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LONDON GOSSIP.

LONDON, Dec. 2nd, 1913.

FUTURE PLANS OF ROYAL FAMILY.

A very interesting series of country house visits by the King and Queen will finish with their Majesties leaving Chatsworth on the conclusion of their visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Their Majesties will travel direct to Buckingham Palace, where they will stay for about a week, leaving for York Cottage, Sandringham, where they will pass Christmas, on or about Saturday, Dec. 20. There they will remain until shortly after the beginning of the New Year, when the Court will be transferred to Windsor, where it will stay until shortly before the opening of Parliament in February, and a series of house parties will be entertained at the Castle for the conclusion of the shooting.

POLO PONIES OF ALFONSO.

During King Alfonso's visit to England with Queen Victoria Eugenie His Majesty will complete the arrangements which have been in progress for some time for the purchase of ponies suitable for polo and other purposes. Since their Majesties were last in this country, the King has built stables and laid out exercise grounds on a very extensive scale near Madrid and at San Sebastian, and it is understood that English trainers will be engaged for their supervision. Their Majesties hope that early next year they may be visited in Spain by many of their English friends.

BACHELORS AS KEEPERS OF SECRETS.

Sir Thomas Lipton has set the papers discussing the question as to whether married men or bachelors are the best for keeping secrets by announcing that only bachelors are to be employed in building Shamrock IV, the new American Cup challenger. The underlying idea is, of course, that a man tells his wife, and his wife tells everyone else. This is an old and foolish superstition. It is pointed out that many of the suffragettes who committed outrages are married women, and yet there have hardly been any instances of betrayals in these affairs. Mr. Gladstone always held that a Cabinet Minister was at liberty to disclose his secrets to his wife and his private secretary. It seems a tolerably wide confidence. When Mr. Gladstone was married he foresaw the difficulties of Mrs. Gladstone's position. He asked her whether she would like to know everything that he knew and to keep his counsel, or to be told nothing and to be saved from indiscretions. Mrs. Gladstone naturally chose the first, and late in life, Mr. Gladstone said that she had known everything he knew all these years and never once betrayed his counsel. In the one notorious case, by the way, where the draft of an important bill passed into a newspaper's hands, the betrayal was not made by the wife of the statesman concerned but by another lady.

TOO FEW DOCTORS.

Now that the National Insurance Act has got well into swing in this country, doctors for the first time in their history here, have become scarce. A year ago, before the Insurance Act came in force—a medical man could obtain an assistant easily at short notice for £120 "indoors" or for £200 "outdoors," often without apartments. To-day it is a safe statement that no averagely well qualified medical man would look at such an offer. A friend practising in the Midlands tells me that an advertisement of £200 indoors failed to discover a single candidate. Outdoor assistants are scarce and getting so much as £300 with furnished rooms. The same remarkable state of affairs prevails in the locum tenens market. Before the Boer War it was easy to procure a "locum" for £2 2s. a week. After that the fees rose to £3 3s. and £4 4s. Now—at the height of the dull season—a locum tenens cannot be engaged for less than £5 5s., whilst a more frequent figure is £5 6s. During last summer holiday season as much as £12 was paid in some instances. The reason for the scarcity is not difficult to find. Doctors take five years to make. The number of entrants at most of the great schools is falling. On the other hand, the medical inspection of school children and the tuberculosis medical services have been created and have absorbed the cream of the young men. Moreover, a few months ago any doctor who cared to put his name on the panel in a large town got a practice immediately. Men in club practices who were receiving from two shillings and sixpence per head per member per annum are now in receipt of seven shillings, possibly seven shillings and sixpence. The incomes of some of these doctors, more especially in pit districts, reached £1000. These have been doubled without much additional work. The temptation to keep an assistant, formerly resisted for financial reasons, is now overwhelming. In the case of a man earning £2000 a year, £200 is well spent money if it secures him rest and recreation.

RADIUM FOR CURES.

There is much more than merely scientific interest attaching to Professor Sommer's new process for the extraction of radium. Radium therapy is now established. As everyone knows extraordinary results have been obtained in the treatment of certain forms of cancer. For arthritis deformans—that dreadful and crippling disease of the joints—radium treatment may be described as a positive cure. Thousands of sufferers have applied to the Radium Institute and it is quite unable to cope with the demand. It has an immense waiting list, and is, I believe, months behind in dealing with applications. A similar state of affairs exists in every other country, and with regard to other diseases for which the radium treatment offers a new hope of cure. Professor Sommer's process will add enormously to the supply of radium by enabling the low-grade ores to be dealt with. Of course as a geological fact radium is scarce and will always remain so. The only line of advance is the cheapening of extraction. Professor Sommer's discovery ought to make a considerable difference to the pitiable mines now being worked in Cornwall.

THE CONNAUGHT ROBBERY HOAX.

One morning last week the newspapers here blossomed out with the news of a great robbery of Garter Jewels belonging to the Duke of Connaught. Reporters flocked round Scotland Yard for information to the utter bewilderment of the detectives there. In the course of an explanation of the mystery was found and not only in Scotland Yard but everywhere where these things are of interest, they have been laughing over one of the most remarkable blunders perpetrated in journalism. It would seem that a reporter, by a leading daily obtained access to a printed list of missing articles which the police authorities regularly supply to pawnbrokers throughout the country. He had been left alone in a room for a little while, had run over the latest issue of these "Informations," and discovered, as he thought, a great jewel theft. He jumped to the conclusion that the Duke of Connaught was the victim because his name was mentioned. The man who copied the official descriptions forgot to make a note of the punctuation marks, and as a result a whole description of a tie pin belonging to the Duke of Connaught to an Army Officer, some years ago, which is worth, incidentally about £3, was attributed to not only a garter, but an enamel garter and crown. Equally a pair of sleeve links "A. W." in a monogram in enamel on one link and the ornamentation of the other, were charged into "Duke of Connaught's" and with this blue enamel garter found with "Duke of Connaught's" on it, went "The Royal Family have a weakness for the pins and sleeve links. They give them to station masters and detectives, and these two articles, whose loss has been magnified into something approaching that of the

Crown Jewels in Dublin, are no more than a tin with the Duke of Connaught's initials in tiny brilliants in the centre of a circle enclosed by the garter with a crown, about the size of a pin's head on the top of it, while the sleeve links are simply decorated with the monogram on one and the garter and crown on the other. The gentleman who sent the notice to the police is furious. He is an Army officer, and is not at all certain that he has even lost the article. He simply had the record put on the police books as a measure of precaution.

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Fast Trip of Nova Scotia Schooner.

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In a recent press despatch from Portland the American schooner Melbourne P. Smith, is credited with a record breaking trip from Savannah, Georgia, to Portland, having made the distance of 975 miles in five days and twenty-two hours. This was said to be two hours faster than it was ever done before by a loaded coasting schooner. If American schooners along are held as competitors in this time, perhaps the despatch is true, but if not, there is a Nova Scotia schooner which has put the Melbourne P. Smith far in her wake. This schooner is the new vessel Annie L. Warren, recently launched for F. J. Warren, of this city, and which recently made a remarkably fast trip from Jacksonville, Fla., to Louisville, Mo. The time for the Annie L. Warren averaged 7.20 miles an hour, while the latter covered 975 miles in five days and twenty-two hours, the Warren covered 7400 miles in eight days and two hours. The American schooner is a 523 ton vessel, the Nova Scotia, 223 tons, and was on this trip very deeply laden with hard pine, including a heavy deck load.

[The Annie L. R. Warren is at present in port discharging a load of coal for Mr. W. H. Hynes.—Editor Evening Telegram.]

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