THE CRAZY KING AGAIN.

From a Munich (Bav.) Letter.
Ludwig has again given an exhiof eccentricity of a very peculiar times recently his intention to pay a flying the capital of Bavaria, and all preparations had been made at the Court theatre for playing the piece he had ordered to be given. His carriages were actually waiting at the station at 2 o'clock in the morning, an unearthly hour, chosen according to his majesty's custom, chosen according to his majesty's custem, in order to avoid the curious gaze of his devoted subjects. However, a good many of the latter attended to catch a glimpse of him, but their surprise on be imagined when it was announced that the king, at the last moment, had decided to go to the Bavarian highlands to his beautiful castle of Linderhof, whither his court chaplain had previously been ordered to celebrate midnight mass—a curious substitute for the theatrical entertainment which was awaiting him at Munich. Lindertheatrical entertainment which was awaiting him at Munich. Linderhof might almost be described as a fairy palace. Amongst its many sights is a grotto of a peculiar blue color which has a very remarkable effect. The king lately noticed that the blue had lost its intensity of hue, and consulted a distinguished professor on the subject. When the scientist had explained to his majesty that the reason was that the color was becoming familiar, his majesty replied sharply, "That might be the case with ordinary eyes, but not with those of a king." While all these puerilities are taking place. Bavaria is getting more and more perplexed as to the best way of paying off the royal debts.

From the Saturday Review. There is scarcely a single point in connection with the natural history of rabies on which common opinion is not at fault. The way in which it arises, the season at which it is most prevalent, the class of animals that are prone to it, the period of its incubation, the symptoms by which it makes its presence known-on these and many other points the public hold false. many other points the public hold raise, and therefore dangerous, doctrines. It is impossible to say dogmatically that rabies never originates spontaneously, but nearly all the facts point the other way, and it is, at any rate, a safe working assumption that it is invariably the result of infection from pre-existing rabid animal. Yet people eve that heat and hunger, thirst and bad food, and half a dozen other causes are sufficient in themselves to send a dog mad. It is obvious that a widespread belief of that sort is not the best ally to the systematic prevention of the disease. Another vulgar error is that rables is most common during the dog days, a belief which is apt to clap a muzzle on every dog during the heat of summer, but to leave him a free bite at o her seasons. Sta-tistics show, however, that rabies has not any very marked prefer-ence for one month over the rest, or that if it is more common at one season than another it is the spring rather than the summer that it affects. Of some 3000 cases collected by Bouley a little over 27 per cent, occurred in the spring, this slightly increased prevalence being attributable to the more angry rivalry and play of natural weapons incident to that apring philoprogenitiveness which survives to a certain extent even in such tame pets as the lady's lap dog and the Laureate's "young man." Hydrophobia is, no doubt, most prevalent in the summer—a fact which is partly traceable to the thinner and scantier clothing worn in warm weather offering a less efficient protection against a rabid hits. efficient protection against a rabid bite; while, owing to the long incubation period of the disease, the greater frequency of rabies in the spring naturally determines a corresponding increase in the frequency of hydrophobia in the summer. It is possible, too, that heat may have some influence in fomenting that spurious hydrophobia or fatal nerve-demoralization which is engendered in unstable minds by dread of the real disease. Another popular fallacy is that dogs (with now and then a cat) are the only animals subject to rables. The fact is that almost any animal may, and probably will, become rabid when bitten by a mad dog. Horses and cattle, sheep and goats, foxes and wolves, badgers and skunks, rabbits and fowls, may all have rabies, and can all communicate it to a man, though the rage to bite and the danger of a bite are much to bite and the danger of a bite are much more marked in the carnivora than in other animals. Cats are less ready to bite than dogs, but their bite is more fatal. The same is true of wolves and skunks, the bite of the latter having proved of

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single, and we may as well look the matter straight in the face, and, while we hope for the best, prepare for the worst. Mar-riage to the great majority of women means a provision. Failing this, they must provide for themselves. So, every girl should be brought up to some occupation that would bring her in enough for her maintenance. Fathers ought to see that their daughters are as carefully trained with a view to self-support as their sons

Courteous But Pointed.

From the London Life. Talking about Liverpool assizes, one of ago of a little passage of arms between Baron C -- and a leading "silk" in the ourse of a trial which took place at Manoccasion to say that he did not think the action would lay. The advocate thought he saw a chance of scoring, and said he:
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This immeuse fact means, perhaps, very little to married women, unless they are mothers of a large and expensive family of daughters; but to the unappropriated among us, it is fraught with the direct meaning. We are all taught from our nursery days upward to look forward to the time when we shall be married "and live happy ever after." Do not all the nursery stories and fairy tales end with wedding bells? And I suppose that it is natural for a woman to like to have a home of her own, and a husband and children. There are women who would despise us for making such a confession; but do you not think with me that an unshared life seems incomplete? Well, dear, in the face of all this are those dreadful six figures the female overplus of 948,000.

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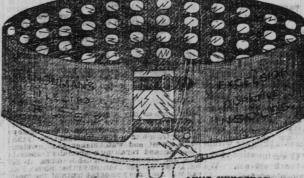
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