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HERONS AND ROOKS.

Interesting Facts About These British Land Birds.

Herons and rooks are the only two kinds of British land birds that unite in companies in the breeding season, says the London *Standard*. ...ndant food supply is probably the reason for ...llection of any given site by either of these "The instinct of finding food for the ...predominant," says Prof. Newton, "and ... food is there will the feeders be ...th herons and rooks nest ... and since the food ..., frogs and water ... pond snails and ...found near ponds ...wking was at ... Its breed- ... and severe ... young or ...nineteenth ... in Essex ... o lanner ...gbound ... from this ... heron hawking. ..., may be conjured up. All ..., from the flushing of the ... when heron and hawks come ... ground, and the falconer runs ...ave his birds from being transfixed by the "spear" of the heron. With the decay of hawking heronries ceased to be protected as they had formerly been, and where kept up were maintained as appurtenances of ancient houses. One ...most famous was that formerly existing at ... near Spalding. It was here that ...nted 80 nests upon one oak tree; ...don of this heronry in a letter to ... evoked the enthusiastic reply: ... is of such a bird on a tree is a ... could ... half or many miles to ... have a sight of."

Heronries, varying greatly in the number of nests, exist in almost every county in England and Wales. In Scotland and Ireland the breeding places are still more numerous, though the nests in any one colony are generally few. Within easy journey from the heart of London are two heronries where the birds are now nesting and rearing their young. One is in Richmond Park. It would probably be unknown to many people, but for the fact that the cutting down of some trees on which herons had built, and the consequent destruction of the nests, gave rise to indignant protests from bird lovers and put a stop to the ill-timed thinning of the Penn Ponds plantation. The official reply to a question in Parliament was to the effect that there was still a large number of nests, and the birds disturbed appeared to have again rested. The heronry in Wanstead Park is much larger and of far more interest to Londoners, for it is, so to speak, at their very doors, and, thanks to the city corporation, it belongs to them forever. Crossing Wanstead flats and entering the park one passes by ponds white with the dainty flowers of the water crowfoot, on for a little way past the chalet and the old hunting lodge till the grotto is reached, when the path bends to the left and leads round the water in which lies Lincoln Island, with its tall elms, where the herons breed. Formerly these birds built in the trees on the island in what is still called the Heron pond; but they migrated to their present quarters many years ago. Special precautions are taken to prevent their being disturbed during the breeding season, and there are more nests now than there were when the park was opened to the public in 1882. Then there were 40. The number rose to 51 in 1889 and reached a maximum of 68 in 1894. Last year they decreased by seven and this year there are only 50. Mr. Buxton says, in his book on Epping Forest: "The birds do not seem to mind the people; but I think there is some danger of their being evicted by the rooks." There is so much difference in size between a heron and a rook that most people would assume that in a contest the victory must almost inevitably lie with the larger bird armed as it is with a long sharp bill that has been proved over and over again to be an admirable weapon of offence and defence. They would also think that when herons are driven from their nesting places by rooks it must necessarily be by a process of mobbing. This may sometimes be the case, but battles royal between these birds for the possession of nesting places are recorded; and Mr. Howard Saunders tells how, at Malin in Donegal, the two species never retired to rest without a skirmish, in which the rooks were the aggressors. At the Birch heronry, near Colchester, the rooks are kept down in the belief probably correct—that they destroy the herons' eggs—a crime of which the keeper in Wanstead Park does not believe his rooks to be guilty. He says the principal of such ravages on the carrion crows, which, no doubt, do take toll of such nests as come in their way. But the rook is not a bird to stick at trifles in matters of this kind. Mr. Bartlett has borne testimony to its guilt as an egg stealer from the nests of waterfowl in the Zoological Gardens. There is no doubt that the habits of rooks have of late years undergone a remarkable change. Formerly they lived chiefly on grubs and worms, but as the supply of this kind of food has greatly diminished by better farming they have been compelled to seek new means of subsistence. The guilt of the rooks in the matter of herons' eggs at Wanstead would seem to be established by the fact that the decrease in the number of herons' nests this year is coincident with an increase of rooks' nests. Of these there were 180 a year 250; this year there are 400. Fortunately, the remedy is an easy one—to keep down the rooks.

MARRIAGE AGENCIES IN PARIS.

People Regard the Business as a Perfectly Legitimate One.

[From the Illustrated London News.]

Albert D. Vandam gives an interesting description of a Parisian marriage agency. "All that the Paris agencies of the best standing undertake to do," he says, "is to bring the parties together, not only by means of epistolary correspondence, but through personal introduction; and this is so skilfully—I may say delicately—managed that neither the parents nor relatives of the girl nor she herself have the slightest suspicion of it being a planned thing. My statement holds good even in the case where the girl's friends have had recourse to the agency. I could produce evidence that in France hundreds of girls, absolutely unexceptionable in every respect, some positively handsome, many pretty and a few altogether unfavored by nature, and all of these dowered to a greater or lesser extent, enter wedlock through the intermediary of the four or five well-known matrimonial agencies of Paris. The reader must take my word for it and absolve me from explaining. Each agency published a bi-monthly journal, which is sent to all the railway book stalls, hotels, clubs and circulating libraries throughout France, especially, and often to smaller establishments across the frontier. Its price, postpaid and in a sealed envelope, is one franc per copy. The subscription to the agency is 50 francs, which the subscriber may take out in advertisements if he likes, and in consideration of which he is entitled to correspond with any or all the advertisers in the paper until the supposed right partner for life is found. In the event of a marriage being contracted through the agency's intermediary the agency claims 2½ per cent. from the bridegroom on the marriage portion of the bride, or a sum fixed beforehand in the reverse case. The recipient of the letter knows the writer's name; the writer is absolutely ignorant of the recipient's. The whole of the correspondence passes through the hands of the agency, which supplies special envelopes for the purpose.

"But there is no necessity whatever to advertise. The candidate for wedlock may apply personally to the directress of the agency—it is generally a woman. That is what I did when I wanted materials and facts for my article on the subject. I paid my 50 francs and stated my qualifications and prospects. Next morning I had a letter asking me to call at the office of the agency. "I think I have got what you want, said the principal. And then she gave me the full particulars of the young girl whom she had in view for me. Neither the girl nor her parents had the remotest idea that the agency was destining itself for her happiness. It was to see my possible fiancee two evenings later on at an 'at home.' The photograph hereafter was to take me. From two or three remarks she dropped I felt convinced that she knew pretty well all about my position, except the important fact that I was a married man. I did not absolutely carry my marriage certificate on my back. Two evenings afterward the principal, who might have passed muster in the best society, fetched me in her own, or what seemed her own, carriage; and in about half an hour I found myself in the apartment of a gentleman holding a by no means subordinate governmental appointment. I knew him by sight, but he did not know me. He was simply subsidized by the prime pal of the agency. Subsequent experiences taught me that he was simply one out of a hundred. I was introduced to the young lady and her parents. Of course, next morning I pretended to have changed my mind. I would remain a bachelor, I said, for another twelvemonth or so. But I took the trouble of verifying the principal's statements. Every one, including that of the £10,000 dowry, was strictly correct. Whether I should have been accepted by Sealskin or her parents if I had pursued the affair to the last stage but one is another thing. I doubt it, for every one of my statements would have been also sifted by the principal, and there were a good many that would not have washed."

DAIRYING IS PROFITABLE.

Dairying is the most profitable business for a farmer engaged in this work. Nothing goes out but butter, all of which consists of the carbon drawn from the air. Everything taken from the land goes back to it in the manure and whatever food may be purchased adds to it. It is better to buy food than fertilizers. The food well used pays for itself, but the fertilizers cost money which must come out of the crop. The manure made from the food costs nothing and the crop is all gain. This is the great benefit of this method of farming, and for a worn or overcropped farm there is no other way in which it may be restored so quickly or so cheaply, or rather so profitably, for there is profit from the first. And if the dairyman is skilful and can make fine butter that will sell for ten cents or more above the common market price he will have an easy time of improving a run-down farm, for all he sells is drawn from the inexhaustible atmosphere, and whatever he takes from the land is given back to it and the land, like mercy, gives doubly; it returns what it receives, and by the mere act of producing a crop it is made to increase in productiveness by the benefit from its cultivation.

Art Is Non-Partisan.—Pentsel—Who is the fat figure that Uncle Sam is jumping on in this sketch?

Brushess—Dunno; haven't sold it yet. It'll do either for Mark Hanna or a British manufacturer, according to the campaign club that buys it.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

BRITISH ZOLLVEREIN.

FRANCE WATCHES THE MOVEMENT WITH INTEREST.

The Late Jules Simon—Colonial Affairs—Curious Cafe—Socialist Burial.

[Correspondence of the GLOBE.]

PARIS, June 20.

The French follow with keen interest the movement in England for a zollverein, or commercial union, within her empire of 320,000,000 of people—greater than that of Russia, France and Germany put together and whose area is vaster than all the Russias, while her wealth, strength and resources, and that have never been conquered, are in keeping. The idea is admitted to have now come within the sphere of practical politics by starting from a kind of fair and free trade within the imperial empire, striking a nominal tax on the foreigners' exports to the British colonies and the same upon his imports, raw materials especially, into Motherland. That moderate taxation could be applied to the maintenance of an omnipotent intercolonial navy and to keep colonial defences in a state of up-to-date efficiency. The wave of protectionism is expanding over modern states, and the likely advent of Mr. McKinley to the White House next March will give a fresh impulse to the flux of protection while relegating free trade to the limbo of smashed idols. England can still adore the "Ion," but within her borders and alone. She is the only faithful worshipper of unfettered commerce among the faithless. But her future depends upon hand-in-hand family trading; as she cannot "everlastingly" breast the tide she must tack and float with the current. Locked out by the foreigner she must look herself in among her own purchasers and consumers.

It may be said not a discordant note has disturbed the unanimous expression of regret on the

DEATH OF JULES SIMON.

Yet in his half a century of public life no man had been more abused, vilified and caricatured than the deceased. He was like M. Thiers, an old umbrella, and so accustomed to showers of railing. His aphorism in life was, forgive and forget. He was in his 82nd year and as he lay on his death bed he looked 20 years younger. Of late his eyesight failed and he underwent operations for cataract. It was his wife that was his amanuensis, who accompanied him to meetings of the Senate, the Academies and the charitable societies over which he presided and for whose objects he so eloquently pleaded. It was his wife who linked him to these trysting places and arm in arm they returned—Bancis and Autigone at once. Jules Simon was born in Lorient, of which town the composer Victor Masse was also a native. His origin was humble and he was the architect of his own, not fortune, but celebrity, for the man who was several times minister, once premier and occupying many high posts died as he was born and lived—poor. His books brought him some income, but it was by journalism he supported himself. He dictated his daily articles, since his sight failed, to Madame Simon and she despatched them.

He resided on a top flat, before the Madelein church, and where the obsequies of the

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decreed him have been celebrated, for he was a devout and unpharisaical catholic, though one half of the world believed he was an Israelite and almost the other moiety a materialist. This was due perhaps to the fundamental doctrine of his life, toleration and liberty. His humble home was popularly, and not untruly, known as the "Garret;" it was a salon, but only for men, and during half a century it was the head centre for all that was liberal and intellectual in France. Matured and rising talents there met and fraternized, while the host by his learning, experience and eloquence not only charmed but instructed. Professor of human philosophy he was the assistant of Victor Cousin at the Sarbonne and became his successor till he was dismissed and exiled for not bowing the knee to the 1851 coup d'etat. And later, when he re-entered France his "garret" was more dreaded by the Second Empire than Krupp cannon. It was the pivot of the opposition which demolished the Second Empire. His favorite Greek philosopher was Plotinus and whom he much resembled in character, life uprightness and eloquent teaching. In dealing with that philosopher Simon and his pupils mutually shed tears.

Necessity made Simon a politician, but it was a kind of life these tortuous ways he disliked. He chose always the department of public instruction and that he presided over. It is to him that France is indebted for her present system of

FREE AND OBLIGATORY PUBLIC EDUCATION,

but he at the same time advocated freedom for private instruction. Being returned deputy to the Corps Legislatif, Jules Simon devoted his time to measures for the amelioration of the working classes; he organized a monster petition throughout France in 1870 in favor of free and compulsory national education. His humble home was filled with bales of signed petitions; "these," said he with a sigh to a visitor on the evening of the declaration of war against Germany, "will serve as wadding for cannons." The communists burned the manuscript of his intended work, "Roman Stoicism," that was to be published in three volumes. When minister his greatest joy was to steal away from his palatial official residence to his "garret," enjoy his old arm chair and his overstocked library while the servant prepared his dinner—a chop, a vegetable, some fruit and a carafe of water. When he handed in his letter of resignation to MacMahon as premier an official called on him later to take his orders as to removing his private furniture from his official residence. "Thanks; it is already done; I brought all away with me in the cab this morning and on route delivered my letter of resignation." Jules Simon will live in his books, because they are human documents; to that shrine the other excellencies of his model life form the incense. *Vale!*

Since the

BRILLIANT VICTORIES

of the Anglo-Egyptians over the Dervishes on the road to Dongola and where hard work must yet be expected, even sedate newspapers here appear to be off their heads. They pervert the Prophets and parrots the Psalms to denounce England for remaining in Egypt, where the French decamped, though bound by treaty—valuable as all modern treaties are—to aid the British to clear out Arabi Pasha. Once bitten twice shy is the matter of dual controls. The French writhe at their eyes in England's cool resolve to reconquer the Soudan provinces for Egypt and by *ricochet* for the nation, placing them under her own protectorate for the Khedive. They believe such a paper pellet as the law suit of the *cause* cash advance could lure her aside from the career of her humor. Before the suit arrives at the Appeal Court the Mahdi will be smashed and the territories occupied *a la* Madagascar. The *entente* between England and the triple alliance is as mysterious as that between France and Russia. But it would be dangerous to touch at the quadruplists. The world feels sick and ashamed at the Cretan massacres and would gladly see Young replace Old Turkey in its style of extermination of the Christians. The Koran never wishes its believers to "Hit heaven by making earth a hell." That appears to be the price payable for the maintenance of European peace. It is enough to make the college of cardinals join a Greek "Thoasand."

THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION.

There is no more capital to be made out of the Boer than out of the Venezuelan question. It may be taken for granted that England has promised the Kaiser a free hand—in Syria, for example and Morocco, less Tangiers or Holland, and the Canary Islands—elsewhere; but to him the Cape Colony alone. In time then Uncle Paul and Cecil Rhodes—the former knows the Psalms both of David and of "Ike"—will meet together "in mercy and truth and Drs. Jameson and Leyds will kiss each other like righteousness and peace." All well that ends well. Should Cecil Rhodes to connect the Cape with the Nile, General Joubert may rest assured that neither Sirdar Kitchener nor Sir Herbert Stumm or Wyly ever march upon Pretoria with their Soudanese stalwarts. By then the rough Almond Boers will be transformed into Anglo-Afrikanders.

The Anglo-Gabrielle has had hard times since he revisited the slopes of our moon. It was a very unbusinesslike arrangement to allow himself to be run by Madlle. Ouedon. The latter took an action against two journalists, who expressed their belief that she was totally unknown to the archangel and was only an ordinary not a celestially inspired fortune teller, etc. Mademoiselle claimed 25,000fr. damages; she was accorded only 100fr., while the writers were fined 25fr. each for not recalling Lord Chesterfield's letters to his son That ruling of the books has completely killed the archangel industry.

There is no scarcity of hells in Paris; hence it is refreshing to find a new rest opened on the Boulevard Clichy called the

CAFE DU CIEL.

It is too close to the cafes of the "Dead Rat" and the "Skeletons." However, they are in a special astronomical propinquity. The cafe of Heaven burns red lights like the Moulin Rouge and its warming arms, and blue, recalling the spectral or sepulchral glamor of the rival squelettes, where the tables have the form of coffins, the seats like crematory cars, the walls well hung with Dances of Death frescoes and statuary in the form of real skulls, more or less grinning tibia, fibia and other osseous terms ending in las. The "Shocker Out" is armed with a scythe and an hour glass. The portico of the new heaven beer saloon is ornamented with a large statue of an angel with wings in position and outstretched arms appealing to the public to enter; this angel has been already christened Mademoiselle Comdom; artist Gilbert may be glad to hear the statue is "colored;" cemetery slate shade. The actual entrances are on the model of church or cloister doors. Inside demi-virgins will bring books of beer or glasses of absinthe. *A fin de siecle* lady pianist on a bicycle touches the hymns.

Rochefort has just performed the

SOCIALIST BURIAL SERVICE

over an old lady who lived and died in the village of Boulogne, outside Paris. During his exile in England, whenever a case of misfortune was signalled in Rochefort's paper, he received a money order to relieve the misery from an anonymous lady. When he arrived in Paris a free man this lady gave her name and address in confidence and asked Rochefort to call on her. He did so. Said she, "I wanted to give you 100,000fr. for the socialist miners at Carmaux; the money, in gold and bank notes, is in this old valise, take it, allocate it, but return the portmanteau." Her funeral has just taken place, Rochefort related her modest history and noble life; in accordance with her wish he and the assembled socio-communists threw a handful of clay on her coffin and promised never again to allude to her. Such talents ought not to remain covered up in a napkin. Mme. Dembourg, you are translated.

WHERE YOU MAY LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH

[Outing for May.]

In 1891, according to the government estimate, over 700,000 horses had been slaughtered in the Argentine Republic for their hides alone, the sales furnishing the figures. Also that a horse was cheaper than a coat, that the beggars rode from place to place and declined to walk, and that if a horse were offered them as alms they would unhesitatingly refuse it, that being about the meanest thing which could be offered to them.

This looks like extravagance and is justified by the residents by various excuses, but I do not think that any distance of market can compensate for a waste of strength which might be easily realized upon in a land where a bonus of $25 was being then paid to every immigrant, however poor, or of what nationality, who came to settle and work. And one of the horses is well worth any four of the 10,000 immigrants I saw landing in Buenos Ayres.

HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

The Idea Repulsive to the Average Civilized Man.

Not as Strict Now as it Was a Few Decades Ago.

[From the Pall Mall Gazette.]

["Who Are Our Brethren," by W. D. Howells, in the April Century.]

But to the average civilized man the notion of human brotherhood is not only dismaying; it is repulsive, as the physical contact of a stranger would be. We are all, by our difference of traditions and conditions, more or less aliens to one another—"infinitely repellant particles," like the sentences of Emerson. When we meet an unknown fellowman our instinct, if not to "heave half a brick" at him, is to have nothing to do with him because we do not know him; we wish to shun and to shirk him. But if we meet an unknown fellowman in good society we behave decently to him, because the ideal of society is equality among guests and between hosts and guests. We have to suppose that he is something like ourselves or he would not be in good society; and so we consent to endure him, and when we have been civil to him we find that we like him a little; we like him greatly if it appears that he is of like aspirations and endeavors with ourselves. In any case we make a show of liking him, for any show of disliking him would be vulgar. But the only terms of great liking are parity of aspiration and endeavor.

Without this we cannot have fraternity, and when we have this we shall have a brotherhood liberated from those irksome burdens and galling ties which society now inflicts upon natural brotherhood. Society does this ignorantly, of course, in a conception of the family which is a survival of the times when one family was adverse to another, when each was the germ of an unfriendly gens, tribe, clan, and each of its embattled members might not so unjustly be made to answer for all the others.

But in civilization the individual, not the family, has been found to be the social unit; he is precious and it is he who is regarded. He is regarded in and for himself and not because he is akin to this, that, or the other one. If he does wrong he is punished and none of his kin are made to suffer through the state, as they are in bar-aross countries, where the innocent kindred of a public enemy have their eyes put out when he is put to death. In this the state shows itself more humane than society, which still regards the family as the unit so far as to blame a man if his brother errs and to defame all his brethren if the man himself goes wrong. Society still recognizes fraternity only in the natural sense and has yet to learn that any love between brothers is altogether supernatural and not an instinct, like the love of offspring.

Fraternity is supernatural, as all civility is. The man was an animal and nature; now he is a citizen and supernatural, so far as he is civilized. What we may do is to civilize him so thoroughly that this fraternal feeling will impart itself to all humanity. At present the most of men do not wish to share in the blessings of supernatural fraternity, because they dread in them some latent quality of the annoyance they find in natural fraternity. From the brotherhood of blood, which they did not choose or seek, they often break away as soon as they can and treat their brothers on a business footing. They buy and sell with them; they lend and borrow, and take and give usury, or it, for shame's sake, they do not they secretly feel defrauded. They live apart from one another and keep their families separate. If one brother prospers beyond the others they are suspicious of him, and justly, for at the bottom of his heart he knows that they are no longer his equals and fears that they will some time or way put him to shame before his equals all thought it very droll when the new rich man ceased to ask his brother to dinner, and said: "The man knew the line somewhere, but he will ...ve it afterward." But, alas! the Scottish Sabbath breakers, and they are legion, only scoff at such judgments.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE IN SCOTLAND.

Not as Strict Now as it Was a Few Decades Ago.

[From the Pall Mall Gazette.]

For some time past it has been painfully evident to the student of men and things north of the Tweed that Scotland is degenerating—that she is slowly but surely falling from her high estate. During the past few years many and wonderful changes have occurred in the northern kingdom, but perhaps the most noteworthy of these is the extraordinary change which has taken place in the observance of the first day of the week. When the magistrates of Glasgow a few years ago authorized the running of the tramway cars on Sunday it was predicted that a terrible judgment would fall upon that city on account of its wickedness, and perhaps it is due to the gloomy prognostications of the Sabbatarian Cassandras that no other town in Scotland has followed in the wake of Glasgow. When the Edinburgh magistrates refused to open the doors on Sundays another wail went forth, but, alas! notwithstanding threats of "judgments" the public throng there. And, in spite of the shrieks and denunciations of the Sabbath Observance Society, steamers laden with passengers ply in the Firth of Forth every Sunday during the season; coaches convey pleasure seekers from the town to the country and cyclists "scorch" along the roads of Scotland in all directions.

Quite lately the battle of Sunday golf was fought and ended in a victory for the Sunday golfer, and on every hand there are signs that the old-fashioned Scottish "Sawbath" has "departed, never to return." A most remarkable proof of this is furnished by the plea of a deputation which waited upon the lord provost of Edinburgh this week. The members of the deputation were for the most part eminent ministers and office bearers of the Free church of Scotland, who in time past were considered rigid Sabbatarians. Some of them, indeed, are members of the Sabbath Observance Society. Yet this deputation interviewed the lord provost in the interest of those who used to be considered Sabbath breakers. There was a time, not very long ago, when the heinous sin of vaging or staravaging (i and walking) on the Sunday was punishable by imprisonment in the stocks, but it was in the interests of staravagers that the present day Sabbatarians solicited the lord provost to prevent golf playing on the Braid hill on Sundays. They stated distinctly that they did not appear as objectors to Sunday golf, but simply contended that the hills should be left safe and quiet for those who do not play golf, but who enjoy a ramble on Sunday. Of a verily Scotland is degenerating!

Of course there are still some stalwarts who, faithful to the traditions of their forefathers, uphold the good old Scottish "sawbath" as a day upon which no man shall be seen to smile. A few of these were gathered together in Aberdeen the other day and endeavored to console themselves by predicting as they had often before done, that judgments fall upon the present evil generation of "conshus-o." The secretary of the Sabbath Alliance of Scotland, Rev. J. M. ...bisch buoyed up himself and his hearers with the hope that the opening of museums and picture galleries may be unsuccessful but he was horror-stricken to note that the Prince of Wales had a yacht in the race at Hyres on Sunday last week, and he made the awe-inspiring prediction that "if the heir expected to sit on the throne and to outrage divine institutions in this way it was more likely, looking forward to the future, that the throne would sit on him than that he would sit on the throne." Once again was meant by this threat was not quite clear to the audience, but, looking upon it as something very terrible, they applauded heartily. Another clergyman denounced as un-Christian certain "at homes," which he had heard had been given by "writers" on a Sunday night. People, he said, should be preparing for the "lord's d y." An ex-farmer, who followed the reverend gentleman, denounced the sale of milk on Sunday and told how thirty years ago he was asked to bring milk to town on Sunday and had refused. He would rather have "put the milk down the burn." All his customers agreed to take their milk on the Saturday's evenings, "except one which said she'd like a bit o' ...ream for the Sunday's parritch, and she'd ha' to do without it for the week afterward." But, alas! the Scottish Sabbath breakers, and they are legion, only scoff at such judgments.

TWO MUCH TUBBING.

"Do you know that many people really bathe themselves to death, or at least weaken their constitutions permanently by too many plunges and scrubbings?" This remark was made to me yesterday by a professional nurse, who has been a small lifetime in the service.

"Of course you mean surf bathing," said I.

"No, I hadn't reference to surf bathing, although, of course, that has many dangers besides drowning."

"I suppose you meant some of those foreign baths, then. The unreliable ones, where they literally play you and break your articulates."

"No. I was thinking simply of the home bath. The one which is taken under your own roof. There are plenty of people, especially women, who would consider it sacrilegious to begin the day without an hour in what the English call "tubbing." They wouldn't consider it "cleanly," to use the phraseology of these enthusiasts. Now, the morning bath is a good thing if one is physically strong and robust, if the bath itself is of short duration and followed by a brisk friction with coarse towels. But for the delicate it is often by far too great a strain upon the system

"For the woman who has no vital force to spare a sponge bath is the most that should be undertaken. This notion that it is necessary to be immersed each morning in water brings a smile to the lips of anyone who has studied the subject. It is, of course a luxury, but perfect circulation and perfect cleanliness in no way demand it. A good piece of toweling, a basin of hot water which contains a handful of sea salt will be found to contain the elements of a good bath when physical prowess required for the plunge is wanting."

"Do you believe in cold baths?"

"I oppose them strongly, although I know of many people, some of this profession, who uphold them. This cleanage is dying out. I admit that there are many men and some women who have indulged in this shivering ablution frequently during many years with no apparent bad results. But it is an open question whether even these did not lay up the causes of after disorders? It stands to reason that when the temperature of the body is reduced so suddenly by immersion into water from which not even the chill has been removed that a serious shock is administered There are other opinions and diverse ones, but the one this shock is exceedingly dangerous for the system.

"Mothers whose sons and daughters are sent to boarding school should be careful to impress on the young people the importance of using reason in matters of this kind. I have known of half-grown boys and girls who have taken as many as four cold plunges during a summer day. And in one case I was called in to attend a young girl of 14, who had, while in a perspiration, stepped into a tub of cold water and rendered the condition of her system critical.

Mother—Do you think young Freshly's attentions toward you are serious?

Daughter—Serious? Why, they are more than that, they are positively mournful.

LONDON LITERARY TALK.

EDWARD BOK'S BRIGHT GOSSIP OF THE ENGLISH WORLD.

Anthony Hope Writing a Sequel to "The Prisoner of Zenda," also His First Historical Novel—Conan Doyle's Popularity —O. D. Gibson's Wonderful London Triumph—News of English Authors.

[Correspondence of the GLOBE.]

LONDON, June 15, 1896.

It is very likely that Anthony Hope will be a much-read man during 1897. At least, he is working hard and the results of his nine hours a day at his desk will be given his public next year. What will probably interest this author's readers is the fact that he is engaged upon a sequel to "The Prisoner of Zenda," and this will probably be the first work to appear from his pen after "Phroso" is published. This sequel is interesting Mr. Hope (or Mr. Hawkins, to use his private name) mightily, and he believes that it will interest the public as much as did the original story. He will, of course, marry off the Princess in this sequel, but in what way remains for the story to tell. While no title has been settled upon for the story the one now in mind is "The Constable of Zenda." The work will first see print during the late summer of 1897. When the "Zenda" sequel is off its author's hands Mr. Hope will begin the writing of his first historical novel. This desire has been a strong one with him for some time and he believes that his forte lies in that direction rather than in romantic fiction—a fact which will, in a sense, surprise his readers.

WHAT ANTHONY HOPE THINKS HIS FORTE.

The fact is, I think, that neither Anthony Hope's tastes nor his heart incline toward the romantic in fiction. He has made an enormous sum of money with his "Prisoner of Zenda," and, in all probability, he will be long remembered by this book. But his taste runs to the problem novel, and he admits this frankly and with a laugh—the latter because he thinks this tendency in him will amuse his readers who regard him as the exponent of the romantic school. He is now considering a short story of that character which he will publish in the "Cosmopolis" magazine, and through this tale his readers will get a clearer idea of his strength in "problem stories." This will be one of the first of these stories for which will come from his pen for a long time. But Anthony Hope's uppermost desire is to write a historical novel, and with this he prefers to have his name associated rather than with "The Prisoner of Zenda." Of course, it may be but another case of a writer attempting to go into a field other than that in which he has made a success; at all events, he is going to try it and it will remain with the public to judge of the result.

A PRETTY GIRL AFTER A DAY'S WORK.

The author of "The Prisoner of Zenda" is London's principal social lion, in a literary way, these days, and he is easy prey. He is indefatigable in this respect, keeping from three to four social engagements during an evening and winding up with a supper. He is fond of the theatre and is seen at every important "first night." He studies the mechanism of the stage as well, for his last novel, "Phroso," is to be dramatized. Although the work of dramatization is not to be done by him he helps it along with suggestions culled from his now somewhat extensive and varied experience at the theatre. Late hours do not affect Hope in his work, however. He lives in bachelor apartments in Buckingham street, a small street just off the Strand and within easy reach of Charing Cross. Every morning finds him at his desk at nine o'clock, and he works throughout the day without cessation. "But when evening comes," he says, "then I like to throw the whole thing off, go out and talk to some pretty girl. What about? Oh, nothing. If they start me on my books or work I switch them off. If they ask me what I am writing I tell them nothing. That ends it and we return to social topics. London society and its people interest me immensely and I like to move in it and be of it. It is recreation to me. Either that or the theatre and then I am content to go to sleep, rise and take up my work again."

CONAN DOYLE'S POPULARITY.

Conan Doyle has always been popular in England, but never more so than at present. Nor is his popularity confined to the literary element. His whole-souled, vigorous manner is liked by men and women, some of whom know the man and not the author. A somewhat striking instance of this latter fact was brought to my attention at a dinner party where Dr. Doyle was present. His next companion was a woman, who, I must be confessed, was not of a literary turn of mind; in fact, books are rather foreign to her nature. Naturally, she dropped into conversation with the man at her left, and at the close of the dinner fairly glowed with the delight of her new acquaintance.

"Did you find the man equal to the author?" I asked of her next day.

"Author?" she repeated. "Why, does he write?" I told her he did.

"Well, bless me, I never knew it—in fact, I do not know his name. But one thing I do know: that he is the most interesting man I ever met."

At least, the compliment was the more sincere than if she knew his name or Dr. Doyle's repute. This personal magnetism is a singularly happy possession of the well-known author of "Sherlock Holmes," and he makes legions of friends who do not know his books and consequently do not seek him as a lion. In the case which I recite he certainly made a new reader for his works, since I had to make out a complete list of Doyle's books, and next day I met the author's new admirer at Hatchard's ordering the complete works of the man who charmed her the evening before.

C. D. GIBSON'S LONDON SUCCESS.

Charles Dana Gibson has made a most pronounced success in London. In fact, no American illustrator has been helped along in his work as has he. Gibson came to London with Life's Pranks in January, and settled down in a suite of most comfortable apartments in Piccadilly, in the centre of everything social, literary and artistic. He was not in London many weeks before he was allowed the unusual courtesy of attending the first of the queen's "drawing rooms" of the season, and permitted to remain in the room during the entire function. Of course, he took advantage of the opportunity and has since made a series of "drawing room" pictures, which will soon be in America. In April he attended the second "drawing room" at Buckingham Palace, when Mrs. Gibson was "presented" and on June 1 he was presented" at the Prince of Wales' "levee" at St. James Palace. Thus he has been singularly fortunate in his glimpses of England's royalty. He has likewise favored us with the men and women who have come to his studio and "posed" for him. Just as we go to press the long term famous for the courage and hardiness of its sons. In Louis XVIII.'s reign a few of its hillsmen kept 5,000 soldiers at bay. Here Cappa withdrew and hid himself in a lonely valley, watched over by shepherd friends, and here the hunted outlaw fell sick. The mountaineers tended him as well as they were able. An old priest also ministered to his comfort, and, while succoring the needy by tried as well to play the "soul friend" to the bandit. He unfortunately Capps sufficiently to make no further use again to use gun or knife in killing a fellow man.

"Cappa was still ill when the annual feast of a distant village came around. The shepherds had no fears for their guests. They did not know that spies were set to watch him. The lemon, all the sugar and the whisky leaving the place, and information was sent to the nearest gendarmerie. The sick man had with him only a few children, some of whom kept a look-out.

"The police, who were not in strong force, ventured with great precaution into the valley. Once, scarcely daring to breathe. On perceiving them the youngsters gave the alarm, and the weak and suffering but well-armed bandit, making down a narrow path for a wild beast, beyond which was the Maquis—the outlaws' asylum, the heather of the Scottish royalists, otherwise dear life, safety! When he had all but gained the wall he saw a single gendarme close to him.

"Cappa was a dead shot. In an instant he had covered his enemy, but he remembered his solemn promise to the priest. He dropped his weapon and let the gendarme go free. The police are under orders to shoot down bandits as a bear shoots down vermin. This fellow, of course, fired. Capps was hard hit, but he dragged himself across the fence and into the thick covert—for he could not go. On his knees, clasping his gun with one arm, and with the other grasping a tree bole, his pursuers found him some hours afterward, stark and cold, quite dead."

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Decanters and carafes that are stained inside may be cleaned with a mixture of vinegar and salt, rock salt being best for the purpose. To a handful of salt allow a gill of vinegar; put both in the decanter and shake well until the stains have disappeared. Rinse well.

The following is an excellent fruit salad, and, like Dickens's Marchioness, if you "make believe" just a little you will find it tastes like pineapple: Take three large oranges, peel, remove all the white part, and cut the fruit into thick slices; pare two apples and slice them very thin; alternate the slices of fruit in a dish and sprinkle over them sugar, the juice of one lemon, all the orange juice, and a glass ful of sherry wine; place on the ice for two hours before serving.

A handsome sofa pillow cover may be made of figured denim. Outline the pattern with rope silk of some dark, rich color, and fill in the figures with gold-colored silk in the darning stitch.

For shampooing take five cents' worth of powdered castile soap, the same quantity of borax, add to them two tab espoonfuls of alcohol, the beaten yoke of an egg, and a pint of hot water. Put this in a bottle and cork it tightly. When used, rub well into the scalp and make a good lather. Carefully wash the hair in several waters, having the first water hot and the last one cool. This will prevent taking cold if the hair is dried thoroughly.

Plants that have been recently repotted, palms especially, should not be brought at once into a living room, but kept where it is cool, nor should they be watered so plentifully as when they were in a pot bound condition.

A good method for raising the crushed pile of velvet is to cover a hot iron, held upwards, with a wet cloth, lay the velvet on this, and then gently beat the crushed part with a clothes brush. Lay the velvet out on a flat place and do not touch it until it is perfectly dry.

To make a paste for cleaning marble mantels, take equal parts of ox gall, powdered soap, and pipeclay, and add a little turpentine. Apply a coating to the marble, and when thoroughly dry rub it off and wash with warm soft water. This mixture will cleanse without destroying the polish. If the marble is badly stained a second application may be necessary.

Mack—Is it true that Bullion's daughter eloped with his coachman?

Wyld—Yes.

Mack—I suppose Bullion is furious?

Wyld—I should say so. He says he never can get another coachman that will suit him as well.—*Brooklyn Life.*

UNDOUBTEDLY.

That man is strong, and virile strength displays,
Who strives from trouble's miry slough to raise
His struggling fellow man
By kindly deeds, and words of hope and praise,
Whene'er he can.

That man is brave, whatever role he may
Have destined been by Fate's decree to play,
Let it be high or low,
Who, when 'tis right, altho' the world cries yea
Dares answer, No.

That man is great, tho' faint renown hath he,
Who grows not, while successful he may be,
Inflated by success
And knows himself, and aims his heart to free
From selfishness.

That man is wise, who tries not to unwind
Those tangled coils his neighbors seldom find
Much joy in owning their's,
And who, at least, pretends to always mind
His own affairs.

Some men possessed of these ennobling traits
Of heart and head, no doubt, on sabbath days
Display their mental bents
In church, where folk less holy on them gaze,
Collecting cents.

But tho' man may be strong, brave, great and wise,
And though the faults the sterner sex disguise,
So slyly, be not his,
He's not so good, and pure, and loved a prize
As woman is.

Would not, then, some fair dame or charming lass,
Who moves 'mongst sinners of whatever class,
In costumes up to date,
Much better than the men in temples pass
Around the plate?

St. John, July, 1896.

CATCHING TARPON.

Some Big Fellows Reported to Have Been Taken Off Punta Rassa.

The first report of the tarpon fishing season is from Punta Rassa, Fla., to the *Forest and Stream*, and says that several of the big fish have been taken.

It took the tarpon fishers a good while to learn how to make tarpon fishing a sport. They use now half to pound mullets, an eight-foot rod of substantial proportions, a very large reel, with a long, powerful line, and a peculiar hook on it that has a yard or so of non chewable buckskin, wire or twisted cat gut for the snood, so that the fish can't bite itself free.

The hook fastened on the snood are swallowed. Before they knew how to fish for tarpon, the anglers struck almost as soon as the line started off, but now they wait a while. The fish's mouth is too hard to be penetrated by the hook, and striking alarmed the fish. After taking the bait, the fish always spits it out, and swims away and comes back satisfied that it is all right, and as the gulp swallows it, "clean to the tip of its tail," and goes looking for more. In two jiffies the sportsman yanks up his rod and the fish is fast. Then comes a job that makes one's arms ache, and may or may not bring the fish to gaff.

A well-known manufacturer of fishing tackle was up in the Adirondacks, last summer, fishing. He had a guide, very popular among visitors to the Blue Mountain Lake region, and this guide was using a home-made gaff, which was so much better than ordinary gaffs that the manufacturer began to talk business, instead of fishing. The gaff was made out of old files, and had two hooks that closed down on one another into the big fish, or opened up at a single twist or jerk of one hand. The gaff hooked into both sides of the fish instead of into one, as the old style did. The guide got a substantial price for his invention, and the tarpon fisherman has found a gaff especially adapted to his use.

The record boards of tarpon fishing clubs are kept by tacking a single scale of each fish taken to a plank,