

PRESENTED AT COURT

Experience of an American at an English Royal Levee.

4 RAPID TRANSIT FUNCTION.

He Was In and Through and Out Before He Really Realized What Had Happened—The Way His Difficulty About a Costume Was Overcome.

A six foot American who had secured a "command" to one of the English royal levees recently found himself in a pretty predicament.

On his notification paper was the hint that levee dress was indispensable. In the gullest innocence of his democratic soul the American took this to mean that frock coat and shiny shoes would be called for.

He was in the act of looking over his best outfit of that nature when a more experienced friend called and caught him in the act. The friend made haste to inform the misguided Yankee that levee dress involved silk stockings, ruffled sleeves, black sword and other items.

Consternation ensued. It continued to ensue when owing to his height and girth no borrowable suit was discovered and no tailor could be found who would make one before the next afternoon.

After the levee was over the American confessed that he hardly knew what had happened. When he reached the palace he was first surrounded by the yeomen of the guard, who started him up stairs with great dispatch.

Again the scene changed, says Town and Country, and there was a lane of royal footmen and next a large room filled to overflowing with admirals, generals, diplomats, peers, chamberlains, soldiers and sailors of all degrees of commissioned rank and a great host of men attired like himself in levee dress.

The work of presentation was so rapid that the American found himself out and in another room before he knew what had happened. His overcoat was on his back in a flash, and the next thing he knew he was outside in the courtyard.

None but a very old habitue of the court—and then she is never below the rank of a countess—would dream of appearing at court in a costume that she had worn there before.

Every woman who is presented goes armed with a bouquet, whose value is at least a pound, and some of them are worth ten times that sum.

Suppose there are at a low estimate 500 people on the presentation list. Of these every mother's daughter has herself photographed in her court costume, and London court photographers are notorious for their stiff prices.

St. James' park on the night of a drawing room is filled with Londoners who wander up and down the double line of carriages stilled in the main.

All this has to be borne with Spartan fortitude so long as there is no rowdiness; but, strange as it may seem, a good many people starve themselves for months so that they and their offspring may have the money to enable them to go to court.

Generally they have influential and wealthy friends who make it easy for them in the matter of lodging in town and lend them their horses, carriages and footmen; otherwise it would be impossible for them to go.

He Fired the Stick. "I have fired the walking stick I've carried over 40 years, on account of a sore that resisted every kind of treatment, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; that has healed the sore and made me a happy man."

Fond Papa—My baby says such bright things! Dyspeptic Uncle—And yet you want me to believe in this rot about heredity.—Baltimore American.

Will Care Consumption. A. A. Herren, Finch, Ark., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar is the best preparation for coughs, colds and lung trouble. I know that it has cured consumption in the first stages."

Not Inherited. "Mrs. Sandys," said the grumbling boarder, "I am going to write to the city authorities."

A WHISTLER STORY.

The Eagle That Was Made to Pose as a Fighting Cock.

Aprons of something Whistler once told a cockfight story so vividly that only a man with a sailor instinct could tell it as well, mimic it so keenly and enjoy it so thoroughly.

Some American sailors were at a cockfight in a seaport town in England when one of them remarked to the owner of the champion:

"We have got an American cock on board that can whip any bird here." "Go fetch 'im on," said the champion. "Chuck 'im in and see. If 'e likes 'em 'e'll be a plenty more to throw in that 'e can lick 'em."

"All right, 'e'll bring 'em," said the sailors. "When they get aboard they'll rig up an American eagle. After their own manner, they painted, trimmed, spliced and reeled over and aft, transforming the eagle to a cock."

At the pit the sailors chuckled in their cock, which looked around for other surprises as he backed close to the wall.

"Now, bring on your birds," yelled the sailors. A strutting cock was thrown into the pit and was another surprise to the poor dismantled eagle.

Here Whistler ended with an imitation by motions of wit and the eagle did. He stretched out his arm, shaped his hand like a claw, which by this time looked like a real one, drew it to his mouth and with one bite pulled off the head as he thought an eagle might do it.

Mr. E. W. Goodloe, of 107 St. Louis St., Dallas, Tex., says: "I have been acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, and no laxative I ever before tried so effectually disposes of malaria and biliousness."

JOYS OF LIFE IN HAWAII.

Mosquitoes the Only Flaw—Not Even a Servant Problem.

Birds are everywhere in Hawaii. Their music fills the quivering air. One wonders why we do not all live in this paradise, where life seems to stretch out before one in a long, languid dream of delight.

Suddenly through your dreaming comes a rude awakening. The Hawaiian mosquito, the one flaw in the gem, the only thorn in the garden, has called to make your acquaintance and bid you welcome to his domain.

The houses, with their broad verandas filled with palms and flowers and furnished with tables, chairs, hammocks and grass rugs, are a paradise to the weary traveler. It is here that the Honolulu people enjoy their glorious climate.

The lawns, thick and velvet as a carpet, were kept in perfect order by the Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese—always had. In fact, the servant problem causes no worry to the housewife, who has but little anxiety in this land of plenty.

Everybody seems to take life easily. The offices close very early, and no one seems to know what care is. The sugar barons, their capital once rightly invested, draw their dividends, and the rest of life is required to spend them.

We stop at the home of our friend, a bungalow that is the picture of comfort. One end of the veranda is used as a sun parlor, sheltered by windows and screens, for what they call "coco" days—60 degrees above zero.

Numerous rooms connected with this, the dining room, being a veranda at the other end of the house and the kitchen a separate building, though connected by a roofed veranda. The guest chambers are cottages by themselves.

The bath is hewn out of solid stone, with a shower above. Servants are provided for in quarters apart from the house. The whole, in fact, greatly reminds one of an old southern plantation home with modern improvements.

Just in front of the house, spreading its great limbs at least sixty feet in diameter, is a great monkey pod tree, and under its protecting branches the children, and older ones, too, enjoy the swings and hammocks in an atmosphere where hula lulls to sleep.

Remarkable Rescues. That truth is stranger than fiction, has once more been demonstrated in the little town of Fedora, Tenn., the residence of C. V. Pepper. He writes: "I was in bed, entirely disabled with hemorrhages of the lungs and throat. Doctors failed to help me, and all hope had fled when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Then instant relief came. The coughing soon ceased; the bleeding diminished rapidly, and in three weeks I was able to go to work."

Left Them as Usual. Robert's four Williams died and left a wife and three children. Jones—That's nothing. He was too mean to take them anywhere when he was living.—Life.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.—Emerson.

A REAL PIRATE ISLAND

It Was Once the Stronghold of Morgan, the Buccaneer.

A TINY COUNTRY TO ITSELF.

Old Providence, an Unhappy Spot in the Caribbean Sea, and the Lawless, Reckless, Murderous Crew That Now Claim it as Their Own.

Sailing upon that almost unknown sea which ebbs and flows upon the Mosquito Coast, the line of the horizon is broken by two faint points. As the vessel approaches nearer a strange sight meets the vision. The points have become two jaws looming against the clearness of the sky and water. It is as if an enormous mouth had been suddenly thrust out of the sea with distended jaws pointed skyward.

Truly the sight is uncanny, but the jaws mark an unhappy spot in the Caribbean. Once these waters were not so deserted by man to the westward bosom passed stately galleons, the plate ships loaded with treasure from the new Spain. When their captains saw those black jaws they may have said "Away from them, for this bit of dry spot in the ocean was then known, as it is today, as a pirate island."

Old Providence, as the map maker calls it, is in truth a dot on the waters. Not over four miles from end to end in its longest direction and half as much in width, a good walker can encircle it by the little coast path. The human beings who call it home are confined to its outer edge, for the submarine volcano which at some time in the past ages gave birth to Old Providence is one of its convulsions, topped it off with a miniature mountain range stretching above the crests of the island.

It is not considered rude to level glasses at any one, whether within a few feet or up in the balcony, but it is rather considered a compliment to the face or more often the shoulder that he attracts such close inspection. It is true that the French are famed for their polished manner, but it is equally true that in the eyes of the American the roughest cowboy possesses a better appreciation of refinement than the dullest member of the French nobility, and especially is this noticeable in a theater.—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

Cared Hemorrhages of the Lungs. "Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake, of Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar, and my lungs are now as sound as a bell. I recommend it in advance stages of lung trouble." Foley's Honey and Tar stops the cough and heals the lungs, and prevents serious results from a cold. Refuse substitutes. The Arant Co. Drug Store.

St. Catherine, as it was mockingly called in the old days, was the stronghold of Henry Morgan. For nearly 250 years the blood of his followers has flowed in the veins of its people, but before the freebooters sailed into its harbor the Spanish governor of Costa Rica had made it an island prison for criminals he thought too dangerous to keep on the mainland.

The blood of the islanders is the blood of English, Irish and Scotch, but adulterated with that of the negro. Today fully 1,000 persons live upon this islet—a thousand human beings who have degenerated in mind until the majority of them are little better than beasts. Murder is common; theft is not a crime; marriage is unknown. Only the fear of a stronger keeps many a man from taking life for a trifle.

Most of the cocoanuts are traded for clothing, liquor, firearms, knives and trinkets. After a vessel has loaded and departed, for days the island may be the scene of a drunken debauch, which brings to mind stories written about the carousals of the buccaneers after the capture of a prize, but here is no captain or discipline of the sea. The weaker are the prey of the stronger, and robbery and killing pass unnoticed. It is the testimony of Father St. John, the brave priest who alone is endeavoring to do something to improve the condition of these people, that scarcely a week passes without a murder.

With only a handful out of the 1,000 population acknowledging any form of Christianity, it is not strange that the belief in fetiches, ever voodooism, should be widespread. Witch doctors and sellers of charms for good and evil are numerous. Most of the women wear next to the skin a tuft of hair, a piece of rag smeared with blood or some other amulet which is intended to cast a spell over their enemies or to keep off Satan, in which all believe.

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PARIS THEATERS.

Manners and Customs That Strike an American as Peculiar.

It is not the play or the acting or the applause that attracts and holds the attention of the American who is attending for the first time a Parisian opening. It is the audience. In the first place the pre-eminence of music in the best orchestras seems to provoke a question which brings forth the information that in the majority of the better class theaters in Paris the first three rows of the orchestra are sold almost exclusively to men, and as far as it is possible, the box office favors men for the body of the house, principally because they do not wear hats and do not therefore obstruct the view of those sitting behind.

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The Word "Widow." As a word "widow" is most interesting. Max Mueller traced it back through thousands of years with hardly any change of form or meaning. "The word at its original formation meant simply a woman left without a man, just as it does today, and it has remained all these ages materially unchanged both in sound and meaning." A thousand years ago the Anglo-Saxons used the word in England and north Germany. The Mesopotamians, and earlier than they the Latin people knew it centuries before the Anglo-Saxons, and the Sanskrit records show that a thousand years before Latin was written the same word was spoken on the slopes of the Himalayas.

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