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CHAMBERLAIN'S SCHEME.

Perhaps no greater schemer exists or ever existed than Joe Chamberlain. Hitherto his schemes have been warlike and entailed untold woe, and desolation on a peaceable people. Now his scheme is of a commercial nature, and is nothing less than a free trade arrangement with all Britain's scattered colonies to the exclusion of the rest of the world.

The thing is wild and chimerical and can't be made to go.

The self governing colonies are really nations, and the tendency is for them to broaden both their commerce and their liberties. The only thing that keeps the people loyal to the crown and flag is because the authority of that crown and flag does not touch them in the smallest degree. They are quite willing to help Britain take away the independence of other nations, but when it comes to ordering their commercial or political policy it is quite another thing, and the arrangement that the colonies should furnish food and "the mother country manufactured goods will hardly take with our manufacturers. Besides such an arrangement would arouse the jealousy of other nations and strong as the "empire" is, it is not as strong as all the rest of the world put together.

Such an arrangement, where the Tappers, the Strathcona's &c., would be admitted to the House of Lords, and the masses would have to carry the ball and chain of increased taxation to provide great

armaments and carry on wars of conquest on a large scale, would soon lead to a rebellion and hasten by many years the inevitable separation.

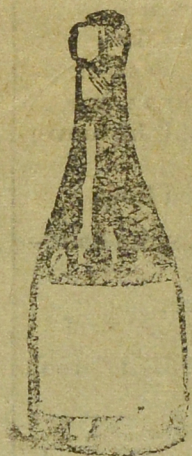
The Turk and His Subjects.

Monarchy is a bad thing for the people—So also is a certain kind of Republicanism, but when it comes to a system that combines the worst features of both, and also contains certain towering and unbearable evils peculiarly its own, it is about time that such a rule was mended or ended.

Such is the rule of the Turk and the system in the Balkan States with whom he is on the brink of war is little better.

There ought to be enough humanity, christianity and chivalry among the so-called Christian nations to put a stop to this butchering of women and children, but as nothing is done by nations for humanity's sake, we fear that it is useless to hope.

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