

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

An Empire of Allens Kept Together by Pressure from the Outside.

Baltimore Herald.
History is filled with examples of the struggles of nations to preserve their national integrity. It remains for the empire of Austria-Hungary to present the spectacle of a conglomeration of many people held together by no cohesive force of national sympathies or culture, but by the bracing energy of its neighbors. While Poland was torn in fragments, the Austrian states are continued as a whole by the anxious efforts of the powers.

In spite of the constant attitude of menace, there is nothing more dreaded by the countries of Europe than any widespread convulsion of a territorial nature. If the Czechs, Germans, Hannacks, Bohemians, Slovaks, and the dozen other nondescript nationalities composing the empire of the Hapsburgs were to be permitted to yield to the excentripetal violence of their personal feelings, the whole of Europe would need remapping, and the wars resulting would cost at least \$20,000,000,000.

The Slavs desire annexation with Russia; the Germans are frantic in their support of the Pan-Teutonic movement; numbers of other little states desire independence, and the entire confederacy is at daggers' points. The death of Franz Josef will be a crucial time for continental harmony, and the imprudent aggressiveness of any one great power must bring on the deluge. Germany and Russia are the powers most apt to err after this fashion, but the Russian is very busy with the eastern frontier of his dominion and is little likely to stick his finger in this hornets' nest unless compelled to withstand the demands of Germany. Strangely enough, England and the United States hold the balance of power, and any standing aloof on the ground of non-interest would be a tremendous blunder. Both nations are involved to a great extent in any European conflicts, for it would mean the extinction of one of our best markets.

It is to be hoped that, when the Austrian succession is a pressing question in the world's courts, the Great Anglo-Saxon nations may use their mailed hands to prevent an internecine scramble for the fragments of what was once known as the holy Roman empire.

NOW WANTS DIVORCE.

Chinaman Already Tired of His American Bride.

Norfolk Landmark.
Because his American bride has deserted him and treated him with utter indifference, Lin Kong, proprietor of a Chinese restaurant in East Main street now wants a divorce. Lin and Minnie Weistner, who lived in Avon street, were married several days ago, but the woman's change was too much for her, as she appeared next day attired in a fashionable tailor-made suit and this turned her head, so Lin says.

One day after her marriage the Weistner woman, pardon, Mrs. Lin Kong, was back in her old haunts again, and last evening she was found here by her husband of a few days. Lin went over to police headquarters and told his story to Captain Dalton, and his wife later followed him over, but positively refused to live with her Celestial better half again.

Tiring of arguing with the woman, Lin engaged Mr. Charles M. C. Doran as counsel, and will this morning institute divorce proceedings in the Court of Law and Chancery, as he says that he never again cares to see the woman, who has caused him so much trouble.

The average man would rather have his wife act like the devil and look like an angel than to act like an angel and look like the devil.

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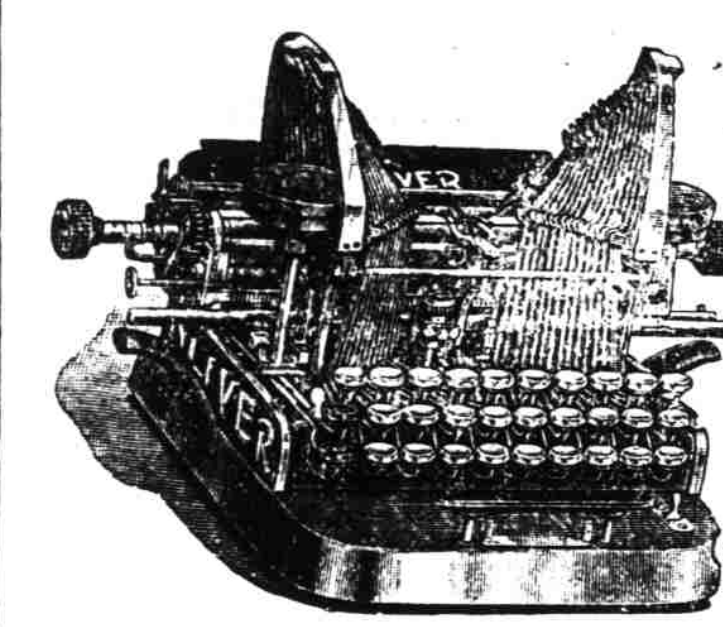
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