

IN ENGLAND'S CAPITAL.

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING IN THE GREAT CITY.

Jubilee Preparations Changing the Face of the Metropolis—Many Brilliant Gatherings Recorded—Visiting Princesses and Envoys—A Budget of News.

LONDON, June 2.—If you had never seen London and came on a first visit at the present moment you would think it a city entirely built of wood—the principal streets present long vistas of timber; huge stands are being erected everywhere for jubilee day, while many of the noblest mansions have their architectural features completely concealed by huge timber frame-works, extending from basement to roof.

A more brilliant gathering than that at the Foreign Office on Wednesday night to do honor to the Queen's birthday has seldom been seen. This year the decree has gone forth that levee dress must be worn in honor of the Diamond Jubilee; consequently the staircase and corridor, banked up as usual with masses of flowers, presented even a gayer appearance than usual, uniforms of every description combining with the many colored dresses of the ladies to make the tout ensemble as effective as possible. The scene was at its brightest when the royalties arrived and were received (in the absence of Lady Salisbury) by Lady Cranborne and Lady Guendolen Cecil. The Princess of Wales, beautifully dressed in gray satin, occupied the central place on the balcony reserved for distinguished guests, nearer being the Duchess of Connaught in a light brocade gown, and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, in pale yellow. Close by were the Duchess of Marlborough, with an enormous pointed tiara; Lady Londonderry, Lady Cadogan and Mrs. George Curzon.

The Duchesses of Portland, Buccleuch and Roxburghe were all in black, and blazed with jewels. The Duchess of Cleveland wore black and white, with a tiara, necklace and earrings of immense diamonds, and among a host of men were Lord Cork, Lord Selborne, Lord Arran, Lord de Montalt, Lord Suffield, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Claud Hamilton, Lord Berkeley Paget, Lord Stratheden, Lord Cecil Manners, Mr. George Curzon and Dr. Augustus Hare, besides any number of distinguished foreigners.

Last week was very gay, commencing with Mr. Charrington's theatricals in Port street. The cast included Lady Winifride Cary-Elwes, Miss Amice Lowther, Sir William Young and Mr. Elliot, while among the audience were Lady Bristol, Lady Cottenham, Lady Denbigh, Lady Fingall, Lady Herries, Lady Churston, Lady Newton and Lady Howard, of Glos-

son. The same night Lady Leitrim had her ball in Portman Square, but it was somewhat overshadowed by other entertainments; its distinction was somewhat of a family name, there having been present Lady Leitrim's five sisters, all of them married to peers. Mrs. Arthur James' ball was perfection—there was plenty of room for dancing, and all the prettiest women and girls were there and all the smartest and nicest men, including no fewer than four dukes. Mrs. James is a capital hostess, and looked charming in white and silver—altogether her ball was one of the nicest I have been to this season. Everyone went on to Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck's, and I must say, in spite of her misfortune (the electric light going out just as the cotillon began) that it was a delightful dance. The house is beautifully arranged and there were heaps of presents for the cotillon. It was really very funny dancing in that long room by the light of a dozen candles and the gray dawn breaking through the open window. It was very weird and mysterious, and the chaperones who sat on the landing peered into the darkness to try and discover how their girls were getting on. People came late from the state concert and there was an astonishing array of diamonds. The Duchess of Buccleuch was blazing, and wore her diamond ceinture. Countess Deym, Lady Londonderry, Lady Lansdowne, Lady Yarborough, the Duchess of Devonshire were a sort of glittering coruscation of jewels. The Duchess of Montrose's eldest girl and Lady Gosford's daughter were about the youngest girls there, but it was in reality a married women's dance, and there were not many young people. Prince Victor Duple Singh was a wonderful sight in his old 'Royal' uniform. The young Duke of Manchester came on from the concert in uniform; he is not much to look at, but I hear he is such a nice boy. His poor mother the Duchess, has broken the small bone of her leg, and is laid up for six weeks. She fell getting out of her carriage going to dinner, and, though in great pain, she sat through all the evening. When she got

home and the doctor came the leg was so swollen he could hardly set it, but she is doing very well now.

We are all for 'Victoria and Merrie England' today (whether we spell it 'y' or 'ie') with the exception of the Clerk of the Weather, who is making himself highly objectionable in the matter. London is gay with the garbs of 'all nations that on earth do dwell' waiting to do Victoria homage, but

The clouds are in the skies,
And e dust in our eyes,
And the cold wind cuts and drives,

The native and foreign princes and foreign envoys are lighting up London with all the colors of the rainbow. The military tournament is setting the pulses of the City of Jubilee beating to the war dance of the world.

The Earl's Court Victorian Era Exhibition, with its galleries, its gardens, and its wealth of wonders, has opened its hospitable doors, and everything promises for pleasure, pomp and pageantry—except the weather, and to fill our hearts with joy it has been predicted by a weather prophet that we are to have a violent snow storm on June 22. I don't believe it. My own opinion is that it is just one of those ghastly things that people imagine for the purpose of creating a sensation. True, the Derby was once run in a snow storm—that was Hermit's year. The Queen's weather never includes snow storms, and a snow storm at the end of June would be an entirely new record. June the 22nd will be bright and beautiful. After months of bitter east wind we may fairly expect that we shall be able to attend the jubilee without overcoats. The sky will be a cloudless blue. There will be just a soft breeze to fan our cheeks and make the packed stands agreeable during the long summer day's outing. Fancy a jubilee procession of closed carriages and princes on horseback looking like a cavalcade of Father Christmases.

A good many of the large houses in London are changing hands for the jubilee season. Many reasons are assigned for this, mostly the ill health of the owners; in some cases I shrewdly suspect the temptation to earn an honest penny is hard to resist. Lady Wimborne's health has for some time been very satisfactory, so Lord Wimborne has let his house, therefore the hospitalities of this superb establishment will be somewhat curtailed. To my mind no house can be imagined better adapted for large entertainments than Wimborne House. Situated in Arlington street, its back windows looking onto St. James' Park, its position is perfect. Holland House which is a treasure-house of beauty and interest, will be closed this season on account of family bereavement. An almost historic house on the river, is also changing hands for three months, and it is the first time that General Owen Williams has let his beautiful place at Temple Lock, where he generally entertained right royally and where the Prince of Wales has more than once been a guest.

On Thursday I went to a most dainty and interesting fan exhibition, held in the beautiful room of the Drapers' Hall. It was arranged by the worshipful Company of Fanmakers, and opened by Princess Louise on Wednesday. It would be impossible to do anything like justice to a description of the exquisite beauty of design and workmanship of many, almost all, of the designs sent up for competition. Of those sent up by the royal family most belong to the period of Louis XIV, with Watteau designs painted on chicken skin; the sticks of mother-of-pearl or ivory being for the most part exquisitely embossed in gold. One sent by her Majesty the Queen has a melancholy interest attached to it, having once belonged to the beautiful but unfortunate Marie Antoinette. It is very small and dainty, painted on ivory, and depicts a group of Graces in the centre, with various little scenes and figures scattered over the fan. Another of the eighteenth century, lent by Mrs. L. de Rothschild, is very beautiful, being of ivory inlaid with gold, and painted in such a way that it looks almost as though tiny blue and white cameos had been inserted.

Rarely, if ever, have so many perfect teams been seen at a meet of the two driving clubs as in Hyde Park on Friday and Saturday, when the Four-in-Hand Club mustered 27 coaches, and the Coaching Club turned out 36 strong; Lord William Beresford, with Lily, Duchess of Marlborough, beside him, attracted most notice, because of the brilliant attire of Sir Pertab Singh and Kunward Bhokal Singh, whose Indian garments struck a refreshing note of color; but it was a great pity that the weather did not behave better. The coaches started on both days with a commendable punctuality, but on each occasion the delusive sunshine suddenly vanished, and before Hyde Park Corner was reached down came a pelting shower, which brought every wrap into requisition. The plucky way in which ladies on the box seats forebore to raise umbrellas was most admirable and no less than 11 husbands had their wives beside them—an example of gallantry which marks reversion to more chivalric ideas.

Fanny D., who you will remember, you met when you were staying with me, paid me a visit yesterday with a budget of news from Paris, where she has been staying for the last two months. She was very full of

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a 'fete' given by the Papal Nuncio at his residence at the Park Monceau, to which she had been invited; you know Fanny is of the old faith. This is the first time that a Roman Catholic dignity has ever entertained ladies at a reception. Almost all the ladies were dressed after the portraits of Louis Treize, the most striking costumes being that worn by the Duchess de Noailles, who wore a costume copied from the dress of Anne d'Antriche, after the well-known portrait, which hangs in the Louvre.

WHERE WOMEN IS EXALTED.

Man Treats Her as Though She Were an Angel and She Appreciates It.

All plantation life is to a considerable extent patriarchal, except that, instead of the women being subordinated to masculine pleasure and aggrandizement, as with the patriarchs of old, they are set on a pedestal and practically worshipped. It makes little difference to this modern patriarch of the cotton belt if his cuffs are frayed and his coat rusty, so long as his wife and daughters wear suits to church that are as stylish as his corps can pay for and their village dressmaker can advise. It is a feature of the day in the South as well as elsewhere that are being better educated than men. In the Northern States of the union this higher culture is tending manifestly to celibacy, but in rural localities through the South the girls come back from academies and colleges and accept the young men who stayed at home to work the plantations, the same ones they would have married had they not gone away for the education the parents sacrificed so much to bestow. They know what material these men are made of, and in the attraction between the eternal womanly and the eternal manly the question of learning counts for little.

To lead a patriarchal life without a patriarch would be dull indeed, and it must be said that it requires courage of a superior order to remain single in a situation which would offer little aim and stimulus outside of wifehood and maternity after youth has waned. For this reason youth is considered the high prize, the valuable capital and stock in trade.

The women fade no earlier than their Northern sisters, but, owing to an inherited habit of thought, the label of decay is respectfully fastened on them by the popular mind while they are still in their prime, and in the Northern and Eastern States would be accounted capable of all things, even of marrying well.

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