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By PAUL LAMBETH  
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LONDON, Jan. 4.—The investigation into charges of irregularity in the granting of the government contract to the Marconi company may yet develop into a parliamentary trial relating into obscurity the famous cases of Warren Hastings and Earl Russell. Scandal will not down. A tremendous sensation has been caused by a speech made by Sir Theodore Angier at the United Empire club.

Sir Theodore declared that "the lie told in the house of commons by a barefaced minister was a real, round, good, substantial lie. We in the city of London know that these ministers have made money out of their positions. It is no use mincing words."

The prominence of Sir Theodore and the manner in which this charge was made in a club are thought to require official action. Angier is a member of the house of commons. Both friends and critics of the ministers still, like Juno, "very much under a cloud," insist that unless Angier is brought before the bar of the house and tried for a breach of privilege the ugly rumors and more specific allegations which are going the rounds in the London clubs will be given confirmation by default.

ENGLAND WEEPS OVER PAINTING  
There is more weeping and gnashing of teeth over the crossing of the water by Rembrandt's "Bartholomew." It is understood that the painting, which is the work of a banker and collector of rare works of art, has bought the picture.

"St. Bartholomew" belongs to the finest moment of the great Dutch artist's achievement, when, although he had drifted into financial difficulties that caused him to leave the Netherlands, the spiritual beauty of his artistic utterance was in no way clouded by any element of pessimism or bitterness. It is understood that the painting, which is the work of a banker and collector of rare works of art, has bought the picture.

SOCIALISTS IN UPPER HOUSE  
Socialism has now a representative in the house of lords. Earl Russell, who has been gravitating toward collectivism for some time past, has definitely cast in his lot with the socialists, and was recently admitted to the membership of the house of commons.

A question as to the length of a cat's life has prompted correspondents from many parts of the country to give accounts of cats which have reached the great age—if it is a great age—of 18 years.

The best on record is reported by a clergyman of a Norfolk parish, where one old couple possessed a cat 23 years old. In all there have been received records of 217 veteran cats, taking 18 as the minimum age to qualify as a veteran. Of these there are more than a score of years. There is more ground for supposing that a red or sandy color is associated with length of life.

The secretary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals writes that cases of cats exceeding 20 years of age are rare, but that a certain number are on record.

It is a nice question how long the various domestic animals ought to live. Dogs and cats and horses all die rather earlier than they should, it is recorded, the time they take to become mature, though on this reckoning man is the most short lived of all animals. It is practically proved that an open air life, even if rough, extends the age of the horse.

Madame Simone, the great French actress, speaks English quite fluently, and will appear in London next year in a new play by one of our most clever dramatists.

SUPFRAGETTES ON NEW TACK  
Following their attack upon the pillar boxes, the militant suffragettes have been directing their attention toward the street fire escapes, many of which have been broken during the week. These tactics had a sequel at the West London police court, where Mrs. Elsie Neville, Howey, 27, described as of no occupation, and giving her address as Cradley Malvern, Hereford, was charged with willfully breaking the glass of fire alarm at Holland park, Kensington, and with giving a false alarm of fire. Addressing the defendant, Mr. Garrett, the magistrate, said:

Miss Mary Garden, who advocates good temper as a cure for wrinkles and Scotch porridge as the elixir of life.



### BERLIN PROFESSOR RAPS COLOR FORM THEORY OF OSLER

Points Out That Shakespeare and Tennyson Did Best Work After Forty

By MALCOLM CLARKE  
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BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Professor Kempf, the president of the Royal academy here, has taken another rap at Sir William Osler's chloroform theory. Eight years ago Sir William Osler declared that man does his best work before 40, and that by 60 he is useless and should be chloroformed if he has not the good taste to "shift his mortal coil" of his own accord.

### CLERICS AT ROME ARE DIVIDED ON DIVORCE QUESTION

Pressure Being Brought to Bear to Obtain Modification of Attitude of Vatican

By CLEMENT J. BARRETT  
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ROME, January 4.—Pressure is being brought to bear upon influential officials at the Curia to obtain a modification of the attitude of the Vatican toward divorce and divorced persons. A recent expression by Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American college at Rome, while in the United States, has aroused a strong difference of opinion between the younger and the older clerical schools.

### MANY AMERICANS AT MILAN

Many have witnessed with delight the remarkably brilliant performances of "La Fanciulla del West" ("The Girl of the Golden West"), which are being given this season at La Scala in Milan. The Italians are enthusiastic over the heroine, and it looks as if this American opera is going to become a permanent favorite. The weather in Milan has been a trifle cold, but it is bright and dry, and the hotels are crowded with visitors. Among the more than the usual number of Americans.

### STRANGE DIVORCE PETITION

There is now before the first chamber of the civil courts of Rome a petition in divorce which is probably the strangest on record. The petitioner, Giovanni Sabaglia, late owner of Subiaco, was married two years ago by the sindaco (or mayor) of his locality. After the wedding he discovered that his bride was a man. He immediately took proceedings to have the marriage dissolved, and the case has just come before the judges. Professor Lai of the Polytechnic Institute has given expert evidence to the effect that the case is practically without a precedent. The verdict of the court will be rendered in a few days, but there is of course no doubt that it will dissolve the strange union.

### OPIUM TRADE CHECKED

Death Penalty Inflicted by Chinese Government in Many Instances  
(Special Cable to The Call)  
HANKOW, China, Jan. 4.—Statements have been received from 75 missionaries in the provinces regarding opium suppression. The general tone of the evidence is that the new regime is more thorough than in the old four provinces, and that the death penalty has been inflicted in several instances. Sechuan, Honan, Anhwei and Chekiang are using troops to prevent poppy cultivation. Kweichow province, which has been unsettled since the revolution, is given up to opium growing more largely than ever.

### FABLED GLAMOR IS SURPASSED AT ORIENTAL BALL

Fair Dancers of London's Smart Set Go Harem Skirt One Better by Wearing Pants

AMATEUR JOCKEY SPORTS MANACLE  
Son of Lord St. Davids Creates Amusement in Paddock at Gatwick

By LADY MARY MANWARING  
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LONDON, Jan. 4.—Brilliant beyond anything previously seen in London for quite a number of seasons was the recent Arabian Nights ball.

Of infinite variety, both as to design, hue and elaborateness, were the costumes. No one color seemed to be in particular favor. Their only passport to acceptance evidently was that they should be bright and glowing. With extreme pleasure the eye accordingly roamed over emerald greens, bright scarlets or crimson, soft blues and pinks, golds dull and bright, and not a little pure white. The orient, in short, yielded us much of its treasure in the way of gorgeous raiment.

The ladies went one better than the harem skirt; they wore the trousers outright, and seemed to enjoy the freedom of movement which the costume gave them. In fact, one might range one's visions over the whole arena without observing a single skirt—that is to say, the female skirt of western civilization. The gentlemen masquerading in skirts—of sorts—were quite as numerous as were the ladies so dressed.

SINBAD THE SAILOR THERE  
Needless to say, the "Arabian Nights" were freely drawn upon in the quest of fitting costumes. There must have been at least a dozen Caliphs of the Haroun al-Raschid type. How many Scheherazades there were no man could say. Fatimas and Morgianas were as thick as blackberries, so to speak. All Baba was there, with some at least of his harem; so was Sinbad, and so also the Barber, who had all the brothers. Aladdin, too, we had, and, of course, the Slave of the Lamp. There were Arab chiefs and Grand Viziers without end. Among the most beautiful of the women were the Duchess of Duxbury, Lady Paget, Lady Warwick, Lady Glancort, the Countess Cornwallis-West, Mrs. Winston Churchill and Mrs. "Bobby" McCreery. Need I say Mrs. "Bobby" had got 'em on?

MISS MARY GARDEN ADVOCATES GOOD TEMPER AS A CURE FOR WRINKLES AND SCOTCH PORRIDGE AS THE ELIXIR OF LIFE.  
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It is being said in the entourage that Queen Mary desired to postpone the wedding of Prince and Princess Marie until the spring of 1914 and that her royal highness may not join the royal circle at their majesties' evening courts until after her betrothal to Prince Marie.

PORRIDGE AS ELIXIR OF LIFE  
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JOCKEY WITH MONOCLE  
Some amusement was created in the paddock at Gatwick recently as an amateur jockey, who was riding a horse (though the difference) led the weighing room with colors on, but wearing an eyeglass. It really did seem rather ludicrous, but the jockey was engaged in search of his horse with a monocle stuck jauntily in its appointed place.

RUSSIAN SPY SENTENCED  
Fifteen Years in Prison in Addition to Forfeiture of \$21,000  
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Gustav Woelferling, a former sergeant in the German army, has just been sentenced to 15 years' hard labor as a penalty for espionage. Woelferling was long detailed as secretary at the military headquarters at Tientsin, where he had access to confidential military plans. Early in 1912 he resigned, but suspicion was aroused when after a few months he began to spend money freely and place mortgages on a scale all out of proportion with his former pay and pension. The authorities had him watched and finally established that for years he had been betraying to Russia mobilization plans and other material of great value in case of war. After a secret trial he was given the highest sentence, 15 years' hard labor, fined \$3,750 and money loaned on mortgages by him to the amount of \$17,250 ordered confiscated to the state. A total of \$21,000 representing his profits as a spy.

GIFTED BOY COMPOSER  
Famous Berlin Orchestra Plays His Fourth Wonderful Overture  
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—E. W. Kerngold, a 15 year old lad, has just been honored by the production by the famous Philharmonic orchestra, under the direction of Arthur Nikisch, of a dramatic overture, his fourth work of importance. Regarding the youth of the composer, the critics have praised the work highly as showing complete mastery of the art of orchestration and modern musical technique and the experience of a composer of years' training. A certain lack of originality, however, is expected in so young a musician under the influence of composers like Strauss, was the chief criticism brought against him, and this he is expected to outgrow.

FRENCH SCHOOL FOR WAITERS  
(Special Cable to The Call)  
PARIS, Jan. 4.—Paris now has her school for waiters. It was inaugurated recently by the minister of commerce, already 100 pupils have written their names on its register.

### Crocker True American

Spurns Baronetcy Offer  
Former Tammany Boss Again Demonstrates Reverence in Which He Holds Citizenship

By THOMAS EMMETT  
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DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—It has just transpired that Richard Crocker has for the second time given a practical demonstration of the reverence in which he holds his American citizenship. But for his refusal to forewear fealty to Uncle Sam, the former boss of Tammany Hall might now be Baron Crocker, with a possible seat in the new Irish senate.

His name was suggested among those chosen for New Year's honors. An influential member of the cabinet is said to have personally pleaded with Crocker to accept a peerage, but he put his foot on the proposition as one which he could not, either now or at any future time, consider. Still he will remain Richard Crocker, an Irish-American commoner, retaining his United States citizenship while scattering the millions he has earned and the money which he has brought back to Ireland from the great commonwealth of the new world.

WORKERS EARN CENT AN HOUR  
An unpleasant sensation has been caused by the report of the committee under one cent. The problem of the linen and clothing trades in Ulster. What would American operatives say to hemming, thread-drawing, top stitching, herringbone, lace catching, embroidering and fancy sewing at less than one cent per hour? The revelations would be utterly unbelievable were it not for the fact that they bear the warrant of a parliamentary report. Among 2,400 outworkers whose cases were gone through thoroughly into 140 earned the lucrative pay of one cent an hour, 10 earned between one and two cents an hour, only one worker made between five and six cents an hour. The others were all paid the high cost of living of which so much is heard in the United States, faded into insignificance before the bewildering puzzle of how to keep body and soul together, and clothes upon one's back, at such rascally remuneration. And this, too, in civilized Ulster, where the cost of food and clothing is the highest in Ireland.

DANGEROUS ADVERTISING  
Quite a commotion was caused in a Connaught city a few days ago when a former town councillor pointed a revolver at a couple of popular members of the corporation who had just left the council chamber. Had he not quickly explained that the joke was perpetrated merely to find a purchaser for the weapon the author of the affair would have been in the hands of the undertaker.

AN UMBRELLA IS A VERY NECESSARY ARTICLE IN THIS CHANGEABLE CLIMATE. But the possession of one entails a great strain on the intellect, as one is always liable to forget it. There is also the danger, if it is a good one, of its being borrowed while the owner is not looking.

One young gentleman of whom I have heard, and who is a prominent figure on our local boulevards, will for the future stoutly resist the temptation of borrowing a friend's umbrella. On a recent fine morning he was promoting the principal thoroughfares, immaculately dressed, giving the girls a treat, when suddenly the weather changed and there came on a down-pour.

Our hero is a man of resource, and he thought him where he could borrow a "gamp." The office of a friend was ransacked so he rushed in, but found his chum absent. There was, however, a beautiful new umbrella in the stand, which he cheerfully appropriated, telling the office boy that he would bring it back again later in the day.

Resuming his peregrinations, snugly ensconced under the umbrella, our hero felt comfortable until the rain ceased, and the day became fine again. The sun beamed out brilliantly, as it sometimes does in winter, and he decided to lower the umbrella. But it wouldn't come down. The upper catch which held it open was a new patent, of which he could not discover the secret.

Worked at it desperately for a few minutes until quite a respectable little crowd had gathered round him, offering more or less helpful advice. A lot of newboys also collected, and seemed to think he contemplated a parachute descent—or, possibly, ascent. The umbrella remained obstinately open, however, and the unfortunate fellow had no alternative but to march solemnly back to the office of the umbrella's owner and restore the property. It was almost a royal progress, as every one seemed to know he was carrying an open umbrella on such a beautiful sunny day. It is safe to say that that young gentleman will not borrow an umbrella in a hurry again.

It is considered very likely that Mrs. and Miss Astor will spend quite some time here within the next year or two to give little Muriel the accent Parisienne, but it will be at the expense of the well filled Astor purse and not at the cost of Astor pride. The incident instances the power of American patronage over French institutions. Now Paris must find a way to give to America a satellite around your wonderful American centers of wealth, wit and wisdom.

Good wine needs no bush, of course, but that is no reason why it should not have a museum of its own. Horses have possessed one here since August, and for the past few days there exists a museum of hygiene. It is not sound very cheerful—a museum of hygiene. One imagines whitewashed walls hung with special underclothing and antiseptic jars of pentonized milk; but a "musee des vins" is a very different matter. It is something genial and generous in the conception, which will soon become an accomplished fact, and the city that is to be the honor of housing this unique museum is Beaune—a name of blessed memory to many. Even proud Bordeaux has not raised a protest. She knows her vine, and at its best and most delicate to wit an immature adolescent to the full bodied manhood of a Burgundy. Rheims, of course, is a noble ally, and the champagne of the party, after all, a meretricious upstart among wines, fit only for "women, fools and boys" to drink. Knowing no better, but the real Burgundy is a wine of the sun and generous soil. It is in the words of an old Italian wine grower, the pure juice of a noble alignment, made it. So at Beaune this noble temple to a kindly Bacchus is to arise.

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### YOUNG MISS ASTOR FOR SCHOOL? PERISH THE THOUGHT!

Seminary Proprietress Is Denied Privilege of "Rounding Out" Young Miss Muriel's Education

WINE MUSEUM TO BE ESTABLISHED  
Modern Temple to Bacchus Is to Arise at Beaune in "La Belle France"

By PAUL VILLIERS  
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PARIS, Jan. 4.—The aristocratic lady proprietress of a fashionable finishing school in the vicinity of Paris is gritting her teeth and tearing her hair in most un-ladylike anger.

"Foul!" she said to a close friend the other day. "These diabolical Americans—the upstarts! the parvenues! the—!" but the rest was really too "utterly, utterly utter!" It would burn up the sensitive cable, and I should be sued for the damage as an accessory after the fiery fact.

The cause of the commotion is said to be a brief but quite politely forceful refusal on the part of Mrs. John Astor to permit little Miss Muriel to be used as a school advertisement. The seminary proprietress wanted the privilege of "rounding out" Miss Astor's schooling for the sake of the elan it would bring her establishment. And now she is indignant because, very properly, Mrs. Astor was astounded at her presumption.

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