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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
In the speech made by Lord Salisbury at a meeting of the City of London Conservative Association we have an authoritative announcement of the treatment that may be expected by the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The words of the Prime Minister, however, should be examined carefully, for much stress has been laid upon the declaration that "not a shred of really independent government should be left to them." This sentence must be construed in connection with the context and in view of the political state of things to which the war has put an end.

We should bear in mind that, up to the outbreak of the contest, the Orange Free State was an absolutely independent commonwealth as regards not only its internal affairs, but also its foreign relations. The sole restriction imposed by the Convention of 1864 on the independence of the Transvaal, or South African Republic, Government was that, in all negotiations and conclude treaties with any foreign Power, but these treaties would not be valid, provided, within six months after their conclusion, the Great Britain should exercise the option of protesting against them. With this single exception the Transvaal had as much independence as the Orange Free State or the Cape Colony. It is obvious that, if such independence should be suffered to continue, the Boer republics might again employ their revenues in the collection of military stores, and await a second opportunity of using them when England should find herself involved in a struggle for her existence. It is manifest that, in such a case, the Boer republics would be in a position to make a second opportunity of using them when England should find herself involved in a struggle for her existence. It is manifest that, in such a case, the Boer republics would be in a position to make a second opportunity of using them when England should find herself involved in a struggle for her existence.

But can the Boer republics, transformed into British colonies, be forthwith permitted to exercise such unlimited powers of local self-government as are conceded to Canada and Australia? The Canadian and Australian colonies have the right, it must be remembered, to accumulate military stores and to organize a militia on a large scale. It is evident from Lord Salisbury's speech that, if such independence should be suffered to continue, the Boer republics might again employ their revenues in the collection of military stores, and await a second opportunity of using them when England should find herself involved in a struggle for her existence. It is manifest that, in such a case, the Boer republics would be in a position to make a second opportunity of using them when England should find herself involved in a struggle for her existence.

Lord Salisbury's speech itself conveys a hint that the course he followed will be followed. He distinctly says that in dealing with the annexed commonwealths England will be animated by the same spirit which she has exhibited toward her colonies for many years. That is to say, she will pursue in the Orange Free State and in the Transvaal the same policy of appeasement and conciliation which she has followed in the Cape Colony. The fruits of that policy in the Province of Quebec have been loyalty and affection, and, under similar conditions, a like harvest may be ultimately garnered in South Africa. Such at least is the hope expressed by the Prime Minister. "Our utmost efforts," he says, "will be directed toward that goal. Our motives will be the motives that have guided many generations of English Governments in their treatment of the colonies, and, before many years, we trust that the affection which will unite the colonies in South Africa to the Government of the Queen will be as keen as the affection which unites Canada and the Australian colonies to ourselves." It is not by harshness and opposition that such affection is evoked. A fair inference from the words just quoted is that, at the earliest practical moment, the inhabitants of the territories which have hitherto been known as the Orange Free State and the South African Republic will obtain the largest measure of local autonomy which is compatible with adequate precautions against an insurrection.

**WHEN CHERRIES ARE RIPE.**  
A delicious cherry cake is made by putting stale bread into a pint and a half of boiling milk; cover and let stand half an hour. Beat into the bread and milk, one by one, the yolks of six eggs, a scant teaspoonful of sugar. To this add the frothed whites of the eggs and three spoons of finely crushed cherries. Put the mixture into a shallow, well-buttered baking tin, bake an hour and a half, turn out while hot and sprinkle plentifully with powdered sugar and a little cinnamon powder.  
**THE INVITABLE INFERENCE.**  
Mrs. Brown-Stone.—My present husband reminds me so much of my first one.  
Mrs. Joke-Smith.—What's the matter with him?

**HOUSEHOLD.**  
**CURRENTS AND RASPBERRIES.**  
Most delicious jelly can be made of currents and raspberries. Choose a sunny day to make all jellies; do not make more than two or three quarts at once. Gather the currents before they are fully ripe; remove all leaves, dry and separate stems and imperfect fruit. Cook lightly without stirring and squeeze through two thicknesses of cheesecloth. Crush the raspberries, heat and strain. Measure half as much current juice as there is of raspberry; mix, and for every teaspoonful heat in oven a teaspoonful of granulated sugar, stirring until dissolved. The sugar is dissolved, add a half of sugar to each pound, let simmer until soft, then set aside until the next day, or for twelve hours. Crush black raspberries, heat and strain through a sieve to remove the seeds. Use one-third raspberry juice and two-thirds currents, with two-thirds teaspoonful of sugar to every teaspoonful of the mixed fruit. Boil slowly half an hour, or until when a little dropped on a plate will not spread, and looks shiny.

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"Show-off" Department Very complicated, but effective—Shah of Persia a victim of the "impressionists"—Don Paul Kruger's reaction.  
All countries have their "show-off" department of the public service. By that is meant a system by which foreign rulers are impressed with the military and naval strength of the country they are visiting. This is for the purpose of letting the royal guest know that the country he is temporarily impressing is ready for any trouble. Of all "show-off" departments perhaps England can boast of the most effective. That country has so many potentates hanging around her foreign possessions that it becomes a matter of necessity to occasionally impress her neighbor who may have warlike intentions that she is able to hold her own against all comers.



**THE SHAH OF PERSIA.**  
This is usually done by a polite invitation for the uneasy potentate to visit England, and make a friendly social call. There's the Shah of Persia, for instance. His country, as is well known, abuts on the English Indian Empire. He could give John Bull a lot of trouble if so disposed. Some years ago, when he began to be somewhat belligerent, it was determined by the English Government that the best way to pacify him, was to send him an invitation to come and make a visit, and do a little "showing off." Having no clear conception of England's war power, on land and sea, the British Minister at the Court of Persia's ruler, gently hinted that England was a very nice place in which to spend a few weeks, and that the Queen would be very glad to entertain him as a guest. This little ruse captivated the Shah, and he went to London in great state.

The first ceremonies of greeting being over, and a few banquets held in his honor, the Shah was given over to the care and attention of a very clever diplomat, reinforced by a couple of Dukes or so, and he was taken, with a grand flourish of trumpets, to Aldershot. There he was shown a great mass of troops—many as could be mobilized during the time at their disposal. The Shah was greatly moved at this magnificent show of military strength, as he said to the diplomat that he had no idea there were so many people in all England. He was told that these troops were merely a mere matter of form; that the real army was scattered all over the British possessions; these were merely a sample. This made the Shah very thankful. The next day another officer of the "show-off" department took him in tow, and packed him off to Portsmouth in great haste.  
**A NAVAL REVIEW.**  
Here they gave him a naval review with plenty of cannon firing, cutlasses flour, and the rest of it. It was then explained to him how tens of thousands of soldiers could be easily shipped off by any part of the world under convoy of these terrible ships of war.

This information, taken into conjunction with the spectacle he had just witnessed, made him still more thoughtful and abstracted. With a final grandstand play in the shape of a miniature bombardment, and the greatly impressed ruler of Persia was packed back to London to banquet some more. Here again, other "show-off" officers took him in charge, and filled him full of such information as they thought he stood in need of. "What would you do if Russia invaded India from the north?" The Commander-in-Chief of the army, who was in attendance, replied: "There are only two roads into India, and we have in that country more men than are necessary to hold both roads. In the meantime our fleet would sink every ship in the Russian navy, and then destroy all Russia's coast towns."  
A few days later the Shah went back to his own dominions as peaceful as a little lamb, and has not been uneasy since.  
**SERVICE COMPLICATED, BUT EFFICIENT.**  
The workings of the "impressionist" service are complicated and efficient. As soon as it is known that any foreign monarch intends visiting England, or is asked for the purpose his peculiarities are studied at once, and not only he, but all of his suite, are taken in hand and politely scared. Young and old men, each having their parts to act, get everything ready to impress the guest. The arsenals are overhauled, garisons "re-stocked," men on leave recalled, and the word goes out that everybody must, so to speak, look sharp and do their best. The consequence is that the foreigner, though treated with charming politeness and royally feasted and amused, sees to right and left of him the teeth of the annals. If he is intelligent enough to understand them, the latest inventions and explosives are set to work for him. If he is a savage, such as the Zulu monarch, the main thing is noise and bustle and Maxim guns.  
**LI HUNG CHANG TROUBLESHOME.**  
But a shrewd Oriental like Li Hung Chang, the Chinese Minister, gives a lot of trouble. The "impressionists" exercise all their wits, and the cleverest talkers and smartest officers are sent to show him round. Li Hung Chang once said to one of these "show-off" people:  
"Suppose a continental army made a dash at you from the French coast and dodged your feet?"  
"Ah," that reminds me," said the officer. "I was going to show you that to-morrow. In the meantime, just see how this battery of Maxims works."  
He gave some illustration, in full practice, showing the impossibility of advancing up a smooth grass slope, in the face of a Maxim fire.  
Meanwhile, wires were sent off in all directions, and next day the famous Chinaman was whisked off to the shores of the Channel, and a splendid display of torpedo boats and destroyers performed before him, blowing hulks and targets sky-high; and the impressed Chang saw where his error lay when he learned how many of these death-dealers England possessed. The smooth Devonshire behind him were a good illustration of ground for trench defense. Li Hung Chang has been careful to avoid quarrels with Britain ever since, and he advised his country to the same effect.  
**OOM PAUL KRUGER.**  
The most difficult and pig-headed man to deal with was Kruger, when he visited England a few years ago. The first he saw, but did not trouble about, as he knew it was powerless to touch him. The "impressionists" worked hard, but somehow nothing could efface from the old man's mind the reverses of Majuba Hill, and the surrender that followed. Still, he was largely impressed, and would not have entered on the South African war but for the hope of help from outside. His weakness was not believing what he was told.  
"I might mention," said the head "show-off" to Kruger, when they were reviewing some soldiers, that we have a little matter of some scores of thousands of discharged soldiers who would be ready within a few days for anything that might turn up—the Reservists. The old Boer shook his head solemnly, and that made the point blank assertion that he did not believe it. This was not only rude, but wrong, as he has since learned to his cost. By the recent reversal his army has suffered, ending in the occupation of their last ditch, the said-to-be wonderful stronghold of the city of Pretoria, by General Roberts, it cost Paul his country, and likely his personal freedom, by not being sufficiently impressed by England's "impressionist" service.

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