

Great Britain Now Ruled By Petticoat

It may be news to many followers of the world's history to hear that Great Britain is now being ruled by a petticoat government.

No; the dowager Queen Alexandra is not the petticoated monarch, but Queen Mary, consort of his majesty George V., king of Great Britain and Ireland, emperor of India, etc., and her sway is absolute.

The popular phrase at the court of St. James nowadays is, "I must ask May," but it is only uttered when their majesties are not about, for royalty must not be mimicked.

Not long ago the matter of the disposition of the clothes and uniforms of King Edward came up, and his son was naturally asked what should be done with them.

The queen settled the matter and most wisely, in the opinion of her husband's ministers, by suggesting that the matter be properly referred to Queen Alexandra.

The submission of George to his queen in household matters is not a surprise to his subjects, but his con-

sideration of weighty state matters is radically different from the procedure of his father. The cabinet ministers, it is reported, now deal directly with Queen Mary in state affairs.

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As an economist the queen is in the foremost rank, as the royal household well knows. She already has carried out extensive retrenchments in the private expenditures of her family. The simplicity that she exacts of others is well exemplified in herself, but even this is not thoroughly appreciated by many of the court officials.

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NEW PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL.

Former Executive Stated to Become Ambassador to United States.

Brazil recently has changed rulers, and Hermes da Fonseca is now president of the great South American republic. He is an able man, and it is predicted that his country, blessed as it is with splendid natural wealth, will make rapid progress under his guidance.

Senor Nilo Pecanha, who relinquished the president's chair to Marshal Fonseca, is slated to become ambassador to the United States, and it is expected that he will be in Washington during the coming season. The send-

ing of such a distinguished citizen to this government shows how important Brazil regards fraternal relations with the United States of America.

President Fonseca is fifty-five years old and has been in the army since he was fifteen. He began as a cadet, became successively lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel, major general and marshal. He is now regarded as the foremost South American authority on military matters.

He resigned as minister of war only after his election. He had planned to visit the United States before his inauguration, but family affairs prevented his making the journey. However, he says that it is only postponed and that he will come to the United States after his term as president expires.

President Fonseca is a member of a distinguished family, his uncle, Marshal Deodoro da Fonseca, having been the first president of the republic of Brazil after the abdication of Emperor Dom Pedro in 1889. The uncle had previously been the head of the Brazilian army.

Football players have pretty severe work cut out for them in practice as well as when playing a championship game, but they manage to dodge some of the work and some of the danger. "Tackling" a running player is dangerous for the tackler as well as the tackled, and so mechanical genius has been called into service to help the athletes.

Life sized "dummies" are used in place of live runners during much of the practice at "tackling." These dummies, hitched to a pulley which slides along a wire, are dragged across the field at a rapid rate. They sway back and forth as they are jerked along and offer many difficulties to the player who would arrest their progress.

The practice the tackler gets is practically as valuable as if he had tackled a live player, and the danger of injury is minimized. The fall that the player who is tackled often gets results sometimes in serious injury, even in practice. The dummy never suffers such injury, or if it does there is no complaint. As the dummy weighs about 200 pounds, tackling it is no child's play, and to be effective the swinging manikin must be gripped as firmly as any human runner.

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Over the river and through the wood— Hundreds of tons of toys, dolls and railroad cars, jumping jacks and automobiles and flying machines came into Philadelphia the other day on the steamer Dortmund.

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For the Children Flying Squirrels and Aeroplanes.



Modern inventors have been fairly successful with the aeroplane, but for a long time two little animals have used a similar principle in their successful flights.

Our common flying squirrel, with its thin, winglike membrane stretched tightly between the extended legs, is a typical aeroplane.

A frown developed on the countenance of the new patent as he studied the bill the physician had handed him. "What do you mean," he at length snorted, "by charging me \$25 for a two weeks' treatment when you charged Haenderson only \$10 for a treatment extending over the same length of time?"

"If you mean that I am not impartial in my charges," retorted the bristling doctor, "I want you to distinctly understand that you have absolutely no foundation for your insinuation. I ordered Haenderson to eat three square meals a day, while I forbade you to eat more than one light lunch. Now, sir, if you will add the cost of Haenderson's meals to my charge of \$10 and compare the result with the cost of your meals plus my charge of \$25 you will obtain such proof of my equitable-ness that you, if you are a man, will humbly apologize to me for your unkind and unwarranted attack."

A good game to play Thanksgiving evening is called "the wand passes." One of the company is sent from the room. Another, who is in league with the first, promises that when he holds the wand, which may be a cane or umbrella, over some member of the company the exiled member will be able to tell over whom. The door must be left open. The confederates explain that this is in order not to interrupt the current of electricity between them.

The magic monger allows the company to chat a few minutes after his confederate has departed. Then he suddenly breaks in upon the conversation, waving the wand and saying in a sepulchral tone, "The wand passes." The exile answers from the next room very solemnly, "Let it pass." Again comes the announcement, "The wand passes," and again the answer, "Let it pass." The third time the possessor of the wand holds it over some head and inquires, "The wand rests over whom?"

Then is the exile promptly to answer, "Over So-and-so," naming the right person. The trick is accomplished by having it arranged that the confederate who remains in the room shall hold the wand over the person who spoke last before the announcement. "The wand passes." All the exile in the next room need be able to do is to distinguish the voices of the company.

Over the river and through the wood To grandmother's house we go. The horse knows the way To carry the sleigh Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood— Oh, how the wind does blow! It stings the toes And bites the nose As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood To have a first rate play. Hear the bells ring, "Ting-a-ling-ding!" Hurrah for Thanksgiving day!

Over the river and through the wood Trot fast, my dapple gray. Spring o'er the ground Like a hunting hound, For this is Thanksgiving day.

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CHANGING THE SUBJECT.

What Lincoln Said After Harvey Ended a Two Hours' Talk.

The Hon. Peter Harvey, the friend and biographer of Daniel Webster, was a large man with a small voice and that pomposity of manner that many very diffident men possess. Above everything he valued and prided himself upon his friendship with the "great expounder."

The first year of the war between the states he went to Washington and on his return was asked how he liked President Lincoln.

"Well," he said, "Mr. Lincoln is a very singular man. I went on to see him and told him that I had been an intimate personal friend of Daniel Webster; that I had talked with him so much on the affairs of the country that I felt perfectly confident I could tell him exactly what Mr. Webster would advise in the present crisis, and thereupon I talked to Lincoln for two solid hours, telling him just what he should do and what he should not do, and, will you believe it, sir, when I got through all Mr. Lincoln said was, as he clapped his hand on my leg, 'Mr. Harvey, what a tremendous great calf you have got!'"

Proof of Fairness. A frown developed on the countenance of the new patent as he studied the bill the physician had handed him. "What do you mean," he at length snorted, "by charging me \$25 for a two weeks' treatment when you charged Haenderson only \$10 for a treatment extending over the same length of time?"

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\$100 Reward.

One hundred dollars reward will be paid for evidence and conviction of parties taking off from their accustomed home range, on headwaters of middle fork of Clear Creek, injury, killing or unlawfully branding any cattle or horses bearing brand on left hip for cattle and left shoulder for horses. I desire to return all above \$500 and will pay a fair reward for information leading to recovery.

FRIED H. SCOTT, Warrick, Montana. Sheep for Sale or Trade. A mixed band of about 1,500 head of sheep for sale or will trade for horses or cattle. Would take horses or cattle at once, and, if desired, keep sheep until spring as we have plenty of feed. FRANK STROUF & CO., Stanford, Montana.

Stallion For Sale. A thoroughbred stud colt, old enough for service, pedigree furnished. Will sell or exchange for good team. Can be seen at ranch quarter mile south of Kershaw. C. L. DECK, Fort Benton.

Entry Taken Up. Taken up, a bay horse about four years old, branded on left hip. Has been with my outfit about three years. E. P. KILROY, Alma, Montana.

Alfalfa Hay For Sale. Baled alfalfa hay for sale free on board cars at Fort Benton for \$17.50 per ton in carload lots. I guarantee it to be first class in every respect. Inquire of F. H. SCHWARTZ, Phone 3023 Mutual.

Power Pumps For Sale. The O'Hanlon Land and Stock company has 8-inch diameter centrifugal pumps, with 10-inch foot valves, belting and pipe that are for sale. Can be seen at ranch below Fort Benton. Interested parties may inquire of W. R. EARLY, Fort Benton.

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