IN ENGLAND'S CAPITAL

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING IN THE GREAT CITY.

Jubilee Preparations Changing the Face of the Metropolis—Many Brilliant Gather-ings Recorded—Visiting Princesses and Envoys—A Budget of News.

London, June 2.—If you had never seen London and came on a first visit at the present moment you would think it a city entirely built of wood—the principal streets present long vistas of timber; huge stands are being erected everywhere for jubilee day, while many of the noblest mansions have their architectural features completely concealed by huge timber frame-works, extending from basement to root.

A more brilliant gathering than that at the Foreign Office on Wednesday night to do honor to the Queen's birthday has seldom been seen. This year the decree has gone forth that levee dress must be worn honor of the Diamond Jubilee; consequently the staircase and corridor, banked as usual with masses of flowers, presented even a gayer appearance than usual, uniforms of every description combining with the many colored dresses of the ladies to make the tout ensemble as effective as possible. The scene was at its brightest when the royalties arrived and were received (in the absence of Lady Salisbury) by Lady Cranborne and Lady Guendolen Cecil. The Princess of Wales, beautifully dressed in gray tatin, occupied the central place on the ballocony reserved for distinguished guests, nearther being the Duchess of Connaught in a light brocade gown, and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, in pale yellow. Close by were the Duchess of Marlborough, with an enormous pointed ti sra; Lady Londonderry, Lady Cadogan ed even a gayer appearance than usual,

street. The cast included Lady Winifride Cary-Elwes, Milism A Teamber Lock, where will am Mr. Elliot, while among the audience were Lady Bristol, Lady Cottenham, Lady Denbigh, Lady Fingall, Lady Herries, Lady Churston, Lady Newton and Lady Howard, of Glosson.

The same night Lady Leitrim had her ball in Fortman Square, but it was somewhat overshadowed by other entershadowed by the ball was greated to the sates, and other dearwing in the same ball was periection—there was plainty of the proper to this season. Everyone went on to Mrs. Cavendish Bentwinck's, and I must say, in spitelof her misfortune (the electric light going out just as the cotillon began) that it was a delightful dance. The houses is beautifully arranged and there were heaps of presents for the cotillon. It was really/very lunny dancing in that long room by the light of a dozen candles and the gray dawn breaking through the open window. It was very weird and mysterious, and the chaperones who act on the landing/peered into the darkuess to try and discover, how their girls were getting on. People came late from the state concert and/there was an astonishing array of diamonds. The Duchess of Montrose's eldest girl and Lady Gray damadowed the state of Montrose's eldest girl and Lady Gray damadowed the state of Montrose's eldest girl and Lady Gray da Manchester came on from the concert in uniform; he is not much to look at, but I hear he is such a nice boy. His poor mother the Duchess, has broken the small bone of her leg, and is laid up for six weeks. She fell getting out of her carriage going to

home and the doctor came the leg was so wollen he could hardly set it, but she is doing very well now.

We are all for 'Victoria and Merrie England' today (whether we spell it 'y' or 'ie') with the exception of the Clerk of the Weather, who is making himself highly objectionable in the matter. London is gay with the garbs of 'all nations that on earth do dwell' waiting to do Victoria homage,

The clouds are in the skies,
And t e dust in our eves,
And the cold wind cuts and drives,

The native and foreign princes and foreign envoys are lighting up London with all the colors of the rainbow. The military tournament is setting the pulses of the City of Jubilee beating to the war dance of

The Earl's Court Victorian Era Exhibition, with its galleries, its gardens, and its wealth of wonders, has opened its hospitable doors, and everything promises for pleasure, pomp and pageantry—except the weather, and to fill our hearts with joy it has been predicted by a weather prophet that we are to have a violent snow

Marlborough, with an enormous pointed ti are; Lady Londonderry, Ludy Cadogan and Mrs. George Curzon.

The Duchesses of Portland, Buccleuch and Roxburghe were all in black, and blazed with jewels. The Duchers of Cleveland wore black and white, with a tiara, necklace ard earrings of immense diamonds, and among a host of men were Lord Cork, Lord Selborne, Lord Arran, Lord dei Montalt, Lord Suffiield, Lord Balfour of, Burleigh, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord, Claud Hamilton, Lord Berkeley Psget, Lord Stratheden, Lord, Cecilian Manners, Mr. George Curzon and Dr. Augustus Hare, besides any number of distinguished foreigners.

Last week was very gay, commencing with Mr. Charrington's theatricals in Pont street. The cast included Lady Winifride Cary-Elwes, Miss Amiee Lowther, Sir. William Young and Mr. Elliot, while among the audience were Lady Bristol, Lody. Contenham Lady. Darbigh, Lady.

In a contenhan and promous pointed ti are avalcaded to Father Christmases. A good many of the large houses in London are changing hands for the jubile season. Many reasons are assigned for this, mostly the ill health of the owners; in some case I shrewdly suspect the temptation to carn an bonest penny is hard to resist. Lady Wimborne's health has for some time been very satisfactory, so Lord Wimborne has let his house, therefore the hospitalities of this superb establishment will be somewhat curtailed. To my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than Wimborne House. Situated in Argustal transport of large entertainments than my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than my mind no house ca

dinner, and, though in great pain, she sat through all the evening. When she got

a 'fete' given by the Papal Nuncio at his residence at the Park Monceau, to which she had been invited; you know Fanny is of the old taith. This is the first time that a Roman Catholic dignitary has ever entertained ladies at a reception. Almost all the ladies were dressed after the portraits of Louis Treize, the most striking costumes being that worn by the Duchess de Noailles, who wore a costume copied from the dress of Anne d'Antriche, after the well-known portrait, which hangs in the Louvre.

WHERE WOMEN IS EXALTED.

Man Treats Her as Though She Were
Augel and She Appreciates It.

All plantation life is to a considerable extent patriarchal, except that, instead of the women being subordinated to masculine pleasure and aggrandizement, as with th patriarchs of old, they are set on a pedestal and practically worshipped. It makes little difference to this modern patriarch of the cotton belt if his cuffs are frayed and his coat rusty, so long as his wife and daughters wear suits to church that are as stylish as his corps can pay for and their village dressmaker can advise. It is s feature of the day in the South as well as elsewhere that are being better educated than men. In the Northern States of the union this higher culture is tending manifestly to celibacy, but in rural localities through the South the girls come back from academies and colleges and accept the young men who stayed at home to work the plantations, the same ones they would have married had they not gone away for the education the parents sacrificed so much to bestow. They know what material these men are made of, and in the at traction between the eternal womanly and the eternal manly the question of learning counts for little

To lead a patriarchal life without a patiarch would be dull indeed, and it must be said that it requires courage of a superior

said that it requires courage of a superior order to remain single in a situation which would offer little aim and stimulus outside of witehoed and maternity after youth has waned. For this reason youth is considered the high prize, the valuable capital and stock in trade.

The women fade no earlier than their Northern sisters, but, owing to an inherited habit of thought, the label of decay is respectfully eastened on them by the popular mind while they are still in their prime, and in the Northern and Eastern States would be accounted capable of all things, even of marrying well. even of marrying well.

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