

BITS OF LONDON NEWS AND GOSSIP

BY RICHARD ABERCORN.

London, Jan. 20.—About two months hence some of the members of the "smart set" in New York known as the "Four Hundred," will feel the lash of an Englishwoman who intends to tell them just what she thinks about them.

"I cannot give you any clue as to the means by which I shall elude the New York journalists," Lady Auckland told me the other day. "That would be a double risk. It might help them, and it might also tempt me to say what I think of their methods. I am sure I could not say anything bad enough about them."

"As to my book, it is really a faithful collection of daily letters written during my stay in New York to a very dear friend, whose name will not of course, appear."

"I have made not only verbal but pencil sketches of all the social celebrities in New York, and I have not spared them. The victims do not recognize the caricatures I have made of them they are bound to recognize the word pictures of themselves and of their friends. There will be no occasion to advertise the book in New York. The society women will pounce upon it. Some of the sketches are very clever, but whether the victims will appreciate them, is another matter. There are fat females in absurd Directoire gowns, dimpled cheeks, and heavy-lidded eyes, and some aggressive-looking millionaires, and some blatant types of the New York "dancing men."

Lady Auckland, who is a very handsome woman with artistic tastes, opened her long ago a furniture shop in Baker street, but the trials and tribulations of trade were too much for her, and she closed the establishment.

Seated before a blazing fire in her father's cottage at Cove, North Devon, Mildred Hart, the 23 year old girl who is only just beginning to grow up, has been changed by a two months' treatment of thyroid extract from an undeveloped and mentally deficient baby into a practically normal young woman. During her treatment she has been staying in the house of her wealthy friend in a quiet street in Lambeth. She returned to Devonshire a few days ago. When Mildred Hart arrived in London she had the appearance of a child of five. Her eyes were dull and heavy, her expression vacant, her forehead protruded unnaturally, her skin was clammy, her complexion sallow and unhealthy, her vocabulary was limited to three or four words and there seems scarcely a glimmering of intelligence.

The square of the village and many

Men Fashion Notes.

Fairchild's Magazine.

Now that so much attention is devoted to men's jewelry and to scarf pins in particular, which seem to be growing larger and more elaborate as the season advances, it is well to remember that the greatest care must be taken in the selection of this particular item of vanity, giving thought to the kind of silk in the tie in which it is intended to be worn. Of course the color of the stone permitting, almost any kind of a stick pin may be worn in the solid color scarfs of the moment, but when the elaborate brocades are to be donned, the scarf wear, it is perhaps advisable to embellish them merely with plain gold pins, if a pin is worn at all. Figured wall paper "kiss pictures and for that reason, if we have any works of art we refrain from papering our walls with figured paper—otherwise one sees nothing but background when one enters a room. Very much the same thing applies to scarfs and stick pins. The big pins of today, which semi-precious stones figure so largely, look better in plain fabrics. They are lost in the figured patterns, which nearly absorb them. If you do wear a pin in a fancy brocade tie, remember the law of contrasts. A gold knot or a plain gold pin of some more elaborate design may be worn where in some cases a matrix, for instance, would be out of place. Pearl pins often look well in scarfs of this character, but it is better form to wear precious stones only on formal dress occasions. But then the plain scarfs are "de rigueur."

Shirts for full evening dress are now being made with plain linen bosoms but with the body of the shirt figured white madras having self patterns of elaborate character.

A new greatcoat has two slanting welt breast pockets, closed with a single button, the side pockets being of the square patch variety, with flaps.

Some of the new overcoats have the cash pockets on the in-seam of the sleeve, just above the cuff. The cash pocket on the out-seam of the left sleeve is an older fashion but one that is still in vogue. A new paddock overcoat is made of striped gray chevrot, but has the new military protector collar instead of the usual step notched variety.

New pleated shirts for afternoon wear are made of striped madras in many colors but with the stripes so disposed throughout the fabric in various groupings that the general effect is that of an all-over pattern. The most elaborate shirts of the moment, however, are being made of fine French outing flannel in gold, gray-blue and pink effects, and having broad satin stripes about half an inch wide, in sister tones. These shirts are made up with pleated bosoms and are very rich and striking.

Empire State Waterways.

New York, Jan. 21.—Waterways and means for securing the development and improvement of the rivers of the Empire State, are being discussed at the convention opened to-day in the rooms of the Manufacturers' Association by the New York State Waterways Conference. Members of Congress and the State Legislature are participating in the session, which will be concluded to-morrow.

others called at the cottage yesterday and they all expressed their amazement. They could not believe, they said, that Mildred is the same being whom they last saw a few weeks ago. Asked about her stay in London she said she liked it very much, and her mother added that she told her shortly before she left that she wanted to stay in London. Florrie Hart, a younger sister, stated that Mildred had surprised her by alluding to things which happened years ago, while Mildred apparently took no interest in anything. "I took her to school while the children were being taught to play the violin," said Florrie. "She seemed as interested in the music as the children were in her."

We seemed to see her changing before our very eyes," explained yesterday the woman at whose house Mildred lived in Lambeth. "The dullness and heaviness passed away. We saw her neck growing longer, until it became of normal proportions. When she arrived in London it was so swollen out that she seemed to have no neck at all. The bulging forehead straightened. The nose took shape. The old skin, which had peeled away, and a new skin, warm and natural, took its place. Lines began to appear on the hands, which had been smooth like a baby's, and the hair grew rapidly. After the first month her appetite increased tenfold. Even more wonderful to us who saw these changes was the difference which took place in her mental condition. She became a new girl. Whereas before she had been full, heavy and listless, sitting silently in her chair, taking not the slightest interest in anything, scarcely recognizing anyone but her mother, she grew bright and merry. She began to talk too, and talk quite fluently. "How pretty" she would say when she saw a new blouse or dress. The only drawback is that we cannot get her to walk, though even that may come as she gathers strength and energy. Before leaving for Devonshire the girl was taken to Charing Cross Hospital, where she was examined under the X-rays.

Incidents of profound pathos were connected with the funeral to-day of Maggie Massey, the baby girl of a man out of work, who was evidently regarded by the unemployed as a sacrifice to the prevailing distress. Maggie's parents were discovered by the police, who under the name of God's Army, are doing a noble work among the starving denizens of Birmingham's courts and alleys. Father, mother and five children were in absolute destitution and three of the children were suffering so severely that they were removed to a hospital, where Maggie, the baby, died. Her body was borne back to the poverty-stricken home in which her little life was spent, and workmen and women assembled at prayers in the squalid yard to-day prior to the funeral. It was a moving requiem. Mr. George Dinkley, under whom the relief work of God's army is conducted, led the service.

During eight weeks this organization has fed 16,000 of the hungry. It carries relief to points untouched by official and semi-official machinery. It is a relief to the thousands of children who cannot have the advantage of the free breakfasts at schools.

CLEOPATRA A MYTH, USED AS EXAMPLE

Italian Historian Ferrero Says Story Was Created to Show Danger of Woman's Counsel.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, through all the centuries since her death, has been an enemy of the political advancement of her sex, according to Prof. Guglielmo Ferrero, the Italian historian, who is in Chicago to lecture.

"The story of Antony and Cleopatra was created and diffused," he says, "not because it was beautiful and romantic, but because it served the interests of Augustus and his political coteries. It was made an anti-feministic legend to emphasize the danger of following the counsel of women in political matters or giving them any share in government."

In reference to woman suffrage the historian said: "I think men govern badly enough. I am opposed to giving the franchise to women. Of course I only speak for Italy, where I know the conditions, not for America. Historically, it is a fact that the influence of women in politics grows in times of peace and diminishes in times of war. Thus it has been made a much headway on the continent of Europe as in more isolated England. If a period of great war began the whole movement might collapse."

ASPHALT-MACADAM ROADWAY OF FUTURE

Forty Million Dollars a Year Would Put Highways in Good Shape, Declares Theorist.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A combination asphalt and macadam road is the highway of the future, according to Amos L. Barber, of Okron, Ohio, who made an address on the subject to-day before the Independent Asphalt Association, in annual session here. The center of Mr. Barber's ideal road is constructed of asphalt and broken rock makes a strip on either side.

Automobiles would use the smooth central path and neither tear it up nor raise the dust, he said. "Following his horseback ride of ninety-eight miles as an object lesson to army and navy men who considered the physical tests set for them by the President as too severe, it is asserted to-day that Mr. Roosevelt will shortly walk fifty miles in one day as a further demonstration that the tasks are reasonable."

WHEW! BAPTIZED AT SIX ABOVE

With Thermometer at 6 Above Zero 25 Dunkards Indulge in Freezing Immersion.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 21.—Although this was the coldest day of the winter in the vicinity, with the mercury at 6 degrees above zero, 25 new members of the Dunkards' Heldeberg meeting house, at Reidsville, were baptized in a creek near that place this morning.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Herr, of Myerstown, and the Rev. J. W. Schlosser, of Shoenock, Lancaster county. Prior to the baptism a sermon was preached by the Rev. Rufus Bucher, of Quaker-town.

DUKE ABRUZZI TO QUIT NAVY

He is Seeking to Remove All Obstacles to His Marriage.

ALTHOUGH COMMANDER HE STAID IN TURIN IN SOLITUDE

Every Other Member of the Royal Family Has Visited Earthquake District—Officers Are Arrested for Asking Queen to Intercede in Behalf of the Duke of the Abruzzi.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The Turin correspondent of The Petit Parisien says it has been remarked in Italy that the Duke of the Abruzzi is the only member of the royal family who has not visited Sicily and Southern Italy since the earthquake, remaining at Turin in solitude. His absence from the scene of the disaster is all the stranger because he is a captain of the fleet which had rendered succor to the injured.

When the royal family met to consider the duke's engagement to Miss Elkins, no decision was reached. He was asked to wait until he was appointed a vice admiral, when a decision would be given. That time has now arrived, but the authorization to marry has not been given.

Determined to Resign. The Duke is therefore determined to resign, not only from the navy, but from the royal family, renouncing his titles and privileges, thus removing the obstacles to his marriage. The King is reported to have refused his resignation from the navy, but the Duke persists in his determination.

It is reported that while the Queen was attending the injured aboard the war ship Regina Elena, a deputation of officers begged her intercession for the King for assent to the Duke's marriage. She had had Prosser arrested and arraigned before Justice Basilline. The justice tried to get Prosser and Miss Baker to settle the affair amicably, and the terms were soon agreed, Miss Baker signing away her right to further proceedings against Prosser. Prosser is 40 years old.

SHIPPING OYSTERS TO TEST THEM

Dr. Wiley's Department Making Investigation at New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21.—Tests have been made for a week or more in this city by the office of Dr. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of determining what effect the various modes of shipping have on oysters. The work here is being carried on by Dr. W. D. Bigelow, chief of the division of foods of the Bureau of Chemistry, assisted by three other inspectors, T. E. Raynor, of Boston; J. C. Duff, of New York, and Dr. G. W. Stiles, Jr., of Washington.

Extensive tests are being made of the shipping of oysters under the varying conditions used in the trade, the consignments going to Washington, where they will be thoroughly examined.

Local oystermen are awaiting the outcome of the tests with considerable interest.

PROTEST AT THE POLLUTION OF LAKE

New York Citizens Call at White House to Effect a Reform.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A delegation of citizens from Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Lockport, Tonawanda, and North Tonawanda waited on President Roosevelt to-day, accompanied by Representative Porter, of New York, for the purpose of furthering a movement to prevent the pollution of the waters of Lake Erie and its tributaries by sewage and the refuse from factories.

It is asserted that Lake Erie is becoming little better than a cesspool because of the immense amount of sewage drained into it, and that its waters are unfit to drink. The delegation constitutes a committee from the Niagara Falls Pure Water Conference. It is the purpose to interest the President, Gifford Pinchot, Surgeon General Wyman, and other officials, to arouse public sentiment, and to get the co-operation of such cities as Rochester, Erie, Dunkirk, Toledo, Cleveland, and Detroit.

PUBLIC PRINTER IN HOT WATER OVER DISCHARGES

He Denies That He Discriminates Against Non-Union Men.

Washington, Jan. 21.—An uproar against Public Printer Donnelly is going up from certain government printing office quarters because he is charged with discharging a large number of printers because they are non-union men. It is alleged he is trying to unionize the office. Mr. Donnelly admits he has discharged several men, but says it is because they are not competent. He asserts he does not know whether the men discharged are union or non-union.

ROOSEVELT RAMBLE GRUMBLERS' LESSON

President to Walk Fifty Miles as Rebuke to Officers.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Following his horseback ride of ninety-eight miles as an object lesson to army and navy men who considered the physical tests set for them by the President as too severe, it is asserted to-day that Mr. Roosevelt will shortly walk fifty miles in one day as a further demonstration that the tasks are reasonable.

It is asserted that many of the naval officers who have been grumbling about the violence of the prescribed duties have since the President's exploits decided to do the work assigned to them without further complaints.

Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, a famous tuberculosis specialist, of New York, declares that relief from the ravages of the "white plague" will come only when a concerted campaign is started by all the people.

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Berwick, Pa., Jan. 21.—"You're not worth more than \$10 as a husband to any woman," said Miss Lydia Baker, 19 years old, of Nescopeck, as she accepted \$10 offered by John Prosser, of West Berwick, as atonement for his breach of promise to marry her. She had had Prosser arrested and arraigned before Justice Basilline. The justice tried to get Prosser and Miss Baker to settle the affair amicably, and the terms were soon agreed, Miss Baker signing away her right to further proceedings against Prosser. Prosser is 40 years old.

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