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THE KING'S PURSE.

One of the first duties of the British Parliament, at the opening of a new reign. is to make suitable provisions for the personal expenditures of the sovereign. A select committee is appointed to make estimates of the sums needed for various purposes, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is a veritable 'watch dog of the treasury,' is present to check a tendency towards extravagance.

There is no disposition to be niggardly, for all are concerned that proper state should be maintained. The annual allowance to the late queen was nearly two million dollars; the estimate agreed upon for King EDWARD is about a third of a million dollars more. It was foreseen that there would need to be a considerable increase over the allowance for the late queen partly because the king's tastes are less simple than were those of his mother, and partly because there must be a separate allowance for Queen ALEXANDRA. This allowance accounts for one-half of the total increase. There is a new item of fifty thousand dollars for the king's personal staff, and an addition of about one hundred thousand dollars to the cost of maintaining his majesty's household.

In addition to the provision for the king and queen, a generous allowance is to be made for the heir apparent, the Duke of Cornwall, and the duchess and also for the king's three daughters, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria and Princess Charles of Denmark. Altogether the maintenance of royalty is an expensive matter, but the cost is not begrudged by Parliament or people.

EROS.

The little planet Eros, so interesting on account of its occasional close approach to the earth, turns out to be curious and interesting in other ways also. During the past season, while astronomers have been observing its position among the stars every day and hour when it could be seen, for the purpose of determining the solar parallax, they have noted that its brightness is continually changing rapidly and pretty regularly, running up and down again in about two hours and a half. The maximum brightness is about twice as great as the minimum.

If the changes and intervals were all exactly equal, everything could be explained by merely supposing that the planet has one side darker than the other, and revolves once in two and a half hours. But there are systematic inequalities in the intervals, and brightnesses which complicate the matter, and can be better explained on the theory that the planet is spotted in quarters, so to speak, with dark and light regions alternating, but not quite equal or symmetrical. If this be the case the true time of rotation is a little over five hours.

The observations, especially those made at Paris, can, however, be still more closely satisfied by supposing with the French astronomer Andre, a very high authority, that Eros is really a 'pair fof twins'-a 'double planet' or system, resembling the 'spectroscopic binaries,' and many of the variable stars. According to Andre's calculations, the two bodies concerned are about of a size, with a mean density about the same as that of Mars, greatly flattened at the poles,-like a pincushion,-revolving in about five and a quarter hours in an orbit nearly circular, and with their equaters almost in contact. It will take es, Devel, 17 Waterlee.

more extended observation to decide between the rival theories.

The new bishop of London has already given his diocese a glimpse of his sterling democracy. Speaking to an audience of working men at a neighborhood settlement house in White-chapel, he said that he had often noticed in coffee houses the sign, 'A pull-up for cabmen." He intended to make the settlement house "a good pull-up for bishops." His office, he found, required that he keep a carriage; but if any of his hearers saw him driving alone he hoped they would give him a hail; he should be glad to give them a lift. Bishop Ingram has been a most sympathetic and successful worker among the poor and untortunate of East London, to whom he is a familiar figure and a trusted friend. The king has recently placed the stamp of royal approval on his work by appointing him dean of the royal chapels.

A witness to ocean solitude recently reached Liverpool. A four masted vessel, which sailed seven months before from San Francisco, entered the Mersey. Since leaving the Golden Gate she had not been spoken. Absolute silence concerning her through more than half a year, and then she appears to answer to all inquiries and speculations. So far as human knowledge goes, it was as it vessel and crew had sailed out of life, and been swallowed up in mys. tery for those days and months. The ocean, as yet, does not suffer from overcrowding. What Everett called its mighty repose is still a symbol of quiet and of rest.

A Dog and a Wreck.

Many a life has been saved by a Newfoundland dog, but dog never did braver deed than one brought to remembrance by a story in our Dumb Animals. The incident occurred some years ago.

A vessel was driven on the beach of Lydd, in Kent, England. The sea was very high. Eight men clung to the wreck, which was every moment in danger of going to pieces. No boat could be got off through the storm to help the despairing sailors, and it looked as if they would drown before the eyes of the watchers upon the land.

Presently a gentleman came along the beach accompanied by his Newfoundland dog. The gentleman directed the animal's attention to the vessel, and then put a short stick in his mouth. The dog at once com. prehended his master's meaning, and plung ed into the sea.

Bravely he fought his way through the angry waves, but he could not get close enough to the vessel to deliver that with which he had been charged. The crew, however, understood what was wanted, and making tast a rope to another piece of wood, they threw the wood toward the dog.

The intelligent animal at once dropped his own piece of wood and seized that which had been thrown to him. Then he started for the shore. Again and again he was lost under the waves, but with almost incredible determination he held on to the stick and dragged the rope through the surf till he delivered it to his master. A line of communication was thus made with the vessel, and every man on board was saved.

Varying Information.

A traveller who took the trans Siberian route across the Russias says in 'A New Way Around an Old World' that the pre liminary answers to his questions about ways and means were delightful in their diversity. In America, Japan, China and even Russia he was cheerfully misled, in various fashions, about his journey.

No two people agreed concerning it, or came within sight of agreement. These were the comments upon his scheme:

'It can't be done.'

'You can do it easily.' 'It will take two months.'

'You can go through in twenty-two

lays. 'You will get stuck on the sand-bars for

'You will have no difficulty whatsoever.' 'The steamers run only occasionally, and do not begin until June.'

'The steamers run daily, and the river is Up from the toings that creep, Nearer the rain, the singing. open early in May.' 'You will need heavy clothes and all

your winter furs.' 'You will find delightful summer weather.

'You will have to ride in cattle-cars when you have ended your journey by

'You will have the most luxurious railway accommodations in the world.'

The result of experiment was, however, that the journey was full of discomforts and delays, and yet proved well worth the trouble.

Chairs Be-cented Cane, Splint, Perferals

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Innocence.

Now the colt is gavly skipping Where the happy zephyrs zip, And his uncomplaining mother Stands aside to let him skip; With a blissful satisfaction Now and then he hoists his heels, And a dozen times an hour Stops a while to take his meals.

Dh. he doesn'tknow that men are lying bleeding in And he isn't causing trouble by his greed for worldly riches;

Not a care is on his mind As he rises up behind And permits his lengthy legs to lightly dangle in the wind.

Oh, the spotted calf is tugging At its rope, behind the shed, And displaying wild impatience And imploring to be fed; Now the farmer's wife approaches And she bears a brimming pail, There's a Lisk of satisfaction

In the baby bossy's tail; With his nose he bumps the bottom and he sends the bubbles flying And he skins the lady's knuckles and she cuffs him

sadly sighing, But the bossy bumps away. Knowing not that men today a little shining metal steal and strive and scheme and slay.

Ob, the lambkins gaily frolic In the seven-acre lot, With their lunches always ready To be taken on the spot, And the pig that went exploring Sadly runs along the fence And is sending up a protest

That is mournful and immense. While his brothers and his sisters, with unbounded satisfaction. Turn and line up in their places and forthwith get into action

Caring rothing for the old Worldly s ruggles after gold n the markets where men's honor and their lives are bought and sold.

Hepathica.

When April in her genial mood, And leasy smells are in the wood, In sunny nook, by bank or brook, Behold this lovely sisterhood.

A spirit sleeping in the mold, And tucked about by leafage old, Opens an eye blue as the sky, Nor deems that she is overbold.

Refore a leaf is on the tree, Before I see the bumblebee, She bears a voice. 'Arise, rejoice.' And in furry vestments greeteth me. Before the oven-bird has sung,

Or thrush or chewink found a tongue. She ventures out and looks about, And once again the word is young. Sometimes she stands in white array, Sometimes as pink as dawning day,

Or every shade of azure made,

And oft with breath as sweet as May, Sometimes she bideth all alone, And lifts her cup beside a stone, A child at play along the way,

When all her happy mates have flown. Again in bands she beams around. And brightens all the littered ground, And holds the gaze in leafless ways-A concert sweet without a sound.

Like robin's song or bluebird's wing, Or throats that make the marshes ring. Her beaming face and winsome grace Are greetings from the heart of spring.

The Lament of Pegasus.

In vain from the barn sounds my piteous neighing, In vain do I stamp with my fire shod hoofs. On the sides of my stall are my wings sadly fraying Oh! I long to be off over hilltops and roofs.

I had heped that E Markham might do his spring plowing, White I plodded patiently, row after row, In harness ahead of him, thereby allowing A rest to the overworked man with the hoe.

But Markham's forgotten, alas, all about me, He's become a commerical, acquisitive bard, And he reels off his sonnets and ballads without me And closes them out at five dollars a yard.

believed that Al Austin could never refuse me A chance to tell Kruger Britannia must rule, But Austin it seems, is unable to use me, And the job is let out to the government mule.

And then there was Kipling, who often would mount me, And ride over ships, love, and armies rough shod so boldly that men soon began to account me The spirit incarnate of some Hinde o god.

But by and by Kipling began to get tired, And now I shall have no more gallops with him; He's got past the time when a man is inspired, And is giving his time to a heathen called Kim.

All chance to get out for a run is denied me; Just think how a haltered up Pegasus feels, Though other fair poets there are who could ride They'd rather take chances with automobiles. -J J Montague.

Mister Sum mer. Mister Summer say he comin'-

Know it by de way All de honey bees is hummin'-Sun shine ever' day. Mister Summer say he commin'-Chillun, cl'ar de way !

Mister Summer say he comin'-Ain't got long ter stay; Possum gone, but peach come on-Melons atter May ! Mister Summer say he comin'-Chillun, cl'ar de way !

Growing.

Yes, I will grow like a tree. Nothing shall keep me from waking Down in the dark, and breaking Out of the earth to see!-Feeling with eager fingers Aller an unseen light Warm through through the chill that lingers, Lifting me out from night Up toward the days outbreaking.

Yes, I will grow like a tree. Nothing shall kept me from growing: Nothing shall hold me from growing The sun that is calling me. Ever apace with Time Up through the earth rain fed, Nearer the glow I c imb, Hearing above my head Laughter of life overflowing.

April, what are you bringing After the winters sleep ! Here will I climb, nor tire; Oh, and the thirst is mine Ever to the journey higher Unto the wide divine Air where the clouds go winging.

Bud, are you through the sod ? Here, in a glory of wonder, Where all the shadows sinks under The living garden of God ? Ah, what a mighty patience Fed all the trees that won To these thousandfold exultations,-Toiling to find the sun Till they clove the dark asunder!

will arise and climb,
Higher to higher growing:
Hail to the four winds blowing, And a good morning, Time ! If I but grow, for speech,

If I sing leaves, not words,

Yet will I call and reach,—

Oh, I will shelter the birds I

Yes, I am here, and growing.



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News of the Passing Week

Aguinaldo is studying English.

Corea will borrow \$2,500,000 from

There is a glut of chesp wines at Lis-

bon. The Mad Mullah is at Lassidar with 40,000 followers.

The Baroness Burdett Coutts is report ed to be dying.

J. Pierpont Morgan, at Paris, denies that he has heart trouble.

Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Austria will soon be resumed.

There will be a general strike of Social ists in Barcelona on May Day.

M. Decroix, veterinary surgeon of the French army, is dead, aged 80 years.

In Portugal a decree has been passed ordering the secularization of religious

The Glasgow census returns show a total of 740,429 population, an increase in decade of 195,615.

Saturday atternoon eighteen persons were hurt by the overturning of a tramcar at Northampton, Eng.

Emperor William has ordered a new play, or an anti-Socialistic tenor, and it will be presented at Berlin Royal Theatre.

Advices from New Guinea say that the natives on Fly River recently murdered Rev James Chalmers and Rev Oliver Tomkins.

Dr Menke, leader of a German scientific expedition in the South Sea. Islands, has been murdered by natives of Macquar;

Owing to the recent rains the Seine is running like a millrace through Paris and in some places overflowing the lower level

The force under Commandant Bokshurg, composed of 106 men with wagons and rifles, have surrendered near Middelburg, Transvaal colony.

There was a daring robbery of the mails at Moncton, N. B., Monday night between 8 and 9 o'clock. All registered matter

from St. John and Halifax was taken. Gov. Odell at Albany, Monday night signed the Greater New York charter amendment bill passed over Mayor Van

Wyck's veto Monday by the legislature. A despatch from Madrid to the London Daily Express says that the Canary Islands have been swept by a cyclone, killing 12 persons and doing great damage to

property. The continued drought has produced water famine throughout the isthmus especially among the poorer classes. The railroads' free distribution daily helps to

allay the suffering. A Philadelphia doctor is suing the estate of the late State Senator Chris. L. Magee, on a bill for \$190,000 for professional services during the the Senator's last

illnass, 21 months. The Petit Blue, Brussels, publishes despatch saying that Dr. Leyds has sent to the German foreign office a formal protest against the supplying of arms and guns to England by Germany.

A Chicago paper says a systematic organization has been started in Indiana to make David B. Hill, of New York, the Democratic nominee for president at the next national convention.

A body found floating in the upper Cocheco river, near Dover, N. H., Monday forencon has been identified as that of Bernard McGeough, about 38 years of age, a former employe of the Cocheco mills.

Sec. Hay and Lord Pauncetote, the British ambassador, Monday exchanged ratifications of the treaty ratified by the Senate last session amending the British extradition treaty by the addition of three articles.

An order issued by Sec. Root in Washington assigns Brig Gen James F. Wade to command the department of Southern Luzon in place of Gen Bates and Brig Gen Ludlow to command the department of the Visayas, in place of Gen Huges.

A cablegram was received at the War table for three.'

department, Washington, Monday, from Havana, saying that Cuban commission now on its way there, consists of five delegates and one interpreter. The War department is making arrangements to care for the delegation.

It is understood in Rome that Monsignor Francois Tarnassi, the present internuncio at The Hague has been selected an apostolic delegate to the United States.

A strike on the new drydock at the Boston navy yard resulted in several strikers and a walking delegate of the hoisting engineers union being rounded up and thrown out of the yard by a detail of marines.

A despatch from Vienna to the London Express asserts that as an income of the violent agitation. Archduke Francis, the heir apparent, has, at the command of the Emperor severed his connection with the Catholic union.

Owne and Arthur Smith, two boys were walking along the railroad track at Middletown, N. Y., when the fast express bore down on them. They were pulled from the track with a garden rake by Owne's father, just in time to save their lives.

The bill of Senator Slater prohibiting the shooting of live pigeons was killed in the assembly at Albany, Monday. The defeat of the measure was followed by charges and counter charges of lobbying and at one time it looked as if strong personalities would be indulged in.

Two Columbian officials arrived at Kingston, Ja., on the steamer Orinoco, last Sunday, from Colon on a secret mission, which, it is believed is to discover the source whence the Columbian rebels are getting supplies. The general situation in Columbia remains unchanged.

Men at work on a new factory on the bank of the Niagara Monday afternoon report that they saw a man in a rowboat swept over the falls. They saw the man evidently tried to cross the river, but the current was too strong. Up to a late hour Monday night the story could not be confirmed.

The army transport Rawlins, which sank at the government dock in Brooklyn on April 10, while on fire, was floated Tuesday. The cargo of grain will be removed and driod. The interior fitting will have to be replaced but in other respects the ship was not damaged very much. She will be drydocked for repairs.

It is understood in Washington that a protocol has been signed between France and Venezuela by which the diplomatic relations long suspended between the countries is now to be resumed. It is expected in this connection that the Marquis Ju de Lojas, one of the most prominent Venezue. lan statesmen will be the minister of France under the present readjustment.

Late Tuesday atternoon articles for the world's fair to be held in St. Louis in 1903 to celebrate the Louisiana purchase centennial were filled in the office of recorder of deeds, St. Louis, and Wednesdey simi. lar papers will be filed with the secretary of state at Jefferson city. The capital stock is \$6,000,000 of which \$5,000,000 is subscribed and \$500,000 paid up.

Strange Behavior.

A mirth provoking scene took place in the palace of a former Duke of Hamilton. The duke had invited one of his neigh. bors, a plain spoken laird, to stop at the palace for luncheon after the conclusion of a business transaction.

The laird was not used to the luxuries of life, and watched with an impatient eye the flittings about of a liveried servant who seemed to be everywhere at once, anticipating the lairds wants in a way that struck the rustic as positively uncanny.

At last the guest turned deliberately about in his chair and addressed the ser-

vant in a tone of considerable irritation. What are ye dance, dance, dancing about the room for, man?' he demanded. 'Can ye no draw in your chair and sit doon? I'm sure there's enough on the