India and the Prince of Wales.

The *Daily News* thinks if anything can be predicted with certainty about the oriental character, the approaching visit of the Prince of Wales to India promises to be the most salutary and well-timed. If the heir to the throne lands at Bombay, as we believe he will, and proceeds to Ceylon, and so goes on to Calcutta, the Viceroy should be at Bombay to welcome the guest of India on her threshold. A prince means everything in a constitutional country like ours, and quite another thing in a country which has not outgrown the ideas of despotic and personal dominion. If the prince be not to have precedence over his mother's subjects during his progress, the fiction of Constitutional Monarchy will fall as low in the eyes of the people in the east as it did in those of a French humorist in 1848. For once England must do what is troublesome to modern Englishmen, must spend money and trouble on mere spectacle and magnificence, on presents, durbars, and hunting parties. If all this is managed properly and with spirit, if the Prince is taken out of the beaten track and into the scarce discovered courts and cities of barbaric princelings, English repute will be very considerably raised before he reaches the romantic passes of Cashmere; but if the Indian Government tries to "make believe" to be Oriental in spirit, and to throw itself into etiquette and ceremony with a will, the mild Hindoo will subside into a puzzled and cynical scepticist about English notions of Royalty and of Dominion

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THE Irish Episcopal Church, it is well known, is dis-established, and seems to prosper in its separation from the State. At the late meeting of the General Synod the damnatory clauses of the Athanasian Creed were expunged, by a large majority. It had under discussion the revision of the Prayer Book, which many American Episcopalians seem so terribly afraid to touch, and has carefully guarded against Romish or Ritualistic interpretations of the services.

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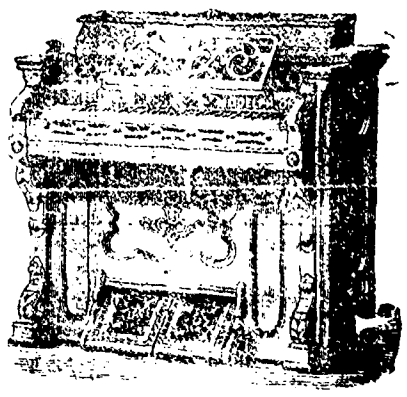

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