A Plug Hat for a Grown.

Most Extraordinary Monarch in the World-A Royal Umbrella Decorated With Skulls as a Scepter of State-Funnier than a Comic Opera Centerpiece-The King of Ashantee, to Whom very Britain Has Sent an Ultimatum.

sible to organize a force.

rather fight than est.

A POWERFUL MONARCH.

bodies lying where they fall.

WHAT STANLEY SAW.

with blood. Henry M. Stanley, who,

Coomassie in 1874, visited this grove.

"As we drew near," says Stanley, "the foul smells became so suffocat-

which lay piled in heaps and scattered

over a wide extent. The stoutest heart

Several officers of the expedition, al-

flesh that they could not rise, and lay

olinking at us on the ground, clumsily

OVERCAME A JACK TAR.

been warned beforehand, and had pro-vided ourselves with flasks of brandy.

skeletons were on the ground, but I should say there were several thous-and in sight. I was told that what we

saw was not one-half of the extent of

the Grove of Skulls. From what na-tives say, the murders have been go-

ing on here almost daily.
"At these executions the King of Ashantee was generally present, but

not always. One man who was re-

cently executed, had painted the inter-

ior of the King's harem. Although he

had committed no crime, he was doom-

ed to execution because his profane

eyes had fallen upon places and things

reserved only for the eyes of the

It was learned during this expedition,

to penetrate to the capital of Ashantee,

that the people of the country looked

matter of course, and that many re-

The King of Ashantee is opposed to

"I could not say how many human

place was something awful.

before the dawn.

traordinary ruling potentate of the world, stands suddenly revealed. Of to terms. Sir Francis Scott, the inall the astonishing kings of Africa or spector-general of the Gold Coast tourists could find their way to Coom-

King Prempeh, King of Ashantee, war, and is now awaiting the arrival of the British troops.

The King of Ashantee is the absolute monarch of about 3,000,000 subjects: They live in the heart of the African forest, a few hundred miles back from the "Gold Coast." The King wears a expense as the King of Ashantee. He are natural bush fighters, armed with girdle of dried grass around his hips and a "plug" hat. He owns no crown, ple are all born fighters, who would tees are far from being savages, igbut in some way has become possessed of a silk hat, which now does duty as an emblem of sovereignty.

Another remarkable fact about this potism to the Sultan of Turkey and The King of Ashantee rules through

barbarous King is that he has no the Czar of Russia. If the Czar were fear. He is surrounded by an enorthrone. He has, however, a solid gold to do the things which the King of mous retinue of servants, who stand stool, which does service as a throne. Ashantee thinks nothing of doing there ready at all times to execute his com-It takes four able-bodied slaves to tug would be a vacancy in the Winter mands. streets this heavy stool around.

But the great official emblem of royal authority is an umbrella. This cur- wives that man's name is Dennis. His palace is a large structure of tosity has a bag bamboo handle and Some of these numerous wives of the stone and brick, with an interior spokes of embossed gold. On the end King of Ashantee are not worth look-court yard and many stories. Here of each spoke is a human skull. No-body, not even the King himself, knows the significance of this strange scepter of majesty, but it has de-scepter of majesty, but it has descended to him from a long line of neighborhood of the town and fail to monarch who sits on a throne of solid

decided upon his Majesty does not as 10,000 are reported to have been the King of Ashantee walks abroad to to him by inheritance.

wore gold earrings, too. His Majesty lives in a big stone and day at Coomassie, the capital, and this of state. native brick palace -the only structure kind of official murder is a regular

of the kind in the kingdom. His Royal thing. Highness sleeps on the floor. The King is several times a million-

King Prempeh is a blood-thirsty monarch, and he is in the habit of Skulls, where in countless numbers the making human sacrifices on a wholesale scale. Whenever it pleases him the ground, with the festering remains King of Ashantee, is a symbol of his to do so he orders a few hundred sub-jects to be beheaded. Besides this, patched. jects to be beheaded. Besides this, during certain religious ceremonies, it here. is customary to kill subjects. It is this practice which England wants the ish troops will wade into the forest

The English troops under Sir Garnet
Wolseley remained only two days in
the capital of Ashantee. Before they

Wilse through their cheeks.

The poor wretches are for a time tortured by being pinched, pricked with swords and fired upon at short range.

There is a superscript their cheeks. left the savage potentate agreed to do certain things. That was King Koffee. His successor, the present King of Ashantee, King Prempeh, has not fulfilled these conditions.

Turning aside from the complications of the Eastern question, the dispute about Venezuela and the row Government sent an ultimatum to the King of Ashantee. They gave him un-

But this savage monarch was not frightened by the ultimatum of Brit-He did not even wait till the ultimatum expired.

A dispatch from Accra, on the Gold Coast, dated on the last day of October, said that Capt. Donald Stewart, the special British commissioner, who had gone to Coomassie, escorbed by 100 Houssas, had returned to the coast. He said that the King had rejected the ultimatum and defied Great Brit-

The King of Ashantee said in effect that he did not care a snap of his finger for the British Government, and that he was looking for fight. According to opinion on the Gold Cos.st handkerchiefs to prevent the intolerhe will get it. The King, at the time able and almost palpable odor from the British commissioner left Coom- mounting into the brain and overpowassie, appeared to be preparing for

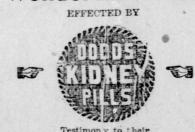
ENGLAND'S ULTIMATUM. The terms of the ultimatum were er than to take a general view of the that he should have a British com- great Golgotha. We saw some 30 or that he should have a British com-missioner in his country, and that he decapitated bodies in the last stages should place Ashantee under the "pro-tection" of Great Britain. This burly wh negro, who has 3,333 wives and orders people's heads to be cut off if his and most stoical mind might have breakfast disagrees with him, is believed to know what "the protection of Great Britain" means.

England now controls the coast outside of his territory. The French con-trol the neighboring country of Da-beyond anything else in horror to be homey, whose King is protected by a seen in the world today, body guard of armed women. Ashan-"Under a huge tree," said one of body guard of armed women. Ashantee is rich in gold, and both England these gentlemen in a letter, "the skulls and France have long looked at it were piled so high that they reached with jealous eyes.

According to the latest 'dispatches nowhere see the ground, as it was all from the Gold Coast, where the coming war on the King of Ashantee is and there could be seen a decomposthe one topic of conversation, there ing body.
will be no time lost in making a "The vultures slowly rose from the

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ish under Sir Garnet Wolseley went to Coomassie they had to cut their way through the forest, leaving a fine

road behind them.

The King of Ashantee, in the face of numerous pistols pointed at him, agreed to keep this road in good re-He did not say that he would have it macadamized or that signs of "Keep Off the Grass" would be placed along the sides, but he said he keep it free from weeds, which grow quickly in Ashantee.

But the King knew that the rainy season was at hand, that the British had to hustle to get back to the coast before the full torrent began, and he promised everything. The beautiful The King of Ashantee, the most ex- start. A strong force of imperial and road made by the English at such enormous expense has since completely Instead of keeping it open so that

South Sea Island cannibal chiefs he forces, who is now in England, will assie and bicyclists make a century leave for West Africa as soon as pos- run to the coast, he let the weeds grow up. Thus the British in the coming The advance of the British into the war will have to go all over the work has defied the English Government. King of Ashantee's country is ex- again, for so quick is vegetation in He has announced his readiness for pected to be well under way early in that part of Africa that not even a war and is now exciting the ar- December. In the meanwhile troops trace of the original route remains. will be sent to Accra from Lagos and The recent British other places. All is now excitement on Coomassie had to find its way to the the Gold Coast. capital through a dense forest.

THE GOLDEN STOOL. There is probably not another African monarch who can cause the Brit- forces will be attacked by the war-It is in this forest that the British ish Government so much trouble and riors of the King of Ashantee, is a very powerful potentate. His peo- the best of modern rifles. The Ashannorant of modern warfare, and their

His 3,333 wives live in two streets of Coomassie, where no stranger If any man looks at one of his 3,333 ever penetrates.

Ancestry.

King Prempeh, among other things, has exactly 3,333 wives allowed him by law. Why this liberal figure was decided upon his Majesty does not as 10,000 are reported to have here. know. Like the umbrella, they came killed on one occasion in a single day. View the things that are going on in to him by inheritance.

| Killed on one occasion in a single day. View the things that are going on in the bullet of the control of th The King wears earrings. They are also the custom for the King of Ashan- from the palace bearing the golden of solid gold. His royal ancestors all tee to offer human sacrifices. People stool, in case he should decide to sit

are believed to be killed almost every down to consider the weighty affairs THE STATE UMBRELLA But even more curious than this is THE GROVE OF SKULLS. the umbrella of state. Sir Garnet Wolseley captured the umbrella of aire, and it is believed he has several cited the horror and amazement of state of the King of Ashantee when barrels of fold dust and nuggets. travelers who have penetrated into he was in Coomassie in 1874, but it Ashantee is rich in gold. travelers who have penetrated into he was in Coomassie in 1874, but it travelers who have penetrated into he was returned to the beaten monarch this African town, lying 140 miles back was returned to the beaten monarch

from the Gold Coast, is the Grove of before the invaders left. This umbrella of state, which keeps bones of victims of the King lie upon the sun and rain off the head of the Here, where vultures gorged with sign of the power which has descended human flesh perch upon the trees wait- to him "by divine right."

A king of Ashantee would as soon ing for the new victims which many King to stop. And it is to put an end years have taught them to look for think of ruling without an umbrella to these human sacrifices that the Brit- with certainity, is a spectacle present- as a king of England would think of ed the like of which is to be seen no- ruling without a crown. It is as neces-

The poor wretches are for a time likely to let in the rain on the royal

swords and fired upon at short range with blank cartridges. The powder from these cartridges enters the flesh, order of intelligence on the part of is not causing excruciating agony. the dusky monarchs. Still, an umbrella left something to be desired, even if it the dusky monarchs, Still, an umbrella tastically dressed, seize their huge was embellished with human skulls. swords and, flourishing them in the The umbrella of state of the King of air, lop off the heads of the victims Ashantee has a sort of fringe of grinwith Russia over China, the British Government sent an ultimatum to the from head to foot, and leaving the to which their own head-pieces may be put. The rest of the umbrella of state As soon as the executioners retire, is made up of gold, red cloth and bamthe vultures swoop down from the boo.

The position of Umbrella Carrier to trees above and the ground is soon black with them. At night the pan- his Majsety is one of importance in there come and slink away satiated the Government, and eagerly sought for by feudatory chiefs. There is, however, some danger connected with it, for in case the umbrella is not opened The pathway leading to this grove has been worn broad and deep through quick enough to keep rain or shine off the royal head, the holder of the office years of use, and it is always slippery is likely to get into trouble.

In place of a crown the King of Ashas a war correspondent, accompanied Sir Garnet Wolseley's expedition to antee wears an old silk hat. Just as Nanoleon issued an order that no one in France but himself could wear the plain chapeau, without which no picture of the Emperor is complete, so ing that we were glad to produce our Koffee (or demi tasse, as the French irreverently called him), ordered that nobody buth imself in Ashantee could wear a silk hat.

After some 30 paces we ar-This law has been maintained by his rived before the dreadful scene, but successor, the present King, who is respected to be even more jealous than of a lot are buried the wives of a it was almost impossible to stop longwas Koffee of the royal prerogatives. man whose name I have forgotten, A West Coast trader who recently recorruption, and countless skulls

'The King of Ashantee is attached to an old plug hat which somebody monument, with the simple inscription gave him. Seated on the golden stool of name, dates of birth and death, and under the umbrella of state, he presents a funny spectacle, wearing this ancient piece of headgear. In war, though it remained but two days at Coomassie, made the trip to this awful however, he wears a special headdress. The negroes of his kingdom regard his silk hat with awe. Any commissioner whom the British Government may send out there should be equipped with a silk hat. Otherwise he would not be 'in it' with the King in public almost to the lower limbs. You could regard. The neighboring King of Dahomey used to wear an old hat of this

kind' The rest of the clothing of the King of Ashantee is of a scant and diaphanous nature. Koffee generally wore a broad smile and a pair of bracelets. ground upon our approach, but several of them were so gorged with human The present King has more deference for European custom, as he wears sandals and a breech covering, besides a flapping their wings. The smell of the short cloak. One of the charges against him is that he neglects the King business, leaving the affairs of state to "A sailor who was in our party was overpowered by the stench and had to his mother and devotes himself to a life of pleasure. be carried from the grove. We had

On the other hand, it is said that he is anxious to make a record as a warrior, and will try to extend his territory and jurisdiction. He is particularly sore against the Fantees, a tribe nearer the coast, who have allied themselves with the British, and when he takes the field it is at these he is expected to strike his first blow.

ASHANTEE HISTORY. Ashantee lies back of the British Gold Coast, near the Gulf of Guinea, in Western Africa, and is a land of thick and jungly forest, so dense that the sun seldom pierces its foliage, and so sickly that the hardlest European soon falls a victim to its deadly fevers. From Coomassie, which is in the center of a noisome swamp, this forest stretches 140 miles south towards the sea how many hundreds of miles to the eastward is not known, but its which was the first of any importance boundaries to the north and west are nearly two hundred miles distant. The country is rich in gold dust and upon human sacrifices as almost a other resources, and the people are fine specimens of physical development, garded such a death as honorable. This who have been quick to take advan-was especially so upon the death of a tage of their slight contact with civilization, that is, as far as securing modern weapons of warfare.

progress, which he defies. He dislikes roads in his kingdom. When the Brit-

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How They Differ.

Man is a creature of cast-iron habits; woman adapts herself to circumstances; this is the foundation of the moral difference between them. A man does not attempt to drive a

nail unless he has a hammer; a wo-nan does not hesitate to utilize anything, from the heel of a boot to the back of a brush. A man considers a corkscrew absolutely necessary to open a bottle a woman attempts to extract the cork

with the scissors: if she does not succeed readily, she pushes the cork in the bottle, since the essential thing is to get at the fluid. Shaving is the only use to which a man puts a razor; a woman employs it for a chiropodist's purposes.

When a man writes everything must be in apple-pie order; pen, paper and ink must be just so, a profound silence and make war on the King.

THE KING'S DEFIANCE.

It is just 21 years since the British Government appropriated \$4,000,000 to send out an expedition to bring the King of Ashantee to terms, and before the expedition got back, after burning Coomassie, his capital, it had cost as much more.

The Brighish treatment of the like of which is to be seen nowhere else upon earth.

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The umbrella of state in the Ashantee Government takes the place of the tee Government takes the place of the tims are brought to this place with the scissors, puts the paper on an ago discovered that a crown is a dangerous thing in a country with a rainy season, as it is open on the top and the paper and the regalia as is a "sword of state" to a European sovereign, and far more useful.

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A man storms if the blotting paper is not conveniently near; a woman dries the ink by blowing on it, waving the paper in the air, or holding it near a lamp or fire.

A man drops a letter unhesitatingly in the box; a woman rereads the address, assures herself that the envelope is sealed, the stamp secure, and then throws it violently into the box.

A man can cut a book only with a paper-cutter; a woman deftly inserts a hairpin, and the book is cut.

For a man "good-bye" signifies the end of a conversation and the moment

of his departure; for a woman it is the reginning of a new chapter, for it is just when they are taking leave of each other that women think of the most important topics of conversation.

A woman ransacks her brain trying to mend a broken object; a man puts it aside and forgets that for which there is no remedy. Which is the superior?—Minnie J. Conrad, in October Lippincott's.

MONUMENT TO OUR HUSBAND. Sir: Though possibly not an example of absent-mindedness, an inscription which I have seen in the cemetery at Dovlestown, United States of America, is a singular one, at any rate, in one and a stone over each gives the name turned to the Cape from Coomassie of the woman, wife of, let us say, said:

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