

BOARDING WITH THE NOBILITY.

An American Visitor's Experience in England.

HE OBTAINED ENTERTAINMENT BY TITLED LADIES

At Ten Guineas a Week.

SOME OF THE OFFERS.

New York, Aug. 11.—A cable despatch published in this city last week stated that London society was considerably wrought up over the publication of a letter in the Daily Mail, signed "American Visitor." The writer of this letter declared that for the weekly sum of ten guineas (about 460) he was being entertained by a dowager countess for the Goodwood and Cowes season, the arrangement including introductions to titled persons on condition that the boarder did not wear American clothes and hid his American accent.

The American cabled for the letter in full, and here it is: Off Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 1.—I am in a chair under an awning on the deck of a noble yacht that today makes a unit in the great floating forest of Cowes, having dined well at a board graced by the presence of probably more real aristocrats than all my confreres in Wall street have ever seen. I am a mere moneyed American, of confessedly snobbish tendencies, and I do not feel pleased with myself; nor is my contempt for my fellow-Americans diminished by the reflection that indirectly I shall pay for that dinner. On the contrary the fact that I have entertained, unknown to themselves, some of the proudest and bluest-blooded owners of pedigrees in Burke's, is a tit-bit lending a flavor to my cigar. The latter, which I suspect will cost me a dollar in my board bill, I extracted from a box bearing a coronet inscribed with a motto that since Bolingbroke's days has been the watchword of generations of fighters for the King.

I am the first paying guest to be received into the bosom of the distinguished but impoverished family bearing this crest. For something approaching my chief clerk's salary, \$45,000, the dowager Countess, my present landlady, undertook to receive me for Goodwood and Cowes, introducing me to a certain number of her titled friends.

Through an Advertisement.

I made the dowager Countess's acquaintance through an advertisement in the "board and apartments wanted" column of The Morning Post, announcing my ambition to mix in good English society, approximate terms to be stated. The dowager's was one of 38 replies received, half of them bearing coronets and the names of people making a splash in society, as we "vulgar Americans" term it. One application bore an impressive daub of purple wax with a coronet and strawberry leaves. A great Duchess was ambitious to be my landlady.

"Try to come and see me in time for Cowes," the Duchess wrote. "There I shall be able to give you valuable introductions. My terms are ten guineas a week."

A second application, signed by a great lady without whose name no issue of the Court Circular would be complete, read:

"I can introduce you, if you are not too American, to the Prince of Monaco. I will telephone you tomorrow when we can arrange an interview at my house."

"This lady declined to mention terms, leaving that delicate matter to be settled by myself. For the ridiculously recompense of four guineas a week I was offered a house and the assistance of its titled owner, who undertook to introduce me the first week to one Peer of the realm, to another Peer's nephew, to her sister-in-law, Lady —, and her niece, Countess —."

"Thus," she wrote, "you see, I can offer you the best society."

Other Applications.

Of the many applications received, my secretary decided on the dowager countess, as she seemed to offer the best opportunities, so that I found that for six shillings and nine pence

the cost of my advertisement, the doors of the highest English society were flung wide open to welcome me. Next day the successful applicant, the dowager countess herself, telephoned me.

Americans visiting England criticize your non-hustling and non-bus-besslike ways, but they ought to have dealings with some bill-burdened, entail-ridden aristocrats looking for paying guests, and they would shed that idea. No Wall street hustler could have handled the telephone better than the dowager, and the way she stuck through subsequent negotiations made me thank my stars and stripes that I had no need to talk dollars to her every day. The dowager made me put away all my American clothes before she would consent to temporarily adopt me, and she expressed the wish that I do the same with my American accent. I find the latter feat difficult, but during the week at Goodwood and by hard practice I have rubbed off the sharper corners of my objectionable twang, and the dowager gives me daily lessons after lunch on the yacht.

A Pleasant Experience.

on one of the smartest yachts in the Cowes roads, satisfied with everybody and everything, for I am certainly getting my money's worth. Gracefully reclining in a chair nearby is one of the most beautiful debutantes of the season. She is the dowager's youngest daughter, and, being an impressionable bachelor, with enough money to build up the shattered fortunes of this good old family—it is curious, but my cigar smoke makes a succession of rings.

Nearby sits the dowager Countess. In the glow of the setting sun she looks almost pretty again, and I can believe the story that in the mid-Victorian days she was an autocratic Queen of beauty, at whose frown men went tiger-hunting in India and did other desperate things. The stories must be true, for the dowager herself told me.

Leaning over the dowager's chair stands her eldest son, the present Earl. Her sweet old face is upturned to him, and I note her hair is almost white. I know that the Earl is indignant that his mother has taken a paying guest, and she is defending her action on the ground that everybody does it. The Earl rubs me smartly at every opportunity, but his Lordship must be careful, or I shall tell him that I could obtain as good accommodation elsewhere at cheaper rates. Besides, I'll no longer allow him to teach me bridge at sixpenny points.

An American Visitor. With the text of this letter The Mail sent The American a note saying the writer of the letter had submitted the documentary evidence establishing the genuineness of the communications mentioned.

NAVAL STRENGTH.

British Battleships Should be of the Largest and Best Type.

London, Aug. 10.—Replying to criticism of the naval expenditure in the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, warmly defended the outlay. He said it was more important now than ever before that British battleships especially should be of the largest and best type.

Referring to submarine boats, Lord Selborne said their value for defensive purposes had been abundantly proved. They were a great addition to the national strength. He did not believe submarine boats had reached their limit of improvement or usefulness.

The lessons from the war in the far east, he continued, were the importance of the personnel, the necessity for having a margin of strength, and the fact that without battleships no power could hold or win command of the sea.

Lord Selborne said the offer of Lord Goschen, made when he was First Lord of the Admiralty, that if other nations would agree to diminish their rate of shipbuilding Great Britain would not be slow to join the movement, had not been withdrawn, but the conditions now were more complicated. A few years ago it would have sufficed if France and Great Britain had agreed to diminish their shipbuilding, but now there were almost half a dozen great naval powers, and Great Britain and France must consider the expenditure of other powers. The two-power standard was convenient as regards battleships, but had never had its application to cruisers or torpedo boats.

Continuing, Lord Selborne, referring to the newspaper comparisons of the gunnery and strength of the German vessels which recently had visited England, pointed out that the German ships carried eighteen 6-inch

guns, compared with twelve on the ships of the British Channel squadron, but the British ships carried 10-inch, 12-inch and 11½-inch guns, while there was not a single gun on the German visiting fleet with a calibre over 9.4 inch.

Human Body Has its Equinoctial Storms.

In its march from the Cradle to the Grave, the Body Has its Periods of Change Which are Associated With Alarming Disturbances.

To keep abreast in the unceasing race that confronts us, both energy and reserve strength are essential. Power is money—that's the way we resolve it today; yet even when evidence of failing strength and dwindling power becomes manifest, very few of us face the actual condition and deal with it as we would with something involving monetary value.

Thousands of people are falling behind in the race of life simply because they are failing in strength. Instead of using Ferrozone, which revitalizes all the functions of the body, forms rich, red blood, improves digestion, thereby renewing vitality and endurance, they simply drift along until the doctor or undertaker confronts them.

If Ferrozone was unpleasant to take, or if its action were not immediate and permanent, if physical improvement were not of the highest value to the individual, there might be some excuse for deferring the use of this remarkable tonic.

If your health is unimpaired, then Ferrozone may be dispensed with. But if health and vigor give you more power and comfort, can't you see the foolishness of denying yourself the many advantages of using such a grand medicine?

Do the fair thing by yourself, go right to your druggist and get Ferrozone. You will then know what perfect health, good spirits and strong nerves really mean.

Ferrozone, like other good things is grossly substituted, so insist on getting Ferrozone, which is prepared in tablet form and sold for only 50c. a box, six boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers, or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PICNIC.

Very Successful Affair at Fredericton Junction.

The picnic held on the 26th of July by the Roman Catholics of Fredericton Junction was quite successful, the amount realized being about three hundred and ninety-six dollars. There were a great many guests provided, and the prizes were numerous and costly.

The dinner and tea tables were tastefully decorated, and were in charge of Miss M. C. Sheehan and Mrs. Thomas Heenan. The ice cream table was in charge of the Misses Mary and Katie Burns, the candy table Miss Mary Coleman, refreshment table Messrs. Hugh Simpson and James Burns. A very pretty sofa pillow made by Miss Mary Burns, was won by Miss Josephine McKeena of St. John.

Rev. Fr. McDermott and congregation thank most cordially the Protestant denominations for their kindness in helping to make this picnic a success, also thanks are extended to some of the Fredericton firms who contributed prizes, namely Messrs. Fowler, Neill, Whelpley, Farrell Bros., Tennant, Davis & Clarke, Dever Bros., R. T. Mack, Emack Bros., A. Staplee, Chestnut & Sons, and Arthur Ryan.

Woman is often referred to by man as "doubling his joys and halving his sorrows." That may be complimentary but it would seem to be rather hard on the woman. For in plain terms it means that where things are going well with the man his wife makes them go better. But when things are going ill with him, he expects the wife to share his burden. And there's more truth than poetry in this presentation of masculine selfishness. Men don't appreciate the fact that the strain of motherhood alone is a burden bigger than all the loads that rest upon male shoulders. They see the wife grow thin, pale, nervous and worn without a thought that she is over-burdened. Among the pleasant letters received by Dr. Pierce are those from husbands who have waked up before it was too late to the crushing burdens laid upon the wife, and in the search for help have found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a restorative which has given back to the mother the health of the maiden and the maiden's happiness. "Favorite Prescription" always helps, and almost always cures. It has perfectly cured ninety-eight out of every hundred women who have used it when afflicted with diseases peculiar to women.

STAND SMASHED.

Regrettable Incident in Reception to Pte. Perry at Toronto.

FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE COSLAPRE.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—A universal desire on the part of a host of people to personally congratulate Private Perry, caused a regrettable accident in which several persons were injured last evening. The injured were:

Charles Goodhand, 30 Wellington Avenue, leg broken.

Edward McLaritz, 332 Bathurst street, leg fractured.

Hiram Johnston, 807 Palmerston Avenue, leg fractured.

Harry Hawkins, Davisville, leg sprained.

An unknown youth, leg sprained.

The public speaking at the reception in front of the university had just ceased, and Private Perry had been sitting for a moment engaged in examining the gold watch which his former comrades in the Royal Grenadiers had given him.

"Perry, stand up till we see you," shouted a voice from the edge of the platform. The modest young man came from his moment of peace and mounted the table reserved for representatives of the press. There was a cheer at his appearance, his full height standing out distinctly under the electric light. In a moment there was a rush for him, and fifty hands were outstretched to welcome and congratulate him. The efforts were never realized. Without a moment's warning there was a sinking sensation, and as gracefully as a sheet of paper drops flat downward the platform crashed to the ground, all sides at the same time, from the sheer weight which was upon it. Private Perry hesitated, then jumped, and was lost sight of in the crowd.

The great throng were for the moment stupefied, it was all so sudden and so unexpected. While the platform was dropping the magnificent grandfather's clock which the city had given Private Perry was seen to be tottering over, and there were prospects of a serious smash when ready hands caught it, and prevented it falling completely over, though the great metallic weight inside fell, smashing the bottom almost to kindling wood. The clock cared for and the cabinet of silver carried to the table and placed under guard, there was concern for the injured, if any there might be.

"Clear the platform, there's a child underneath," shouted a militia officer. The cry was taken up and enforced with vigor, and the absence of the appearance of anyone at the edges gave a sickening sensation as though someone had been crushed to death. The planks were speedily lifted one by one, but no one was visible. Then, as the crowd were gradually driven back, several wounded ones were found. They were all boys or young men, and the situation called for emergency appliances. Goodhand was seen to be the most seriously hurt, and his ashen face betokened the agony he suffered. Militiamen rose to the occasion, and in a twinkling several chairs were smashed to fragments. The bottom of one of these was broken in two parts, one placed on each side of Goodhand's leg, and from nowhere in particular a bandage was produced and the young man's leg bound up in splints. Goodhand and McLaritz were standing together and the former's right leg was broken and the latter's left leg fractured, doubtless by the same plank. Dr. T. G. Archibald, of the Toronto Light Horse, attended Goodhand. The ambulance was sent for, and when it arrived Goodhand was conveyed to it upon a stretcher, when he was seen to be calmly smoking his pipe. He was taken to the Western Hospital. McLaritz and Johnston were removed to their homes in another ambulance. The accident occasioned great excitement and caused several women to faint and add to the confusion. The darkness which marked the great space in which the crowd congregated, also added to the doubt and misgiving. Eventually the people were satisfied that the accident was not as serious as it might have been, and by 10.30 the majority had gone home, regretting that anything should have marred a celebration entered upon with such whole-hearted zeal.

BRITAIN'S PROTEST.

The Payment of an Indemnity will not Settle the Knight Commander Case.

London, Aug. 10.—With reference to the constitution of a special Admir-

alty Court at the Russian capital to reconsider the case of the British steamer Knight Commander, announced in the Associated Press despatches from St. Petersburg last night, the British officials are confident that it will reverse the decision of the prize court at Vladivostok. They maintain that the decision declaring the steamer to be a lawful prize was not justified by international law and whatever the vessel carried Admiral Jessen had no right to sink her. Great Britain will not accept a settlement merely by the payment of a monetary indemnity, but insists that a broad principle shall be established. This Russia cannot admit at this moment, in view of the finding of the Vladivostok court, but if the new court declares, as the British government anticipates, that international law did not justify the sinking of a neutral ship, then the question will be capable of adjustment.

The Foreign Office here denies that there will be any reference of the Knight Commander question to The Hague arbitration court, and says it is a matter for direct negotiations between the two governments and that in view of the earnest desire of both to reach a peaceful agreement it is believed that a satisfactory settlement will be reached.

The Associated Press learns that, irrespective of the question whether the British steamer Knight Commander was a lawful prize, Great Britain's protest against the sinking of that vessel by the Vladivostok squadron goes further than the right of Russia to destroy a neutral ship in advance of the judgment of a prize court, and while she does not specifically ask for compensation for damages she does so by implication.

A NOTED HORSEMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Mr. Antoine Wendling, owner of Devereux 2114, and proprietor of the Clifton House, Brockville, says no liniment compares with Nerviline for general use around the stable. For strains, sprains, swellings, internal pains and especially for affections of the whirl bone Nerviline is unequalled. Mr. Wendling believes Nerviline is indispensable as a horse liniment; it has strength, penetrating power and works thoroughly. Every horse and stock owner should use Nerviline. Sold in large 25c. bottles.

Gibson and St. Marys.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald)

Aug. 11.—The death occurred at Gibson on Tuesday of Murray, the three months old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Logan. Meningitis of the brain was the cause. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2.30. Eosign Bowring of the S. A. officiated and interment was made at Sunny Bank.

The funeral of Douglas Macklin, the eight year old son of Morris Macklin of St. Marys, took place yesterday afternoon at four o'clock from the home of his parents. Rev. Mr. Crip had charge of the service. A comparatively large number of carriages followed the little body to Sunny Bank where interment was made. John G. Adams was undertaker in charge. The number of floral pieces which were sent went to show the many friends which he, in his short life had made. The floral offerings were:

Crescent—Methodist church and Sunday School.

Cut flowers—Mrs. Sanford Clayton.

Cut flowers—Mrs. Hammond.

Cut flowers—Miss Colwell.

Cut flowers—Jennie and Mary George. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Macklin of St. Marys, wish through the columns of this paper to thank their many friends who in so many ways showed their kindness to little Douglas during his illness and to them in their recent sad bereavement.

Mrs. Gaudet, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Val. Magee at St. Marys, has returned home.

Mr. Harry Jones has accepted the position as book keeper in Mr. Burt's general store at Burt's Corner. He left on Monday to take up his work.

The Misses Fanny and Bertie Dayton leave on Saturday for McGowan's Wharf where they will remain till the latter part of September. During their stay there they will board at Vandine's hotel.

EVERY LADY SHOULD KNOW

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