. match of the season was played in Elora Saturday night between Hespeler and Elora, resulting in favor of Elora by the score of 13 to 1.

The senior O. H. A. match was won by 'Varsity over St. George's by a score of 7 to 5. GAME THURSDAY NIGHT. A game of hockey will be played on Thursday evening between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock, at Westminster Rink, between the London South Intermediates and the London South Juniors. The clubs

and the London South Juniors.

will line up as follows:
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TONIGHT'S GAME.

Tonight the hockey lovers of London will have a chance to judge of the merits of the kind of game they play in the Western Hockey Association, when the Tecumsehs meet the Guelph O. A. C. seven in the opening game of the senior seriors. The Jubilee Rink should be jammed tonight, as the boys deserve every encouragement. They have had to start at the very bottom to build up a team, and have succeeded, after the very hardest kind of work. Their lineup to meet Guelph tonight will likely be: Goal, Bishop; point, West; cover, Stinson; forwards, Underhill, Cribb, McMahen and Coughlin. All these players have been practicing faithfully, and should be in the best of condition. TONIGHT'S GAME.

ATHLETICS.

OLYMPIAN GAMES. Chicago, Jan. 20.—A. G. Spalding, who has been appointed chairman of the athletic committee of the Olympian games of 1904, has had a conference with games of 1904, has had a conference with H. J. Furber, chairman of the general committee, for the purpose of discussing the details which would fall to the athletic committee. After the conference Mr. Spalding said: "I had no idea of the scope of the undertaking planned by the general committee. It was astonishing to me in its proportions. Nothing like it has ever been undertaken. I was on the athletic committe of the Paris Exposition as American representative, and position as American representative, and I can truthfully say if the present plans for the Olympian games are carried out there will be absolutely no comparison with anything in that line that has taken place. I did not realize until today the importance of the position I had accepted, nor the work it will entail, but I can promise everything in my power to make

YOUNG RULER OF MOROCCO

Mulai-Aziz Seems To Be Open to Ideas of Progress.

Though the Sultan of Morocco has occupied the throne since the death of his father in 1894, he has been a ruler in fact only for a year and a half, says the New York Sun. Still scarcely out of his boyhood, for he is only 20 years old, the absolute power he has now assumed was exercised, during his minority, by his grand vizier, Sid Ahmed, who kept in force the fanati-cal policy of the Mohammedan extre-

When Mulai-Aziz came to the throne a mere lad, it was said that he had already exhibited unusual brightness of intellect and a great desire to know about the peoples, customs and gov-ernments of foreign countries. It was mentioned as an indication of his tendencies, that he had befriended a young Frenchman, Delbrel, who was prisoner for no other crime than that he was an uninvited foreigner in Central Morocco. Though it is grievous sin for a Mohammedan to make a picture of any living thing, the young prince secretly took drawing lessons from the prisoner, and had many talks with him about France. As the had been in high favor with his father, it was thought that he might have imbibed from Mulai-Hassan the progressive tendencies that were manifest in the last year of his reign, and that the accession of Mulai-Aziz to power might result in great good to his

country.

The reports that have recently come from Morocco seem to justify the hope that Mulai-Aziz may modify or even uproot the fanatical regime that has kept Morocco almost wholly outside the pale of progressive influences. His father was rarely seen by a European, except by diplomatic embassies, and then only for a couple of minutes, when he received them seated on his horse; but in the past few months Piles, or hemorroids, as they are Mulai-Aziz has repeatedly conversed with Mr. Walter B. Harris, one of the leading explorers of Morocco, and a careful and conservative writer, who has outlined the sultan's scheme of reforms, and says he is diligently lookthis part of the body. Internal piles ing among his officials for men whom he can trust to help him in carrying them out. Mr. Harris describes the young man as wholly unlike other Oriental potentates in thoughts, habits and manner of life. "He is keenly sensitive to public opinion in Europe is interested in educational systems abroad, and in the workings of con stitutional government, and is anxious to keep on good terms with the pow-ers." Just before his death, Mulai-Hassan discussed with his advisers the policy of sending young men of official families to Europe to be educated. The present sultan says that when his government is better organized he hopes to travel abroad and learn what he can for the benefit of his country. Dr. Oskar Lenz, one of the most

acute observers of affairs in Morocco, wrote in 1884 that though the father of the present sultan had liberal tendencies, and was a man of independent and energetic character, as well as an autocrat, he was not in a position to introduce revolutionary reforms against the will of the official class. The fanatical party was too strong, both in the country and at court, to be compelled to submit to drastic measures of reform. On the other hand. Mr. Harris asserts that through the influence of Mulai-Aziz a great change has come over the court in its ideas of policy toward the treatment of Europeans. Whatever the outcome may be, the present situation in Morocco, with a sultan of avowed liberal principles on the throne, is extremely interesting. It is a long step from the desire to give Morocco an enlightened government to the fulfillment of it; but the whole world will be interested to see a favorable change in the past apparently hopeless condition of this naturally rich country, and will welcome any success the sultan may attain in his efforts to bring about a better state of things in Morocco.

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