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Most elderly people have some kidney or bladder disorder that is both painful and dangerous. Foley's Kidney Remedy has proven a boon to many elderly people as it stimulates the urinary organs, corrects irregularities and tones up the whole system.

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Bickett Speaks to the Veterans.

Mr. T. W. Bickett, nominee for Attorney General, made a speech to the veterans of Davidson county last week. The Dispatch says: "Mr. Bickett's address was fine, and made a distinct impression on the large audience. It loses much of its force in reproduction of a reporter's notes. Applause and laughter punctuated his remarks. The veterans were elated with it. Following the address, the entire audience rose to vote him thanks."

EDITOR POE'S LETTERS FROM ABROAD.

England's Tariff and Inheritance Taxes—Appalling Drink Evitand How the Temperance Forces Are Grappling With It—Pin-Like Neatness of a Land Where "Everybody Works, Including Father"—Woman Suffrage and Other Political Measures—English Railroad Customs.

My last letter, I believe, ended with some comment upon the government of England. One thing that interests foreigners in this connection is how the government maintains itself in a free trade country without imposing excessive property taxes. Be it remembered, then, that England is not without tariff taxes, but there are few of these and nearly all these few are levied on luxuries or semi-luxuries. Remembering how notable a part the tea tax played in our early Revolutionary history in America, it is of interest to see that within her own borders England has maintained this heavy tariff until now, the government collects \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year from this source alone, and nearly \$75,000,000 a year from the tariff on tobacco and snuff. The excise or whiskey taxes bring in \$150,000,000 a year more, and there are also special income and inheritance taxes, and taxes upon the gross earnings of railways, except where the rate is less than 2 cents a mile. The inheritance tax, it will be recalled, is one which President Roosevelt has recently commended to the attention of Americans. Over here an estate exceeding \$500 in value pays a government tax of 1 per cent; \$2,500, 2 per cent; \$5,000, 3 per cent; \$50,000, 4 per cent; and so on up to \$500,000, which pays 6 per cent, and \$5,000,000, which pays 8 per cent. There are also special graduated taxes in case property goes to persons not near of kin, amounting to 10 per cent, where the property goes to persons very far removed in kinship or not of blood relationship at all. There are also special stamp taxes of many kinds, and special Boer war taxes now (similar to our Spanish American war taxes) which require stamps on checks and upon all receipts bills.

There is a considerable party here which favors the establishment of a protective tariff, this sentiment gaining strength in part from the unfair methods of American monopolies competing for British trade. Socialism has also been making marked growth among the working classes for a number of years past.

Just at this writing, however, the civil political issue is woman suffrage. For a long time the women of England who are tax payers here had the privilege of voting for city and county officers, and they are now fighting earnestly for the privilege of voting for members of Parliament—that is to say, for members of the British Congress, as well as for local and State offices. In a number of cases the woman suffrage advocates have grown so riotous in their meetings as to make it necessary for the police to interfere. When indicted, however, the women agitators refuse to pay the fines imposed, going to jail instead—and then they make a great ado about being "martyrs" to the cause of equal suffrage. If the woman suffrage idea prevails, the privilege of voting will be given, of course, only to women who are tax payers ("rate payers") they are called here or householders (that is, widows or others who are heads of houses).

Another very live subject is the temperance question. All parts of Great Britain, and especially Scotland, are run cursed. The most powerful temperance argument I have ever witnessed was in Chester before the other day when an old gray-haired woman was attacked by her husband and her own half-drunk son. The officers interfered and drove off the men, while the weeping woman sobbed piteously in broken Lancashire dialect: "They makes 6 pounds (\$30) a week, but never a farthing (half cent) do they give me; it all goes for drink, drink." Whiskey, as I have intimated, is especially the bane of Scotland and many fear that it is almost hopelessly sapping the strength of one of the finest races of people in the world. But the Scottish Temperance League and other organizations are making a brave fight against the evil, and here in London yesterday I saw a temperance procession "terrible as an army with banners," a mile and a half long, marching into Hyde Park where the immense audience (made up chiefly of working people) was addressed from eight different stands by a great variety of speakers. For nearly two hours the thousands of spectators listened and cheered and laughed, ending by adopting vigorous resolutions in behalf of the "licensing bill" which Parliament is now beginning to consider. In explanation of this licensing bill a word or two should be said. In England saloons are called "public houses," and their managers "publicans." Well, many years ago licenses to conduct "public houses" were granted rather promiscuously, and it has been the custom of the authorities to renew these licenses from year to year without further inquiry. Now, however, it is proposed to limit the number of saloons and the provis-

ions of the licensing bill would, I believe, decrease the number in London by half—and half means many thousand. The licensing bill also looks (1) to the adoption of local option; (2) to prohibiting the sale of liquor to children; (3) to the ultimate prohibition of women as bar maids. There are now nearly 30,000 women employed as bar tenders in England, and the most serious phase of the liquor problem is the growth of intemperance among women, especially among working girls. Drinking is said to be stationary (or possibly actually decreasing) among the masses of English men, but increasing among English women and among the wealthy and leisure class of both sexes. A friend of mine spoke to me of seeing a great number of apparently respectable women drinking in the saloons in Chester a few nights ago, and in Glasgow women are often seen reeling from saloon doors. It is high time that England were doing something to save herself, and the great temperance procession in Hyde Park yesterday was one of the most encouraging things I have seen over here.

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the backbone of any country, and in this England is strong. There are no negroes here, of course, the entire serving class being white. And their neatness, cleanliness, quickness, and intelligence is one of the things which impresses itself most deeply upon the Southern traveler. Nowhere in the country districts here have I seen the signs of shiftlessness—broken gates, gutted fields, neglected tools, shakily outhouses, unpainted and ill-kept residences—which mark the landscape in so many country districts in the South. A house here may have only two or three rooms, but its neatness makes it a joy forever, and the fields look like the work of landscape gardeners: all Scotland seems to be almost as neat as our apple squares—and England is hardly less beautiful. I bear no ill will toward our negroes, but it is impossible to escape the conclusion that their ignorance and shiftlessness have not only held back the South in a thousand ways, but their carelessness has provided a lower level for indifferent white people to fall to. Nowhere else do you find white people content to live in such ugly homes and with such unpromising farms as often meet my vision in the South, and I think it partially explained by the fact that the negro taken fresh from Africa has lowered our ideals and standards of living in a way no other country has suffered.

Another way in which the difference between intelligent white labor and shiftless negro labor makes itself felt is in the differential attitude toward work itself. People here in England do not seem to regard any work that comes to hand as being "beneath them." Over in Leamington the other day the man who joined his wife in waiting on our table, and who brought the water to my room, was a man of such intelligence that I should guess him to be a minister: a man with the bearing of a gentleman and a man whose wide knowledge of politics and history made it a pleasure to talk with him. It was much the same way in Glasgow, so that at sight of the lead men of the house removing plates from the table, one of our party well remarked: "In England everybody works, including father."

Most of the smaller hotels seem to be run by women; women work largely in the fields, and in the stores, women, I believe, are more numerous than in America. The women are less beautiful than in the South, but have fine, rosy complexions and healthy bodies. The young girls seem to be slower in "coming out," wear childish clothes at a later age, and I have seen a number of girls eighteen or twenty years old wearing their hair in plaits. One weird custom among English women of the more careless sort is that of cigarette smoking. Among men generally, on the other hand, I should say that there is not one-third so much smoking as among American men. The "soft drink" habit is not found here at all, and I haven't seen a drug store soda water fountain since I left America.

And while I am giving this running sketch of miscellaneous matters, I must not fail to say a word about the English railways which are in many respects radically different from those in America. For one thing the cars are not open lengthwise, but on the side, and all the people in a car do not ride together, but in compartments or divisions, each of which seats six or eight persons. There are first, second and third class rates, first class rates being, I believe, less than two cents a mile, and accommodations better than on first class cars in the Southern States. The trains are practically never behind time. But of all differences in favor of the English system that which most impresses me is the fact that no railroad here can run its track on a level above a public road. Usually the road is built up on either side, a bridge built and the railroad track runs underneath. This is one reason, no doubt, why accidents are so much rarer on English than on American roads.