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THE KING'S CHAMPION.

Westminster Hall, Where His Challenge Used to Be Uttered.

Westminster hall, in London, was built originally by King William Rufus (1086-1100) and tradition goes that the oak of its ceiling was cut from the forest of Sherwood in England, timber which possessed peculiar properties rendering it useful to spiders and their webs. Richard II. transformed the hall. Leaving the old walls standing, he buttressed them strongly and raised over them the magnificent roof of oak which is still extant and intact. It is ninety-two feet high. The length of the hall is 200 feet, its breadth sixty-eight feet. It was large enough for mounted men to enter in order to challenge any who would dispute the rights of the king, a ceremony that is quaintly described in a folio on the occasion of the coronation of Richard III. and Queen Anne in 1483.

"In the afternoon the King and Queen entered the hall, and the King sat in the middle and the Queen on the left side of the ceiling, and on the right side of her stood a Countess, holding a cloth of Pileasance when she listed for to drink. And on the right hand of the King sat ye Archbishop of Canterbury. The ladies sat all on one side in ye middle of the hall, and at the table against them were the Chancellor and the Lord. And at the table next the cupboard sat ye Mayor of London. . . . At the second course came into ye hall Sir Robert Dymock, the King's Champion, making proclamation—that whoever would say that King Richard was not lawful King, he would fight with him at the utterance, and threw down his gauntlet, and then all the hall cried King Richard.

"And then one brought him a cup of wine covered, and when he had drunk he cast out the drink and departed with the cup. . . . At the end of the dinner the Mayor of London, served the King and Queen with sweet wine, and had of each of them a cup of gold and a cover of gold. And by that time that all was done, it was dark night, and so the King returned to his chamber, and every man to his lodging.

The last time that the hall was the scene of the challenge of the king's champion was at the coronation of George IV.

ASLEEP AT HIS DESK.

Lincoln Was Worn Out, but He Didn't Forget His Call.

One day a very energetic lady called on me to take her to the president and said her to get a private soldier pardoned who had been sentenced to death for desertion and was to be hanged the very next morning. It was late in the afternoon when we got there, and the soldier was in a condition, and he came out, evidently in profound thought and full of some great subject. I stated the object of our call and, leaving the lady in one of the antechambers returned to the senate, which had not yet adjourned.

The case made a deep impression on me, but I forgot it in the excitement of the debate and the work of my office until perhaps near 10 o'clock that night, when my female friend came rushing into the room, crying with delight the pardon was granted.

"I have been up there ever since," she said. "The cabinet adjourned, and I sat waiting for the president to come out and tell me the fate of my poor soldier, whose case I placed in his hands after you left. But I wait in vain. He has no Mr. Lincoln. So I thought I would go up to the door of his cabinet room and knock. I did so, and as there was no answer I opened it and passed in, and there was the worn president asleep with his head on the table resting on his arm and my boy's pardon signed by his side. I quietly waked him, blessed him for his good deed and came here to tell you the glorious news."

John W. Fenney in "Anecdotes of Public Men."

Pat Scored.

An Irishman named Pat Carr was met by an Englishman one day, who said to him:

"What's your name?"

"Carr," said Pat.

"Well, well," said the Englishman, "you're the first car I ever saw going without an ass, so you're a great sight to me."

"Begob!" said Pat. "You're not the first ass I saw going without a car, so you're no sight to me."—London Globe.

Consulting the Sage.

No human couple would think of marrying without consulting the sage who fixes the happy day for them. This he does simply by adding the bride's age to the bridegroom's, and after determining which star rules the destiny of their united ages, he decrees that the wedding shall take place upon the day nearest to that star.

Courting Celebrity.

"I want to do some one thing that will cause me to be talked about," said the energetic and ambitious man.

"That's easily arranged," answered his wife. "Simply move into a strange neighborhood."—New York American.

The Resemblance.

Teacher—If the earth were empty inside it would resemble—Scholar—A razor, miss. Teacher—A razor? Why, Teddy? Scholar—Because it will hollow round miss.—London Telegraph.

American Shipbuilding.

Not long since it was reported that the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company was so crowded with work that it was doubtful that the company would bid for any Government contracts within the near future. Within the last thirty days the Maryland Steel Company, at Sparrows Point, has contracted to build four 10,000-ton steamers for the Hawaiian trade, the carrying out of which will keep that yard busy for some time to come. And now it is reported that the shipyards on the Delaware river have obtained ten million dollars' worth of contracts within the last three weeks, which ensures that those plants will be kept going at full capacity for at least two years.

Certainly this does not look as though these United States were without a merchant marine, or that the American shipbuilding industry was in any dire need of the adoption of a ship-subsidy policy to keep it from going to the wall. Mr. H. L. Aldrich, who is described by the Philadelphia Record as "president of a company that publishes a maritime journal," is quoted by that journal as remarking the other day: "The pessimists say that we have no American shipbuilding, when the fact is we have 7,508,082 tons, or 878,586 tons more than the combined merchant fleets of Germany, France, and Norway, three great maritime nations of Europe; while Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Greece, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Austria-Hungary have a combined merchant tonnage which is a million less than ours."

The greater part of this it is true, is coastwise and lake shipping; but so long as we have adequate deep sea-carrying facilities—and the fact that we have is not to be successfully denied—what difference does it make whether our shipyards are building for the foreign or for the coastwise, lake and inland trade? The fact is, however, that we have nearly a million tons of shipping engaged in trading with foreign countries, to say nothing of the seven hundred thousand tons owned by American capital, but operating under foreign registry. It may be that such amendment of our navigation laws as would remove the prohibition of American registry to bottoms not built, down to the last plate or spar, in American yards, would not avail to bring any considerable proportion of this tonnage under the American flag. We believe that it would; but be that as it may, certainly there is nothing to be lost by trying an experiment which would work no injury to American shipyards or to any other legitimate American interest. The persistence with which the subsidy shriekers oppose and decry any and all suggestions in that direction but confirms the public in the well-grounded impression that they are more concerned to loot the public treasury in the interest of special privilege than to rehabilitate the American cross-sea merchant marine.

A HOUSEHOLD MEDICINE.

That stops coughs quickly and cures colds is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Mrs. Anna Palmer, 2526 Jefferson St., So. Omaha, Neb., says: "I can recommend as a sure cure for coughs and colds. It cured my daughter of a bad cold and my neighbor, Mrs. Benson, cured herself and her whole family with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Everyone in our neighborhood speaks highly of it." For sale by all Druggists.

Following charges by his wife's relatives that the recent death of the wife was caused by poisoning and not from natural causes, as certified to by the attending physician, Edgar Thompson, young farmer of Columbus county, is under surveillance of the authorities at Whiteville, pending the verdict of a coroner's jury.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. B. Arnold, of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief. For sale by all dealers.

Dr. L. P. Russell, of Fletcher, Buncombe county, was recently fined \$500 in the police court in Asheville, the charge being that the doctor had illegally issued a prescription for whiskey. Russell appealed and was discharged in the Superior Court, Judge Lane holding there was not sufficient evidence for the case to go to the jury. Ambitious young men and ladies should learn telegraphy, for, since the new 8-hour law became effective there is a shortage of many thousand telegraphers. Positions pay from \$50 to \$70 a month to beginners. The Telegraph Institute of Columbia, S. C., and five other cities is open for the winter supervision of R. E. Officials and all students are placed when qualified. Write them for particulars.

Complaint has been made to Postmaster General Hitchcock that postmasters and rural delivery carriers have been acting as agents for liquor companies. Especially is this true, the report says, in prohibition States where intoxicants are hard to get. The Postmaster General issued an order warning postal employees not to act as agents for liquor firms in any way. Any postal employee violating this order will be dismissed from the service at once.

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Running at the rate of 50 miles an hour to make up a few minutes lost time, the Seaboard Air Line's fastest passenger train, from New York to Jacksonville, was derailed at Merry Oaks, 20 miles southwest of Raleigh, at an early hour Thursday night of last week and 18 persons were injured, none seriously, however. The accident happened just in front of the station and only the engine was left standing on the rails, nine coaches taking to the ditch. All of the injured were able to continue to their destinations on a made-up train except one, who was taken to a hospital.

BIG GOLD RESERVES.

Uncle Sam Has More Yellow Metal Than any Other Nation—\$7,000 Gold Bricks Being Made.

Gold continues to pile up in the treasury, and the amount of the yellow metal is making a new world's record from month to month. It stands now at about \$1,200,000,000, which is a hoard not only unequalled but unapproached in the world's history. Low water mark was touched on February 12, 1895, when the total amount of gold in the treasury was \$93,918,710, and of this \$52,578,528 was pledged to the redemption of an equal amount of gold certificates, leaving but \$41,340,181 in the \$100,000,000 fund established for the redemption of the United States notes. This fund was replenished several times by bond sales, but after 1896 has not been encroached upon. From that time the stock of gold in the treasury has moved steadily upward.

The next greatest hoard in the world is that of the Imperial Bank of Russia, which holds the treasury funds of that country; it stood at the beginning of last month at about \$640,000,000. The Bank of France at the same date held about \$630,000,000. At the rate our treasury is gaining gold it will soon hold a stock of the yellow metal equal to the total of the next two greatest hoards in the world. The Bank of England's gold stock on the first of the month was only about \$200,000,000, and that of the Bank of Germany but little larger.

\$7,000 GOLD BRICKS.

The mint of San Francisco is now making gold bricks of a value of about \$7,000 each, which, when properly stamped with the mint stamp, pass current for their value in any part of the world. Gold in that form is much preferred to the coin in international exchange, and to a large extent for the reserves of the larger banks. If at any time coin is desired, it can be promptly obtained at the mint in exchange for the bricks. As every dollar in gold is a safe basis for three dollars in currency when assets are sufficient to provide within reasonable time for two-thirds of the issue, paper is generally preferred and gold bricks are as good as gold coin for the necessary bank reserves. Gold coin is an extravagant form of currency, not only because of its great value as a basis of paper but on account of the wear, which the holders do not notice but which the mint scales do, as gold is always taken at the United States mint by weight and not by its face value.

Saved Many From Death.

W. L. Mock, of Mock, Ark., believes he has saved many lives in his 25 years of experience in the drug business. "What I always like to do," he writes, "is to recommend Dr. King's New Discovery for weak, sore lungs, hard coughs, hoarseness, obstinate coughs, or the grippe, croup, asthma or other bronchial affection, for I feel sure that a number of my neighbors are alive and well today because they took my advice to use it. I honestly believe it's the best throat and lung medicine that's made." Easy to prove he's right. Get a trial bottle free, or regular 50c or \$1.00 bottle. Guaranteed by Graham Drug Co.

About 10,000 people were present at the "Lincoln Farm," near Hodgenville, Ky., last Thursday to witness the dedication of the granite temple which enshrines the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born 103 years ago. President Taft took part in the exercises.

A Mail Carrier's Load Seems heavier when he has a weak back and kidney trouble. Fred Dueron, Mail Carrier at Atchison, Kan., says: "I have been bothered with kidney and bladder troubles and had a severe pain across my back. Whenever I carried a heavy load of mail, my kidney trouble increased. Some time ago, I started taking Foley's Kidney Pills and since taking them I have gotten entirely rid of all my kidney trouble and am as good now as ever." For sale by all Druggists.

That the dam of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Co. at Austin, Pa., the breaking of which on September 30 last caused over three-score deaths and millions of dollars of damage, was faulty in practically every detail, is the opinion of experts who have examined it.

There is little danger from a cold or from an attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this never happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds and grip and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all dealers.

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Sporting Notes.

The breaking of a shoulder blade in a \$1,200 guaranteed boat with Johnny Kilbane at Cleveland recently will cost Abe Attell at least \$12,000.

At Yale university's new bathhouse one of the innovations is the placing of large mirrors inside the shower machines to enable the novice swimmer to observe better swimming form.

The legitimate expenses of a major league baseball club are \$100,000 a year. This doesn't include the "war fund" set aside in case the obnoxious big minors kick over the traces.

Captain Ray Mercer, University of Pennsylvania football captain for 1911 and also All American fullback, is great in football and track athletics and is also said to excel in tennis, baseball and all around gymnastics. He is about twenty-one years of age.

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