The First Ladies of the Day. QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

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EVEN to-day, after a lapse of eighteen months, we are hardly yet accustomed to one great change which that interval of time has brought with it. It is still to the aged lady, who for nearly sixty-five eventful years occupied the throne of this great Empire, supported by the love and affection of her innumerable subjects, that our thoughts turn when we speak of "the Queen." But, whatever our loyal feelings may prompt, there is no way by which to recall the irrevoeable past, and it is another Queen of whom we speak to-day.

The Queen of whom we write now is no stranger to the English people. For more than forty years, though it seems hardly credible—and the more so when you see the still girlish form and face, Queen Alexandra has reigned in the hearts of those who are now her subjects. The present writer receils as it.

When a man in China becomes ill his family sends for a doctor, and as no Chinese physician of established reputation will walk to a datient, a carriage or a donkey must be sent to fetch him.

As soon as he reaches the house he is conducted into the best room and is entertained with tea, brandy and sweetmeats, or, if he has come a good distance, with a meal of several courses. No matter how ill his patient may be, he will not approach him until he has thoroughly refreshed himself in this manner.

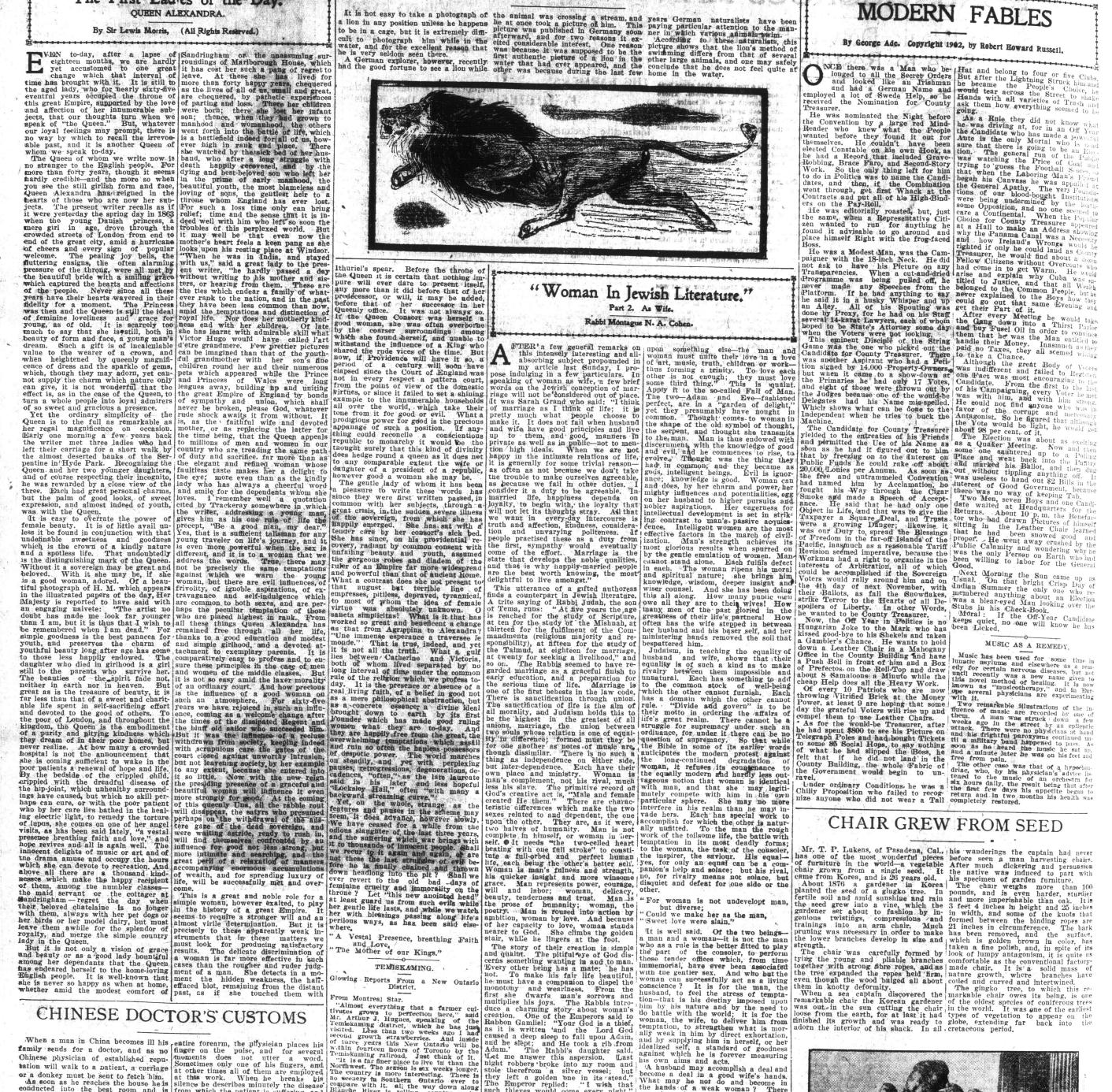
When at last he goes to his bedside, he first asks the patient if he is still able to eat, and he next examines his handsome present.



HOW THE LION SWIMS

It is not easy to take a photograph of a lion in any position unless he happens to be in a cage, but it is extremely difficult to photograph him while in the cult to photograph him while in the excellent reason that he is very seldom seen there.

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