

FORMAL FROCK.

Every Woman Needs One Such Gown as This Just Now.

Sage green taffeta is the fabric used here—a kilt skirt, deep girdle of crushed sage velvet and collar and vestee of



FOR AFTERNOONS.

white net. The musquetaire sleeves are finished with cube buttons, pendant from cords to match the cube tassels on the girdle.

BAR-LE-DUC CURRANTS.

Two Picked Recipes for a Delicious Winter Treat.

Take selected currants of large size, one by one, and with tiny embroidery scissors carefully cut the skin on one side, making a slit one-fourth an inch or less in length. Through this with a sharp needle remove the seeds, one at a time, to preserve the shape of the currant. Take the weight of the currants in strained honey and when hot add the currants. Let simmer two or three minutes, then seal as jelly. If the juice of the currants is very thick, add a little water. The honey too much carefully skim off the currants and reduce the sirup at a gentle simmer to the desired consistency, then replace the currants and store as above.

The following recipe is less work, but gives a nice preserve: Get the largest size currants, red or white, and stem them without breaking. To each pound allow three pounds of sugar. Take some ordinary currants and bruise them while warm until you have a pint of juice. Put half a cupful of this into a porcelain kettle and three pounds of sugar. Bring slowly to a boil and skim carefully. After boiling five minutes drop in very carefully one pound of the large currants and let simmer four minutes. Take them out without breaking them and boil the sirup down five minutes or longer if not very thick, as the currants are sometimes less juicy than at others. A few minutes more will be needed at one time than another. When thick skim well and strain through a hot cloth over the fruit. Put into little jelly glasses and when cold cover as in jelly making.

PAPER ROPE FOR WEAVING.

A New Occupation For Idle Vacationists This Summer.

Raffia and reed have long been popular for weaving, but now give way to the more practical material—paper ropes. In using this article all necessity of wetting and singeing disappears. It is soft and therefore easy on the hands. The lengths are greater, minimizing the need of continual piecing, and the possibilities in color combination make it far more adaptable. Dainty blue rooms, pink rooms, yellow or violet rooms may have woven waste-baskets, lamps and even whole desk and bureau sets of matching color. A soft finish is often preferred, but if something more durable is desired a coat or two of shellac will produce a hard, glossy finish that will stand any amount of wear. The shellac will keep the basket in shape and will shed dust. It makes no difference how intricate the chosen shape may be, baskets can be made in curved lines or straight, with sharp angles or tapering lines. This is because the foundation is of wire—easy to bend, yet strong enough to hold its shape once formed. Reed baskets are often uneven when finished, for the material is springy and the spokes vary in flexibility.

Even more popular than the baskets just now are the butterfly rope trays and the electric lamps. They are beautiful in any home and also make handsome wedding presents. The work once started becomes of absorbing interest.

Woolen Stockings. These are very attractive woolen stockings made for sport wear. Some of them are striped and others have clocks of bright color. Picnics are the frocks with the skirt trimmed with narrow upstanding flairs that are finished at the bottom with narrow ribbons.



Lemon Tart

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SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark have refused to break with Germany.

France has established a fund to reward vessels capturing submarines.

Two hundred people were killed by the wreck of a German dynamite factory. Mr. Ralph C. Norton said 40,000 Belgian soldiers are waiting for the 4th of a Bible.

Hogs are expected to bring fifteen dollars a hundredweight within two months' time.

Electrify the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, is Chairman Englehart's proposal.

Toronto backyards should produce vegetables worth \$1,000,000, the Thrift Committee thinks.

There are 2,000 Americans in Berlin. Of this number 406 are attached to the American Embassy.

Canadian troops to the number of 316 officers and 3,860 other ranks have recently arrived safely in England.

Four persons in Britain charged with a conspiracy to murder Lloyd George and Henderson were committed for trial.

Denmark has officially notified the U.S. Government that she will sever diplomatic relations with Germany at present.

A committee of nine is to be appointed by the Parliament to prepare for the celebration of the jubilee of Confederation.

Seven survivors of the Shackleton party stranded on Elephant Island, in the Antarctic, have been rescued by the relief ship Aurora.

Kathleen, three-year-old daughter of Standford Perry, was burned to death when her parents' home at Aylmer, Ont., was consumed.

In a rear-end collision of passenger extra on C.N.R. with a snow plow train near Saskatoon, three men were killed and six injured.

BABY'S OWN TABLETS OF GREAT HELP

Mrs. Wm. Artlett, Ancaster, Ont., writes:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets for three years for my little girl and baby boy. I have found them of the greatest help during the teething period and always keep them in the house." The Tablets aid teething babies because they regulate the stomach and bowels, thus preventing constipation, diarrhoea and convulsions. They promote healthful sleep and keep baby well and happy. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Jessie Biggs three years old, while playing with matches at her home in Bradford, set fire to her clothing and was fatally burned.

Prof. C. A. Zavitatz the Fairs Association convention urged the farmers to sow good seed, of which there was an ample supply, he said.

John Cooper, Perth, has sold his blacksmithing business to Michael White and has accepted a position with the Globe Graphite Co.

J. K. Salvage has been transferred from Regina to Smiths Falls as divisional superintendent of the C.P.R., succeeding A. M. Fullington.

The population of Smiths Falls is 6,021. During 1916 there were 133 deaths (42 of which were children under 16), 179 births and 57 marriages.

Fifty-five per cent of the pupils in the primary and first grades of Sarnia public schools are reported by the Inspector to be suffering from defective eyesight.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

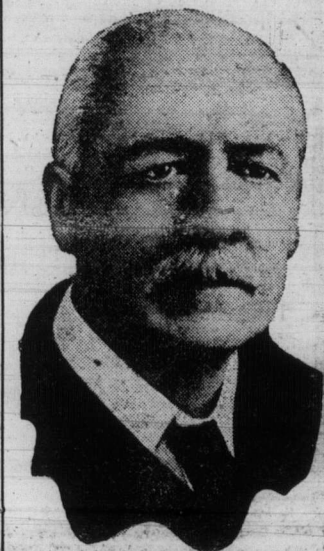
Modern Egypt Was Made

By Genius of Lord Cromer

Prosperous and Strong

EGYPT, the Land of the Pharaohs, and of the pyramids, owes the prosperity of her people more distinctly and exclusively to the activities of one man than perhaps any other land ever did. That man was Evelyn Baring, Lord Cromer, whose death is a vast loss to British statesmanship.

Born, as the saying goes, "with a gold spoon in his mouth," a Baring, a member of the best known of English banking families, Evelyn Baring would not let indolence or apathy lay hold upon him. He chose to go into the Royal Artillery in 1858; he had only risen to a captaincy in 1870. His relative, Lord Northbrook, having become Viceroy of India in 1872, made the young man his private secretary, and Evelyn stayed in India for four years, learning administration in a good school. Made Commissioner of the Egyptian Public Debt in 1877, he studied intelligently the horrible conditions in Egypt. Ismail Pasha was Khedive. Ismail had done something for education, something for improvements, but was a veritable Sardanapalus in his luxury, contemptuous of the common people, ever seeking by intolerable taxation to grind out of them the vast sums needed for his extravagance and for the deals by which he secured extension of power from Constantinople. Every man was taxed. Every animal was taxed twice if it were a meat creature, once otherwise. Every crop was



LORD CROMER

taxed, charcoal was taxed, salt was taxed, butter was taxed, and horrible cruelties were imposed on those who could not or would not pay. The kurbash was in use everywhere. Ismail's vanity was pouring out money on useless efforts to dominate the Sudan and Abyssinia.

Ismail died in 1879 and Tewfik Pasha succeeded him. That same year Baring was made Controller General. He could do little for Egypt then. But after the bombardment of Alexandria that followed the revolt of Arabi Pasha in 1882, and the British occupation, all things were changed. Baring was made British Agent and Consul General in 1883, and served in that capacity till 1907. He had a sufficient British military force, he had virtually carte blanche from London, he ruled Egypt as truly as if he had been Khedive, and he made Egypt what she was before the war broke out in 1914.

Temperamentally Baring, who was made a baron in 1892, a viscount in 1898, and Earl Cromer in 1901, impressed the Egyptians. He was an aristocrat, he maintained a state that made him respected, he was physically courageous, and his very arrogance won support. He got rid of the heavy whip, the kurbash for collecting taxes, he lowered the land tax by 50 per cent. He abolished the corvée or semi-feudal service, exacted from the poor. He ended many of the annoying taxes on persons and personal property. He substituted, in a word, scientific for unscientific taxation. The Fellahs began to be prosperous. The irrigation monopoly of the large landholders was broken up. And the treasury was filled nevertheless. Slavery became "virtually extinct." Law and order ruled. They continued to rule after he left Egypt; they rule now, so far as is possible, with war going on; they will rule after the war is over. The life work of Lord Cromer is secure.

Incidentally, this life work was of vast importance to the British Empire. Egypt contented under British domination, the Suez Canal was safe, communications with India were safe, and Constantinople became a matter of indifference to England, as is shown in the readiness of the English to consent to Russian control of that city and of the Dardanelles.

Of all the administrators who have taken up for England what is called "the White Man's Burden," Lord Cromer was the best type. None ever won more dramatic success. None ever gripped the appreciation of his own people and of the world so quickly as he did. His name belongs to the history of the British Empire.

Honored the Czar.

During the Kaiser's visit to Mitau, two Russian airmen flew over the town and dropped a number of bombs.

Waterproof Knapsacks.

Waterproof knapsacks made of horsehair have been invented by a Japanese army officer.

Preparation to be Made

To Face All New Problems

That Will Follow the War

THE approaching session of the Legislature, which opens on February 13th, will be one of great consequence to the people of Ontario. With the war in its third year and the record of Canada's participation before them, the representatives of the people will gather to take counsel together, to review the course of Ontario's assistance, and to plan for the enlargement of the work of the Government to meet the conditions that will arise when the men of this country are released from their war labors.

The Province as a whole can regard with pride what has been accomplished. In many ways Ontario has rendered signal service to the Dominion and to the Mother Country. A good start has already been made towards organizing for after-war conditions. What is known as the Organization of Resources Committee has made satisfactory progress during the year in stimulating production and aiding patriotic movements all over the Province. Since it was appointed the Soldiers' Aid Commission has been of assistance to a large number of returned men. The colonization policy of the Government under Hon. G. H. Ferguson is being amplified to make settlement in the North easy and attractive as well as in the older parts of the Province. The men who desire to go on the land will be guided and trained, and money, as needed, will be set aside out of the funds of the Province, to help them to re-establish themselves in this way again in civil life.

The newly-formed Department of Labor, with its employment offices in large centres, has been able to meet the labor demands of the Imperial Munitions Board. The floating supply of labor has been directed into channels where it has been utilized to the best advantage. At the same time the Colonization Branch is canvassing the border states for agricultural laborers to help the farmers during the coming season.

At while this has been going on the Department of Highways has prepared a program of construction to keep pace with the growing demands of the country. It was recently announced by Hon. F. G. Macdormid that a system of provincial highways would be established extending from Windsor to the Quebec boundary to form the backbone of a larger system that would make farm life in Ontario comfortable, attractive, and profitable. All but a few counties have come under the Highway Improvement Act, and those remaining are expected to come to a decision shortly.

Following the practice of former years the Department of Highways is holding a conference for county road superintendents and engineers early in February. In past years these gatherings have been profitable and instructive. Interest is increasing as the good roads movement grows, and to-day Ontario is abreast of the most progressive communities in this work, and in some respects may be said to be showing leadership.

The forthcoming budget of Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, will be important as showing a wise and careful disposition of the finances for the year. In the three years that Mr. McGarry has been in charge of the finances of Ontario the Department has made conspicuous strides towards efficiency.

The Mistake of His Life.

Bluffers—What's wrong today? You look blue.

Bluffers—I'll never forgive myself. I kicked a caller out of my house last night.

"Huh! I kicked many a one. Young fellow, I suppose?"

"No; past middle age."

"Well, these old codgers have no business coming round sparking young girls. I kicked out one of that sort last week."

"Yes, but I've found out that this man wasn't after my daughter. He was after my mother-in-law."

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Mending Trousers.

Western Christian Union.—Two pastor's wives were visiting together. One said: "I don't know what we will do—my husband is so discouraged. Somehow his people do not care to hear him preach, and our salary is far behind. My husband feels so blue that he does not like to visit his people and pray with them, and so he sits around at home nearly all the time." The other sister said: "We are getting along fine. My husband spends much of his time visiting and the people like to have him kneel and pray with them in their homes. Our congregations are always good, and our salary is paid up promptly." While the first wife was mending her husband's trousers, the other was mending her husband's trousers at the knees.

All Europe Going on a Ration Basis.

The British Food Controller has urged the people of the United Kingdom to limit themselves to four pound of bread, two and a half pounds of meat and three-quarters of a pound of sugar per capita weekly. In case voluntary restriction proves insufficient a rationing system will be introduced and the machinery for this is already being prepared.

Switzerland, because of limitation on her imports, is already preparing for rationing her people. Indeed it looks as if in all Europe people will ere long be compelled to limit their food supplies by what the governments are prepared to allow.

Has the Deutschland Been Captured?

The German mercantile submarine Deutschland was reported to have sailed from Bremen for the United States on Jan. 2nd. Since then nothing has been publicly heard of her. As her first westward trip was made in 16 days, it is believed there is ground for the rumor that she was captured by the British while on the way to America, and that she is now in a British port in company with the German merchant submarine Bremen, which was reported captured by the British on her first voyage to New York.

Where Billy Sunday Draws the Line.

Billy Sunday's son, George, is quoted as saying that he has declined on his father's behalf an offer of \$1,000,000 from a moving picture concern. If only the talking-machine accompaniment, which inventors presumably are still working on, were completed, Billy might accept such an offer without feeling that he was "commercializing Christ," as his son expresses it.

KNEW TOO MUCH.

Tennyson's Father Had to Fly For His Life From Russia.

Shortly after the assassination of Emperor Paul of Russia, Tennyson, the father of the poet, dined with Lord St. Helens, the British ambassador, in Moscow. Several Russian officers of high rank whose names he did not know were also guests. During dinner a guarded reference was made to the emperor's death.

"Why do you speak so gingerly about a matter so notorious?" cried Tennyson impulsively, leaning across his neighbor a Russian whose breast was covered with orders. "We know very well in England that the Emperor Paul was murdered. Count Zoffo knocked him down, and Benningens and Count Pahlen strangled him!"

There was a strained silence; then the ambassador abruptly changed the subject. As the guests fled out into an adjoining room Lord St. Helens drew Tennyson aside. "Don't go into the next room," he whispered, "but fly for your life. The man next you, across whose breast you leaned, was Count Pahlen, and Zoffo was also at the table."

He gave a few hurried glances at Tennyson rushed off, threw his clothes into a portmanteau and fled behind fast horses to Odessa, still in evening garb, though the cold was intense. He lay hidden for weeks and at last, in the disguise of a servant, was smuggled on board an English frigate.

A Wise Provision.

Did you ever notice when a man smites his thumb with a hammer while putting down a carpet under his wife's supervision how quickly he thrusts the bruised and throbbing member into his mouth? People think it is because the application is soothing. But the movement is purely involuntary, like winking. The man cannot help it. The fact is that nature knows what a man is apt to say under such circumstances and so has provided him with an automatic stopper. Whenever he hits his thumb hard enough to hurt—and it doesn't take a very hard blow almost to kill a man when he is doing something he doesn't like to do—by a sort of interlocking system his thumb flies into his mouth, and for the critical moment speech is cut off.

More Like a Noose.

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