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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Newspaper readers these days will notice that some of the crowned heads | HIS are doing a great deal toward the preservation of the world's peace. In an address made at Metz at the unveiling of a monument, William II. declared that the memorial stands "as the guardian of all the brave soldiers of both armies, French and German, who fell here, for the French soldiers who found a glorious grave at St. Privat also fought heroically for their Empire and fatherland." Two or three days ago Nicholas II. issued an order making Talien-Wan a free port, and thus to a certain extent at least, has carried out the Russian promise for an "open door" in the part of China which that country controls. This is the same monarch, it will be remembered, who originated the peace conference recently held at The Hague.

All these things have a tendency toward preserving harmony among the nations. Evidences have been frequent in the past year or two that the Kaiser is earnestly desirous of a tone of some of the French newspapers shows that the feeling of rancor in France toward Germany is gradually but certainly diminishing. There feet higher up in the air than the top is, it is rubbish to say that I took any have even been hints recently of a of that window. That ten feet was such time. I'm careful, as every singer possible alliance between the two as practically good as ten miles as far should be, to avoid sudden and violent countries. The importance of the action of Russia in making its Chinese port free to the commerce of the world tree by a trapeze, made fast to that too tender, and invite cold by the inexis manifest. The expectation that France, Germany and Russia would erect tariff barriers against all the rest of the world in those parts of China which they would control was the basis for the opposition shown in England and the United States to the partitioning policy in China. Russia's course at the outset of its appropriation of Chinese territory would seem to indicate that from that country at least there would be no menace to the maintenance and extension of be influenced by Russia's example and flict will be removed.

The principal reason, of course, for fairs. Even in absolutist Russia pub- way. lic opinion is now able to make itself felt. The desire of the people of evlonger possible for a crown wearer to

XIV., Henry VIII., Frederick the Great and Bonaparte. The people, peze bar,, and then I climbed the other greater gain, and my voice has out- a young man, has had a varied existwho fight the battles as well as pay limb that I was to swing from, and lasted twice over those who began ence. He has now found his proper for them, have a strong incentive to pulled the bar up to me there and got their career with me. avert wars, and their wishes are coming to have a more and more decisive Russia, is the state in this day in the up the other side sense that the older Bourbon, Tudor or Hohenzollern kings were. Thus in the world's history. William II. in terms to all the world as to Russia. fraternity which the rising tide of democracy sends surging round the

SHE ALSO CHANGED HER MIND.

A young couple in a Lancashire vilyears. The young man one day said strap around my armpit. to the woman:

Sall, I canna marry thee. How's that? saked she. I ve changed my mind, said he. Well, I'll tell you what we'll do, said she. If folks know that it's thee a's has given me up, I shanna be able to get another cnap; but it they think that I've given you up, then I can get another chap. So we'll have banns

comes the parson will say to thee wedded wife ? and tha must say 'I will.' And when he says to me, 'Wilt thou struck the windows. I was cool enough the decriers of it. have this man to be thy wedded hus-band? I shall say 'I winna. now, and I was figuring on how to get the window sill, which I couldn't quite said, Wilt thou have this woman to what, when I did get free, and above

Then the parson said to the woman: Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband? and she said:

Why, said the young man, furiously, you said you would say I winna. I know that, said the young woman, but I've changed my mind since.

"GOD BLESS OUR HOME."

"In a home in the country, not far from town," says the Cattlesburg, Ky., Independent, "there may be seen quite a pile of sewing lying on the floor, nearly in the middle of the room: that has been undisturbed for more myself over as I dropped and push myself clear of the building. When than six months. At that time the the man looked out of the window I head of the house wanted a chair, and was describing a beautiful curve seeing but one handy, he dumped to through the air preparatory to landthe floor, the sewing which lay upon ing safely on my feet.
it. His wife asked him to pick it up. "The man disappeared from the He said he wouldn't do it. She told window and was back again in an intibility of disposition."

THE RULING PASSION. Husband, rushing into the room, Come out, quick! Wife-What's the matter?

The house is on fire, and we will burnt to death if we hesitate a moment. Run, run for your life! Yes, I'll be out in a minute. I've got to tidy up the room a little, so that it will look descent when the firemen get

DIPLOMACY.

RETIRED BURGLAR.

UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE WITH A FLYING TRAPEZE

Second Story Experiment That He Made On Only One Occasion-Made a Miscalculation and Went Crashing Through

"Once in the course of my experience, and only once," said the retired burglar, "I tried to get into a house by a flying trapeze. That was when I was young in the business, and young in years. There was a big comfort able-looking house in a town I had made a few visits to that summer that had a window that sort of fascinated me. It was always open, the lower my clothing marked -with cabalistic gies to another; others, believing that sash thrown up back of the upper; but signs, and that a variation of a few variety is the very champagne of life, this window was in the gable end of the house, where there was no veranda in fact perfectly safe to leave it broad and so many ounces of underwear. I to amass fortunes. No living man has deceased, is continued by the undersigned open as they did, day and night, be- read also in one crazy paper that cause nobody could reach it without a ladder. But I never looked at that if one was only on the level with it. to the corridor stairs, then to the low-"Standing in the lawn about twenty feet from the end of this house there

out toward the house had a curious sort of turn or elbow in it that grew in such a way that it had a nearly as I gol horizontal section running about ten feet from the house and about ten could swing into that window from the straight stretch of limb. I'd just perience of slight exposure. been seeing some circus stunts done on a swinging bar, and I didn't see why I couldn't swing on one well stitution; don't occupy overheated enough to land on that window sill rooms at any time; live out of doors at

piece of twine and A NAIL FOR A WEIGHT,

to make some little experiments and of good, fresh air, even if the weather have to be to strike the window sill. muffled throats, overburdened with I tied the string with the nail weight on the horizontal limb, and swung it away from the house, the limb that I breath of air and women singers who There is a reasonable proba- intended to swing from myself when I hide themselves in a mass of carriage bility that France and Germany will had the trapeze ready. I swung it to get a length that would bring the that one of the factors which threat- ward I could put my feet and legs are the ones who first begin to cough. paper editor. ened that long-expected world con- through the window, and bend 'em down and hold on by 'em there inside tremes and expose yourself in raw, rowly escaped becoming a very wealthy Mercercau's Photo trapeze to one of the window blinds to between wise caution and keep it there while I was exploring the tendency among monarchs to work the house, and when I came back to in favor of peace is the growing in- the window, loaded up, I was going to

> try it I shinned up the tree and made \$5,000 by missing a performance I have a barrister. it fast. I had a twine tied to the tra- invariably pocketed the loss for the

BEFORE YOU KNEW IT. But I didn't forget myself. I'd pracpeaceful tendencies pervade the great tised this and I kept my feet and legs to curve 'em through the open window holding out the clive branch to France, and clinch 'em there; but somehow I yet effects big results. When you are ter dark, but he wandered in, partly and Nicholas II. in throwing open the had made a miscalculation in trying out doors always keep a bit of candy ports of his new territory on the same the ropes, or else at the very last instant I went wrong with my feet, for solve slowly in the mouth, to moisten curiosity. He writes: instead of thrusting my feet through merely voice the spirit of equality and the open space of the lower window I jabbed them both plumb through the double sash above, up to my knees. I let go of the trapeze in the excite- chocolate caramel in my mouth, letting ment, which I don't think was surpris- it dissolve as slowly as possible." ing, and the next instant I was hang-

ing head downward outside; with my bag, that I had my tools in, that I had carried by a strap over my shoulder. "When I smashed through those two windows I made as much noise as factory, and I knew, of course, that it imbibed, that doesn't come in the way that I've given you up, then I can get another chap. So we'll have banns published, and when the wedding day windows, though I knew I should fall woman's rights the world over. She, the child of ity, but she reached out a patronizing hand and nodded an approving nod to woman's rights the world over. She, the child of ity, but she reached out a patronizing hand and nodded an approving nod to woman's rights the world over. She, the child of ity, but she reached out a patronizing hand and nodded an approving nod to woman's rights the world over. She, the child of ity, but she reached out a patronizing hand and nodded an approving nod to woman's rights the world over. She, the minute I got 'em out. But. so to speak, sei the stamp of her own Wilt thow have this woman to be thy though I'd lost the trapeze in that queenly favor upon the woman moveone moment's excitement when I ment that should count for much with

The day came, and when the minister | touch now, and so break my fall somebe thy wedded wife? the man an- all things turn myself over so that "I yanked one leg partly clear and then the other, the glass rattling and

THE SASHES SMASHING you about really happened in next to is very great. no time at all-and I know if I was To be correct, we must wear two degoing to go at all I'a got to go then, licate gold and jeweled chains around and I just yanked and smashed both our necks, two or three gold bangles, legs clear of the frames, settling down diamond lace pins, costly rings, collars of pearls and jeweled hat pins in the enough on that window sill to turn daytime.

him as he threw it there, it could re- stant, and then there was a flash main until he got ready to pick it up. from a shot gun; but it didn't do any She would never touch it, and there damage; it was dark and by that time it remains, a memorial to an incompation of the latter I was a little too far off to be hit by a man whose aim was likely under such circumstances to be more or less warmed by a boiler heated by an oil bar of less warmed by a boiler heated by an oil bar of less warmed by a boiler heated by an oil bar such circumstances to be more or less warmed by a boiler heated by an oil been distening to our conversation uncertain anyway. But there had lamp underneath, and ventilated by When he discovered that he had not been danger enough in hanging head narrow air holes. A moist sponge in- a purchaser to deal with he came fordown on the side of the house from a side keeps the air humid, and a ther- ward brusquely. second storey wondow and taking the mometer shows the temperature. chance on getting righted up before you struck the ground and I made up my mind that one try with the trapeze was all I wanted; I was satisfied after that with cellar windows, and that sort of thing."

> Jonas W. Thompson, of Pine Plains, N.Y., found a black snake milking one of his heifers. He struck the reptile with a stick, and it attacked him, in New York have immense mirrors said he was the heaviest taxpayer. sinking its fangs in his leg. Thompson behind the counters, so that when they

ADVICE TO SINGERS.

Precautions Employed by Mme. Pattl Rules by Which to Preserve the Voice. 1 don't believe in coddling myself and making my throat too tender." said Mme. Patti to a young woman who sought her advice. "I kept any Dr. Wallace, M.P., who recently died vocal powers at their full by extreme in harness, is an apt illustration therecare, but you will notice, if you have of. The late politician started his life been told of my rules of life, that I ve as a preacher, then he became an edinever made myself sensitive to slight or, a banker, a legislator, and a pub-

"Of course a great deal of rubbish Mail. has been written about my dread of taking cold, and I have been informed put their hands to a variety of call-

window without thinking of what an cold air outside, except by easy stages, profession or occupation that he has easy way into the house it would be and that to go from the concert room not applied himself to. Poet, preacher, er hall, the lobby, the vestibule and plomatist, doctor - these are but a was a big tree, with stout, big branch-es. One of these branches that grew operation which takes me half an hour, an few of this many-sided monarch's ac-

"ACCLIMATISING ' MYSELF

"All that is rubbish, of course-that would warn you not to make yourself "Harden yourself; build up your con-

least for two hours every day, and walk and drive. That's my advice. Then, don't be afraid to breathe plenty wraps-men singers who turn up the "On the other hand, don't go to ex-

FOOLISH CODDLING. "If there are any special rules by get on the trapeze and cast loose and which I have preserved my voice they swing back to the tree and go my are pretty well indicated in what have just said, and in my invariable "Well, I got the exact length that rule of sparing my voice when it is not the trapeze wanted to be to reach in perfect order. There lies the real from the under side of that limb to danger to singers, not in exposure to the window sill, and then I made, at cold air so much as to singing when peace, and monarchs in these days are home, a trapeze to carry me over. I pature says "The voice is in need of made a decided bit II. compelled to defer to the popular will had rope engs plenty long enough to rest," and when the delicate organ in all their undertakings. It is no wind around the limb, and I had the should not be fatigued or even used. hanging part measured exactly so I "Where one voice is injured by excould make the trapeze fast with just posure to cold twenty are burt by could make the trapeze fast with just posure to cold twenty are hurt by Then his first romance took the town

on it, grasped the ropes in either hand "The little things of life make up its everything in turns and nothing long and when I saw all ready swung off. total, and a little precaution in a He has been a clerk, shorthand writ-"It seemed like a tremendous drop singer's career is what counts and adds er, commercial traveller, school teach influence as the years pass. No mon- going down but I did not have long to the span of her stage life. For in- er and actor. To-day he is a playarch, not even the Czar of absolutist to think of it, I made just one swish stance, one should never allow the wright, author and journalist. down through the air and was going throat to become dry. Keep it moist. The hot, dry air of an overheated room is very bad for it, parching it and tending to encourage inflammation. And when out walking or driving it is nations to a degree never before shown straight out in front of me and ready apt to become dry and hard, in cold as well as in warm weather. Let me geria, to a street of caged women. It when I came to it, and then drop 'em give advice. It's a little thing, and seems it is forbidden to Europeans af-

> the palate and the throat and to keep "I never go out, summer or winter. riding, driving or walking, without a

TEA WITH THE QUEEN.

A cup of tea with the Queen of Engisn't likely, because there is a compli-

A DIAMOND SEASON.

What changes fashion goes through! when I did go down I'd strike the One season it is not correct to wear ground on my feet and not on my many jewels; the next we crowd on all dusky gold sheen. She had been tak-

that we posses. as I pulled on 'em, and I settled down but opals or sapphires. This season is until I could touch the sill below with a diamond year, and we see them worn my fingers. Then I heard the bed in that room jouncing under somebody springing up out of it—you see all this that it takes me some time to tell you about really happened in part to it.

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ic lecturer, says the London Daily

of the eccentric means I use to avoid ings. In some cases failure in one purit. It has been said that I have all suit has made them devote their enerdegrees in the weather will cause me have changed their occupation from to add to or take from my clothing, so motives of recreation, and not solely I tapped life at so many points as the never pass from a heated room to the German Emperor. There is hardly a soldier, sailor, musician, mechanic, di-

> complishments. His uncle, the Prince of Wales, is not far behind him in the variety of parts he has played. Science, literature, the fine arts, the drama, politics-in each of these subjects, to mention but a few, the Prince could give many men who are following some one of them professionally a long start. Further, he has been called to the bar, and enrolled as a medical man. It will thus be evident that, if it was at all necessary for his Royal Highness to earn his daily bread, he would prove

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION. Leaving the royal atmosphere, there are many examples of more lowly mortals who have appeared on life's stage Whether our patrons be RICH or see just how long the trapeze would is cold. The people who go about with in different characters. Mr. Bret Harte toiled industriously in many pursuits until he found his true vocation in enfrom another limb back of it, further collars of their coats at the slightest riching Anglo-Saxon literature by his vivid stories of life in California. Starting as a miner, he developed into a rugs and cover their faces with laces school-master, and then became in turn trapeze just so that when I swung for and woollen when carriage driving express messenger, printer, and news-

Fortunately for literature, he narand slip off the bar onto the window damp air, especially at nightfall. Be man by selling his interest in a mine sill. Then I was going to tie the sensible, and preserve a happy medium before its value had been discovered. One day he sat down, and, over a pipe, scribbled a poem of humour - "The Heathen Chinee," to wit-which made him a man of fame. It was laid down as a truism that

to become a successful novelist one should have seen life in many of its phase, and as this has been the experience of Mr. F. C. Phillips, the author, of "As in a Looking Glass," one Laths made a decided hit. He began his ca- Paling reer in the army, but abandoned the consult his own prejudices and am- the right length below the limb. singing when the voice is not in good by storm and brought lucre to his Bappel Heading bitions solely, as was done by Louis When the night came that I was to condition. Even when I've had to lose pocket. Afterwards he developed int

sphere, but previously was nearly Dimensioned Lumber

CAGED BEAUTIES.

Mr. William Shark describes in London Literature a visit, while in Althrough incident, partly through

"Some women were in barred rooms, and some in cages, offered for sale. "The woman in the first cage I passed was rather pretty, and, though her hair was dark, she had pale blue eyes. Her long, loose tresses were everywhere clasped with little blue broochlage had been courting for several dangling down below me now with the land, is a cup of tea worth the having, of her ears and her finger tips were even if it proves to be slops, which stained a dull red. She accosted me in Moorish-French, and asked me if I you'd hear in blowing up a crockery ment, an honor lurking in each cup would not like to take her away from these jackals of Moors and Arabs. I would only be a mighty short time be- of every one. And when the Queen said I was a stranger, a wayfarer, and fore there was somebody around, and I made a great effort to get free. I knew I would go smashing down on the ground, but I wanted to take the chances on that rather than be caught, who actually partook of her hospital-

> 'One girl's face and manner impressed me greatly. She was not beautiful, hardly pretty, but she had a singularly winsome face, with large fine, gazelle-like eyes. She was a European, a Spaniard from one of the Balearic Isles. Strangely, she was very fair, with blonde hair full of a en to Oran, at the extreme western One time pearls are the rage; the end of Algeria, by a Spanish naval ofnext year no one will wear anything ficer, and there in a few weeks been large & Fresh Supply deserted. For some months she was a derelict in that old Hispano-Mauresrocco. There a rich Moor had taken her to his harem. On his death, a few months later, she had been purchased by a Jew from Algiers, and straighthad grown tired of her in turn and placed her in the street cage, an article for sale. For some minutes I stook talking to the poor, imprisoned Holders, etc. or "baby hatcher," of a new kind, has creature, when a passing guard took commended by Dr. Buden, of the Aca- and return to the foreign quarter. He me in French to move away at once demie de Medecine, Paris. It is de- had passed on before I could see his signed to foster new-born infants, es- face. The next moment I descried the

"'Do you want her or not?' he demanded, sneeringly, in gutteral Algerian French. 'No? Then be off with you, infidel dog, and by the way you came if you value your skin!"

NOT ALWAYS THE SAME.

Yes, I've heard him spoken of sometimes, but I didn't know he was the richest man in his ward. I didn't say he was the richest. I

Certainly, he replied promptly, if you thought that his leg will have to be can see if he transfers any gems to his pockets.

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