

## English Jottings.

Mrs. H. M. Stanley does not quite like the way fashionable American women dress according to the following paragraph from an American contemporary:—

Mrs. Stanley's assertion the other day, through the interviewer, that the Boston belles and dames "wore the most daringly *decolletee* gowns" she and Mrs. Tennant had seen during their visit in America, is quite in touch with the remark the explorer's wife is said to have made after attending the first dinner party in that city, given by one of the best entertainers among the Black Bay set. Seated opposite Mrs. Stanley was the leader par excellence of the 100, the unique, the only Mrs. Gardner, exposing, as usual, a generous surface of her famous flesh tints. The next day, Mrs. Stanley was asked if she had met Mrs. Gardner at the dinner, for "she was the women of all others to see." "Oh; yes," replied Mrs. Stanley, "and she was good enough to let me see a great deal of her."

Ex-King Milan is again with us, but not of us. The best society won't have him, so it is said he is going on the turf, and with that object is looking out for some likely horses. It is not true that he will name one of them Natalie, but it is true that he stands to lose all the spare cash he has got if he is not very careful whose advice he seeks in providing a racing stud.

Among the "distinguished foreigners" of the coming season it is not at all unlikely Tippoo Tib may be included, and should he appear, it goes without saying that he will be wrapped in evening dress and the lion of the year. Strange, indeed, it would be to see the much-talked of chieftain, and the thorn in Stanley's side, take the explorer's place in London *salons* this season, but time's whirligig has brought stranger things than that to pass ere now. Tippoo is naturally embittered against Mr. Stanley, and the prospect of the coming lawsuit, in which a claim for £20,000 is made by Emin's rescuer, is hardly conducive to the growth of Tippoo's stock of brotherly love. As a matter of fact, the dusky visitor's chief reason for wishing to "come to town" is to unfold his tale to the Prime Minister.

Lord Bridport, who is now on duty at Windsor Castle as Lord-in-Waiting, is the nearest lineal representative of the great Lord Nelson of Trafalgar, being descended from Lady Mary Nelson the only daughter of the hero, who married the second Lord Bridport, whereas the present Lord Nelson is descended from the sister of the great Admiral in accordance with the original limitation of the patent of peerage.

Duke Ernest of Coburg has got himself into hot water with his young relation the German Emperor. His Highness took upon himself to pay a visit to Prince Bismarck, with a view to persuading the ex-Chancellor to forego his attacks on the Kaiser and Empire. Bismarck's answer was contained in new and vigorous onslaughts, as was to be expected. The Duke thereupon hired a number of correspondents to deny his visit to Bismarck; but the scheme failed, and only increased the Kaiser's disgust at his relative's stupidity, for, of course, the Bismarck organ insists that the Duke was the ambassador of the Emperor. I understand that an indignant Imperial letter was sent respecting the mistake or officiousness!

Mr. Glazebrook, the new broom at Clifton College, is earning immense unpopularity among the boys by the clean sweep he is making of many venerable privileges. One of the most ancient rights of a public-school boy is to decorate his own room as he pleases. But Mr. Glazebrook thinks otherwise, and the other day made a tour of inspection through his house. All the photographs of pretty actresses and Society beauties, and all the *genre* pictures in which the female form divine appeared, he ruthlessly tore down and confiscated. Schoolboys are the most conservative beings on earth; and the "Bogie-Man," as he is already nicknamed, is a root-and-branch reformer.

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