

## IN THE KING'S SERVICE

### SOMETHING ABOUT HIS MAJESTY'S HOUSEHOLD.

Salaries and Expenses Alone Amount to Considerably Over \$1,500,000 Per Annum.

King George's Household is divided, for purposes of convenience, into three principal departments, the provinces of which may be described as "below stairs," "above stairs," and "out of doors." The first of these is presided over by the Lord Steward, who receives a salary of \$10,000 a year; the second by the Lord Chamberlain, also with \$10,000; while the Master of the Horse, to whose care the third department is entrusted, draws an annual stipend of \$12,500.

The Lord Steward is the first dignitary of the Court, and presides over the hall, kitchen, ewry, pantry, wine, beer, and coal cellar, and almonry. As emblem of his authority, he carries a white staff, and he is chairman of the Board of Green Cloth. The Board of Green Cloth is where all the Household accounts are examined and passed, and on this the Treasurer and Comptroller of the Household, who are the officers next in rank to the Lord Steward in his department, also sit.

It is not these three, however, who bear the real brunt of the work. The scapegoat, upon whom devolve the duties theoretically belonging to them, is the Master of the Household, who resides in the Palace itself, investigates all accounts, maintains discipline among the ordinary servants, and presides at the dinners of the suite in waiting on King George. He is also personally responsible for the accommodation of foreign monarchs who visit England.

### KING'S PAINTER.

The department of the Lord Chamberlain, who must be a member of the Government, a Peer, and a Privy Councillor, includes the bed-chamber, privy-chamber, presence-chamber, wardrobe, house-keeper's room, guard-room, the metropolitan theatres, and the Chapel Royal. He has control over a vast number of appointments in the Royal Palaces, from those of the King's physicians down to that of the charwoman who sweeps out the servants' rooms. He it is who gives the various tradesmen the right of calling themselves "purveyors" to the King and Queen, arranges all the Courts and Levees, Coronations, Royal marriages, christenings, funerals, etc.

There are many curious offices in the Lord Chamberlain's department. The duties of the King's poet, or Poet Laureate, are well known; but not many people realize that there exists a special office in Art. The King's Marine Painter is Mr. Edward de Martino, and just as the Poet Laureate is expected to commemorate great events in verse, so Mr. Martino is expected to commemorate great naval victories on canvas. The King's Bargemaster is Mr. W. G. East, who has control of his Majesty's "barge"—it more closely resembles a magnificent gondola—on the Thames; while a special officer is appointed to look after the King's swans—the Keeper of the Swans, he is called.

Another strange office in this department is that of his Majesty's Armorer. Kings, of course, no longer fare forth to wield their battle-axes in hostile lands, so that the duties of this gentleman have developed along very peaceful lines. His special care is in the King's collection of armor, and the detection of "faked" articles offered for sale. When a piece of armor is offered to his Majesty, the would-be vendor first sends a photograph of it to the King's Armorer, Mr. Guy Francis Laking, who then shows it to the King. If it appears genuine, and is approved, Mr. Laking inspects it personally; but how rarely purchases are made may be gauged from the fact that in six years 1,000 pieces were offered to King Edward, of which only three were bought.

### "OUT-DOOR" DEPARTMENT.

The "out-of-doors" department of the Master of the Horse includes the stables and coach-houses, the stud, mews, and kennels. He is always a member of the Government of the day, as is also the Master of the Buckhounds, whose duty it is to attend the Royal Hunt, and lead the procession of Royal equipages at Ascot, where he may be seen on horseback in a gorgeous uniform of green and gold, wearing, as the insignia of his office, the couplet or noose which holds two dogs, of a hound. The real management of the Royal stables and studs, however, again falls on the shoulders of a lesser official—the Crown Equerry. He has plenty to do—quite unlike the ancient hereditary office of Grand Falconer, held by the Dukes of St. Albans.

Quite outside of these great departments are his Majesty's personal attendants, such as his private secretary (Sir A. H. Biggs), the Keeper of his Privy Purse, the Superintendent of his

Wardrobe, etc. Each of these deserves a special article; but it is interesting to note that King George will never draw or sign a cheque himself, this duty being always performed for him by the Keeper of his Privy Purse.

### KING'S REMEMBRANCE.

One quaint legal office in connection with his Majesty is that of King's Remembrancer. The nomination of sheriffs, the swearing-in of the Lord Mayor of London, the acknowledgments of homage for Crown lands, the recovery of legacy and succession duties, and the trial by Pyx, all fall to his lot. The trial by Pyx, which takes place in the Lord Steward, who receives a salary of \$10,000 a year; the second by the Lord Chamberlain, also with \$10,000; while the Master of the Horse, to whose care the third department is entrusted, draws an annual stipend of \$12,500.

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## THE POSTMASTER JOINS THE ARMY

### WHO ARE SHOUTING THE PRAISES OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS IN THE WEST?

A Neighbor advised him to take them for his Rheumatism and Gravel. They cured him.

West Gravelbourg, Sask., Jan. 2 (Special).—Alexander McCarter, the postmaster here, has joined the great western army that has for its watchword, "When ailing, use Dodd's Kidney Pills." And like all others he has good and sufficient reasons:

I was laid up with Rheumatism and Gravel," Mr. McCarter states, "and was also troubled with my bladder. I was so bad I could not do much work. A neighbor came along who had been troubled the same way, and advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I did it. I bought two boxes, and, using them according to directions, was soon able to go to work."

Notice one thing: It was a neighbor who had been troubled the same way who advised the postmaster to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. He also had been cured by them.

If you're troubled with Kidney Disease in any form—Backache, Rheumatism, Lumboago, Gravel, Dropsey, Diabetes, or Bright's Disease—ask your neighbors. You'll soon find one who has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

### ABSENT-MINDED BELINDA.

Little Happening Makes Her Like Herself to Grandfather.

"You know the old, old story," said Belinda, "about grandfather and his spectacles, how one day when he wanted them he couldn't find them, and how they looked and looked and looked for them, on the floor and under the table, and around everywhere, and how they finally found them on grandfather's forehead, where he had pushed them back from his nose?"

"Well, this morning when I came to put on my slippers I got one on and I couldn't find the other, and I looked and looked and looked and looked just everywhere for that other slipper, and where do you think I finally found it? Why, it was on my other foot, where I had put it and forgotten it."

"Really, I think I must be as queer as grandfather."

To make English bread sauce for turkey, chicken or duck, take one-half a pint of bread crumbs, one pint of milk, butter size of an egg, salt, pepper and a little mace, one onion; simmer for two hours. Remove onion when serving.

Lace handkerchiefs should be washed in warm water and a little ammonia with Castile soap. Of course, they should not be ironed, but placed on a smooth surface, pulled out, and when nearly dry folded and placed under a heavy weight.

A Corrector of Pulmonary Troubles.—Many testimonials could be presented showing the great efficacy of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in curing disorders of the respiratory system, but the best testimonial is experience and the Oil is recommended to all who suffer from these disorders with the certainty that they will find relief. It will allay inflammation in the bronchial tubes as no other preparation can.

JUST AS GOOD.

"Did you discover the North Pole?"

"Not exactly," replied the explorer. "But I found a place that was sufficiently cold and lonely to be its practical equivalent."

Burnard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

LOADED DICE.

"That horse of yours looks poor, Patsy," said a stranger as he slowly mounted a jaunting car in dear, dirty Dublin.

"Arrah yer honor, not poor, but unlucky he is."

"Unlucky! How's that?"

"Tis like this, yer honor. Ev'ry mornin' I toss whether he has a feed o' corn or I have a glass o' whisky. An', begob, 'tis he has left for five mornin's runnin'!"

FRIEND AND PROTECTOR.

In spite of his well-known poor man's marksmanship, a certain Englishman was invited to the country for a day's shooting. The attendant, in great disgust, witnessed miss after miss.

"Dear me," at last exclaimed the sportsman, "but the birds seem exceptionally strong on the wing this year!"

"Not all of 'em, s'r," came the remark. "You've shot at the same bird this last dozen times. 'E's followin' you about, sir."

"Followin' me about! Nonsense! Why should a bird do that?"

"I dunno, sir, I'm sure," replied the man, "unless 'e's angling round for safety."

FRIDAY.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

AN ABSOLUTE CURE FOR KIDNEY DISEASES

PNEUMONIA, TUBERCULOSIS, RHEUMATIC DISEASES, DIABETES, ETC.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

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## FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE

### NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

### POOR PA.

A little boy was sent to a shop by his mother, and, being anxious to get away to play, he made all the haste he could. The shop was full of customers when he arrived, but he pushed himself to the front and cried out:

"I say, grocer, will you serve me quick? It's for my father's dinner."

"What do you want, my little man?" said the grocer, leaving the customer he was serving.

"Two pounds of soft soap and a packet of washing-powder," was the quick response.

### TRY ZAM-BUK FOR PILES.

Read How This Sufferer Benefited!

Don't you believe that experience is better than hearsay? If you suffer from piles, just try Zam-Buk. You can do so at your own expense. So assured are we of the result that we will send you a free trial box if you send to our Toronto office full name and address, and a one cent stamp to pay return postage.

Mr. F. Astridge, of St. Paul St., Catharines, Ont., says: "For five years I have suffered untold agony with protruding piles. The pain was so great at times I would almost scream.

"I lost weight and had no appetite. I tried everything I ever heard of for piles, as I was willing to try anything to get relief. It was useless, however, and I almost gave up in despair.

"One day a friend gave me a sample of Zam-Buk, and told me of a friend of his who had been cured by it. I decided to try Zam-Buk, and the relief I got was encouraging. I used three boxes, and at the end of that time I was completely cured."

Zam-Buk will also be found a sure cure for cold sores, chapped hands, frost bites, ulcers, blood poison, varicose sores, scalp sores, ringworm, inflamed patches, babies eruptions and chapped places, cuts, burns, bruises, and skin injuries generally. All druggists and store sellers at 50c. box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price. You are warned against harmful imitations and substitutes.

A man is sure to have enemies unless he marries a woman who has no relatives.

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