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Royalty Involved in Affai Which Makes Enmity-The Story of Prince Alexander of Battenburg

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King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has late

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King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has lately become involved in a very disagreeable affair which has created much bad blood against him, not only among his subjects, but also among several of the reigning houses of Europe.

It may be recalled that his predecessor on the throne at Sofia, Prince Alexander of Battenberg, left a son and a daughter by his marriage with a Darmstadt actress, Pohanna Leisinger, whom he married in such an extraordinary fashion on the very eve of the date appointed for his wedding at Windsor Castle to the Kaiser's sister, Victoria of Prussia, now the wife of Prince Adolf of Schaumburg-Lippe. This son, who bears the Christian name of Assen, attained his majority in January last, and bears the title of Count Hartenau, which his father secured from the late Grandduke of Hesse when he abandoned the style and name of Prince of Battenberg on marrying Mile. Leisinger.

Whereas King Ferdhand, in spite of all that he has done for Bulgaria, by means of statecraft, by cleverness of administration, and by vast sacrifices of his own personal fortune and that of his mother, the late Princess Clementine of Coburg, has never been able in his nearly a quarter of, a century of reign, to secure any hold on the affections of his subjects, who alternately ridicule his foibles or denounce his policy, the memory of Prince Alexander of Battenberg, who died as Count Hartenau, and as major-general in command of the 11th Infantry Brigade of the Austrian army at Gratz, is sold cnerished in the hearts of the Bulgarian people, who can never forget that ne not only fought for their liberation from Turkey in the

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The Evening Chit-Chat By RUTH CAMERON

WOMAN in our neighborhood who has recently had her youngest daughter—the last of a family of six—marry and leave the home nest, has had a nervous breakdown and is in a sanitarium.

And she blames her trouble to lonesomeness, pure and simple.

"I was always used to young life around the house," she says, "and I missed it so. It seemed to me as if everything had just stopped.'

Another woman who has lost one child, by death and two by marriage has taken to spending much time at the home of a neighbor who was just a bare acquaintance in the old days.

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"I can't see what has come over Ellen to be so intimate with Mrs. L." comments one of her old friends. "She never used to have any use for her."

"Ah," responds a wiser woman, "You forget that Mrs. L. has three daughters growing up. Ellen really goes there to see them, to talk to them and their friends. She's just hungry for young life."

I don't think that young people as a rule realize how large a part their happiness, their delight in living, their vitality and exuborance, their plannings, ambitions and their wonderful power of saying "Some day," play in the older

irreat britain, Russia, Italy, Spain, Greece and Montengre.

What the future of young Count Harten and's career will be it is difficult to say. His father was a particular favorite of Queen Victoria, who admired him greatly; also of Emperor Frances Joseph, who treated him with the most fatherly kindness, after the loss of his throne, and his marriage.

On the other hand, Alexander was open placed him yeth the most fatherly kindness, after the loss of his throne, and his marriage.

On the other hand, Alexander was open placed him to Russia, who, by the possession of some secret, was able not only to compel him to abdicate the throne of Bulgaria fater having previously tolerated him being kidnapped from his palace in Sofia by Russian officers and carried off into Russian territory, but even to force him to contract a saiden and loveless marriage with Mile Leisinger, in order the him contract a saiden and loveless marriage with Mile Leisinger, in order the him to contract a saiden and loveless marriage with with the secret was which gave Alexander Hl., the most honest and upright of men, such a tremendous hold upon Alexander of Battenberg, not more than half-adozen people know. General Baron Groneral Baro him better than any other of their nep-



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