

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

No fewer than seven portraits of the German emperor are now being painted by three artists in Berlin.

Rev. Sam Jones, in an interview, estimates the number of conversions under his preaching at 150,000 to 200,000.

The duke of Argyle's youngest daughter will marry a Lancashire cotton spinner named Emmott, a quaker and wealthy.

Queen Margherita of Italy is credited with a fondness for the Hebrew language and literature, and with marked proficiency in both.

Of all the great men of England, Salisbury is quoted as the most consequential and autocratic and the one most difficult to approach.

The empress of Austria is as busy as a school girl with her linguistic studies and as interested as a land reformer in her agricultural projects.

In England Artemus Ward has scarcely lost an iota of his popularity as a humorist. English popular opinion has placed him on a level with Mark Twain.

Rudyard Kipling is very ambitious to shingle as a play writer. The English public will probably have an opportunity to judge of his ability in this direction before long.

The annual report shows that last year's visitors to Shakespeare's house at Stratford were more than half Americans, all of whom, it is to be presumed, paid their little shilling.

Capri, the new German chancellor, has a face that reminds the observer of Bismarck's. In manners, however, he is totally unlike the man of blood and iron, for he is mild, conciliatory and courteous.

The present czarina of Russia is said to be the most popular empress the nation ever had. She is loved for her charities, and is as bright and clever as she is elegant. She is passionately fond of dancing.

The late prime minister of Japan held office continuously for twenty years, a long time when the proverbial fickleness of oriental rulers is taken into consideration. He was greatly respected by princes and people alike.

The Duke of Portland is the champion subscriber to newspapers. He takes all the papers of England and a heap more from all over creation. The preceding duke used to do the same thing and filled up three houses with them.

The Countess de Merenberg, who was recently married to a member of the imperial house of Russia, has negro blood in her veins. She is a daughter of the poet Pushkin, who was a descendant of a negro favorite of Peter the Great.

Miss Jenny Lind, a niece of the noted Swedish nightingale, a petite, blue-eyed young woman, is now in America. She is the daughter of a Swedish peasant, and embarked at Stockholm for this port. Miss Jenny is twenty years old and unmarried.

Iconoclasts have sought to throw doubt on the old John Knox house in the Canon-gate of Edinburgh, as the former home of the great Scotch reformer, but Sir Daniel Wilson, of Toronto, the author of "Old Edinburgh," defends the tradition as not inconsistent.

Major Wilhelm von Moltke and Major Helmuth von Moltke, the nephews of the dead field marshal, have been the objects of much interest recently in Germany. Major Helmuth, who was named for his uncle, acted as his personal adjutant, and lived, together with his family, in the house of the general staff.

It is not generally known that the late Marshal von Moltke's wife was an English woman, his sister's stepdaughter. He was many years her senior, but the marriage was extremely happy, and her death was a terrible blow to him. He built a mausoleum for her on his Silesian estate, and was devoted to her memory.

"John, the orangeman," is the most popular member of the under faculty at Harvard college. He has sold fruit to the students since 1856, and has a valuable acquaintance among the distinguished alumni of the university. Sometimes the students take him with them as a mascot when they go away to play an important foot ball or base ball game, and on such occasions, it is hardly necessary to say, John receives all the honors due his position.

Cambridge workhouse is noted for inmates with a title to fame, including Polle Thompson, aged 105, and several other old souls who are within a few years of being centenarians. Now one more celebrity may be added to the list, for an aged woman named Caroline Guelph has just joined the ranks in the "big house." This old lady who has resided in the neighborhood of Peckham for some years, claims royal relationship as a daughter of his majesty King George IV. Caroline Guelph is now seriously ill, and is not expected to recover.

Whatever may be said to the detriment of England's queen by those who do not favor royalty, it must be admitted that she has always displayed a trait that is most pleasing. Though exacting to the verge of severity at times with her servants, few of the sovereigns of Europe or any other country show such regard or consideration for them. When famous old John Brown died her sorrow was almost pathetic, and those not understanding or knowing the facts seized upon the opportunity to ridicule her. Some even carried the matter to the slander point. Since that time, however, opinion has changed materially. It has been observed that her grief at parting with an old servant has not been confined to John Brown; that as one by one her faithful attendants were stricken down the queen's earnest regret has been marked, even in the case of the veriest menial in her employ who had gained her confidence by faithful service. The death of Miss Reynolds at Grasse is the most recent example. When the unexpected demise occurred it is said her majesty was almost completely prostrated the day following the event, and will still further show her regard for the memory of the deceased by erecting at her own expense a costly monument over her remains, which lie in the little cemetery of the beautiful little French town in which the queen had been enjoying a holiday.

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PROGRESS PICKINGS.

Tom—"A miss is as good as a mile." Jack—"Yes, and a great deal better. You can't hug a mile."

Mrs. K.—But are you sure that parrot will talk? The dealer—Certainly, ma'am. It's a female.—Brooklyn Life.

He once was taught, "Thou shalt not steal." At school, at church, and other places; Now, strange to say, his teachers feel Dejected to see him stealing bases.

"I can't find where that plumber did anything to this heater." "Neither could I. I told the man, but he said we'd certainly find it in the bill."

Great janitor—Here, young feller, no smoking allowed in this building. Small but competent boy—I ain't smoking aloud.—Boston Courier.

Bobbs—(Old Skintint is dead. Alas! he could not take anything with him. Dobs—It is rather hard on him. He'll need a fire escape.—Chicago Times.

Mr. Crossly—I tell you before I go that I want beef for dinner, and when I get home what do I find? Mrs. Crossly—Fault, every time.—N. Y. Sun.

Mrs. Fair—The Smiths can't be so poor, Mrs. Smith keeps a hired girl all the time. Mrs. Rich—She's fortunate. I can't keep one more than a week.—N. Y. Press.

Waiter—What kind of soup will you have? Bcenthere—Just plain. Waiter—What do you mean by that? Bcenthere—Without any thumb in it.—Boston Courier.

"It is a pity," said an Irish laborer the other day, as he warmed his hands: "it is a pity that we can't have the cold weather in the summer, and the hot weather in the winter."

Louise—"How is it that you and Jack De Peyster are so cool to each other lately? You used to be such good friends." Ada—"Why, didn't you know that we are engaged?"

Somewhat Ambiguous.—Fond papa—I've brought you home an English pug, my dear. Enraptured daughter—Oh, you dear, good papa: it's just like you.—Princeton Tiger.

Blinkers—Hello, Wickers, hear you married a woman with an independent fortune? Wickers (sadly)—No; I married a fortune with an independent woman.—New York Weekly.

A law student once answered every question on his examination paper by writing "It all depends." Another candidate, being required to draw "a common conveyance," sketched a hansom cab.

Papa (trotting Bobby)—Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross to see an old woman on a white horse. Bobby—"Say, pop." Papa—"Well, what?" Bobby—"Did she have red hair?"—Chicago Tribune.

Rustle—"I thought the Boomtown people were in love with their new minister; I hear he is going to leave." Hustle—"Yes; but he told the people they were going to perdition; and we thought if outsiders got to know it it would hurt the town."

Uncle Jack—"My campaign with Maria lasted three years, and then one day I stormed her heart and she surrendered." Nephew—"Then you enjoyed peace?" "Peace? Boy, that was the beginning of warfare; it's been a battle ever since."

Mr. Pinkie (10 p. m.)—My dear, the doctor says a brisk walk before going to bed will insure sleep to insomnia sufferers like myself. Mrs. Pinkie—Well, my dear, I will clear the room so you can walk. Please carry the baby with you.—New York Weekly.

"Yes, I had all the fellows in town for my rivals when I was courting." "And yet you carried off the prize?" interrupted his enthusiastic friend. "Well," corrected the other slowly, if not severely, "I don't altogether know about that, but I married the girl."—Philadelphia Times.

Dashaway—Well, old man, I see you are back from your Western tour. What part did you take? Billboard—The heavy villain. You see this ring around my neck? That shows the part I took in a hanging scene. Dashaway—Heavens! who suggested such a realistic thing? Billboard (sadly)—The audience.—N. Y. Sun.

Uncle Josh (gazing at the show bills)—Well, I'll be gol darned et I wouldn't be ashamed of myself. His wife—What is the matter, Joshua? Uncle Josh—Why, that lazy feller goes around the country advertising that he is supported by a "charming young actress." Why in thunder don't he go to work?—Drake's Magazine.

Piron, the French author, having been arrested by a night-watchman in the streets of Paris, was taken on the following morning before the lieutenant of police, who haughtily interrogated him concerning his business or profession. "I am a poet," was the reply. "Oh, oh! a poet, are you?" said the official. "I have a brother who is a poet." "Then we are quits," rejoined Piron, "for I have a brother who is a fool!"

A good Austin father gave his son a nickel and sent him to church, and after he came home asked him what the text was. He said he did not know. "Did you forget everything?" asked the parent. "No," said the boy carefully, "I remembered not to put the nickel on the plate." "Why, you heathen!" "If I'm a heathen it's all right. I know for once that the poor heathen got the nickel that was intended for him. I bought some cakes with that nickel.—Texas Sitings.

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