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ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES.

The garden parties at Buckingham Palace that are to take the place of evening Courts this year will follow on very much the same lines as those given by the Duke of Atholl on the behalf of His Majesty in the grounds of Holywood Castle. A canopy will be erected in the grounds, under which their Majesties will sit to receive their guests, and they will be surrounded by the various members of their family. Two of the Guards bands will be in attendance, and refreshments will be provided in specially arranged enclosures and marquees. In the event of the weather being wet, the guests will be received in the great ballroom, and the whole of the reception suite will be available for the guests. Applications are already pouring in to the office that has been provided for this purpose in St. James's Palace, and these will all have to be very carefully scrutinized before the necessary "commands" can be issued.

AFTERNOON PARTIES AND MORNING DRESS.

"Morning dress will be worn" is the official direction for these afternoon parties. The Courts will not be resumed this year. This authoritative intimation of the resumption of Court life—as invitations to these functions will be equivalent to and recorded as attendances or presentations at Court—proves a distinct relief to Society, the numbers of those Royally "presentable" having greatly increased since 1914. The holding of Royal functions in the afternoon is no new thing, for Queen Victoria always at that time held her drawing rooms, but King Edward revived the idea of Courts in the evening which his present Majesty carried on until the outbreak of war. Probably the first garden party which was accounted a Court function in Victorian days was that given at Windsor by the Queen in 1897, just after her Diamond Jubilee, at the suggestion of the then Prince of Wales, always the most tactful of social diplomats, to which were invited the members of the House of Commons. These had been treated with scant courtesy by the Court officials at Buckingham Palace when they went in a body to present a loyal address to her Majesty, but their annoyance, which was at once pronounced, was allayed by the special Royal welcome a little later.

PEACE CONFERENCE PAINTER.

Sir William Orpen, the British

Government's official artist at the Peace Conference, starts this week on his portrait of President Wilson. Sir William adopts a method with all his sitters which, perhaps, no other artist follows. Never troubling about preliminary sketches, he begins after a critical study of his subject by painting the right eye, around which he proceeds to build up his picture. Already he has painted the portraits of thirty of the delegates at the Conference, his last sitter being Colonel House. Sir William has a study at the Hotel Astoria, and there his working hours are as regular as a bank clerk's. He has been commissioned, by the War Cabinet to paint three big pictures, one of the proceedings in the Salle d'Horloge in the Quai d'Orsay, Paris, one of the delegates at ease in the ante-room, and a third of the ceremony when the Peace Treaty is signed at Versailles. During the war Sir William Orpen presented £70,000 worth of pictures to the nation. Meantime he painted in the battle zone with the rank and pay of a Major, and found his own materials.

AUSTRIANS SNUB GERMAN DELEGATES.

The Austrian delegates at Saint Germain-en-Laye have administered a smart rebuff to their German counterparts at Versailles. The latter avail themselves of every opportunity for joy riding in the cars which Colonel Henry, who is in charge of the general arrangements, has placed at their service. Count Brockdorff-Rantzau in particular motors daily and is becoming a familiar figure in the Bois de Boulogne. Herr Renner, however, has no such ambition. When motor cars were offered to him, and to his colleagues he politely declined to make use of them on the ground that the Austrians do not wish it to be said that their stay at Saint Germain-en-Laye is in any way an occasion for pleasure trips. Parisians who have been amazed at the way in which the German "Tourists" have been "doing" the district are enjoying the reproof.

RIVER THAMES REVIVING.

It looks like a big season up the river. There is not very much paint about as yet, nor is it likely that the houseboats and bungalows will ever look so smart and fresh as they did in the past, when the stretch above Henley or from Kingston to Hampton Court was a sort of Royal Academy of the house painter's art. But nearly

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THE KING AND THE NAVY.

The arrangements for King George's review of the ships now in commission in home waters are practically complete, though the date cannot yet be fixed owing to the uncertainty of the date of signing the Peace Treaty. This review will take place in the famous anchorage at Spithead, and the King and Queen will travel down from London to Portsmouth, where they will embark upon the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert and pass through the lines of the assembled ships, which will once more be dressed in "rainbow" fashion. Subsequently the King will go on board the flagship, and will address a short speech to the senior officers, who will be assembled there, and the flag officers present will then be invited to take lunch on the Royal Yacht. The Prince of Wales will accompany the King upon this occasion and will be promoted to the rank of captain in honor of the occasion. This review will be an unusual event in the future, and will usually take place about the commencement of July. The assembly of ships will disperse almost immediately after the review to pay a series of visits to various places around the coast.

WORK.



WALT MASON.

I toiled along for many years at hoeing beans and grooming steers, with weary bone and thigh; and I looked forward to the day when I could throw the tools away, and have no work to do. Then I would have no grievous task; on downy beds of ease I'd bask, and drink red lemonade; for me there'd be no beastly grind, I'd sleep all day if so inclined, and through cheap novels wade. At last the day I longed for came; bliss percolated through my frame; "At last," I said, "I'm free; this getting up at break of day to milk the cows and pitch the hay—no more of that for me!" Then for three weeks, or maybe five, exulting that I was alive, I loafed around the grad; pitched horseshoes on the village green, and fancied I was glad. But soon my life became a bore; I yearned to have a man-sized chore, to make me tired at night; I longed to plow the rows of corn, and hear the old tin dinner horn, and have an appetite. Another month of gilded ease, and my old dome was full of fleas, and bats and things like those; the loafing life had lost its charm, and I went whooping to the farm, where toil is all that goes. I pity all the stoutheaded whores; bliss is for the man who works and sweats the long day through; who knows, when comes the close of day, that he has grown a bale of hay, or, peradventure, two.

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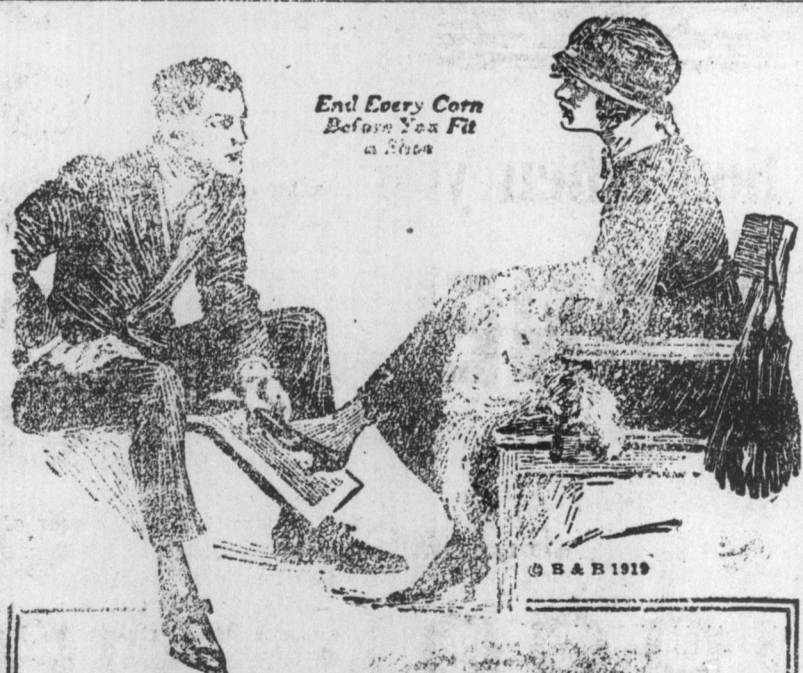
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