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THE MAN ; NOT THE CROWN.

"How far that little candle throws its beams;
So shines a good deed in a naughty world."

Had we lived in 1776, we should have held that name in righteous execration as the embodiment of tyranny, injustice and oppression. To King George of to-day we take off our hat and bow in grateful and reverential admiration—not because we believe in the old exploded dogma of "the divine right of kings;" but because of his nobility of soul, his singleness of purpose in the cause of justice and humanity, his immense sacrifice and lofty courage in defying to his face, the Great Assassin, backed up as he has been by the armed forces of the European pirates, with whom the butchery of a brave and outraged people and their wholesale plunder and subjugation to worse than slavery, when weighed in the scale beside the acquisition of a few square miles of stolen territory or the maintenance of that fiction, known as "the balance of power," is as a feather to a ton of coal.

We have no objection to kings *per se*—they are men—good and bad. We only object to the silly fiction which invests them with such special and exceptional privileges, condones their faults, sur-



KING OF GREECE.

rounds them with a veil of mystery and segregates them from free association with the rest of mankind as men and brothers. But the present century has wrought a great change in public opinion in this respect. With the exception perhaps of poets-laureate and other lick-spittles and hangers-on, who prostrate themselves in the dust at the feet of royalty; rulers are judged according to their characters as men and women, and not for any supposed divinity or superiority they are presumed to possess. Royalty-worshippers make a great mistake and show a great lack of common sense in charging those of democratic proclivities, with being the enemies of kings and queens lords, etc., just because they are such. Why, bless your souls, they are not to blame. If the people are fools enough to pay enormous salaries to kings and their families, invest them with special privileges, exempt them from the laws of the land and bow and cringe before them, and jostle each other in their endeavor to get even a sight of their faces, which differ in no particular from those of the common people, we should consider them fools to give up such a soft snap at the dictation of reformers or their own consciences. But we don't believe there is any conscience in the matter—they have been educated for centuries to imagine themselves superior beings, and encouraged by the subserviency and adulation of the people, do not see the inequality or injustice of the thing. If the doctrine "that some are born to

rule and others to serve"—a doctrine which we do not accept in its entirety; be true then who is to judge. We should say, the fittest; but this can not be guaranteed in monarchial countries by the laws of succession, nor yet in Republican countries by the wire pulling of interested demagogues. That a good Queen like Victoria should be at present presiding over the destinies of the British Empire, is merely an accident; or that there should have been a Washington, a Jefferson or a Lincoln as Presidents, is in no wise due to their exalted positions, but to their characters as individuals. Certainly history can show in both countries, rulers of much less merit.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Many, no doubt, on account of our well-known democratic proclivities, will be inclined to ascribe insincerity or a change of heart to us in hearing these words fall from our lips; but we utter them in all sincerity and truth, without the slightest abatement in our love for republican institutions and detestation of the principle of monarchy—The principle, mind you,—not the woman, who is worthy of all praise, and our friends should not blame us if our high regard for this estimable lady springs from a different source than that of their own; it is none the less sincere. So we congratulate her upon her approaching jubilee—not because she is Queen of England;—that were but an empty title that could and has been bestowed upon the

bad as well as the good, but because she has given to the world the example of a stainless and honorable life of over seventy years; this we would honor any good woman for, be she queen or washerwoman, and when the day comes at last—may it be long distant—when she must depart from this life, just the same as her poorest subjects, were we there and permitted by the cast-iron laws of court etiquette, we should visit her grave and shed real tears of sorrow, while for the crown that she wears, we should have no more respect than for a cast-off garment.

A REVIVAL OF BARBARISM.

The spectacle of the "civilized" and "Christian world" losing their heads and their money over the fistie encounter of two brawny blackguards, in Carson city, Nevada, the other day, whose only motives were the raking in of a pile of money and the retaining of that badge of dishonor, the belt, is enough to make us ask whether the world is progressing or retrograding?

There are probably not one hundred people in this city who care whether Cuba is victorious in her struggle against the murder and oppression of Spain, or not and while the tide is now running against the Turk and in favor of Christian Greece, yet, should the British foreign office issue orders for the blockading of Greece and hand over the Cretans to the tender mercies of the Turks, they would be all contending "that it was the proper thing," so used are the bulk of the people to following the lead of authority, whether exerted in the interests of good or evil.

We stand by what we consider to be right every time, neither cringing to authority or rebelling against wholesome laws, framed in the interests of justice, law and order, and while we would oppose king, minister or bishop in curtailing any of the people's rights, we don't believe that the right to make brutes of themselves, belong to any men.

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