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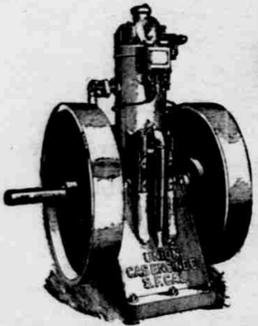
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### Notes and Gossip Of Foreign Capitals.

(From the Washington Post.)  
The royal boycott of the Paris exhibition has received its final touch by the official announcement that the Prince of Wales has decided not to visit the French capital this year. He had fully intended going, but the French government absolutely declined to accept any responsibility for his safety or to guarantee his immunity from indignity and insult unless he would consent to police surveillance of the most rigorous character. Now, the prince detests being shadowed and has determined not to visit the Gallic capital under such exceedingly distasteful conditions.

While in one way this is to be regretted, since the prince, by using his influence with all the British exhibitors to prevent their withdrawal from the exhibition, has largely contributed to its success, it is quite possible that his presence at some of the French clubs of which he is a member and which he frequents when in Paris might give rise to some unseemly behavior on behalf of the more than ordinarily adiepatated adherents of the Duke of Orleans, who has just been turned out of the three London clubs to which he belonged for first writing a letter of congratulation to the author of the frighfully indecent cartoons of Queen Victoria, then deliberately lying about it, and finally, when pushed to the wall, enveloping himself in such a mass of verbiage as to render it impossible to make out whether he admits having written the letter to the office or denies it.

In fact, his prolixity and verbosity in the matter serves to recall the pithy remark made by King Charles X. to his great-grandfather, that Duke of Orleans, who afterward became king under the name of Louis Philippe. The duke, endeavoring to exculpate himself of some particularly dirty pieces of intrigue and mean ingratitude toward the monarch to whom he was so profoundly indebted for innumerable benefits, was checked in the very flood tide of his eloquence by the dryly dignified remark on the part of King Charles, "Un mot de prince en vaut cent." (One word of a prince is worth a hundred.) The committees of the clubs in London asked the present Duke of Orleans to do nothing except to satisfy them, as the price of membership of a society of English gentlemen, that he had not stooped to an action unworthy of a French gentleman. It is a pity that the duke was unable to satisfy so reasonable a requirement and that instead of enveloping the case in a cloud of verbiage he could not clear himself by that "one word of a prince" which, as Charles X. told Louis Philippe, "is worth a hundred."

While on the subject of the Prince of Wales I may mention that he has once again given an indication of his leanings toward what is known as the High Church element of the Anglican establishment by appointing two pronounced ritualists to be his chaplains. Both are Norfolk divines and one of them, the Rev. J. W. Adams, is the proud possessor of the Victoria cross, which he won while serving as army chaplain under Lord Roberts in Afghanistan by carrying a badly wounded soldier on his back, under a heavy fire, into a place of safety. Queen Victoria herself is very broad in church matters and has no inclinations in favor of the High Church, and as head of the Church of England she disapproves of all such devices as incense, reservation of the sacrament, processions and lighted candles on the altar. The Princess of Wales, on the other hand, is extremely High Church, like most ladies who, born as Lutherans, have on their marriage to Englishmen joined the Church of England. The Prince of Wales' own inclinations on the matter were first brought to life in the "Life of Archbishop Benson," which contained, it may be remembered, a letter addressed to the primate by the heir apparent at the time of the baccarat scandal, in which he referred in a somewhat contemptuous and unfriendly manner to the bitter attacks to which he had been subjected in connection with the affair by the "non-Conformists and Low Church party."

England's future king, by the way, paid a compliment to the American painter, Sargent, at the Royal academy banquet in London, the subtlety of which escaped most people, though not the distinguished artist. For the prince, in expressing during the course of his speech his decided preference for Mr. Sargent's portrait group of the three daughters of the Hon. Percy Wyndham, which he pronounced the picture of the year and which he entitled "The Three Graces," gave the painter's name as "the great artist Sargent" without the conventional prefix of "Mr."

The tribute of the dropped "Mr." is one usually reserved for posterity to pay. Monarchs and princes, it is true, are known generally by their Christian names. But, with people of less exalted birth it is only men of genius who are described by their surnames alone. Nobody speaks of "Mr. Shakespeare, nor, since Leigh Hunt died, does one ever hear of "Mr. Shelley. That Sargent in his own lifetime should have his prefix abolished in his own presence at such a gathering as the Royal academy banquet by a speaker of the rank of the Prince of Wales can only be reckoned among the recognitions of his supremacy in art.

The Prince of Wales likewise showed no little generosity and diplomacy in inviting his cousin, King Leopold, to visit him in England, where the Belgian monarch has repeatedly been the guest of the British heir apparent. For a considerable time past the relations between the English royal family and that of Belgium have been much strained for a variety of reasons, and the climax was reached when the life of both the Prince and Princess of Wales were endangered at Brussels some weeks ago owing to the neglect of the Belgian authorities to adopt any of the customary precautions for the safety and security of the prince and princess.

The action of the letter to inviting King Leopold to become their guest at the present juncture is a sort of public manifestation on their part that they

do not bear him the slightest grudge in connection with the outrage. King Leopold is stated to be keenly sensitive to the compliment, and it is expected that the Prince and Princess of Wales, with their usual fondness for the role of peacemakers, will endeavor to avail themselves of this sojourn beneath their roof to reconcile him to his daughter Stephanie.

In reply to a reader, I would state that the German order of the Iron Cross, first created at the time of the war of liberation against Napoleon in the early part of the century and revived in 1870, when, for a second time in a hundred years, the Germans entered Paris, consists of two classes, the first of which was only conferred in the war of thirty years ago upon the victorious commanders, or upon subaltern officers, who had performed some particularly exceptional feat of bravery. In the entire German army there are only sixty-two knights of the first class of the Iron Cross, of whom eleven are today still in active service as majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels, the inference being that they must have been mere subalterns or privates when they received the cross thirty years ago. The second class was far more freely distributed. In fact, a number of officers received it who did no other duty than attend upon royal personages who formed part of the galaxy of princes of the blood and sovereigns who accompanied old Emperor William into France.

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