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HER HEALTH IS POORLY.

Queen's Appetite Said to Have Failed Lately.

She Has Worried Over the Death of Her Favorite Grandson in South Africa.

London, Dec. 22.—The queen, who is entertaining a family party at Osborne House, will have much of her grandchildren with her at Christmas and will have a full round of visits until the end of January. She is expected to start for Capri early in March, and not to return until the close of April.

The Queen's appetite, which has always been good, is reported to have failed and other signs of the increasing hardness of years are mentioned. She is described as having aged rapidly during the last few months and as being exceedingly feeble. The rumors may have little foundation in fact, but the authorities name after them are people of high station.

The reports indicate real solicitude in the Queen's household in regard to her health, and serious doubts respecting her ability to make the journey to the Riviera. There is reason to believe that the Queen has been seriously upset at the death of her grandson in South Africa, for he was her favorite grandchild.

A FORGER'S FITTING END.

The Condition Count Esterhazy Says He Is In.

He Threatens to End His Misery by Shooting Himself.—Denies His Guilt.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Major Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy (who figured so prominently in the Dreyfus case, and who was denounced by Mathieu Dreyfus as being the writer of the famous bordereau which brought about the two convictions of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus on the charge of treason), has sunk into utter misery. His dire predicament is being described by the Marquis de Bateneau, court, for an allowance, on the ground that she is in profound distress and unable to support and educate her young daughters, has brought forth the following letter, written by the Major to his wife, Nov. 12: "I have been unable to write to my children recently, not having the money to buy a postage stamp. I am at the last extremity of strength, courage and resources. I have not eaten for two days until this morning in the workhouse. I have no clothes, am shivering with cold and compelled to warm myself by entering churches and museums. Every one will say this is a confession of guilt; but you can say I am killing myself because, after having struggled to the utmost of my courage, my voice is stifled by my persecutors. Without bread, home or clothing, I shall die of privation of all kinds, unless a revolver bullet puts everything in good order. Kiss my children. Tell them I adore them, and if a frightful fatality has precipitated me into this abyss, if I die the victim of human cowardice, I never committed the crime whereof I am accused by scoundrels in order to save themselves."

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a Methodist and an English church. One man preaches on Sunday, teaches in the school five days of the week and sells binder twine on Saturday. The water wheel put in by McKee and Trotter is intended to reclaim several acres of marsh lands. This year the island is overrun with eagles. A son of Mr. Carter shot three during the past week. One day last week young Carter shot a duck and as it dropped into the lake an eagle swooped after it but as it rose the young sportsman shot the eagle too. On measuring, it was found that the expanse of its wing was 7 ft. 1 inch. There is on the island also a bird that much resembles the canary only larger. This bird is bright red, has a topknot and is called the corn cracker. The islanders trap it and tame it. It is more easily domesticated than the canary and lives in captivity on corn of which it is very fond. Its singing much resembles the canary.

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Dec. 21.—There will be special Christmas sermons in the Methodist Church on Sunday. In the evening the choir will render Shelley's anthem, "Hark! Hark! my Soul."

Maud Watterworth has returned home from Gloucester to spend the holidays with her mother.

Dottie Lawrence, who has been attending college in Ottawa, is home for the holidays.

G. A. Miller Principal of the Public School, leaves to-day for Toronto and other points to spend his Christmas holidays.

The Methodist S. S. will give an entertainment in the Opera House on gram has been prepared.

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- A Box of Nice Note Paper
- An Ebony Hand Mirror
- A Nice Gift Book or a Bible
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Dingman.

THE OYSTER CRAB.

A Network of Curious Stories Have Been Woven About It.

The little crab about the size of a pea, resembling a bleached out spider, is the oyster crab. In Europe it is called the pea crab and is decidedly scarce, rarely seen except by naturalists. It is common on our coasts, not only in oysters, but also in mussels and scallops.

Washington crab is a name that has been suggested for it, as it was considered a great delicacy by our first president, says The Scientific American. The oyster crab has been known from the earliest history, and a curious network of stories have been woven about it.

Aristotle the Greek and Pliny the Roman, naturalists, believed that a definite relation or understanding existed between the shellfish and its lodged and even went so far as to say that death would be the result if the crab should desert its host. The watchful crab, living within the hollow of the shell and stupid oyster, on seeing small fish approach, would wait until one more bold than the rest of his companions ventured within the open shell; then, gently slipping the oyster, he would be closed and the fish held a prisoner. Thereupon the two, the host and his guest, would feed at leisure upon the body of the venturesome fish.

Another story, which held its own until late in the last century, was that this little crab played the part of the "king's jester," who hunted by night for his majesty the lion. It would slither forth and bring food to the helpless naiser or oyster and on returning from the hunt, should it find the house closed, would give a cry, which was recognized by the host, the door instantly opened, and it was allowed to enter. Study has shown that the crab never leaves its home and cannot cry, but as for the lion, who, in fact, often gets the food for the jester, so it is that the little crab feeds by the current of water made by the bivalve in order to bring its own food and to freshen the water for its respiration.

Again, the crab was said to warn its protecting host from danger by a timely pinch, so that the doors could be closed against some crafty octopus or insidious starfish, and for which service the crab was rewarded by board and lodging.

It is true the oyster crab may act in such manner that any intelligent understanding exists between the two. We have all seen how a crab will hurry back and forth on the approach of danger, will dart into the first crevice to escape its foe and when in safety brandish its formidable claws with the greatest show of bravado. So the little oyster crab may with the same instinct run back and forth within the sensitive mantle of the oyster and, retreating, push against its soft body, which will indicate to the stoical intelligence of its host that something is wrong outside, when it will discreetly close its well as the better part of valor.

PLANET READER

FROM BLENHEIM

Writes to Compliment Dr. McKee on his Excellent Descriptive Letters.

To The Planet.—Under heading of "Great Interest" in your 19th Dec issue I read that Officer Tom Groves and others of your readers are greatly interested in reading Dr. McKee's letters in The Planet.

I must say that I am also much interested in them and believe I am qualified to say that they are the truest and best descriptive letters I have ever read of old Kenilworth and Warwick castles and parks and of Leamington and vicinity. I was for some time drill instructor and police clerk in the office of Chief of Warwickshire Constabulary whose head quarters were at Kenilworth. My duties required frequent trips to Coventry, Warwick, Leamington, Birmingham and the village police station in their vicinity and many times meetings at midnight and day time under the very walls of these same old castles and in the old parks and forests so beautifully described by the doctor with other officers of constabulary. Sometimes at an appointed time and place as many as six to ten of us would meet from as many different stations receive our orders and report and depart.

Dr. McKee's letters are so full of interest and so full of life that they are a real treat to the reader. I am sure that they will be read with great interest and pleasure by all who are interested in the history and scenery of Warwickshire.

I am, Sir, very truly yours,

Samuel Lover.

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