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ber nominated from Rouen went to Paris and selected his seat. He had hardly taken it when his next neighbor

turned and stared at him. The Rouen man, embarrassed, turned up his coat

"Sir," said his lynx eyed colleague, "I

believe I had the honor of sending you

to the galleys for murder in 18—, when I was judge. You had strangled the

servant of the cure who had brought you up, and robbed the worthy man.

Oblige me by resigning immediately.' The next day the Moniteur announce

ed that there was a vacancy for Rouen

The Jury's Verdict.

An English coroner had directed the jury in a suicide case to find a verdict of felo de se. "Well, chaps," said the

foreman of the jury when they had re-tired to consider the verdict, "it ap-pears to me that this 'ere chap shot

isself with a gun after shootin' an-

other chap with a gun, but Dr. Jones, the coroner, who we all know and 'ighly respect, 'e says that this 'ere chap fell in the sea. Well, it ain't for the likes of us to go arguin' the point

with the doctor, for 'e knows more

about it than we do. So, I propose w

find a verdict of found drowned"-and

Browning's Maid.

Browning had a maid in his service whe had a gift for saying quaint

things. When the poet was going to pay the last mark of respect to George

Henry Lewes, she said she "didn't see the good of catching cold at other peo-

ple's funerals." And once, when he was away on a holiday and a journal-

ist came to the door to inquire if it was true that the poet was dead, she indignantly answered, "I have not

heard so, and I am sure my master is

Life is a game of give and take, remarked the Wise Guy.
Yes, agreed the Simple Mug, and most of us want to be takers.

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LIEUTENANT AT A LEVEE.

Young Military Debutantee's First Bow the King-Night Have Saved His Trepidation.

Just as a young debutante looks forward to her first drawing-room with feelings as much of nervous trepidation, as of delight, so a young officer or lawyer fights more

trepidation as of delight, so a young officer or lawyer fights more shy of his first leve than of facing an enemy in the field or conducting his first case in court, although naturally he feels proud of the prospect of coming individually under the eyes of his King.

I am not ashamed to confess that when some time ago, in all the glory of the full-dress uniform of a lieutenant of Yeomanry, I made my way on foot to St. James's Palace to be presented to His Majesty as one of his gallant soldiers, it was with a little internal quaking and an external trembling of the knees, which rather belied my brave appearance. I was just in time, as I neared the Palace, to see the King's equipage, with its escort of Life Guardsmen making a gallant show with their glistening helmets and nodding plumes, dash up through a roar of welcoming shouts from the crowds of curious sightseers, and to feel proudly that I, too, was a part, however insignificant, of the "show."

Ran Gauntlet of Crowds

My own reception by the crowd, however, was not quite so cordial as that of the King, although one critic did exclaim, 'I say, Bill, don't 'e think 'e's a torf!' which, after all, was rather a dubious kind of a compliment. But a soldier of the King can afford to be criticised, I thought as, with the air of a field marshal, I ran the gauntlet of the crowds and at last found myself safely landed within the palace walls. And what a startling transforma-

tion it was from the dinginess of the world outside to the blaze of color world outside to the blaze of color and life and animation in which I found myself within the palace. Here were hundreds of men stretching away in a long vista as far as the eye could see, a river of moving col-ors as variegated as those of Joseph's coat and probably far Joseph's coat and probably far more picturesque. They were men of all types and ages—a few generals, erect and still imposing in scarlet tunics, cocked hats, and plumes—men apparently old enough to have fought at Balaclava and Inkerman, and still ready if need be to take the field again; and rubbing shoulders with these grizzled veterans were dapper young subalterns of Guards as gaily attired as so many popinjays, and no doubt full of dreams of the day when they too, should wear the day when they too, should wear a general's badge. Here are aides-de-camp in their richly embroidered tunics, gold aigrettes, plumed hats and gold sashes; Highland officers in tartan trews and feather bonnets; tartan trews and feather bonnets; trim naval commanders in their more sober but most becoming blue and gold; officers of engineers and artillery, of cavalry and infantry of the line, Yeomen and volunteers—an epitome, in fact, of the British Army and all sporting their bravest colors.

A Brilliant Scene.

Dotted here and there in this gor-geous stream of color, slowly mov-ing onward to the Throne Room, are the white wigs and black robes of lawyers fresh from the courts and their briefs, and come to pay hom-age to the King; men in the modest splendor of black velvet court suits, steel-looped cocked hats, and swords and buckles of steel; stray ministers of the Crown in gold-laced uniforms; scarlet-clad dignitaries of the scarlet-clad dignitaries of the Church; county lieutenants in silk-lined embroidered tunics, silverlined embroidered tunics, silver-laced trousers, and crimson and gold sashes; Chinamen, gorgeous in robes of silk and gold; picturesque Japanese; and turbaned Turks. In my uniform of dark green I felt quite eclipsed by the blaze of color around and in front of me, as mov-

around and in front of the, as hove ing with the stream I found myself passing through room after room scanned by keen-eyed officials, on the lookout for anything irregular in dress, and the entrance to each room guarded by two gentlemen-at-arms ready to bar the entrance with a cord of silk if the pressure should

At last, after what seems hours of slow progression, I catch a distant glimpse of the Throne Room, voices which until now have been incessant become hushed, I clutch my ticket of presentation to make sure that I have still got it, and summon up my evaporating courage for the ordeal which is now near.

Catches Sight of the King.

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A little later I find myself at the entrance to the Throne Room and catch sight of the King, in field marshal's uniform, standing on a raised platform with a brilliant group behind, to the right, and in front of him—Royal Princes and household officials in gorgeous uniforms. My name is announced in a clear, cultured voice—that of the Lord Chamberlain—and with a dazed feeling and a shakiness in the legs I walk forward, make a clumsy obeisance to the King, receive a gracious smile and a bow in turn, and somehow, before I realize that it can possibly be over, I have emerged from the room and find myself in a corridor outside.

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After all, I thought, it was not very formidable, and I might just as well have saved myself all my trepidation. For a few moments I waited in the corridor watching the steady flow from the Throne Roomthe Army, the Navy, the Church, and the Law, Ministers and Attaches—and I could not help fancying that they all seemed as pleased as myself at having done homage to our gracious King, and that the ordeal was over.

The art of drawing wire was not practiced until the fourteesth century, or introduced into England antil the seventeenth century, all wire made previously having been made by hammering into rounded lengths narrow strips of metal cut from plates previously beaten out.

THE AMERICAN HUSBAND.

A Study of His Traits From an Eng-

An American young man does not as a rule look forward to marriage nor prepare for it by saving any considerable portion of his antenuptial income. When he marries it is usually on short notice and because he has fallen very desperately in love with some one and cannot find it in his heart to wait until cold caution declares the venture advisable. Even when an engagement is a long one he usually squanders sc much on gifts and entertainments for his fiancee that there is only a very moderate amount to begin housekeep-ing on. Thus before his marriage the young American of the middle class begins to give evidence of what is to be his chief national characteristic as a husband—his unfailing, unselfish and

almost improvident generosity.
The middle class husband in America rarely interferes with the affairs of the household. He hardly knows the cost of staple articles of food. As a rule he does not make his wife a regular al-lowance either for household or personal expenses, but gives her as much as he can spare, freely, but with a lack of system that is not conducive to the est outlay of their income.

The young American husband is also very indulgent to his wife's fondness for fine clothes. He would far rather have an extravagant wife than a dowdy one, and, although he grumbles eccasionally at a millinery bill, in reality he glories in the resplendent appearance of his wife in her fine feathers. The American husband is rare who does not concede his wife's right to expend a much larger sum with her dressmaker than he does with his tailor. Indeed he often leaves his tailor altogether and cheerfully repairs to the ready made clothing house in order that his wife may have more money for extravagant finery.—London Telegraph.

CANINE MEMORY.

The Story of a Pet Bull Terrier That Did Not Forget.

A gentleman who is a great traveler and who is always accompanied in his wanderings by a bull terrier, to which he is much attached, arrived one day in the city of Florence. His dog was for some reason intrusted to the care of the porter at the station, and in the excitement of the crowd and under the unusual experience of being separated from his master, who generally kept the animal with him, Bruno was moved to make his escape. The most careful search was made, and before going to his hotel the traveler went to the police station to notify the gendarmes of his loss. It was more than an hour before he reached his hotel, When he got there he spoke of his loss so that if anything was heard of the dog it would be understood that the animal belonged to him. To his astonishment the porter said: "But your dog is here, sir. He came before you, and we did not know to whom he belonged." "The dog is here!" repeated the gentleman in surprise. "How came he here?"
"He ran in, sir, about half an hour age, and, after snuffing about the office for awhile, he ran upstairs. I gave order to have him driven out, but the boy have been busy, and he is up there somewhere now." The traveler, of course, went upstairs at once, and there on the mat before the chamber numbered 44 lay Bruno, who sprang tions of delight at finding his master again. The gentleman remembered that two years previous he had been with the dog at Florence and had stay ed at this hotel. He did not remembe that he had occupied this particular room, but on reference to the hotel register such was found to be the fact.

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