British Gossip

In spite of the objurgations of Father Bernard Vaughan, frivolous society is unchanged. His condemnation of dog worship did not affect the attendance at the show of the Ladies' Kennel Association. Racing is said to be one of the few social pastimes not forbidden by the clerical censor, but this report does not necessarily account for the increased popularity of the Easter racing. The Irish, who come naturally by their love of a good horse, have had the usual "Queen's weather" for the Punchestown Meeting. The Lord-Lieutenant attended in state but Lady Aberdeen



Lady Milbanke

Who ran her own horse, Golden Shore, for the Kildare Cup, at Punchestown.

was absent, on plea of rheumatism. However, it was hinted that the serious tastes of the Viceroy's consort rather disincline her from anything more frivolous than a "lace ball." That there were pretty women everywhere hardly needs to be chronicled—for was not this famous Meeting on Irish soil? For the Kildare Hunt Cup, Lady Milbanke had entered her racer, "Golden Shore." This fair sportswoman is very popular in Erin's isle as she possesses both good looks and wit, either of which is a passport to Hibernian circles.

This is the Twentieth Century, an era entirely free from those absurd and delightful fancies, known as superstitions. No one believes in ghosts—in the daytime—and a haunted house is as ridiculous as the castles in Spain which went up so airily in the days before disillusion and electric cars. But even in these drearily practical days, the story of an ill-fated house is one to which we listen with open ears, however incredulous may be the mind. Dalham Hall, Bury Saint Edmunds, where Captain Ernest Rhodes recently died, has the reputation of being an unlucky abode. Mr. Cecil Rhodes bought it, a year before he died, and left it to his brother, Colonel Frank Rhodes, who died in 1905 and then to Captain Ernest Rhodes. The evil fortune of the house is attributed to the fact that it is built on the site of a famous old monastery which was despoiled and plundered at the time of the Reformation. The Afflecks, from whom Dalham was bought, were remarkable for their reverses and the career of future owners will be watched with interest.

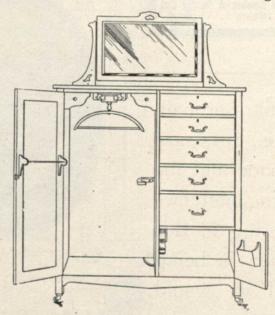
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Modern enterprise is sparing no romantic spot in search for "power." Even the lakes of Scotland are not safe from the utilitarian experimenter. Parliamentary sanction is about to be sought to a scheme for using the waters of Loch Awe for the purpose of a new process of manufacturing steel by means of electric furnaces, energy for which is supplied by water power. To obtain the necessary head of water it is proposed to erect a huge dam-which would raise the water level some eleven feet. The Marquis of Breadalbane, whose estates border upon the loch, will offer opposition to the scheme on the ground that its effect would be to destroy the salmon fishing on the Awe. What true sportsman does not sympathise with the remonstrating Marquis? The salmon must be sacred from all encroachments, electric or otherwise. The Scottish

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