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Germany and the Balance of Power.

The German financiers have, at the instance of the German Government, rejected the four hundred million dollar loan now being floated by Russia, a move not merely indisputable, but inexplicable. The mystery in the case is the reason for the Government's active and hostile interference. It has been suggested. One is a desire to punish Russia for aiding France to thwart Germany's Moroccan plans at the Algeiras Conference; the other is the impending necessity of a large German loan, with which the Russian borrowings might have interfered. In consequence of the German Government's refusal to recommend the Russian loan, the proportion of the four hundred millions which had been offered to Germany has been subtracted from the amount of the loan, perhaps to wait for German second thought and a change of mind. The remainder of the amount will be easily procured in Great Britain, France, the United States, and other countries.

German statesmanship has suffered in prestige from the settlement of the Moroccan imbroglio—so much so that it was evidently a mistake in tactics to start it. Germany has not been able to secure European sanction for the acquisition of a foothold of any sort in that part of Africa, while France and Spain have been charged with the task of policing the country. The appointment of an inspector by the European powers acting jointly will probably mean little, because Spain is next neighbor to Morocco on the north, as France is in Algeria on the east.

The moral of the whole disturbance is, apparently, that the "balance of power" is a potential international theory in Europe today as it was in the time of Charles V. or of Louis XIV. Other nations should not be blamed for combining against one that is both strong and strenuous, as Germany is today, and as neither her strength nor her forcefulness is likely to diminish in the near future it is highly probable that the temporary combination formed against her at Algeiras will endure in substance for many years to come. Meanwhile, Russia may recover enough of her lost prestige to enable her to forbid the acquisition by Germany of the Kingdom of Austria in the event of the present Austro-Hungarian Emperor's death. Austria, be it remembered, is by no means entirely German, and the opposition of the Bohemians to absorption by Germany would be ground enough for European interference. The finding of the Algeiras conference may be said to defer indefinitely any possible attempts to destroy the independence of Holland and Belgium.

First Aid to The Injured.

It was in the kitchen of a small flat. The occupants were a little girl three years of age, and her loving mother and doting grandmother, who were engaged in an animated conversation. Suddenly the grandmother discovered that the teakettle was steaming away, and needing replenishing from the hydrant. The Chicago Record gives the story as follows:

She took the kettle from the stove, but had hardly taken two steps when she collided with the child. There were two almost simultaneous shrieks, and the mother, uttering a third one, darted forward and caught the cherub in her arms, her frantic exclamations mingling with the agonized wail of the child and the hysterical sobs of the grandmother.

"In about two minutes the child's face was covered with layers of sweet oil, white of egg, sanitary cotton and flour, and the grandmother was speeding round the corner on the way to the family doctor.

The doctor came and removed the layers of emollients. The he laughed heartily, and asked the women why they had called him.

"There is nothing the matter with the child's face," he said.

"It must be her arms and shoulders," said the mother, "Tell mother where you are hurt, darling?"

"I ain't hurt," said the child, "but grandma screamed so she scared me."

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"After a while I took stock in the new gas and electric company.

"Aha!" said the treasurer. "I see you are investing some of your wife's money."

"All my life that poor little \$500 has received the credit for everything I have been able to achieve. As a matter of fact, my wife spent the money the day she got it for a diamond ring and a piano. She lost the ring the next week later, and I guess some of the neighbors have wished heartily that she would lose the piano."—*Atchison Globe.*

WOODSTOCK, N. B., APRIL 25, 1906.

Not in the Army.

It has long been the habit of the world to make Baptists the butt of good-natured jokes. The jokes are prevalent everywhere, but they are most apropos here in Providence, where the Baptist church was founded upon the establishment of the colony. Several were told the other evening at a gathering of college fraternity men. One of them runs something after this fashion:

Two negroes met upon the street corner. One, George Washington Smith, greeted the other, Benjamin Franklin Brown, with great cordiality.

"Ben," he said, "I've jined de army of de Lord."

"What," exclaimed Brown, "you done de army of de Lord?"

"I—I've jined all right."

"What part of de army yo done jined, George?"

"Oh, de jined de Baptiste."

"De Baptists!" shouted Ben in amazement. "You ain't jined de army of de Lord."

"What else I jined?" George demanded in angry impatience.

"Why, massy, you've jined de navy."

As this lecture was given at a gathering of university men, the origin of the Baptist Church was carefully explained.

A traveller once stumbled upon a town in the wilds of New Hampshire. It was decayed to the verge of ruins, and about ready to be abandoned. The collection of buildings consisted of five houses and two churches.

The traveller inquired of one of the few remaining natives:

"How does it happen that there are two churches in a place of only five houses?"

"Well," was the reply, "the Baptist church was started here a long time ago, and after a few years a quarrel broke out which divided the congregation. One of the factions left the old church to the hard-shell Baptists and started a church of their own, where the soft-shell Baptists could attend divine service in peace."

"But what is the difference," the stranger asked, "between the hard-shell and the soft-shell Baptists?"

"There is almost important theological distinction, sir," the native answered in solemn tones. "The hard-shell believe that Adam fell. The soft-shells, on the other hand, lay down the doctrine that Adam was a bad lot from the start."—[Providence Journal.

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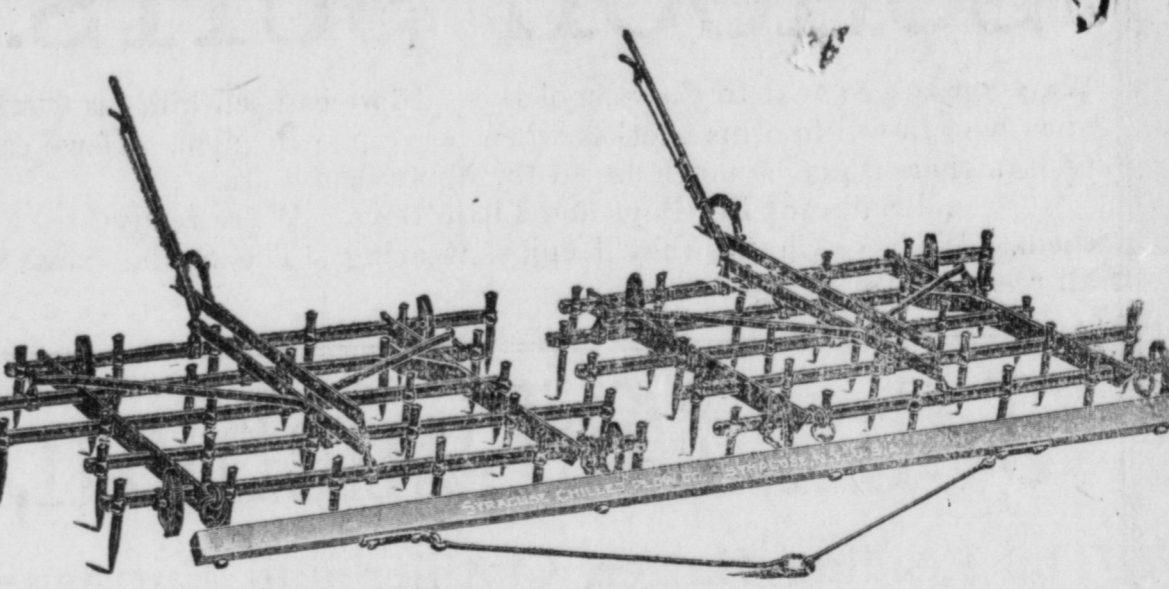
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