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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

*"I must have liberty,
Withal as large a charter as the wind—
To blow on whom I please."*

AUSTRALIAN politics, if we are to believe the following incidents related by a contemporary, are not of the highest character. Rumors of jobbery are not uncommon, while squabbles take place which would be worthy of the most vulgar pot-house. A little affair has recently taken place in the Legislative Assembly for New South Wales between Sir George Dibbs and some of his fellow members which certainly has no equal, in the Imperial Parliament at least. Sir George Dibbs is a man of immense frame and commanding presence, who, at the time that the Colonial Conference in London was suggested, was a Republican of a strong type. He felt that the Premier of New South Wales (himself) should be present at such a conference as this; but at that time it is said his personal affairs were in a somewhat unsatisfactory state. Be that as it may,

an extraordinary story has been generally told to the effect that the sum of £1,000 was borrowed or granted (by himself) from the colonial treasury for the purpose of this journey. The great Sir George came to England as Mr. Dibbs, duly attended the Conference, was made much of as the premier of the great colony, and was eventually honored with the dignity of a Knighthood. On receipt of this news a great howl of disgust went up from Sydney; this man who had expressed such strongly Republican principles, who had been an Australian of Australians, had allowed himself to be bribed by a mere knighthood, and for the time the brand new "Sir" George was a most unpopular person. On his return to Sydney a considerable fuss was made about the thousand pounds, which eventually, it is understood, was made good by some friends of his. Sir George Dibbs went on his way quarrelling with this man and using very expressive language to that until at length he fell foul of the Governor, whom he had tried to coerce into an action against the latter's better judgment and sense of right, and at last Sir George and his party resigned. At the election result Sir George's party were defeated at the polls, and the formation of a Government was entrusted to Mr. Reid. Sir Geo. Dibbs is very much alive still politically, and occupies the position of leader of the opposition. Now for the incident. Sir George is the member for Tamworth (N. S. W.), and during the election some fifty copies of "Hansard" were ordered by him from the

Government printing office for distribution in his division. A question was asked in the House about these copies and courteously replied to by the Colonial Secretary, when Sir George Dibbs enquired "Any more of your dirty work about the late Chief Secretary" (himself). "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves." He afterwards told the Colonial Secretary that he ought to have been hanged long ago, and on being asked by the Premier whether he was going to repay a sum of £14 for telegrams, he retorted that this was like some of the Premier's other lies. Later on Sir George Dibbs told another member that "he wanted no 'lip' from a — thing like him." This is the late Premier of New South Wales, and it is possible that after the next election he may be Premier again. Surely, however, the good taste of the people of the colony must see that such a man, full of "bounce," and one who does not hesitate to bully and use his great size to frighten his opponents, cannot be of service to them or raise them in the respect of the eyes of the world. Sir George Dibbs should be told, and told plainly, that he must make up his mind either to behave a little better or efface himself from Australian politics, which at present he cannot be said to adorn."

Is the U. S. bent upon becoming the arbitrator in the quarrels and troubles of the rest of the world? Directly a squabble happens between nations the American President, in a most dignified fashion, tenders his services "with a view of inducing an amicable

arrangement." He has done this in the matter of China and Japan, he has done it as between Great Britain and Venezuela. In the case of the first he had an excuse in the importance of Japan as a market for American goods; in the case of Venezuela the fact of it being on the same continent was judged a sufficient reason, but now Mr. Cleveland proposes to settle the Armenian difficulty off-hand. While I admire the pacific intentions of the President, I cannot for the life of me see on what grounds he justifies this last action in interfering with European affairs. There is the comfort, however, if the arbitration department becomes a separate business at Washington, we may one day see the President settling the difficulties between the Dominion Government and the Victoria Post Office employees.

Some men admire blondes and others take to brunettes. As a matter of fact the natural vivacity of the woman settles it. A feminine may have the choicest skin. It may rival the snow on "Tornea's hoary brow," as Campbell has it, yet fail to make an impression on even a susceptible male heart. No one likes a cold nature. It may be full of electricity, but lacking in magnetism. You know electricity is cold intensified, while magnetism is electricity "warmed over," as boarding house cooks say. Anyway, neither Morse nor Edison knows much about these agents. Ride in the cars with an electric woman jammed against you, and you will have a chill before reaching the end of your journey. You will feel the chill making its way through her clothes into your body. Ride in the cars with a magnetic woman and you will be snug and warm and in the best of humor to the end of your journey, and regret that she got out. Blondes are electric, brunettes are magnetic. There is no danger,

or but little, in one, but lots of danger in the other. But this is not brunette day. Blondes have the floor. Remember that some blondes have hidden magnetism. When they bring to bear their electro-magnetic battery on you, they become mistress. Every man, or nearly every one, can be made a fool of by a smart woman. Men really have more vanity than women. It is flattered by a female smile or any make-believe favoritism. If a female is fool enough to kiss a man before she is engaged to him so that he dare not break it, the chap's vanity is tickled to overflowing. A secret, girls. A true man wishes not to kiss before marriage. He feels that his future wife's lips should be reserved for him. Blondes do not kiss much before or after marriage.

There is very little gratitude in this world. This truth is more impressed on my mind by something that occurred recently. A few weeks ago THE HOME JOURNAL, with the hope of warning mothers against the danger of precocity in their daughters, published a letter which had been sent by a young girl of 13 or 14 summers to a boy a year or so her senior. THE HOME JOURNAL gave no names, for the reason that it was not deemed necessary for the object sought to do so, and further for the very good reason that it did not know the name of the child who wrote the letter. This paper has frequently been thanked by parents for services of a like character, but not so in the case referred to above. A mother who evidently believes that her daughter was the author of the letter published in THE HOME JOURNAL, has resorted to most unwarrantable breach of etiquette in order to mark her disapproval of the publication of the letter. The worst of it is, she visited her wrath upon the heads of the least offending ones. I sympathize with the mother, al-

though I do not even know her name; but at the same time I believe that she would have been a much wiser woman had she taken a different course, and not have added to her humiliation of being regarded as a most vindictive person.

Mayor Teague will not be allowed to have a walk-over. The daily papers contain the announcement that Ald. Keith-Wilson is to be a candidate for the mayoralty chair. Mr. Wilson bases his qualifications for the office in a lengthy card covering many questions now agitating the mind of the public, while Mayor Teague seeks reelection as a reward of faithful services for the past year.

THE HOME JOURNAL has no choice, and when we say that it is the opinion of many that the present Mayor will be returned with a large majority, it must be understood that this statement is not made with the desire or hope of influencing one vote. His friends claim for Mayor Teague that he has presided over the council board in a manner conducive to harmony and effective work; and also that he has shown himself, when the circumstances of the case demanded it, a progressive representative of the people. Mr. Wilson's friends put forward the claim for their candidate that he is a shrewd man of business, and is peculiarly qualified to handle safely the several questions which are likely to come before the council the coming year. While admitting that Mr. Wilson made a grievous error in connection with the Hawk's affair, they say that to err is only human. THE HOME JOURNAL is perfectly satisfied to accept this explanation, and only hopes that the best man will win.

The name of Mr. J. J. Austin is also mentioned in connection with the Mayoralty.

The names of candidates for Aldermen, are, as they say on the

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anction bills, too numerous to mention. In the North Ward nearly every man who possesses the necessary property qualifications is in the field. There are many good men and if the best are selected there will be little fear as to the safe manning of the civic ship. This also applies to the other wards. THE HOME JOURNAL, as in the case of the Mayoralty candidates, is not disposed to express a preference, although, it would have been pleased to see Mr. A. G. McCandless offering his services to the city. Mr. McCandless is a shrewd man of business and his views on all questions affecting the future welfare of the city would be found liberal and broad-minded. I therefore heartily endorse the suggestion made in one of the city papers that Mr. McCandless be placed in nomination, if he finds that he has sufficient time at his disposal to undertake the work involved in careful attention to the wants of the city.

While this paper has expressed itself plainly and uncompromisingly opposed to the Commissioners' bill, it cannot but deprecate the adoption of the resolutions which were before the meeting last Wednesday night at the City Hall. There can be no great gain in the citizens of Victoria setting themselves up in opposition to the Provincial Legislature at this time, and while, I believe, it was only proper that the Legislature should receive an expression of opinion on the bill, I am of the opinion that the medicine administered was altogether too drastic to permit of a continuation of the friendly relations which have for some time existed between the city and Legislature. The resolution of Mr. Alex. Wilson particularly merits condemnation. Although on its face it gives evidence of having emanated from one who is accustomed to wear the cap and bells, it nevertheless may be accepted at Ottawa in an altogether different spirit

from which the mover and seconder intended that it should. What good can come of publishing throughout the length and breadth of the land, especially at a time when more money is needed, that the Government is spendthrift in its habits? British Columbia requires money for development more than any other Province in the Dominion, and it has not been shown that Mr. Davie's Government have been extravagant beyond prudence. Of all the speakers at the meeting, it did not appear to me that one delivered himself to the point at issue. All, or nearly all, appeared to be taking advantage of the opportunity presented of striking a man who has been a true and consistent friend of Victoria, and the Province generally. How ridiculous and irrelevant the spectacle, and it was presented at that meeting, of a man getting up on the platform and announcing that he expected to confer the doubtful blessing on this community of presenting it with a large family; yet this was done in vulgar cockney accent. Although, as I said before, opposed to the bill, I believe that there is much in it to provoke discussion, and perhaps not altogether of an unfavorable character.

The German Emperor is supposed to have inspired an article in a Berlin military paper, in which the proposition is laid down that the longer peace is maintained the more must Germany try to encourage the fighting spirit of the army. The article has caused quite a sensation, and has revived talk of war. It is quite evident that there will be no reduction in the strength of the military establishment of Germany in the near future.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, is not satisfied with the examination of Superintendent Byrnes before the Lexow Committee. It was too lenient, and

he sees in it an arrangement to soften matters for the superintendent, who testified that he is worth \$350,000, made in speculation. Dr. Parker has, therefore, decided to continue the fight against the head of the police department and all who shield him. Considering the way in which the other witnesses were "roasted," it does seem as if the committee was lenient with Byrnes.

I was discussing politics generally with a few friends an evening or two ago, when our party was swelled by a couple of other well-known citizens. The probable results of the forthcoming municipal elections were discussed, the general verdict being that were it not for the little gratuity attached to municipal honors there would not be so many candidates in the field. "It is a sign of the times," declared a shrewd observer of public events, "when so many dozen men can be found to serve the city and pocket \$400 per annum of the citizens' money." The conversation naturally turned to the question as to whether it would be cheaper or better to have our affairs conducted by Commissioners, but the verdict appeared to be in the negative. At this point one of the party announced that perhaps one of the best known men in Victoria, who had recently gone to the Old Country, was on his way back, no doubt having in view a commissionership. We all guessed as to the identity of the absent one, and had to "give it up," as the sidemen say in the minstrel show. "He is fully qualified," added our friend. "His qualifications were acknowledged in the past, for he held the position of secretary of the Board of Trade." This made matters worse for us. At last the eligible commissioner was announced, as no less a personage than Bob Plummer. Bob went to England some time ago, the city contributing \$50 and some friends a like sum. When he landed in

the midst of his friends they did not want him, nor did his relatives in New York, so he has made up his mind to return to Victoria, in the hope of a commissionership, (so the *Times* says,) or at least his vacant place in the Old Men's Home.

The following letter "speaks" for itself:—

MR. EDITOR: I noticed in the columns of the *Times* a communication purporting to come from Chas. Williams, a gentleman who, probably by the aid of some one else, seeks to surround himself with a halo of political intelligence. It would be more in order for a communication after this wise to emanate from the gifted pen and gigantic intellect of that worthy individual:

"I just bane come to this contray from Santa Paula saxteen yare ago. I bane frade for scared that I don't get any more outside yob for winter, so thank I batter get all Swede man from Manesotta to make me boss of council, so all fellars what want yob batter cum say mae.

"Af I gat thare I just thank it much batter if all Irashman get gude yob on sewer and put Norwagean on police force. You bet I'm way yup in Yee."

Will any one still deny the necessity of Commissioners..?

A VOTER.

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MAYORALTY.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of a number of voters I beg to offer myself for re-election to the office of Mayor at the Municipal Elections for the ensuing year, and most respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

I beg to remain,
Your most obedient servant.

JOHN TEAGUE.

THE MAYORALTY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—I have thought it my duty to accept the invitation tendered by many of you to become a candidate for the office of Mayor, and I now declare this my intention. It is customary to put forward some idea of the principles and policy of one seeking public office, and especially on this occasion is it expected of candidates that they should attempt to justify the confidence which they seek to inspire. With this end in view I will briefly state my opinions as to civic administration. Nature has favored this city with one of the most beautiful sites in the world; and the very fact of a residence here is a constant delight to the dwellers within our gates. But that man may not destroy nor impair the sweetness of our surroundings, certain works are absolutely necessary and must be promptly carried out by corporate effort. Foremost among them are:

A pure and wholesome water supply.
A complete sewer system.
A properly organized scavenger service.
These works, as is well known to some of you, have already engaged my attention, and I hope before long to see such primary essentials to our city's welfare efficiently secured. There are other matters which, as we progress, will have to be undertaken in order to ensure our comfort and happiness. Among those requiring more immediate attention may be mentioned:

The straightening of suburban streets from that zigzag misery that now afflicts them.
The paving of the business portion of the city.

The grading of the new additions so as to be ready for sewer and water connections.

The Jubilee Hospital question presses and must be settled without further delay, for as yet no arrangements have been made with that institution for the support of the sick poor of our city.

The fire department is inefficient. The Chief declares the city has outgrown the force and apparatus at his disposal: in short, the whole of the large North Ward is entirely without fire protection.

A new cemetery is one of the pressing needs of our city. This can be easily acquired and if properly managed need not be a drag upon the city revenue, but soon become a large source of profit and satisfaction to our citizens.

Railway connections directly with the East by the proposed "British Pacific," or any other trans-continental road that will make Victoria its terminus, should be given all possible aid and inducement.

The above are some of the measures I should endeavor to secure, always remembering that it is the duty of civic administration to secure an actual advantage to the ratepayer for his share of contribution to the revenue.

Owing to the large list of voters it is a physical impossibility for me to make a personal canvass. I therefore take this my only opportunity directly to address the individual elector and earnestly solicit your influence and votes.

I have the honor to be,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

J. Keith-Wilson.

Victoria, B. C., January 9, 1895.

To the Electors of North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I again offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for the above ward at the forthcoming election.

W. J. DWYER.

To the Electors of South Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for election as Alderman for the South Ward in the coming election. Having had previous experience in the Council and being in a position to devote considerable time to civic affairs, if elected, I will use my utmost endeavors to further the best interests of the South Ward and the city generally.

JOHN HALL.

James Bay, Jan. 1, 1895.

To the Electors of Central Ward

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the earnest solicitation of numerous friends, I again offer myself as a candidate for Alderman, and if elected I shall strive hard to further the best interests of the city.

S. T. STYLES.

To the Electors of North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Having been numerously requested to run for Alderman for North Ward, I respectfully ask your vote and influence. It will be my earnest endeavor, if elected, to advance in every way in my power the best interests of Victoria.

FRED. W. WELDON.

To the Electors of North Ward.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Board of Aldermen at the coming municipal election and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

M. HUMBER.

To the Electors of Central Ward

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The undersigned will be a candidate for Alderman in the above ward, and shall be glad to receive the votes of all those who may think him worthy of their support.

R. T. WILLIAMS.

To the Electors of Central Ward

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I offer myself again as a candidate for re-election as Alderman for the above Ward and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

LOUIS VIGELIUS.

To the Electors of South Ward:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for the above Ward for the ensuing year.

W. G. CAMERON.

W. J. TIPPINS,

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss Gaudin returned from a visit to Mainland friends Sunday evening.

Miss Withrow returned Sunday evening from a holiday visit to New Westminster.

The Ladies' True Blue lodge gave a social dance, Friday evening, in the A. O. U. W. Hall.

Miss Crowe, of Dundas, Ont., and Dr. Edgar, of Kamloops, are visiting the Methodist parsonage, Quadra street.

A dance was given by the guests of the Rocabella to their friends, Friday. The Bantly orchestra were in attendance.

The new Hall at Strawberry Vale, Burnside Road, was opened by a dance on Friday evening, at which Bantly's orchestra presided.

A masquerade ball is under consideration by the Sons and Daughters of St. George, and will probably be given about the middle of February, in the A.O.U.W. Hall.

Mrs. A. T. Watt has resumed her series of popular lectures on modern authors, and addressed a large and appreciative audience at St. Ann's Academy, Thursday. The subject for the afternoon was "Charles Dickens."

The following ladies have been

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electd officers for the year of the Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.: Mrs. James McGregor, president; Mrs. Jenkins, first vice-president; Mrs. Lewis Hall, secretary; Mrs. Siddall, treasurer. A candy pull and concert is to be given by the ladies on January 30.

An "at home" was given by the Ladies' Aid of St. Columbia church, Oak Bay avenue, Thursday evening. An excellent programme was rendered, consisting of songs by Misses Taylor and Hopper and Messrs. Eaglestone and Jones, a recitation by Miss Lee, and instrumental selections by Messrs. Piper, Huxtable and Howell. This was followed by games and social intercourse.

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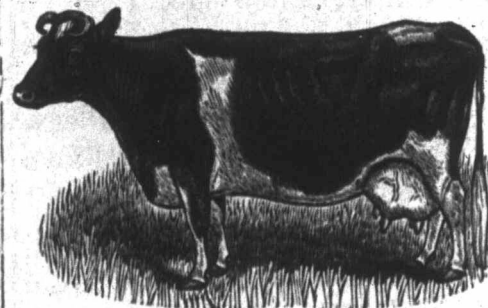
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A SOLILOQUY,

SCENE I.

The operating room of a fashionable dentist. A young lady in the chair. In spite of her unpleasant surroundings, the young lady looks happy and radiant. The young lady opens the conversation with herself:

"UGH! How that drill hurts! It makes me wretchedly nervous to have my teeth filled. I'll look like a fright to-night, I know, and what will Charley think? I must get my mind on something pleasant and forget where I am. What shall I think of? Christmas and my prospects are the most pleasant things just now.

"Last summer was a failure. I travelled with Aunt Mildred, and when I say that Aunt Mildred is old-fashioned and religious nothing more remains to be said. I was never out of her sight for an instant. Of course she gave me a pretty summer outfit, but what good was it when I was kept as secluded as a nun. I think I spoke to three men during the entire season.

"Before I left Aunt Mildred's, my sister Margaret, three years younger than I and not at all as pretty, came. Margaret was going east with Aunt Mildred to spend three months visiting 'the older branches of the family,' as Aunt expressed it. I was glad to come home, where I could have a little fun and get within three feet of a man if I wanted to. How strange, when Margaret mentioned Charlie as a young man she had met during the summer, who would call on me, I felt no thrill, no premonition of— Oh, oh, yes, that hurt very much. You cut the gum, I think. Please be careful. I will look like a fright now, for certain.

"What was I thinking of? Oh, yes; Charlie, dear Charlie. And when I came home and met Charlie I liked him at once. He is 32, just ten years older than I. He is a cashier in one of the national banks and has several pretty little pieces of property scattered about the city, besides

£10,000 insurance on his life. Whether alive or dead Charlie can make me happy. Strange he has not proposed. He is very devoted and we are together so much. He will speak before Christmas, I'm sure, and that is only ten days, so I can wait.

Margaret will be home then. Won't I lend it over her, to think she had the first chance at him and then I caught him. But, of course, no man could remember her when I am around. It is good of me to marry. It will give poor Margaret a chance.

I should prefer that we be married in June. I want a big church wedding. I must begin to pick out my bridesmaids very soon. Margaret can be maid of honor. Papa ought to give me something fine; a house and lot, or a big check, or—by the way, I wonder what papa will give me for Christmas. This is my last Christmas at home, and he ought to do something very nice. I think I'll hint for one of those new sealskin capes. Of course, I have a jacket, but two fur wraps are none too much for a bride-elect.

"Mamma ought to give me that duchesse lace that all her girls wear on their wedding dresses. I would loan it to Margaret if she ever marries. If she won't do that I want a pearl necklace—pearls are nice for a bride—and Charlie can give me a diamond pendant on the wedding day. Mamma just simply must spend a lot of money on me now, for I didn't get my full share of Emily's things when she died.

That reminds me, too, that I'm glad Charlie hasn't spoken to papa yet, for I expect something very nice from my poor bereaved brother-in-law. I'm sorry for Howard. I know he would have asked me to fill Emily's place as soon as his eighteen months of mourning were out. I know that he loves me, and this blow will be even harder for him to bear

than Emily's death. I cannot think that he ever seriously loved her, poor girl; she never hit it off well with men. Howard will surely give me that engagement ring that was Emily's, for Christmas. Of course he would never think of marrying again now, and I would really like the ring.

Then that stupid brother of mine must come down handsomely or I'll tell papa what I heard about him and that chorus girl. I wonder if Lansing really spends any money on those creatures. I don't see how he can when he has a sister who needs so much. His first duty is to me. I don't half like the way Lansing acts towards Bessie Allan, either. He knows I despise the girl, and she is running after him and Howard just shamelessly. She knows that Emily has been dead only a year, and it would be impossible for Howard to think of any one outside of the family. I have hinted to Howard to snub Bessie, and I shall just simply order Lansing to pay no more attention to her, and as for his spending money on those theatre women, that must stop. It is all very well, perhaps for a man to flirt with those creatures, but it is simply indecent for him to spend money on them, and I won't have it.

Alice and George ought to give me something very nice. Since the baby died they must have lots of money to spare, and I have been very good to them. I stayed there a week when baby was sick, had a lovely time, too; parlor to myself every night with from one to three men, and later on, as I did not go to the theatre, a quiet walk and a hot supper and cold bottle at midnight in a nice restaurant. And Alice was so ungrateful afterward, she even said nasty things when I went to the theatre a whole week after the baby died, and—

"Are you really done for to-day? So glad. Yes, it was painful, and that wrinkle in my cheek is bad.

Hot water and massage? I will try it as soon as I get home. And then a dash of cologne? Oh, yes! No doubt it will work wonders. Thanks, very much. Good morning.

SCENE II.

The same as scene I. Time—Four weeks later. The same young lady discovered in the chair; the only noticeable difference being in the expression of her face, which is now downcast and forlorn in the extreme. The young lady sighs deeply, causing the dentist to offer apologies, which she does not notice. She then sighs again and engages herself in conversation:

"How well I remember the last day I was in this chair. Was it last summer or ages ago? Alas! it was about a week before Christmas, and this is the 11th of January. The dentist reproved me for delaying so long. He little knows what I have suffered. Did so many dreadful things ever happen to anyone else in the same length of time? Impossible.

"First, Margaret came home. I tried all day to tell her I was the same as engaged to Charlie, but every time I mentioned his name, she changed the subject. He came to the house in the evening, of course, and Margaret and I came down together to see him. The moment those two laid eyes on each other there was a rush. I heard one voice saying, 'My dearest Cheery,' (it seems the wretched girl has a nickname for him) and another voice, ejaculated, 'My darling pet.' Then there was a sound of promiscuous kissing.

"It was the male biped who first remembered my presence and brazenly asked: 'Have you told sister Ruth yet?' 'No,' replied the shameless creature who was clinging to him. 'I wanted you to speak to papa first.'

"After that everything went wrong. When I spoke to papa about the sealskin he was very stern, reminded me of hard times and Margaret's outfit, and on Christmas morning he gave me \$50, telling me it must cover the cost of that party dress I wanted. I never wore a fifty-dollar evening

dress in my life, and I never will. He gave Margaret an imported wrap, which was never bought for three times that sum.

"Mother gave me an imported walking dress in hideous shades of brown. She knows I hate brown and no color could be more unbecoming to me. But she said she got it at a bargain, because the people who ordered it went into mourning, and the shades were serviceable. She cautioned me that it must last me until summer, because Margaret's outfit, etc. I'm sick of Margaret's outfit already.

"Lansing gave me a box of gloves; he sent Bessie Allen another box and also a lot of flowers, which he neglected to add to my present. It's pretty hard for a sister to see a stranger getting a nicer present than she does herself. When I took Lansing to task about the theatre woman he dared to talk back and said she was great fun. If he had never met Bessie Allen he didn't know but he might do something serious, but as it was I needn't worry. Then the depraved wretch gloated over me and boasted of Bessie Allen's sweet disposition as compared with mine. He wound up with some remarks about saving his money to give Margaret something nice. I hate Margaret! Why was she ever born?

"Then Alice and George added to my already heavy burden by sending me an ugly feather fan. It never cost a cent over \$5, I know. Alice sang the same old song about hard times, Margaret's wedding outfit and such things, and added mysteriously that they expected to have considerable extra expense in a few months. The way some married women talk and act is positively indecent. It's horribly vulgar to have babies. Alice knows I hate them, and that I like to feel that her house is as much mine as papa's is; but how can I if these things are forever happening!

"But I think the worst blow of

all came from Howard. As soon as I recovered from the shock of my sister's treachery and Charlie's shameful deceit, I resolved to accept Howard and have a double wedding. Anything would be better than being left out in the cold by every one and being maid of honor at my younger sister's wedding. So when I was showing Howard the nasty little bangle which Charlie insulted me with, I took pains to speak of the beautiful ring he had given Margaret. 'I wish I had a nice ring,' I said, with the most charming naivette: 'But I'm afraid I'll never have one unless you give me that one of Emily's.' No man could ask for a better chance to propose, but the human fiend before me only added to my insults by saying: 'My dear little sister,' (I hate for men to call me their sister; that's what Charlie calls me now). 'My dear little sister, you would be welcome to it if it were not for the fact that it is now the property of Mrs. Cushing, the widow of my old college chum, and I know you will congratulate me when I tell you that she has promised to give herself in exchange to me in the spring.'

"It's no wonder I want to die; only wish I could kill a few people first and then——"

"Is that all, doctor? Thank you. No, I didn't notice the pain to-day. The marks on my cheeks? Oh, it doesn't signify; I don't care for looks. Good afternoon."

He—"Were you at the football game?" She—"No." He—"Well the score was 22 to 0." She—"And what does that mean?" He—"None killed and 22 wounded."

"You get off here," said Charon, as he warped his boat into the slip at the bottomless pit. "Dear me!" exclaimed the cyclist; "I am disappointed. I did so want to try those gold pavements; but I suppose there are worse things than cinders, after all."

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

P. A. Laffey, formerly band-
master on H. M. S. "Warspite,"
is now in Grand Forks, South
Dakota, where he is conducting a
band and orchestra.

Verdi's grand opera, "Il Trova-
tore," was fairly gotten under
way on Wednesday evening last,
when over forty enthusiastic cho-
risters met for the initial practice,
and pronounced it to be fine. A
committee of five members was

elected, Mr. Herbert Kent accept-
ing the business management, Mr.
Shedden the secretaryship, and
Mr. W.E. Buck, general and stage
management. Mr. Eurick will
drill the choruses and preside at
the piano. Everything is in proper
shape now and a fine presentation
of the opera may be looked for-
ward to in Easter week.

Thomas Keene opened at The
Victoria last night in "Hamlet."
The performance was too late for
extended notice in this issue.
This afternoon at the matinee he
produces "Romeo and Juliet,"
and to-night "Richard III" will
be put on the boards. Although
this play has been seen before
on the occasion of Mr. Keene's
last visit, it is a case of keeping
the "good wine until the last"
for it is undoubtedly the most
popular Shakesperian play ever
produced, and the one in which
Mr. Keene has made his greatest
hits. A good number of seats
have already been booked and it
is altogether probable that there
will be even a better house than
last night.

The New York Oratorio society,
now in its twenty-second season,
recently gave a grand production
of the Messiah. Walter Dam-
roch was conductor, and the
soloists were Cillian Nordica,
Carlotta Desvignes, David G.
Henderson and Watkin Mills.

The old reliable Calhoun Opera
Company will be with us again
in a week or so. The repertoire
for this city has not yet been

arranged, but it is quite certain
that "Amorita" and "The Black
Hussar" will be given. The man-
agement have spent \$7,000 in
staging the former opera, and its
production is highly spoken of
all along the line. The Calhouns
have drawn the largest houses of
any company ever visiting this
city, and there can be no doubt
that their forthcoming engage-
ment in point of popularity will
be the equal of any former one.
Further notice of cast, etc., will
appear next week.

Mr. Watson, formerly tenor
soloist in Grace church choir,
Winnipeg, has fallen heir to an
estate in England.

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scription price of \$1.00, a charge
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Sanitation by Sea Water.

The new system of sanitation adopted in Havana based upon the electrolysis of sea water has proved a gratifying success. The electric current decomposes the chloride of magnesium, while the chloride of sodium serves as a conductor, the result being a liquid disinfectant of great power, being almost odorless, leaving no residuum when used for purposes of flushing, and is entirely inoffensive; the solid matter in sewage is instantaneously consumed in this solution, as well as the organic matter, what is left being simply an odorless and troubled liquid, incapable of fermentation, and containing only a few phosphates, the salts of ammonia and the salts of the disinfectant. Of the two classes of microbes—anaerobic organisms, existing without air, and aerobic organisms requiring air to live—the action of this chloride compound on the first is simple, for, as they cannot live in the presence of oxygen, their extinction is swift and sure; the destruction of the microbes which require free oxygen to support life is equally certain.

INDUSTRIAL FIGURES.

The number of idle cotton operatives in Fall River is placed at 23,220.

Almost five-eighths of the steamers in the world are under the British flag.

The Texas Live Stock Journal thinks there are 1,500,000 fewer cattle in that state than there were at this time two years ago.

Estimates by the director of the mint place the gold product of the world at \$175,000,000, an increase of \$6,000,000 over the amount stated in the annual report.

During the past five years the production of tin in the Dutch East Indies and the Straits settlements has increased greatly. The shipments to Europe and America to the end of August, 1894, were 44,118 tons, as against 27,557 tons in 1890. The syndicate which is trying to corner the market will have to obtain control of this source of supply to succeed, as well as of the visible supply, which was over 20,000 tons in August and only 14,000 tons a year ago. Westminster Gazette.

TO INTEREST AND ENTERTAIN.

The highest masts of sailing vessels are from 160 to 180 feet high, and spread from 90,000 to 100,000 square feet of canvas.

In New Mexico have been discovered ruins of magnificent buildings. The wall surrounding one of them is 4 feet high, and 135 long. The ruins are of Pueblo Indian origin.

The average whale is from 50 to 65 feet in length and 35 feet in circumference. The jawbones are 20 to 25 feet long, and a tongue has been known to yield almost a ton of oil.

An Antarctic iceberg has been seen that was 20 miles wide, 40 miles in length and 400 feet in height; a square township or two could break off from this and hardly affect it.

There are only one or two places in Toronto and Montreal where foreign postage stamps can be bought to inclose in letters sent abroad for return postage, and even at these places a price nearly double the face value of the stamp is asked.

Soul Mansions.

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past,
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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GOT WHAT HE DEMANDED.

The Policeman Picked Him Up and Carried Him Across the Street.

It was an easy matter to see that he was a citizen with a full sense of his responsibilities, both municipal and national. There was a firmness about his tread on the sidewalk denoting proprietary interest, and he gazed up at the public buildings with the keen glance of one who had money invested in them, and expected its value to stand out boldly. He always gazed at a policeman whenever he passed one, sternly, his eyes clearly denoting that the official was under the surveillance of an employer who expected him to earn his wages, and when he entered any public office his eagle looks penetrated to every nook and corner for a possible reason of complaint, and pierced each and every official through and through in a way that clearly said:—"You are a public servant, sir. I hope you have a due regard for that fact. If you have not I shall lose no time in reminding you of it."

Such was the little man who approached a tall policeman of the Yonge street squad the other day at King street, with indignation glistening in his eyes.

"I demand to know," he said in a firm voice, "why I am forced to remain on this side of the street, when my business calls me to the other."

The policeman looked a trifle startled for a second or so, but recovering himself, he replied:—

"Well, who in blazes is keepin' you from goin'?"

"The traffic, sir, the traffic of vehicles—yet pedestrians are supposed to have the right of way."

"Well," gruffly responded the officer. "What are you going to do about it?"

"I am going to insist upon my rights, sir," said the responsible citizen.

"That's easy," said the officer, coolly.

"And see that I get them."

"That will be harder."

"You are a public servant, in the public's pay, and at the call of the public. I therefore demand a safe passage for my person across this thoroughfare. It is your duty to see that my demands are complied with."

And the little man expanded his chest with real citizen independence.

The big policeman looked at him for a moment in a quandary, then seeming to solve the problem he said with a wink in his eyes:

"A safe passage you want, is it? Well, begorra, you shall have it."

And before the responsible little citizen could divine his intentions, he had picked him up, tucked him under his arm and was dodging between the horses' heads in a sortie across King street. The little man had not recovered his breath before the bluecoat had dropped him on the opposite sidewalk, and was on a return expedition, gallantly escorting a pretty store girl.

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE.

The Finest Known Gem, Owned by Princess Yousouppoff, Is Worth \$180,000.

The Imam of Muscat possesses a pearl weighing twelve and a half carats, through which you can see the daylight; it is worth about \$165,000. The one owned by Princess Yousouppoff is unique for beauty, says the Gentleman's Magazine. It was sold by Georgibus of Calais, in 1620, to Philip IV. of Spain for 80,000 ducats; its present value is about \$180,000. The pope, on his accession, became the owner for the time being of a pearl, left by one of his predecessors upon the throne of the vatican, which cannot be of less value than \$100,000. The Em-

press Frederick has a necklace composed of thirty-two pearls, the total value of which has been estimated at \$175,000. Her mother, Queen Victoria, has a necklace of pink pearls valued at \$80,000. That of the Baroness Gustave de Rothschild, made up of five rows of these precious stones, is valued at \$200,000, while that of the Baroness Adolphe de Rothschild is even more costly still. Both these ladies have given orders to their jewelers to bring to them any "pearls of great price" which may come into their hands in the way of business; the gems are usually purchased by one or other of these ladies and added to her necklace.

Good judges are doubtful whether to award the palm to either of the above two or to that of the Empress of Russia, which has two rows of pure white pearls valued at something like 80,000 rubles, but the stones of which are perhaps less beautiful to the eye. The one belonging to the Grand Duchess Marie has six rows, and is said to have cost \$180,000.

Mlle. Doane, a sister of M. Thiers, has a necklace of several rows, which has taken her thirty years to collect, and has cost her upward of \$75,000. The Empress of Austria possesses some of the most beautiful black pearls it is possible to find; her casket, and that of the Czarina of Russia, are, in fact, the most famous in the world for pearls of this color.

Mme. Leonide Leblanc sold her necklace of pearls a year or two ago for nearly \$400,000, but in consequence of certain matters which were whispered about at the time she bought it back. The stones it it graduate in size and are exceedingly beautiful in shape and lustre.

POOR MARKSMANSHIP OF TO-DAY.

The training of naval artillerists has, in recent years, been given a good deal of attention, and no end of powder and shot has been expended in target practice designed to serve a more telling purpose in actual warfare should the occasion present itself. It would seem, therefore, that the floating equipments of naval powers of to-day ought to give good accounts of themselves in point of marksmanship if called into action, though, according to Cassier's Magazine, it would be presumptuous to undertake to foreshadow possible results. If, on the other hand, past experience counts for anything, there would seem to have been a notable decline in accuracy in naval gunnery, growing with successive improvements in naval architecture and naval armament. It was estimated some years ago, from data furnished by target practice at sea, that a heavy gun must be discharged fifty times to make one effective hit. The old smoothbores were credited with killing a man by the discharge of the gun's weight in shot; in other words, three tons of 32-pounder shot were required for the purpose. Actual service test with modern high-power guns, however—guns weighing twelve tons—has, within the past ten or twelve years, shown that it took about sixteen tons of projectiles to accomplish the same thing. It is interesting to note from what statistics are available that the introduction of rifled muskets into the armies has had a somewhat similar result. The old-time muskets, it is said, killed a man by firing at him his own weight in lead bullets, but the modern rifle in the hands of the average soldier, so it has been figured out, does not effect a fatality until it has discharged twice the man's weight in lead. Both here, as well as in naval shooting, therefore, there has been shown to be an important demand for greater skill and care. Whether this has been met in any measure, future hostilities only will tell.

THE HAPPIEST HEART.

Who drives the horses of the sun
Shall lord it but a day;
Better lowly the deed were done,
And kept the humble way.

The rust will find the sword of fame,
The dust will hide the crown;
Ay, none shall nail so high his name
Time will not tear it down.

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet
And left to heaven the rest.

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HIS HEARING WAS RESTORED.

But for Some Time After He Couldn't Bear the Ticking of a Watch.

A well-known physician recently told the following story to an Indianapolis Sentinel reporter: "A prominent Marion county farmer discovered that he was gradually getting deaf. He couldn't hear the hired man blast stumps with giant powder. He came to my office and made signs that he wanted his ears examined. I examined them and in an instant, almost found that his defective hearing was caused by the gathering of a waxy substance in his ears. When I removed this obstruction of the hearing I was surprised at the result. The old gentleman jumped from the chair where he had been seated and put both hands to his ears. He couldn't stand the noise from the street and the least sound startled him. He was one of the most pleased men I ever saw. He went away, and it was several weeks before I saw him again. He called at my office with his wife and she did all the talking. She hardly raised her voice above a whisper and every now and then she looked at her husband in a timid way. She said that for several days he would not allow the least bit of noise in the house and that he butchered some pigs before their time on account of being affected by their squeal. His daughter and her husband had lived with them for two years and they had to leave on account of the crying of their 6-months-old baby. There were two clocks in the house, one in the dining-room and one in the bedroom. These he stopped on account of their ticking. The clock in the bedroom was an alarm clock. It went off one night. He jumped from bed and nearly broke his neck by falling head first on the floor. The woman said that she had to keep the house as quiet as a graveyard for more than two weeks, as it was that long before her husband became accustomed to hearing. His daughter, however, has gone back to the farm with her baby, and the clocks have been started again."

PAINTING AND ARTISTS.

Rosa Bonheur is over seventy years of age, and not finding her easel sufficient to occupy her time and consume her energy, she has taken up with photography as an additional work.

Miss Dhanbai Fardonjer Banajee, aged eighteen years, of Bombay, is the first woman to go from India to Paris for art study. She has succeeded in having one of her pictures hung in the Paris salon.

After many repaintings and alterations Alma Tadema has finished his magnum opus, a picture of ancient Rome in festival, which has already been bought by a dealer in Berlin for one hundred thousand marks. It is called "Spring," and contains more than one hundred figures of celebrants and spectators, a procession in honor of the gods of flowers and fertility moving along toward the temple.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Europe has only about eight per cent. of the Sunday school attendance of the world.

The Sunday school membership of Germany has increased over eighty per cent. in the last twenty years.

There are 22,000,000 persons, teachers and scholars, enrolled in the Protestant Sunday schools of the world.

There are 25,099 Sunday schools, 81,950 teachers, and 1,635 scholars in the different continental nations of Europe.

In 1374 there were in Germany 1,218 Protestant Sunday schools, with 86,418 teachers and scholars, in 1893 there were 2,000 schools and 784,769 teachers and scholars.

IN AND AROUND ENGLAND.

The announcement was lately made by the paymaster general of the supreme court of England that the total amount of dormant funds lying in chancery is \$6,000,000.

The Fastnet lighthouse, the spot on the Irish coast best known to Canadians, is said to be in a dangerous condition, as the iron fastenings of the tower have become corroded.

"Window gazing" is a profession in London. A couple of stylishly dressed ladies pause before the window of a merchant, remain about five minutes and audibly praise the goods displayed inside. Then they pass on to another store on their long list of patrons.

Faking Time by the Forelock.

A clerk in the war department went out to look for lodgings the other day and called at a nice looking house on Eleventh street in the window of which was a placard, "Rooms for Rent." The landlady showed him a large front room, the rental for which, she stated, was \$16 a month.

"That is more than I can afford to pay," said the clerk.

"Well," responded the landlady, apologetically, "would you object to occupying a room in which a lady had died?"

"No," replied the clerk, "I guess not. What caused the death?"

"Consumption."

"That is not a contagious disease. How long since the lady died?"

"Why, she isn't dead yet, but it is only a question of a few days. Can't I engage the room to you?"—Washington Post.

Curing Frost Bites by Electricity.

Although the past winter has in most places been of exceptional mildness, it has developed a new cure for frost bites. Dr. Helbing has been successful in Germany in twenty cases in healing people of the frozen nose. The treatment consisted in applying electrodes to the opposite side of the nose, and passing a moderately strong current for about five or ten minutes, moving the electrodes about. The immediate result is a reddening of the tissues, which may last several days, after which the skin and flesh resume their normal condition. In extreme cases from ten to fifteen applications have been found necessary.

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS.

Experiments are now being made with compressed hay for paving blocks. The hay, after being pressed, is soaked in a drying oil, which, it is claimed, renders it indestructible.

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According to the examination just made by order of the Greek patriarch, the Byzantine edifices of Constantinople have not suffered severely by the earthquake.

As fasters the sect of Jains, in India, is far ahead of all rivals. Fasts of from thirty to forty days are very common, and once a year they are said to abstain from food for seventy-five days.

Nearly every Japanese paper has a "prison editor." For infraction of the publication laws somebody must go to jail, and so the prison editor's chief duty is to expiate the newspaper's offense by languishing in a cell.

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A Unique Lottery Record.

A Japanese student living in Brooklyn has had some curious news from his home in Nikko. It appears that his cousin has won the first prize in a government lottery, and, by so doing, has been sent abroad to travel for ten years, with a handsome allowance, which is to be paid him every three months by one of the most substantial banks in Japan. If he returns to Japan for more than one month in each year he forfeits the allowance, and it also stipulated that at least half of the time spent abroad must be in the various countries in Europe. The second prize was five years' travel, and the third prize one year's travel, on the same allowance, but the conditions were that all the time must be spent in Europe. This certainly is the most unique lottery on record, and the most commendable.

Telephones in Church.

Supporters of the telephonic system in Birmingham can now be placed in communication with Christ church in that city and practically take part in the services. The telephone wires run straight into the pulpit, and the listeners at the other end of the system can hear the tolling of the bell, the prayers, the responses, the singing, and the sermon. Even casual coughing among the congregation can be distinguished. There are many classes of persons on whom this new departure confers a great boon. The sick and bedridden, who have long been prevented from attending any place of worship, can now be present, if not in flesh, in the hearing.

The Pigmy Cattle of Samoa.

The Samoan islands are the natural habitat of the most diminutive species of variety of the genus bos now known to the naturalist. The weight of the males of these lilliputian cattle seldom exceeds two hundred pounds, the average being not greater than one hundred and fifty pounds. The females usually average about one hundred pounds larger, are very "stocky" built, seldom being taller than a merino sheep. These dwarf cattle are nearly all of the same color—reddish mouse color, marked with white. They have very large heads as compared with their bodies and their horns are of exceptional length.

BAYONET POINTS.

A new Italian rifle will send a bullet through five inches of solid oak at a distance of 4,000 feet.

Aluminum drums are proving most successful in the Prussian military bands. Not only are they lighter than the ordinary kind, but they give out a much fuller and richer sound.

Chateaudun, where the French maneuvers have just been held, has the distinction of having received as a municipality the cross of the Legion of Honor for its heroic defense against the Germans in 1870.

POINTS FOR SCIENTISTS.

The 132,856 craters which have been discovered on the moon are supposed to have been caused by a bombardment of aerolites.

Sea bathing causes many diseases of the ear. Cotton should be put in the ear when it is the intention to submerge the head.

All known chemical elements are represented in sea water. They are not always capable of being detected by chemical analysis.

The theory that the remains of animals form the raw material from which petroleum is formed by nature is still held by some prominent scientists.

The Boy and the Cop.

The boy was fishing from the tail end of a boat, anchored about fifty feet out in the river, and a policeman on shore was watching him.

"What are you doing there?" called the officer, when he saw the boy paid no attention to him.

"Who are you?" asked the boy, with an eye on his bob.

"I'm a police officer."

"Where?"

"Right here in the city of Detroit."

The officer thought perhaps he had caught a runaway from the Canadian side, and concluded to play him a bit before hauling him in.

"What state is Michigan in?" asked the boy.

"Michigan," replied the officer, without noticing, and the boy grinned.

"What's your name?"

"John Smith."

The officer was having lots of fun.

"Are you sure?" asked the boy.

"Of course; I ought to know my own name, oughtn't I?"

"Sure; but a boy can't always tell what a copper knows by what he tells him."

"Well, I'd like to know why I oughtn't to know my own name," said the officer, quite puzzled.

"I can't tell you," said the boy, "and I can't tell, neither, why you don't know I'm fishin' when you see I ain't doin' nothin' else," and the boy slapped out a fish about ten inches long. "There," he exclaimed, "do you know any more now?" and the officer had business elsewhere.—Detroit Tribune.

ABOUT PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

The mother of Gen. Boulanger, who died in Paris, was ninety-two years of age.

The salary and expense allowance of President Casimir-Perier are \$240,000 per year.

George W. Cable has named his summer home at Northampton, Mass., "Stay-awhile."

The once famous court violinist, Enrico Masi, died in Rome a few days ago. He was at one time a member of the well-known "Florentine Quartette."

The Confederate Women's Monument association has been organized at Richmond, and a charter is to be obtained. Voluntary subscriptions toward the monument now amount to six hundred dollars.

Great success has been obtained in Belgium with the ammonia process for sinking shafts through quicksand. The principle is that of freezing the quicksand by an ammonia freezer similar to that used in making artificial ice.

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THINGS IN GERMANY.

Germany's proportion of suicides is larger than that of any other European country.

The number of telephonic stations in Germany was 1,504 in 1881, had increased at the beginning of the present year to 63,558.

An international matrimonial paper is about to make its appearance in Berlin, Germany. The new journal will be printed in three languages—German, English and French.

Great discontent is shown in Germany at the large number of pensioned officers in the army. Since the present emperor ascended the throne in 1888, 4,000 have been forced to resign.

Eisleben, the birthplace of Martin Luther, is sinking into the moor upon which it is built. Measures have been taken in recent years to drain the bog, without avail, and the inhabitants are seriously thinking of abandoning the town.

A Change of Sex.

The novelist of the future will have to change the sex of the old Scotch gardener who potters around in the conservatory, who hates to have his choice blooms plucked, and who utters words of wisdom in quaint dialect to the members of the family. Not even gardening, the profession which would seem to be men's by inheritance since the days "when Adam delved and Eve span" is left to men. Lady Carlisle is training an entire staff of women to take charge of the fine grounds on her extensive estate in York. Miss Wilkinson, an English woman, has recently been complimented by royalty on her landscape gardening at Vauxhall Park, which has just been opened by the Prince of Wales.

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