

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DAY.

The Programme of Events at Her Scotch Retreat.

Memories of John Brown—Her Business-Like Methods and Simple Recreations.—Expensive and Ugly Furnishings.

If Her Majesty were the wife of some middle-class gentleman in comfortable circumstances, her life could not be simpler. As 8 o'clock she is awakened by one of her four maids, who sleeps in an anteroom adjoining her royal mistress's bedchamber. The very heavy window curtains are pushed aside to admit the daylight, and on a little table drawn up to the bedside the Queen has all her letters which she opens with a plain ivory knife, which is a relic of her girlhood and a cup of tea or cocoa. Breakfast at 9.30 is, in pleasant weather, served in a small pavilion containing four rooms, all upholstered in very ugly tartans, designed by the Queen herself. This summerhouse is on the lawn at a little distance from the castle, but Her Majesty goes to it in a loose dressing gown, belted with ribbons, and made of some old-fashioned material of which she is fond, and none but members of the royal family ever join her at this simple meal. During the repast the head piper plays various spirited tunes on the bagpipes about a quarter of a mile away, for, though the Queen is fond of the instrument, she believes that distance lends enchantment to the sound. At 11 the royal lady goes out, dressed in black, for her morning airing in a species of bath chair, drawn by a pony and led by Francis Clark, John Brown's successor and cousin. Who, of course, displays his stalwart proportions in kilts.

Once a Week.

Once a week the chair is drawn down to the churchyard, and the Queen inspects the grave of the faithful and departed John Brown. The village, too, is often visited, and Her Majesty thinks no shame of herself purchasing serges and flannels to distribute among the poor at the little shop kept by Mrs. Symons.

At 12.30 she returns to the castle, refreshes herself with an egg beaten in milk and then ready to see Sir Henry Ponsonby, her private secretary and the minister in attendance. Luncheon is the Queen's favorite meal, and she is then pleased to converse in a lively fashion, discussing the news of the day, and often showing a fund of amusing anecdote. In the afternoon she again drives out, and often stops for tea at some cottage on the estate, where a room is specially reserved for such emergencies. Humble friends of the Queen are visited, and sometimes she is pleased to use her sketching materials. After her return, an hour is devoted to the little grandchildren, and there is an interval of rest before the 9 o'clock dinner, after which Her Majesty, though she is such an early riser, usually spends two hours or more with her private secretary.

Francis Clark, by the way, is of the same type as his cousin, John Brown, but, although he is deservedly loved by his mistress, he would not venture upon the liberties his predecessor was privileged to take. Some funny and authentic anecdotes were told me by my friend of the faithful Brown. One day, during his time the Queen was preparing to sketch near Glassalt Shiel, where she had spent the previous night. Even the Queen sometimes "gets out of bed on the wrong side," and this happened to be such a morning.

Reproving Her Majesty.

One table after another was brought from the Shiel, until the supply was exhausted and the servants plunged in despair, but yet none of them suited her fretful Majesty. At last John Brown took one of the rejected articles and set it down rather hard and with much decision before his mistress. "They canna mak' one for ye," he said. The Queen could but laugh; the table was accepted and amiability restored. Sometimes her Majesty would appear ready for her drive in some comfortable old cloak of far from prepossessing appearance, but of this descent from royal dignity the servant strongly disapproved. "And what kind of a thing is that ye've got on the day?" he would grimly say, and the good-natured sovereign would usually dress to please her attendant on the next occasion of the kind.

The Indian empire is represented in the royal household by Her Majesty's Indian secretary, and her personal attendant, a very handsome Asiatic, who is always gorgeously appareled in scarlet white and gold. And these men have their own servants and their own suite of apartments in the castle, where the fragrance of curry is said never to be absent. The Queen is very good to her servants and takes a great interest in their personal welfare. And of course the happiness of her humble subjects helps to make her happiness. But I wonder how many women would be contented with the dull and humdrum life led during the larger portion of the year by England's queen.

Strength of the British Army.

The annual War Office return shows that the effective strength of the regular army at the end of last year of 218,513. The officers numbered 7677; sergeants 13,420; rank and file, 193,146. The household cavalry comprised 1319 officers and men; cavalry of the line, 18,859; artillery 36,661; engineers 7520; foot guards 6125; infantry of the line 135,829; colonial corps 5082; at my service corps 9482; medical staff corps 2445. The forces stationed in England were 75,029; Ireland 27,251.

Scotland 3832; colonies and Egypt 34,240; India 73,185. The total strength was 829 short of the establishment. During last year 39,521 recruits were passed into the service. Of these 32,094 were raised in England, 3860 in Ireland and 3567 in Scotland. The London district furnished the largest number of recruits 5365; Southeast Lancashire 599; Liverpool 685. There were 11,658 men discharged from the army during the year, 1015 on completion of 21 years' service, and 2795 as invalids. Pensions were granted to 2798 men. Deserters numbered 4982, by far the greater portion in the first year of the service. The army is thus classified with regard to religious denominations: Church of England, 138,442; Roman Catholic, 36,530; Presbyterian 14,890; Wesleyan 10,707; other protestants 1511; not reported 1327.

KILLED A BURGLAR.

Robbers at Port Dalhousie Used Pistols and Were Re-paid in Kind.

PORT DALHOUSIE, Ont., October 23.—The canal toll office at this place was entered early yesterday morning by burglars. They awakened Mr. Clarke the collector and just as one of the burglars stuck his head in the bedroom door Mr. Clarke fired and wounded him. His shot was returned by another of the gang and Mr. Clarke retreated to the window to call the lock-tenders to his assistance, when another shot whizzed by him. The wounded man's pals dragged him away. No further trace of them was found until two o'clock in the afternoon, when the body of a well dressed young man was discovered about forty yards from the canal office. On examination a bullet wound was found in the man's breast, and he is supposed to be the man shot by Mr. Clarke. A heavy overcoat, with ammunition, fuse and a lot of small burglars' tools, was found about a quarter of a mile away. A railroad ticket from Toronto to Hamilton and a Russell House, St. Catharines, business card were also found on the dead man. The proprietor of the Russell House, identified the body as that of a man who, along with another, had dinner and supper at his hotel on Saturday. Deceased registered as James Miller and the other as William Thompson both of Detroit, Mich. A peculiar feature of the affair is that some of the people living in the neighborhood of the canal office say that they saw the deceased man walking around in the neighborhood of the lock shanty and canal office about noon yesterday. The body was not yet cold when the coroner arrived. An inquest will be held.

WANTED NO UNION JACKS.

An Attempt to Wrest it From Blarney Castle.

CHICAGO, October 22.—There was almost a riot in Lady Aberdeen's Village of Industries at the World's Fair on Saturday night. A second attempt was made by 150 Irishmen to pull down the Union Jack, which has been floating from the tower of Blarney castle in honor of Lady Aberdeen's husband, the Governor-General of Canada. The Irishmen gained access to the top of the tower and tore down the English emblem, because they did not consider it ought to be unfurled in an Irish village. They were detected in the act by some of the village employes, and the guards drove the offenders out into the Midway. The gang returned stealthily in a short time and climbed over one side of the fence. The guards were on the alert, however, suspecting that another attempt would be made as soon as the flag was strung up again and pounced upon the intruders. Then came the exciting part of the scene. The guards summoned the patrol wagon, and tried to arrest the whole number in the face of threats from a crowd of several thousand sympathizers who quickly gathered around the village. The wagon came on the double quick, and the force of guards tried to cope with the anti-English visitors. They no sooner had got one or two of their prisoners into the wagon than the men who pressed around it pulled them out. Three of the ringleaders were finally taken prisoners after a pitched battle of some minutes' duration. The Earl of Aberdeen arrived at the village with his secretary just after the battle and was very indignant at the insult.

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SHE WEDS A YOUNG LORD.

Marriage of a New Yorker to Lord Terence Blackwood.

The civil marriage of Miss Flora Davis of New York, and Lord Terence Blackwood was celebrated in Paris on Saturday; the religious marriage at the English Church in the same city, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. John H. Davis. Mr. D. formerly lived in Philadelphia. While in this city he was a member of the brokerage firm of Glendinning, Davis & Amory. A branch of the business was started in New York, of which Mr. Davis took charge. This partnership was finally dissolved. Mr. Glendinning taking the Philadelphia and Mr. Davis the New York business.

The bride is 26 years old, but appears considerably younger. Her face is oval, her eyes and hair are brown and she is below the medium height. She is extremely pretty. Her income is \$10,000 a year.

The bridegroom is the second son of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, and is one of the secretaries of the British Embassy in Paris under his father.

At yesterday's ceremony the bride wore a dress of heavy ivory white satin, with a train, which hung from the waist in box plaits, over a yard long; on the floor the front of the skirt was composed of one straight piece of white satin until just below the knees, where it was laced on both sides over superb old lace flounces. On one side the draped satin was fastened by a Louis XVI satin bow knot, and on the other held by a bunch of orange blossoms. The highnecked bodice of white satin was finished at the waist by a belt of loose white satin, and over the chest and shoulders, falling over large, full satin sleeves was a double bertha of rich antique lace, looped on the right shoulder and held by a small bunch of orange blossoms. A long tulle veil, fastened by a spray of orange blossoms, covered the entire costume. She wore no jewels.

The bride was attended by four maids—Lady Hermione Blackwood, Lady Victoria Blackwood, Miss Annie Cameron and Miss Edith Kip. They wore dresses of the director period of striped Perkin silk, with full skirts and corsage, with large revers, crossed with rich silk trimmed with lace.

The honeymoon of the young pair will be spent at Walmer Castle, Dover, where as Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava has a home for life.

EMIN PASHA'S DAUGHTER.

The Wild Little African Girl Rescued from Barbarism.

There is a nine-year-old girl at Neisse, Germany, whose life has been crowded with adventures worthy of the unhappy Emin Pasha whose daughter she is. The child was born in Abyssinia, her mother being a native of that country. When she was five years old her mother died and she was taken to Bagamoyo, on the African mainland, opposite Zanzibar, by her father, legally adopted and placed in the care of an Arabian nurse named Fatuma. But the little girl was harshly treated by the Arab woman. She was tattooed from head to foot and was gradually sinking into barbarism when, through the intercession of one of the German Diakness sisters at Bagamoyo, she was transferred to the home of an interpreter named Mariano. There she remained until the first rumors came to Bagamoyo of Emin Pasha's death, when the Diakness Sister Lies (Fraulein Lies Bader) took her to Germany and placed her in the home of the dead explorer's sister, where she is now being educated.

Little Ferida is a most interesting little girl and is as devoted to her aunt as her aunt and all her relatives are devoted to her. She is described as being of a very happy disposition, but has still a wild will of her own, which, however, only serves to make her more attractive. She has been described as possessing unfathomable black eyes; her skin is of a very dark brown olive color and she has two rows of beautiful teeth. Her perfectly classical figure, says one German writer, long silken black eyelashes, boldly arched, deep black eyebrows, and above all, glowing glances, lend a peculiar charm to her small, regularly formed head—a charm which is hardly broken by her somewhat pendant lips. Feri, as the little one is called, is an affectionate child, but is playful as a kitten and never weary of teasing her newly-found friends and relatives. When asked if she intends to return to Africa she looks frightened, shakes her little head energetically, tears start from her eyes and she exclaims, Nie! Nie! (No! Never!) The memory of the sad life to which she was condemned in Africa is still too fresh in her mind. Mentally she is quite gifted. Besides Arabic and her native Susheli, she speaks German, French and Italian.

The railroads are still a great mystery to her, and when she sees a train in motion she always looks to see if horses are not spanned in the front. She has not yet become accustomed to the German climate and loves best if she can be allowed to go to bed with her clothes on. She preserves with great reverence all the presents given to her by her father, of whom she loves to speak. He was always very devoted to her, unwearied in caring for her well being, and thought of her as the greatest treasure that he possessed.

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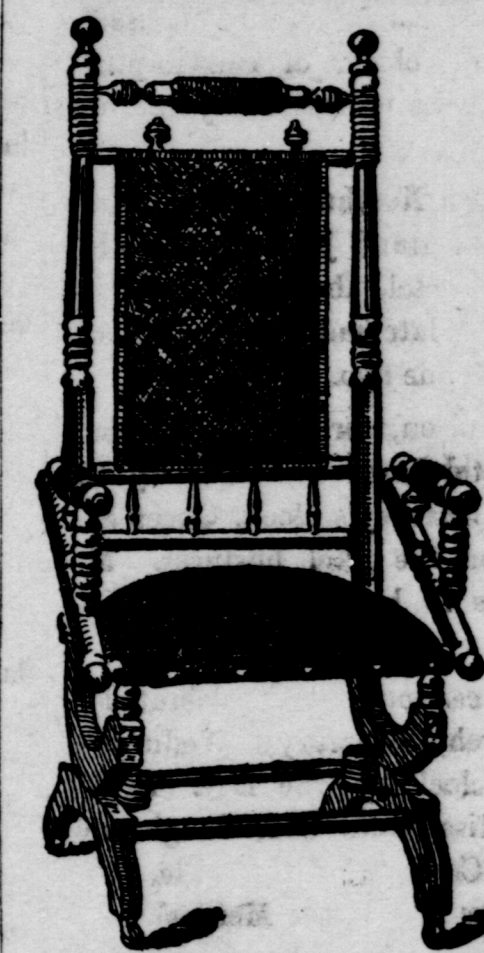
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