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QUEEN AS A HEROINE

DOUGLAS STORY RELATES SOME NEW VIEWS OF VICTORIA.

time. It was in Edinburgh, and her Majesty had come north to review the voluntea: forces of Scotland. All scotland had poured forth its citizen soldiers, and in the tore part of the day the Queen's park was checkered like a highland tartan with its multi-colored bodies

Before the parade commenced, such a rain settled down as Edinburgh has not known from that day to this. In an open carriage, protected only with umbrella and mackintosh, Her Majesty sat while 25,000 mer slipped past her in the mud. Marching was impossible. At parts of the route the volunteers were mid-thigh in water and the long lists death from pneumonia and phthisis that followed exceeded those

in many hard fight. But Queen Victoria faced it through—faced it with the memory of the fatal chill her husband caught in the same city nineteen years be But there has been no other review, and, if my memory serves me rightly, she has never 'slept a

night in the Scottish capital since.

The following day I was present at the great military review in Wimbledon park, when the young Princes Victor and George returned from their tour around the world. The occasion was memorable cause on that day were more of the immediate descendants of the Queen gathered together than ever again net on one field.

My memory of the Queen at that time is of a little lady, very plainly dressed in black, who sat extremely upright in her carriage and bowed with a slow, sweeping inclination, vastly expressive of her dignity. Be-hind her carriage, on the rumble, stood John Brown and the other Scotch gillie, kilted in the Stewart tartan—stern men, whose devotion to the Queen was as pure and spontaneous as the air of their native glens.

Years passed before I again Her Majesty, and then it was on a long country road near Balmoral. was autumn, and as I stood on the fallen leaves by the wayside she smiled over to me and bowed—a gentle little lady sitting very low in her low-swung carriage, with the Princess Beatrice beside her, and a single attendant on horseback. She had aged greatly in the intervening fifteen years, and there was a pathetic wistfulness in her face I did not remember from the long ago. There in her highland home she was woman rather than Queen—a good and kindly woman, who sent jellies from the castle to the frail old bodies in the cottages, and who still drove out occasionally to tea in a shepherd's hut or a game-

keeper's lodge. Down in the village of Grathi was the little church she had built. and every Sunday the Balmoral party sat listening to the chaplains royal of Scotland—Principal Story, Dr. Cameron Lees, Dr. MacGregor, Dr. Norman McLeod. Many a curious servion has royalty heard from these stout old upholders of the Scottish faith, and many an earnest discussion has Her Majesty waged over the luncheon table afterward. An Episcopalian in England, a member of the church of Scotland in her

northern kingdom, the Queen had her chaplains and respectful friends on both sides of the Tweed. Once more I saw the Queen apart from her public appearance in Lon-don less than two years ago. It was at Windsor, and Her Majesty was to review the Honorable Artillery Company there. I had accompanied a famous colonial Minister to the park, and the Queen had intimated through Sir James Reid, the physician, that she would like it if he would stand where she might greet him on entering her carriage. I was permitted to accompany the two gentlemen to a spot on the terrace near where the carriage.

a spot on the terrace near where the carriage was standing.

As we walked over, Sir James told how Her Majesty was very sensitive as to any but her immediate suite being present when she walked these latter days. She had grove, so heavy of late years walking had become a pain to her, and she dreaded any publicity of her suffering. publicity of her suffering.

publicity of her suffering.

Arriving at our point of vantage we saw that a long gangway had been raised to the carriage to obviate the necessity of Her Majesty's stepping up or down. Quickly the door opened and the Queen appeared, leaning on the arm of her Indian servant and on a thick ebony walking stick. Very slowly she crossed the distance to the carriage, and once seated turned to make any bowed.

once seated turned to us and bowed her gracious greeting.

We stood for some minutes gazing after the carriage as it rolled away to the reviewing ground, and then the colonial premier at my elbow shook himself and said:

"Reid, I would not change my position as a subject of that woman to be president of the proudest republic

Last May I was enabled to cable from the Transvaal certain news of moment to Her Majesty. Months lat er, when I returned to England, I found a graceful little telegram of thanks from the Queen. To-day it hangs framed in my study in London, and I possess no prouder treas-

ure.

It is difficult for an Englishman to write or speak intelligibly of his feeling for the Queen who passed so gently away. Twice in my life I have been in the position where it was treason to sing "God Save the Queen," and the most impressive incident of my career was the singing of the grand old anthem when Lord Roberts unfurled the Union Jack in

Pretoria on June o last. There was not a dry eye among the released prisoners by my side, and many a bronzed and battered veteran brush-

bronzed and battered veteran brushed away a tear as the rude prayer
rose from the kirk square.

Then, as now, we were thinking
not of Queen Victoria's majesty and
might, but of the frail little women
soothing the fretted beds at Netley,
carrying fruit and jellies to the
poor at Osborne and Balmoral, of
the infinitely tender mother of nations.

sistently to me is of the young gir Queen on the balcony at Buckinghan Palace. Beneath, a regiment is 'eav-ing for Syria, and as it passes be-low the porch the girl bends, draws off her little satin shoe and casts it after the soldiers for luck. Sixty years later she lies dead, the most loved queen of whom history any record.—Douglas Story.

QUEEN WILHELMINA'S JOKE.

A Tongue-Twisting Name Sprung on

The German papers ere telling the story of one of the jokes in which the Queen of Holland delights. One Christmas day she, as usual, received the professors of the Dutch uni-versities. When one learned man greeted her she met him with an air of childish relief and confidence.

"Oh, my dear Mynheer, I am glad that you have come," she said. 'I have wanted you. Here is a letter of thanks from a little king. conferred the Order of the Lion upon him because he was so good to ou Dutch subjects. Now we who are so famous a linguist. pronounce for us the name

The flattered professor took the pa per, looked at it, stammered and blushed until the kind-hearted little Queen relented.

"Never mind about that now," said: "take it home and study it." The name signed to the letter was Djozakartha, Hamangkai Boenwono Senoysantl ing ngalogo Ngabdser Rabman Sajidon Panoto gdmo Lafakatollat VII.

Robert Chambers, in one of his excelient essays, tells of an old tailor in an inland town of Scotland who had gone out of fashion there, and who was asked one day by the aged and old-fashioned clergyman of whos church he was an officer, how it happened that the congregation was

thinning out so rapidly.
"Don't you know," replied the knight of the shears, "that half the parish go over the hill to hear the ow preacher, young Perly o' Gingle-

"Oh, yes," said the minister, "but I can't understand what the people see in that young man that is more than ordinary.

"Neither can I," quoth the tailor, and I would say the same thing o' that young chield that has ta'en my trade over my head. But it's just the new cut, sir; it's just the new

What He Could Do Best. While there are some governors of risons who are never happy they are signing their names to every official document they can obtain, there are others who look upon signing official documents as altogether outside what their duty of One of the latter class, at the reception of a number of new prisoners into prison, said to a man, who happened to be a forger, and who, on a former conviction, had learnt the governor's objection to signing pa-

"Now; we'l set you to work tomorrow. What can you do best?"
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Preventing Potato Scab.

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liable to occur when cows are fed liberally on root crops than when they are confined to hay and grain. No corn should be given for six weeks before calving. Linseed meal may be allowed with the hay, which should be cut fine and the lingered week argulated over it. seed meal sprinkled over it.

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VENGEANCE.

The Running Down and Killing of the Boer Villamon Described.

wo of Our Half Breed Scouts Chase Him Into Swampy Ground and

Toronto, Feb. 4. - Lieut. Morrison. of "D" Battery, who in a former letter gave a graphic description of the death and buriat of Dan Spence. in a later letter concerning his experiences in South Africa, had the following paragraph:-In the rush of events before we left Belfast I forgot to mention an interesting incident at Nooitgedacht, being the killing of the leader of the Boer party who shot young Spence and Ratcliffe, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, so treacherously several months ago. Villamon, the man in question, was known to both the Dragoons at Belfast and the C. M. R.'s at Nooitgedacht. One fine day in November he forsook his usual stamp-ing ground around Belfast, and rode

November he forsook his usual stamping ground around Belfast, and rode over Nooitgedacht way, where he did not know the country so well.

"Casey" Callaghan and Davis, the half-breed scouts, were returning in the early morning from an unsuccessful attempt to catch a field cornet, whom they had been laying for all night, when they sighted Villamon riding along all gallant, and gay. They knew the country and they raced for a point to cut off the Boer's retreat, and succeeded. He raced for another koof, and soon floundered, girth deep, in one of those treacherous Transvaal bogs. This was what the Canadian scouts had been playing for. They rode down to the edge of the bog, dismounted with much deliberation, and proceeded to take pot shots at Herr Villamon at 500 yards. Finally, his horse hopelessly mired, be jumped off and through the bog. They hit him the first shot, but did not stop him. He ran on screaming with fear. They hit him three times in five shots. As Casey graphically described, "He squealed like a pig." The last shot caught him in the back of the head, scattering his thoughts upon the grass, and he died. They took his rifle, horse and bandolier and told some kaffirs to bury him. The killing of Her Villamon made a considerable impression on surrounding commandoes.

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