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The largest bog in Ireland is the Bog of Allen, which stretches across the centre of the island, east of the Shannon, and covers nearly 250,000 acres. Altogether there are nearly 3,000,000 acres of bog in Ireland—that is to say, about one seventh of the total area of the country is bog.

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Mrs. McLubberty—How did ye git along wid th' distier, Murty? McLubberty—Shure, he moighty near kill me, so he did, but bedad! Oi! how th' laugh on him all th' same. Mrs. McLubberty—Is that so? McLubberty—Yes Begorra! he pulled th' wrong foot!

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Has he proposed to you yet? No—not directly, but he keeps telling me that he entirely sides with the Greeks in their annexation schemes.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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He—Will you marry me if I ask your father?—She I'm afraid not.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

I see that Mr. and Mrs. Newly came have a wheel now. We always used to see them on a tandem. That was before they were married.

THE EMPHATIC STATEMENT that the D. & L. Mucil Plaster is doing a great deal to alleviate neuralgia and rheumatism is based upon facts. The D. & L. Plaster never fails to soothe and quickly cure. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

Sallie Twitters is to be married, said Mrs. Kiduff to her brother, who is a crutty bachelor. Ah! replied he, who is her victim? Then, seeing a baleful look in his sister's eye, he added, I should say, who is her accomplice.

THE D. & L. EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL will build you up, will make you fat, and healthy. Especially beneficial to those who are "all run down." Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

First Newsboy—Say, Mugsy, this paper says "An" then they set down to a sumptuous repast." "Wat's a sumpt-u-ow-ous repast?" Second Newsboy—"Nuff ter eat, I guess.

Miller's Grip Powders cure.

GOLD BENEATH DROSS.

By T. C. Dean.

"I believe she could," Sutton continued, "for a pretty face can fool the best of us. We may sneer to-day but to-morrow we are worshippers at the shrine. I never saw it fail. A man is a man to love as God made him, and a smile from a lovely face that says 'come' either makes us come, or fills us with regret that we have played a character that precludes the blessing. Don't it, it's true. See this woman now. She's captured the Duke Beaufoot—beat out a dozen princesses in the race, and captured the first prize of the year. This marriage is announced for the opening event of the next London season!"

Hestmead did not dispute the assertion regarding the power of a pretty face, remembering that he had served some years in an American penitentiary on account of one.

As Hestmead remained silent, Sir Taska continued: "I am distantly related to the Duke myself, very distantly, I might say, being separated by ten or twelve generations on my sire's side. But that is sufficient to insure me invitations to some of the Duke's drams. So instead of going to the coast, I will go up to London with you and we will pass our opinion on life's new chief d'oeuvre, a la mode."

Almost a week slipped away before Hestmead and Sutton proceeded to London. When, however, at last they reached the metropolis, Hestmead's private business required of him so much more time and attention than he had anticipated, that several weeks elapsed before he was able to join his friend Sutton on their arranged pleasure quest. Hestmead's business in London, though easy for him of performance, was of a very precise character. Upon his change of domicile from America to England he had given up novel writing altogether and had accepted a minor position in the British license department. A marked change had come over him during the last few years of his life. He was no longer that frank, light-hearted, happy-go-lucky fellow of by-gone days. His experiences in life had made him very unassuming and yet withal very cynical, so that upon almost every event in life now he looked for "another side." "Things are not what they seem" had become a watchword with him, until it was impossible to cheat him with the most plausible subterfuge. This new deportment, however, seemed to set better upon him than his departed simple demeanor, and though his face had a slightly drawn aspect, as if it bore unfaceable testimony of mental suffering, his grave, doubting smile and bright eye gave a new charm to his fairly handsome face—handsome because above the marring mark of grief was the gloss of honesty and refinement. His eye now was searching in its look, and yet there was a manly light ever present there, demonstrating that all his meditations, though ever searching out the covered shams of life, sprang from a true and heroic heart. If his past experiences had deadened the effervescent enthusiasm of his youth, and caused him to give up an occupation that had become irksome and distasteful to him, it had, on the other hand, led him into other lines of labor much more remunerative. From being a simple clerk in the license branch of England's municipal government, he had risen through the merit of his shrewdness to being one of the most valuable detectives on that department's force. His acquaintance with Sir Taska Sutton had come about on account of a service he had performed for Sir Taska one evening when he arrested him on the pretext of his being a smuggler's agent, but which act turned out to be a ruse to save Sir Taska from the fury of a mob of "contrabanders" that had mistaken him for a "tattler" of their own party.

But to return. Arriving in London, Sir Taska had no trouble in obtaining invitations for himself and friend to one of the Duke of Beaufoot's famous drams, so one night when Hestmead's business had been finished, they jumped into a cab and made two of the party that were journeying in the early twilight towards the Duke's London mansion.

During the intervening space between Hestmead's arrival in London and his acceptance of the invitation to be the Duke of Beaufoot's evening guest, he had heard much of this famous English beauty who was spoken of as the Duke's "Clarkflower." Indeed, all England seemed full of the praise of her marvellous loveliness at that time. Wherever Hestmead had gone he had heard people lauding the irreproachable splendor of her face, and the Juno-like grace of her form. Praises for her seemed to be on every tongue, and he heard it said that among those who paid her homage could be found even crowned heads. Never had London been in such a ferment of excitement, and never had the higher circles of society been so stirred. Men of wealth and unmeasured influence came from distant countries to see her, and staid to swell the number of the admirers of her symmetrical perfection. She was the rage. It was chic to talk about her, it was fashionable to profess to have seen her, and she shared from

morning until evening the excitement of all social or parliamentary events. Though Hestmead and Sir Taska were early in their arrival at the Duke's city palace, a large concourse had already preceded them, and they were soon conscious that much excitement was prevailing on every hand around them. They had to wait a considerable time before their turn came to be presented, but that ceremony came at last. The Duke, who was a young and extremely fine looking man, and his affianced stood near the door in the brilliantly lighted reception room, so that the throng that came might be presented with appropriate decorum and then pass on to the banquet hall.

[TO BE CONTINUED.] ROYAL FINGER NAILS.

A nail professor, a Frenchman, of course, has taken the trouble to study the finger nails of sovereigns and has given to a yearning world his deductions therefrom.

That most prominent of sovereigns, the Emperor William, has a slight hand, a stumpy thumb and flat, colorless nails, indicating a brain wanting in balance.

The emperor of Austria offers a contrast to his energetic contemporary with a pair of sensible and rather hairy fists, but the long thumb denotes his blue blood. The nails have a pearly hue and are much incurved, denoting a well-balanced mind.

Victor Emmanuel III has a spoon shaped thumb nail, suggesting a gloomy and relentless character.

The queen of Italy has a fine hand, although the nails are rather conical and incurve much. They show too much white.

The sultan has a delicate white hand with taper fingers. Such a hand can only come of a line of ancestry reared in cotton wool.

Leopold of Belgium was doomed to a life of involuntary flitration, for he has a plecthan thumb and a squat and square shaped nail.

Queen Victoria's uniformly irregular nails, according to this Frenchman, denote peridly and longevity.

The young queen of Holland has rather a large hand for a woman. The nails are short and of common mold. This indicates cheery times for the future Mr. Holland when he falls to pronounce "truly rural" at 3 o'clock in the morning after a heavy day in the city.—Exchange.

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UNEXPECTED EDICT.

Chinese Emperor Orders Envoys to Agree to Joint Note.

BUT TO ASK BETTER TERMS. Which May Be Understood to Mean That the Principle Is Accepted With the Hope That Diplomacy Will Make the Details Less Heavy to Bear.—Mr. Wu Surprised.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect.

The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the Imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang, nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

The Emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be located.

The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible and finally to request the powers not to destroy the forts, but merely to disarm them.

Li Hung Chang's health is bad and it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than to affix his signature to an instrument delegating his powers to Prince Ching, until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dressed this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of Prince Ching, with whom he held a long consultation. Prince Ching then called upon the Doyen of the diplomatic corps, the Spanish Minister, Senor De Cologan, and required him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the Emperor to sign the note.

The Report Confirmed. Paris, Dec. 31.—The Havas Agency has received this despatch from Peking: "Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have communicated to the foreign envoys an Imperial edict, in which the Emperor declares that China accepts the joint note, and authorizes Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to negotiate and to ask for a suspension of hostilities. Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, according to another despatch to the Havas Agency say that Emperor Kwang Su has expressed a desire that the court should return to Peking at the end of February.

Foreign Communities Pleasured. Peking, Dec. 29.—The foreign communities in Peking are greatly satisfied at the decided tone of the collective note, and the assertion that the powers are determined to entertain no proposals for the modification of the demands. It is understood Li Hung Chang sent a memorial to the throne, couched in very strong terms, urging complete compliance.

The Germans killed 40 Chinese troops near Man Cheng, 10 miles northwest of Pao Ting Fu. They had no casualties.

Among the natives a feeling of great mistrust is being caused, apparently by the high-handed attitude of the Germans, as the Chinese suspect them of an intention to force a serious engagement with the Chinese troops.

A Puzzled Chinaman. Washington, Dec. 31.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese Minister, is somewhat puzzled as to just what construction to place on the Peking despatch. All along he has regarded the demands conveyed in the joint note as harsh and severe, and the statement that it has been signed causes him surprise.

A LETTER FROM THE POPE. May Be Basis of Rupture Between France and the Vatican.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, has received a long letter from the Pope, expressing bitter sorrow at the danger threatening the religious orders. His Holiness advises the French bishop to work in perfect harmony to safeguard the interests of the congregation.

The anti-Ministerial press makes much capital out of the Pope's letter, received by the Archbishop of Paris. The Gaulois says it foresees a rupture between the Vatican and the Elysee, and declares that the Ministerialists are delighted with the prospect. La Republique expresses the fear that Germany and Austria will be able to replace French influence in the far east if the law of associations is passed.

Mines May Be Idle. Halifax, Dec. 31.—The managers of the collieries in Pictou, Cumberland and Cape Breton Counties have decided to grant a demand of the miners for a 12 per cent. increase in wages all round on Jan. 1, but have refused to grant a further increase of 10 per cent. in April. The result is that a general strike of the miners of Nova Scotia, from 4,000 to 6,000 men, is imminent.

Norway's Finances Improved. Stockholm, Dec. 31.—The Norwegian financial situation shows great improvement. At the year's end the Swedish banks have sufficient funds for all purposes. The interest is high, but business is good.

The Ashanti Rebellion Ended. London, Dec. 31.—Col. Willcocks has cabled the Government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

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The Rev

A despatch from Rev. Dr. Talmage following text:—

—I. John II. 18. John is here enjo by the considerati to whom he write closing dispensatio says, "It is the las I am standing in the Sabbath of the year. Four more clock and the year griefs, and achieve. It is the last time, to you of last thin

I. My hearde's their last business routine. You rise breakfast, start fo your counting-room and give consequel day is not far dista to be like all the c entirely different twilights—that of that of the evening meridian. You w you will come bal in the calendar of a day as though it though every bou fire-bell; as thou from the clouds; a had voices; as tho angel shout past yo will be your last known and unexp you will terminat engagements. Yt cash-drawers, will will slam shut th take your hat an that ever happens take you back agai stonds! Good-by to friends! It is the

II. I remark the nearer to their last A dissipated life u will not endure mu herdsmen throwa the swine's snout t devoured, so dissil the bodies and sou scores, into the ma think they can sta are as well satisfi o'clock in the mori night; feel as safe i water; walk wit with the unclean. be through. The with flushed count turn back from th come reeling from hauch, and, wr about with sin as a ger on, and, against the corner stone, will fall flat

III. Agair I rem coming nearer to t The week seems Sea, tossing, tossi a path cut throug walk dry shod. G again above the wa and annoyances ar flood.

Where did you Sabbaths? With son Scotch Kirk, or the the city church. S then you loved Su sunrise seems more day more bright; suggestive; and a before God, that a "Sweet, Sabbath!" God! Pillow on whi head lead! Day frag memories! How I

IV. Again, we e year of our life. T six thousand years years may yet com sion may seem int own closing earthl off. Fifteen hundr was a memorable y Luther died. Eight fifty-two was a ma in it Lord Wellingt hundred and fifty- year, because in it Eighteen hundred a memorable year, fo was fought. Eighte ty-nine was a me cause in it Sofferin there will be a mo to us, and that w which we fight our last enemy. The sp cleft of the spade i our resting-place; o mer