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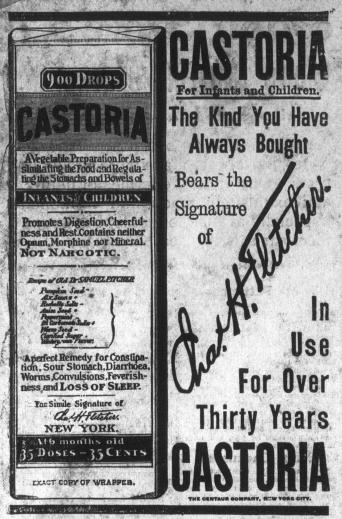
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ON THE RIVIERA.

Mr. Chamberlain Slowly Recovering Health In Quiet Retreat.

Villa Suveret, Valescure, two miles from the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean, is where Mr. Chamberlain has well chosen his retreat, and where the once strenuous politician is confident of recovering health and strength, Villa Suveret, says The London Tribune correspondent, is a cosy, red-brick, gabled cottage, much more English in style than French, It is quite hidden amid the pines.



You can only catch a glimpse of it by crossing the thick wood which surrounds it. The carriage drive from the road is long, and zizzags through avenues of mimosa and eucalyptus. The entrance is smothered under the overhanging branches of a thick clump of the same trees. Villa Suveret is a veritable haven of seclusion into which no prying or curious eyes may renetrate.

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Within this screen lives Great Britain's former Colonial Minister, endeavoring by Spartan effort and mode of existence to win back the health he has lost. "Is he suffering?" is a question thousands are asking. Few can answer, for Mr. Chamberlain sees no one but his family and his servants. His life is, indeed, almost that of a hermit. And he imposes the same manner of living on his nine servants, of whom only two are English. Mr. Chamberlain is certainly better than he was a few months ago. The month he has spent at Valescure has worked wonders. His face has lost the greyish-yellow hue, the haggard and worn expression it had when he arrived at Valescure.

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Nevertheless, he is still very ill.

The ex-Minister cannot walk unaided. These bright spring mornings local peasants see him leaning heavily on the supporting arms of his daughter and his nurse, walking up and down the road outside the house.

Often he does not get further than the entrance gates. It is a pathetic figure, and whatever one's political opinions, one's sympathy goes out to this once strong man, overflowing with vitality, in his time of weakness and dependence.

THE FATHER OF CLUBS.

White's Famous Institution Has Existed For 232 Years.

white's club, one of London's cldest and most famous institutions, has just secured itself against possible dissolution by renewing its lease of its present quarters in St. James street. The club, remarks The Bellman, is one year older than the Bank of England, dating back to 1675. In those days each branch of trade or society had its particular place of resort, and White's chocolate house in St. James street was the acknowledged meeting place of men of fashion. Some fifty of these drew up a set of rules, hired a room in the chocolate house, and paid a guinea a year each "toward having a good cook."

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So London's first club was formed, and its list of members is like a roster of all the great families of England. Its collection of portraits of members, from its foundation to the present time, is an extraordinary one, and constitutes the chief glory of the present clubhouse.

Another of the club's most valued possessions is an old betting book which has been carefully preserved and forms an extraordinary comment on the social side of London life from the days of Queen Anne onward. Mat-

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the days of Queen Anne onward. Matters social and domestic were the
principal subjects of bets, and the
names of ladies both in and out of
society were made the subject of most
personal wagers. Marriages, births
and deaths, along with separations,
divorces and the paternity of children were as frequent as political and
sporting bets.

One very characteristic bet was entered November 4 1754—"Lord Montfort wagers Sir John Bland one hundred guineas that Nash outlives Cibber."

Under this entry in another hand is
written:—"Both Lord M. and Sir Jno.
Bland put an end to their lives before the bet was decided."

Advocated For Years.

The Parliamentary career of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill covers a period of seventy-two years. It was in 1835 that Lord Lyndhurst brought in his bill to annul all future marriages within the prohibited degrees, and six years later Lord Wharncliffe introduced a bill—which was negatived without a division—to appeal the clause prohibiting marriage with a deceased wife's sister. In 1842 Lord Francis Egerton's Bill was rejected by the Commons by 125 votes to 100, and seven years later the struggle was again renewed. Between 1850 and 1889 the bill passed through all its stages upon six occasions, and was rejected on thirteen by the Upper House. Since then it has figured intermittently in the sessional bill of fare, with more or less successful results.

A Johannesburg inventor is exhibiting the model of a flying machine described as the "airmobile." It is of simple construction, and the maker claims that his invention will travel at the rate of over 100 miles an hour.

LORD CURZON'S ELECTION.

Late Vicercy of India Becomes Chan cellor of Oxford University.

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Lord Curzon's election to the Chancellorship of Oxford University reminds one of the interesting group of men who have the honor of presiding over the great English universities. Lord Rosebery, Lord Curzon's defeated opponent, is Chancellor of the University of London; Cambridge has a kind of hereditary Chancellor in the Duke of Devonshire, and His Grace has just been elected also to the Chancellorship of Manchester University, in succession to Lord Spencer, resigned. Another ducal Chancellor is the Duke of Norfolk, who presides over the University of Sheffield.



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Of the rest, Lord Ripon is Chancellor of the University of Leeds; Mr. Chamberlain, of Birmingham; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, of St. Andrews; Lord Kelvin, of Glasgow; Lord Stratheona, of Aberdeen; Mr. Balfour, of Edinburgh; Lord Rosse, of Dublin; and Lord Castletown, of the Royal University of Ireland. Last, but not least, the Prince of Wales is Chancellor of the University of Wales, an institution which is also exceptionally honored by having the King as its Protector.

Franklin's Orderly.

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There is still living in Gillingham, Kent, a veteran who acted as orderly to Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer. The veteran is George Parr, who has just celebrated his ninety-first birthday. Parr joined the Royal Marines in 1834, and accompanied another famous navigator, Sir James Ross, when he took the Erebus and Terror to the Antarctic Ocean in 1839. That was a four year's voyage, and the expedition suffered great privations. Parr vividly recalls the long days when the shipe lay fixed in the ice. The monotony was broken by seal fishing and bear hunting, and Parr had several narrow escapes from death. It is interesting to recall that this expedition touched the southernmost point up to that time, discovering Victoria Land, and naming its two volcanoes Erebus and Terror, after the two ships.

Parr had the distinction of going furthest south" with his intrepid commander. On his return from this voyage he was appointed orderly to Sir John Franklin, and was keenly disappointed, when the Admiralty refused him permission to go to the Arctic regions. He was ordered to New Zealand, where he fought in the Maori war, was severely wounded, and had to quit the service.

King Edward is keenly interested in Mr. Parr. When his Majesty visited Chatham last year he had a long chat with the veteran, asking him a number of questions about his Antarctic experiences and he has inquired after him on several occasions since. So marked has been the King's interest that Parr regards himself as his Majesty's "particular" veteran. Many prominent officials have also exchanged a few words with the old soldier, among them Earl Roberts.

Where Sun Gets Its Heat.

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Sir Robert Ball, professor of astronomy at Cambridge Observatory, England, delivered an address at the Carnegie's Institute, Pittsburg, recently on "The solution of a great scientific difficulty," in which he explained the maintenances of the heat of the sun during a period of many millions of years. He said the age of the sun appears to be much greater than would be computable with the supposition that its heat was derived only from contraction. He said that in the process of the contraction of the sun from mfinity to its present bulk the sun would yield its present amount of heat by contraction for only 9,520,000 years.

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But Prof. Joly had shown it would require 1,000,000,000 years for the earth's water to turn from fresh to salt. Therefore, he concluded, that there must be some source of energy in the sun much greater than that arising from contraction. This source, he said, was found in the movement of corpuscles of matter at the velocity of light. The nebula from which the sun had contracted contained these particles, a small quantity of which, such as radium would produce a tremendous energy and heat.

Gen. Nicholson Promoted.

It is announced from London that Lieutenant-General Sir William Gustavus Nicholson will succeed General Sir Neville Gerald Lyttelton as Chief of the General Staff and first military member of the Army Council. General Nicholson, who entered the Royal Engineers in 1865, has played his part in nearly all the wars in which Britain has been engaged during the last forty years. He served in the Afghan war, and in the march to Candahar in 1879 won his Major's brevet. He was present at Tel-el-Kehir in 1852, and was Assistant Adjutant-General during the Burmese expedition. In South Africa he acted as military secretary to Lord Roberts and as director of transport at head-quarters. During the Russo-Japanese war he was chief British military attache with the Japanese army. Since 1905 he has been Quartermaster-General of the forces and third military member of the Army Council.

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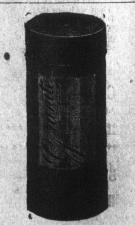
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