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Notwithstanding the outcry in Germany against the seizure of the Bundesrath and the Herzog and the searching of another German vessel at Aden, we find it hard to believe that Kaiser Wilhelm II. will depart from the position of neutrality which he has deliberately adopted.

On the other hand, it is probable that Germany would lose not only the whole of her ocean commerce, but also all of her transmarine acquisitions. The same fate would befall the French export and import trade, and all of the French insular possessions, with the possible exception of Madagascar.

How could the allies strike back at England? We do not believe that they would attempt to deal a blow at her commercial interests in China by a further and sweeping mutilation of the Middle Kingdom, for, by such an act, they would be likely to arouse the enmity of the United States.

In the worst event for England, it seems evident that Russia and France would be the only gainers. The two powers last named might console themselves for the ruin of their commerce, the one with Egypt, the other with India.

HOW BOER TRAPS ARE PREPARED.

An Afrikaner in the Paris Matin, writes—"Just you wait until after the capitulation of Ladysmith and Kimberley, and then you will see. Until the British adopt our way of fighting they will never be able to do anything against us, and we are firmly convinced that they will be killed or captured to a man before forcing us back over our own border."

You mustn't play with Mr. Borum's hat, Bobby. It said a young lady who was entertaining a caller, to her small brother. Why mustn't I? asked the youngster. Because you might break it, replied his sister, and besides, he said, the Boer do is to secretly arrive, and then we shall have our hands free to deal with them each in turn as we did with Methuen and Buller.

A DISCIPLE OF MESMER.

I do not know if my dear friend, Jack Conyers, will pardon me for making use of a story which I had from his lips some few weeks ago. But then I have to plead as an excuse that he ought not to be so indiscreet as to confide in a struggling journalist who is ever on the lookout for interesting "copy."

"What shall you do?" asked Conyers eagerly. "I don't know. If, as you say, Mr. O'Neill is a lunatic, what will be the good of giving him the jewels? He certainly will not recognize them. Can't you suggest something?"

Without another word she darted upstairs to her husband and was followed no less quickly by the others. O'Neill was found sitting in an arm-chair gazing into space. When, however, she took it readily enough. He turned it over gravely, opened it, and then, alas! looked at the jewels with locked eyes. They might have been pebbles.

Conyers' plan was very simple. Obtaining a key from Mrs. O'Neill, he went into the adjoining bedroom, and found there a writing desk containing drawers—four in all. He placed the key in the bottom drawer, closed it, then returned to his subject. He gazed straight into his eyes for a few moments, and then commenced making passes with his hands before his face, backward and forward.

Conyers threw his head back in exultation. But he had reckoned without his luck. The tense feeling of every faculty overstrained became almost unbearable. He would not be quick to keep up long. He must be able to keep up long.

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