

Of the disputed points of British policy is the attempt to control the Mediterranean in the event of war with France, or with France and Russia combined. England aims to assert such control now by the occupation of Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, and Egypt; but opinion is growing among British military and naval authorities that even in time of peace the policy is a mistake, as involving needless expense, and in time of war would seriously diminish efficiency at all points. A strategically superior and more economical policy, it is urged, would be to evacuate Egypt, Malta and Cyprus, and as defence in their stead occupy Tangier and fortify the island of Perim in the Red sea. Such an arrangement would obviate the increasing expense of maintaining a large fleet and strong garrisons in the Mediterranean, while it would, on the outbreak of war enable England to prevent the issue of the enemy from that sea by blocking the exits at Gibraltar and Perim, and also give her overwhelming superiority of force elsewhere at sea. The fleets of France and Russia would be corked up in the Mediterranean, at Gibraltar by the Tangier and Channel squadrons, and at the southern entrance of the Suez canal by a strong occupation of Aden and Perim, the British fleet being thus left free for concentration at the points having most vital relation to imperial interests.

Of course, under this arrangement Egypt would be lost to England, but it is urged that the London government has always declared that its occupation is only to be temporary, and that it could now be given to France in exchange for a free hand at Tangier and on the coast of Morocco, a position of far greater value. Control of the Suez canal would also be lost to England, but the commerce through that waterway would in any event be largely paralyzed in any event by the French naval stations on both sides of the Mediterranean and vessels bound for India could always take the route by the Cape. The loss of time by the longer voyage would be more than balanced by the greater safety, while the loss of the maritime traffic of the Mediterranean would be insignificant as compared with the total of British ocean commerce and the expense of control of the inland sea. Some of the advocates of this policy, however, do not favor the evacuation of Malta, believing it to be defensible for a year at least against any attack, but all favor the abandonment of Egypt in the event of war, and the restoration of Cyprus to the Porte, both of which could be re-occupied, if desired, by England, should she be successful in the contest. That the scheme would offer many advantages over any attempt to maintain control of the Mediterranean there is no doubt, for under it the fleets of the enemy would be closed up in that sea on the outbreak of hostilities, the British fleet given overwhelming preponderance in all oceans, and left at liberty to reduce the naval bases and colonial dependencies of France and Russia.

Worth's Predecessor.

It has been erroneously assumed by many people that the late M. Worth was the first man milliner of European reputation. This is a mistake, as has been pointed out by a learned writer in the *Ecclair*. The first man milliner of whom history takes notice, says the *London Daily News*, was Rhomberg, who became famous in Paris in the reign of Louis XV. He was the son of a Bavarian peasant. His manner of advertising in the early part of the eighteenth century was to send out cards, the body of which represents a corset, while the shafts were made in imitation of a pair of tailor's shears. The notion got abroad that he was extremely skillful in hiding little defects in the figure and the vogue he enjoyed in consequence was immense. Although he was but a few years in business, dying at the early age of 40 years, he left a fortune estimated at £40,000 or £50,000, a large sum for a tradesman to have earned in those days. Under the first empire his successor was Leroy, who dressed the princess of the imperial court. At the period of the restoration he lived in retirement in a splendid mansion in the Rue Richelieu, where he entertained in princely style. Leroy was said to be witty and a model of deportment, and he numbered the most fashionable people among his friends.

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Fashionable Physician—You will have to give up city life, Mr. Million.
Wealthy Patient—I will travel in Europe a few years, if you say so.
Physician—It would be better for you to stay here and conduct a model farm.
Wealthy Patient—Oh, I can't afford that.

The contemporary mini may in rare cases be taken my storm; but posterity never. The tribunal of the present is accessible to influence; that of the future is incorrupt.—Gladstone.

THE EDITOR'S EXPERIENCE.

A Sufferer For Several Years From Acute Dyspepsia.

Food Distressed Him and It Began to Have a Weakening Effect on the Heart—Many Remedies Failed Before a Cure Was Found.

From the *Canoe*, N. S. Brezsa.
While newspaper men are called upon in their capacity as publishers to print from week to week words of praise spoken in favor of proprietary medicines, it is not often that the editor himself feels it his duty to say a good word on behalf of any of these preparations. And yet if a newspaper man has actually found benefit from the use of a proprietary medicine, why should he not make it known to his readers, and thus perhaps point out to some of them the road to renewed health? The editor of the *Breeze* believes it his duty to say a few words of praise in favor of a remedy that has proved an inestimable boon to him, and to say them without any solicitation on the part of the proprietors of the medicine, who, as a matter of fact, had no reason to know that he was ailing or was using their medicine. For several years the editor of the *Breeze* has been subject to that distressing complaint, dyspepsia, and only those who have been similarly troubled can know how much misery this trouble entails. He had but very little appetite, and what he did eat caused an unpleasant feeling of fullness, and made him feel languid and heavy, often causing intense pain in the stomach only relieved by vomiting up the food which he had taken. He was also troubled with palpitation of the heart brought on no doubt by the dyspepsia. Numerous remedies alleged to cure dyspepsia were tried, but without success, and the trouble was approaching a chronic state. At the suggestion of a friend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were tried and relief soon followed their use, and after a few boxes had been taken the editor was able to assert positively that he had been cured of his dyspepsia by this remedy that has proved so great a blessing to mankind. To any one troubled with this complaint he would strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. To newspaper men particularly they will be found just the thing to impart health and vigor to the whole system and enable them to pursue their work free from that tired, dependent feeling so prevalent among the craft. The editor of the *Breeze* firmly believes that what they have done for him they will do for others, and he gives them his hearty and unsolicited endorsement.

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SVENGALIS IN SIBERIA.

strange Experience of a Man While in a Russian Gaol.

Robert Ohman, a passenger on the steamer City Pekin, which arrived at San Francisco from Hong Kong the other day, tells a peculiar story of hypnotism, said to have been practised upon himself and a number of others while confined in Russian prisons in Siberia. With nine others who composed the crew of the schooner Emma, which sailed from Douglas City, Alaska, in 1893, on a sailing voyage, he said he was seized by Russian officers on the La Galine Islands. Ohman said he did not know what charge was placed against them, but nevertheless, they were locked up in a gaol on the island, and kept there for several weeks. They then were taken to some place on the coast, where they were supposed to stand trial for their offence. All the proceedings were conducted in the Russian language, and no defence offered. After the court adjourned Ohman was sent to prison at Vladivostok. There he says he was hypnotized by the Government officials. What he did after that he does not remember until he was placed on a steamer for Nagasaki in the care of an Englishman or German, and handed over to the American Consul at Nagasaki, who secured transportation for him to America. He could not tell what had become of his shipmates, whom he left in the Siberian prison, but he believes he was the means of sending them all to the gallows by the stories he told about them while under hypnotic influence.

Railroads and Population.

West Australia stands first, with 111.8 miles for every 10,000 people, yet it has only 660 miles of railway, while British India, with 17,768 miles, has only 1.1 mile of railway to every 10,000 people. Japan and the Dutch Indies are both equal in this respect, each having 0.4 miles of railway for every 10,000 people. Reckoning the railway mileage against the area of the country, Belgium is first, with 29.6 miles per 100 square miles, the United Kingdom second with 16.7, Holland third with 14. Then come Germany, 13.2; Switzerland, 13; France, 11.6; Denmark, 8.4; Italy, 7.7; Austria, 6.3; Spain, 3.4; European Turkey, 1.1, and Russia, 1. The mileage of all the railways of the globe, at the end of 1892, was 496,416 miles, or one mile to every 3,516 inhabitants. Porto Rico has the shortest length of railway, 11 miles, and the United States has by far the greatest, 174,784 miles. Next, but a long way behind, comes Germany, with 27,475 miles; then France, with 24,018 miles. The United Kingdom is fourth, with 20,325 miles, and Russia fifth, with 19,656 miles. The islands of Man, Malta, and Jersey combined boast of 68 miles. Big Persia has 24 miles, and diminutive Hawaii 56 miles.

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