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De Valera.

AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT.

(By Shane Leslie, in Daily Mail.)
"I have not seen Eamonn De Valera since his arrival in America in 1919, when his hands bore traces of the work in which he had worked his passage across the Atlantic."

The folio of Lincoln Gael is now the guest of Downing-street. There are lines on his face than on his hands to-day, for he has ridden two years.

After the tumultuous demonstrations which greeted his first arrival in America he had to face an invidious position in the Irish ranks, resulting in a series of conferences and despatches the leader of Irish-American opinion.

However, De Valera returned with the overwhelming majority of Irish-American at his back to face the critical and blood-swept storm of the last year's month.

He has hidden it into harbour and made within sight of exchange and delivery of the goods.

He stands where Parnell stood thirty years ago. Like Parnell he has played the lever of Anglo-American relations and, likewise a Constitution.

At heart, he has awaited the hour when he could recall the forces of Ireland and death.

He has done so and shown that he could control the "gunmen," though not absolutely. Until he had a sure bank under his feet he could not command a cessation of firing with a certainty of success.

Assurances, however, were received that even the rebellious Michael Collins would stand back, as doubtless the Irishmen would have done had Parnell, ever in a position to confront the Irish, had so generous an invitation as the freedom of the King, the dais of the King, and the insistence of the English Churches have now combined to make effective.

death. It is known that his execution in 1916 was largely stayed by the pleas of the American Cardinals and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, our then Ambassador at Washington, and such mercy as was shown has come very pleasantly home, for if De Valera comes as Ireland's champion he is anxious to leave as England's friend.

I wish him better luck than befell my dear old friend John Redmond."

"Laugh and grow fat" is an old axiom. We advise the use of a good tonic, named "Brick's Tasteless". Price \$1.00; postage 20c. extra.—apr26,tf

How Premiers Are Made

AN AMUSING SPEECH BY LADY ASTOR.

Leading women from all over the Empire met, recently, at a luncheon given in London by the British Women's Patriotic League to Mrs. Lloyd George and the wives of the Dominion Prime Ministers. Many society women who applied for tickets had to be refused owing to the lack of accommodation. Princess Louise presided, and the guests were received by Mrs. Lloyd George. They included Lady Perley, wife of the High Commissioner for Canada, Mrs. McPherson, wife of the Canadian Premier, Mrs. Hughes, wife of the Australian Prime Minister, and Lady Astor.

Lady Astor, in reply to a toast of "The Guests," said that she had a profound admiration for the wives of our Imperial Prime Ministers. "I admire them for what they have made of their husbands," she said, "and I am sure that they have kept them straight and told them not to be ridiculous."

Lady Astor concluded by saying that if only we could introduce into public life the self-less spirit exhibited by women in history, the British Empire would keep going long after its detractors had given up the fight.—Liverpool Daily Post.

N. B. S.—Reserve the afternoon of Aug. 17 for N. B. S. old-time Garden Party at the farm of Mr. Henry Cowan, Brookfield. The great attraction will be Madam Luk, the great American fortune teller.—aug5,31

Names and Phrases.

Messan, the Scotch word for a mongrel dog, met in the writings of Burns and Scott, is from the Old French Mastin. Howtowny, cockerel, is from the O. F. huteau; paunie, a peacock, from paon. Genty, elegant, is from gentil; douce, sedate, from doux; goo, taste, from gout.

"Dinna fash yersel" says the Scotsman, telling someone not to worry, and the "fash" is from "fecher." A light frock is tashed. (spoiled) after being worn a few times, O. F. tacher to spoil or spot.

"As I was walking all alone, I heard two corbies making a mane;" is the opening of the old Scotch ballad. Corbie, a raven or crow, is from the Old French, "corbel."

A hospital is now connected in our thoughts with the idea of persons who are ill, but originally the word meant apartments in a Roman home set aside for strangers or "hospes." Laterwards the word was used for that part of the apartments in which strangers who were ill were kept, and now the word has entirely lost its original meaning, although we still speak of a hospitable person, and a host.

Hubbub has nothing to do with hubbly, the contraction of husband. The word is a good example of one formed on the principle of imitation of sound. It is probably a corruption of "whoop whoop," words which convey the impression of noisy disorder.

It's more trouble than a funeral, says a Chinaman when he wants to indicate that anything is very vexatious. This is because the obsequies of a parent in China is considered the most maddening affair in human experience.

Germs Have Sweet Teeth

"This is bad sweetening sugar—we always have to put an extra spoonful in our tea."

This is a complaint often made by housewives to their grocers. And the ladies think that they solve their problem if they buy a more expensive kind of sugar. As a fact, however, the same fault can be found with all grades of sugar.

A barrel of sugar in storage is quickly infected, especially if the air is damp.

When sugar is being carried in the ill-ventilated hold of a ship, the sugar sweats. While passing from a hot region into a cooler one, this moisture condenses on the surface of the sugar and attracts millions of germs. This also occurs where sugar is stored in warm places like refineries. It doesn't pay to keep sugar for long.

An attempt to stop the ravages of the sugar germs is being made by using dry steam instead of water in the final process of washing sugar. In the water process, air full of germs is sucked in. But dry steam kills ninety per cent. of the little sugar eaters.

King's "Evil Eye" Worries Greeks.

That King Constantine of Greece is no mascot, has long been the opinion of Venizelists, and now even those who welcomed him back are beginning to wonder if he was not better at a distance. Nothing but misfortunes have come to the country since he returned.

Exchange has gone down; the price of bread gone up; the Treaty of Sevres is not only suspended but threatened with rupture at the hands of Kemal Pasha; trade is bad; class after class is being called to the colours, and the dreams of a few months ago have proved to be very, very vain.

The monarchists supporters called those things the natural result of the Venizelos policy. "He sowed the wind; you are reaping the whirlwind," they said. But something has occurred to make even Venizelos' bitterest enemies unable to put the blame on him.

A newspaper man who had worked hard for Constantine before and since his restoration, lately became the proud father of a boy. Anxious to flatter so useful an ally the King offered to stand godfather to the robust baby.

The parents were delighted and the christening took place. A few minutes after Constantine had held him in his arms, the infant died. The doctors can give no explanation, as the child had been very healthy.

The Venizelists insist that the King has the evil eye the only way to rid Greece of its misfortunes is to send him away again.

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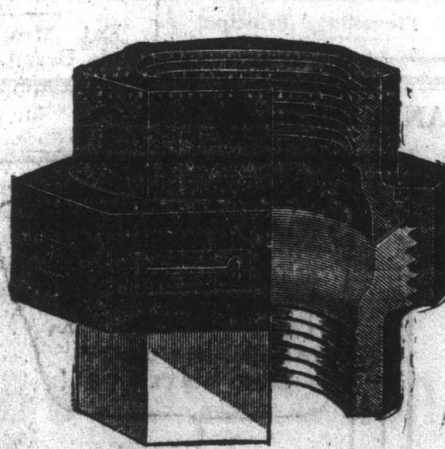
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