DISAPPOINTMENT OF A MUCH MARRIED MISSIONARY

he was again a widower. Again he voyage," bowed and the train left. asked for leave to return home, but the society leaders informed him there was an unseemly Bluebird sort of flavour the Picayune's correspondent. He was about his matrimonial doings, and they on a cruise, and his yacht was at Folkdid not feel justified in the expense of stone. By the merest good fortune for two holiday trips for him in two years; the nuns, his Majesty happened to be but if he would appoint a friend in at the railroad station when they ar-England to represent him they would rived; and it goes without saying that furnish him with a desirable young lady this charming little episode had been as his third bride. This was agreed to respectfully watched by all those on and in due time the steamer bearing the the platform who knew the gentleman elect went down to meet his new partner the King. accompanied by a married friend. On she was at the other end of the vessel, at Folkstone. but the friend who had travelled with her brought him over and introduced him. The Doctor spoke a few words animously voted that the French railto her only, and then turning aside he road officials, proverbially known for he were in great pain, and murmured done by their English colleagues, whose audibly: "Red hair for the third time kind, respectful and generous treatment Freeman's Journal

THE FRENCH NUNS

A Pleasing Incident Reported by a Paris Correspondent

The New Ofeans Picayune of recent date, had, in its Paris Correspondence, a story about Edward VII. and a party of French nuns, which shows how thoroughly affable and good-natured is the present King of Great Britain and Ire-

A party of nuns, eleven in number, forced either to give up their sacred valling or to leave France, had made arrangements to establish themselves in a quiet, beautiful, little city of England not far from London, and started on their journey by taking through third-class tickets via Boulogne-Folkstone. Be it noted that not one spoke a word of English, not even the Mother Superior. The short sea trip from Boulogne to Folkstone had been rather pulled a Yankee enterprise, the Equi rough, and had considerably fatigued the poor sisters whose first sea voyage this happened to be. However, as the railroad officials in France had assured them there would be a train ready for them at Folkstone on arrival of the boat, the Sisters consoled themselves with the thought that they would soon get over the little inconveninences of the sea.

Well, the boat did arrive at Folkstone, and the Sisters followed the crowd along the great quay to the station. Arrived there, almost among the last, because they were timid and lacked the somewhat uncouth aggressiveness of the veteran travellers, they saw the train; O yes! But found all the third-class seats taken. Their feelings at this discovery can better be imagined than described when-O good fortune!--they espied a gentleman whose headgear was a white cap. As all station-masters in France wear white caps the good sisters naturally thought that this gentleman was the one to address themselves to, and the Mother Superior went to him with reverence, and asked him if he spoke French. The gentleman, taking off his cap, answered in the purest French accent, asking what he could do for her and her companions. The Mother Superior quickly explained their dilemma, showing the gentleman her third class tickets. The Sister was assured a carriage would be immediately attached to the train, and that he would soon return and see they were comfortably seated. The gentleman left at a brisk pace, while the Mother rejoined the other Sisters, all anxious to know the result of the interview. Needless to say they were all happy when the

Mother had told them. Presently a locomotive came with a first class carriage, which was attached to the train. Talking of missionaries. I have just The gentleman with the white cap had heard of one who seems to have had arrived at the same time, and, bowing very hard luck in his matrimonial politely bade the Sisters to get in. ventures. He had married in England But the Mother Superior had noticed and taken his wife to India. At the end it was a first-class carriage, and again of two years' time his wife died and he mentioned to the gentleman that they received permission from the head of had third-class tickets. On being ashis Society to return home. There he sured it made no difference, and that soon consoled himself, and with his they would not be asked to pay anysecond spouse returned to the field of thing extra, or be annoyed on that his former labours. But Fate dealt him | account, the Sisters took their seats, another blow, and at the end of a year the gentleman wished them "bon

Now, King Edward was the gentleman with the white cap according to lady was signalled and the bridegroom- with the white cap was none other than

A few months had elapsed when a the return of the latter to his house he gentleman who had been an admiring was pounced upon by his wife, who witness of the proceedings, was stopdemanded to be told all about the af- ping, for a few days, at the place the fecting meeting of the happy pair. Sisters had chosen as their new resi-"Did Dr. Meekly seem overjoyed when dence. Luck would have it that he met he saw MissRanterby for the first time?" the Mother Superior, and he respectasked the lady. "Well, he certainly fully approached her, asking what imwas flurried," was the reply; "but I pression King Edward had made upon don't think that 'overjoyed' is the her. The good soul answered she did correct term to apply." "But surely not know the King, never having met he seemed highly pleased?" demanded him. "Oh, yes!" replied the gentleman, the inquisitive lady; "for mercy's sake | "you know and have seen his Majesty;" do tell me exactly what he said and did." and then he related to the grateful but "Well," explained the cornered husband, amazed Sister under what circumstan-"when Dr. Meekly saw the lady first ces she made the King's acquaintance

The good lady laughingly remarked that she and her companions had unpassed his hand over his eyes as though their courtesy, were very much outand after all my praying too!"-The on the Folkstone occasion they would Flaneur in the Sydney (Australia) never forget, and she incidentally remarked that the good King of England, though a Protestant, could teach a lesson to M. Combes. M. Combes, who THE KING OF ENGLAND AND has probably been informed of the incident must think so too!

THE IRISH AND FINANCE

It is probable that most of the reputation as bad financiers which attaches to the Irish comes from the happy-golucky landlordism of two and three generations ago. The spirit of those times is exhibited in many a song and story; as for instance in the "Rakes of Mallow:"

"Spending faster than it comes, Beating waiters, bailiffs, duns."

The Irish peasantry are naturally thrifty. Their poverty is due to nothing innate, but to a system and an environment. Three Irish immigrants O'Brien, Mackey and Fair, once became the Bonanza Kings of Western America. Last week it was an Irish-American financier, Thomas F. Ryan, who finally table Life Insurance Co. out of its troubles, and reorganized a situation involving hundreds of millions.-Milwaukee "Catholic Citizen."

A Scotch dominie, after telling his scholars the story of Ananias and Saphira, asked them: "Why does not God strike everybody dead that tells a lie?" After a long silence one little fellow exclaimed: "Because there wouldna be nobody left."



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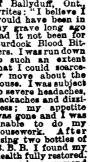
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