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ALBERT EDWARD SKETCHED Mr. Halstead Tells of Him as He Saw Him at Homburg.

PEOPLE do not get introduced to the Prince of Wales at Homburg through running after him. The etiquette of the place is not to notice him. Not one person in a dozen who pass him on the walks even looks at him. His figure is as familiar as that of one of the trees in the park, and makes no sensation. "The cure" at Homburg is an exacting business. One must be up at 7 in the morning at latest, and the usual course is to take one glass of water from the favourite spring at 7 o'clock, and walk for a quarter of an hour; then second glass and a walk for another quarter of an hour; a third glass and a walk for an hour. This brings breakfast time, and one is allowed for breakfast two eggs and one cup of coffee without milk or sugar. After breakfast, bathe in a decoction of pine leaves. Luncheon at 1 two glasses of water and an hour's walk from 4 to 5; dinner at 6, and

THE FASHIONABLE HOUR

to retire is 9. There is no sauces or uncooked vegetables, no raw fruit or salads or wine, except a little hock, permitted. One who keeps this up for three weeks is believed to get the full benefit of "cure" and be ready for another season of pleasure or hard work. The Prince of Wales takes his cure like a little man promising himself, no doubt, that there is a good time coming. It takes a close observer to detect in him the slender boy who visited us in 1860. He is not tall and is stout, and wore in the park at Homburg a suit of the colour of a cinnamon bear, a calico shirt, red cravat, untanned leather shoes, soft brown hat, with s broad figured ribbon, carried a stick, and was followed by an Esquimaux dog, white as snow and too dignified to wag his tail. The Prince generally walked with a rush, as if he had a severe duty to perform and meant to get through with it, and he was always accompanied by a lady, usually some one else's sister, occasionally his own sister, the Princess Christian. He was not an obtrusive person, and there were no ceremonies about, only he was allowed to go about his business, having for the time the coveted freedom of a private citizen; and those who met him said he seemed to be a companionable man, who asked many questions with much intelligence, and did not have to have many

JOKES EXPLAINED TO HIM. If he desires to form an acquaintance, we presume his overtures are rarely declined. We are not aware that the American minister has recorded a "reverence" for the Prince. He often meets the Prince, and testifies to his good fellowship. The Prince told him that he was anxious to meet Mr. Blaine, and when he did meet Blaine he wanted to meet him again. The Prince of Wales possesses points of peculiar interest. He may very soon be the King of Great Britain and the Emperor of India. But he is not playing the despot. He is as careful in the cultivation of the arts of popularity as if he were a candidate for the presidency. He is one of the closest students of current history, and he is much of the time very laboriously engaged in public duties, many of which are thrown upon him by the widowhood and age and infirmities of his mother. He has made it a point to be polite to Americans. Is that a reason why he should be particularly obnoxious to us? It is not bad policy to cultivate pleasant relations with the other English-speaking peoples. The education of the Prince, as the Prince, has of course been a detriment to him, for royalty is a sham that must pass away. But few men know so well the weakness of it as the Prince of Wales. He is a very good public speaker, and there are many of his speeches that could not have been written for him and memorized. Those who know him say he speaks very well indeed, and he has a manly voice, and his universal reputation is that he is gifted in tact, and that he is good humoured and studious to please. He is a great improvement on the run of Princes of Wales, and should have credit for it .-

Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

AN UNHAPPY PRINCESS.

THE nervous system of the Princess of Wales that not only her favourite bromide has ceased to have any effect, but a maid is forced to sleep in a room adjoining that occupied by Her Royal Highness. Like all highly-sensitive and very deaf people, she often imagines extraordinary noises, and this peculiarity, which for years has been a bore at Sandringham, has now, doubtless owing to the sleepless nights passed by the bedside of the royal measly ones, become an absolute torment to her surroundings. Her Royal Highness's great terror is of fire, and the late catastrophe at Exeter, following that of the Opera Comique in Paris, so upset her that she vowed she would never enter a theatre again. Her constant terror is that Prince George, her pet, will be burned to death at sea, and that wicked youth has on more than one occasion taken advantage of his mother's nervousness in this particular to spin varns which would make the best seasoned salt pale with envy .- London Modern Society.

ONE WAY OF TELLING TIME.

THERE is one way of telling time that peculiar to city life, and that is by the people you meet on the street. There are people who quit work at 5 o'clock in the morning, those who go to work at 6, and so on. When you get along into the later hours, such as 9, 10 and 11, you will find people that come down street at these hours. It is so in the afternoon and evening. One makes many acquaintancs of this kind, too. I know a young man who is almost constantly on the street, shifting from one place to another, and he has many of these acquaintances, but instead of telling the time by them he uses the hour to find his men. Habit is a queer thing in this world, and many people who boast of irregularity are more regular than they are aware of .- Buffalo News.

Strange Effect of Swallowing a Watch.

A CITIZEN of Prague in Bohemia was visiting at Munich and sat there in a saloon when some foolish fellow managed to throw a little child's watch with chain and key attached into the glass of beer standing before the man. The Bohemian swallowed the contents at a gulp and did not perceive the mischievous trick until the watch was passing down to his stomach. The metal immediately began dissolving in the stomach, which it poisons and keeps in an incessant state of fever, causing it to reject every kind of food introduced. The man was dismissed from the Munich hospital as incurable, and is now lying in a hospital in Prague. He is kept alive by artificial food introduced by injections. But there being no hope of extracting the watch from his stomach, he is expected to succumb to the slow and lingering process of starvation.

A WIDE-AWAKE EMPRESS.

THE Empress of Austria is well known for her exploits as an equestrienne and hunter, and her proficiency as a mountaineer she proved the other day by an ascent of the Jams or Haberfeld, a mountain of nearly seven thousand feet in height in the Salzburg Alps. She commenced the ascent on the morning of the 28th of August and arrived at 9 o'clock at night at a little cowherder's hut, where she slept till in the morning, when she continued her march. The top of the mountain was reached at 5 a.m., in time for the sunrise, which, in an atmosphere of the most perfect clearness, is reported to have been of surpassing beauty. On the same day at 2 p.m. she returned to her villa at Ischl. The ascent lasted, altogether, eighteen hours, and the Empress was always in the lead, immediately behind the guides.

THE HERO OF BELFORT.

THE telegraph reports the death of Gen. Count von Werder, who is known as the hero of Belfort. He was born in 1818, and greatly distinguished himself in the Prusso-Austrian war of 1866. In the Franco-Prussian war he was commissioned to reduce the fortress of Belfort, which guards the passage of Alsace to the Frnache-Comte. The government of Gambetta made a special effort for the relief of Belfort by despatching a large army under Gen. Bourbaki, who tried for three days (July 15 to 17 in 1871) to dislodge Werder from the mountain passes in which he had taken up his position. He did not succeed in spite of an unusual superiority of numbers. Shortly after Belfort surrendered to Werder, but was given up to France again at the conclusion of peace. Since that remarkable achievement Werder was considered one of the best generals of the German army,

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