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Young English ladies walk about London alone now, after a fashion unknown 20 years ago.

It is reported that Sarah Bernhardt has had rockers attached to the coffin in which she used to lie occasionally.

Over eighty years ago Lord Cornwallis wrote: "The life of a Lord Lieutenant of Ireland comes up to my idea of perfect misery."

The only persons who have found this particular month of May very merry have been the doctors, whose trade is marvelously thriving.

Mr. R. Power has introduced a bill for the abolition of the Viceroyalty of Ireland and the appointment of an additional Secretary of State instead.

Patrick Troy, being about to die, at Joliet, caused a priest and two friends to carry him out to a shed. There he moved a board, and \$3,500 rolled forth.

A gentleman of St. Louis named Baby has applied for leave to change his name to Barbee, the orthodox pronunciation of Baby, because his fellow-citizens persisted in calling him Baby.

"A peculiarly worthless race," Blackwood's Magazine dubs the Irish. The Scotch hate the Irish far more bitterly than do the English. They have absolutely nothing in common with them.

An ark 200 feet long is being built by an Iowa man who believes that a second flood will take place in 1885. He intends, however, to take passengers at \$5,000 each, and expects to make a fortune.

In the Scotch highlands 40 years ago the people were cleared out to make way for sheep. Owing to competition from Australia, wool became barely half what it was, so that sheep have since had to give way to deer.

Abernethy's "Good heavens! what is to become of you all?" when he looked around at the incipient doctors in his crowded lecture theatre, begins to come home with increasing force to the heavy additions to the curing brigade.

The various election commissions in England that have been held during the last eighteen months, have cost the ratepayers of the guilty constituencies about \$126,225. The most expensive process was at Macclesfield, where \$25,230 has to be paid.

Edward Rosner's wife deserted him five days after the marriage, at Farmington, Mo., drove him to suicide by her heartless perfidy, and married his rival one day after becoming a widow; yet she claims his entire estate, and will get it, there being no other heirs.

Dr. Treiber, the German physician who attended Lord Byron in his last illness at Missolonghi, and who subsequently settled at Athens, has just died there. Dr. Treiber is said to have left behind him some interesting notes of his acquaintance with Lord Byron.

At Buckland, in England, a very fine elm tree of great age, which was the principal ornament of the churchyard, was blown down and split by the recent gale, when it was discovered that the enormous trunk was a beehive, containing an accumulation of honey weighing over 8 cwt.

The most remarkable point in connection with the racing in England of the first week in May was the almost unbroken series of successes scored by the jockey Archer, who, out of twenty-one mounts, won thirteen races—eleven out of fifteen at Chester, and two out of six at Kempton Park.

Mr. Linton is to receive 1,000 guineas from Queen Victoria for his painting of the marriage of Prince Leopold. There is a regular series of pictures of every similar event in her Majesty's reign. Most of them hang in the grand corridor in the private apartments at Windsor. Among others is a hideous daub, representing the old Duke of Wellington giving a godfather's present to Prince Arthur.

They have a primitive way in some parts in Hungary of proceeding against persons accused of crime. Miksa Trailla, a boy of 15, employed as a servant in the neighborhood of Temesvar, was suspected of stealing about \$8 from his master. He was handed over to the police, and being suspended by the feet, head downward, from a hook in the ceiling, was belabored for two hours with a wet rope. The next morning the half dead boy was stretched on the floor and beaten on the legs and knees with a cudgel. A few hours later a magistrate ordered him to be suspended again by the feet, and in that position he remained until he was unconscious. In the evening, still refusing to confess, he was held with naked breast and arms against a red-hot stove. A brother of the lad, who implored the local notary to inter-

cede and put an end to the torture, was thrown into prison by order of that functionary, and heavily ironed. On the third day by order of higher officials, who had been informed of these doings, the two brothers were released. Such occurrences are not rare among the densely ignorant country populations of eastern Europe.

Although the Scotch profess to idolize Burns, they allowed their greatest poet to spend his time in drinking beer, and at this moment they are permitting his nephew to die in the workhouse. Gilbert Burns, an old man-of-war's man, is now, in his 81st year, in Glasgow poorhouse. A couple of hundred pounds would enable him to end his life in peace and comfort; but the money does not seem to be forthcoming. A Perthshire paper is "organizing a movement" to "wipe off a national reproach," but as yet it does not appear to have met with much success.

Trichinae continue to give a surprising amount of trouble in Germany. Inspectors have been appointed in every district, stringent rules are in force for the microscopic examination of pork, and negligence or evasion of the law is severely punished. Nevertheless, the sale of infected meat often with fatal results, is a thing of frequent occurrence in all parts of the country. If American pork were half as likely to be infected with trichinae as that raised in Germany, it would not be admitted into a single European port. By comparison the American meat, free as it is from government inspection, is singularly pure.

The ordinary high hat has generally been denounced as a grievous imposition of fashion, but it has at last been turned to a really useful purpose. The Swiss Federal Council was at its wits' end to know what to do with the requests for invitations to the St. Gothard festivities, and there were "600 gentlemen at least" whose claims were undeniable, but all of whom the Council did not see its way to "feeding and lodging for three days." In this emergency the Council has intimated that "cylinder hats and black coats will be de rigueur," and this costume is so abhorrent to Switzers that many will stay away rather than wear the hat.

Journals of Prussian Poland lament the rapidity with which that country is becoming Germanized. Language, property, and population are all falling into the control of the dominating Teutons. The Polish peasantry is emigrating, a large proportion coming to the United States, and German farmers and handicraftsmen are being sent for to take their place. This, together with the fact that German is the official and judicial language, is enough to crowd out the original vernacular. As to the landed estates of the old Polish nobility, they are fast being bought up by German capitalists. During 1881 nearly 75,000 acres of land were sold by Polish owners to German purchasers. In the past four years nearly 130,000 acres went that way. Polish patriots endeavor in vain to stem the tide. The dream of a restoration of the old nation is fast fading.

Most people who see that 286,000 young men are brought forward annually for military service in France, attach an exaggerated significance to this number. As a matter of fact, not one-third of them go just now into the ranks for five years' service. Out of every hundred of these youths seventeen serve only for a year or six months, twenty-four are exempted for family or educational reasons, five or six are set aside for auxiliary service because of minor bodily defects, nine extra small and of weakly make are put back for two years, and twelve are declared totally unfit for service. Thus we have the significant fact that the large proportion of 27 per cent of the young men of France are, at the age of 20, more or less physically unfitted for military service. The standard of education may be judged from the fact that one in every seven recruits can neither read nor write. Ten years ago the proportion of the illiterate was about one in five, and fifty years ago it was 50 per cent. As to height—or rather the want of it—36 per cent of the recruits are between 5 feet and half an inch (the minimum army height) and 5 feet 4 inches; and the general average is less than 5 feet 5 inches.

Cincinnati has a strange hermit in Edward Holroyd. He was once a partner in a large and successful dry goods house, and at that time was public-spirited, jovial and widely known. Twenty years ago he retired suddenly from business, secluded himself in a very handsome suburban residence, and has never since been off the premises. For months no human being sees him, his orders to the family who live in the house being sent out from his

room in writing, and his food being passed in through a wicket. The building is going to ruin through neglect, and the grounds are unattended, but neither through stinginess nor lack of means, as his property has appreciated to \$250,000 in value, and he frequently gives away money in charity. He takes the daily newspapers, and seems to keep informed as to what is going on in the world, but will have nothing to do with it, and lately refused to see one of his former business partners. Many of his old associates believed he was dead, so completely had he dropped out of notice, when a description in the Enquirer called their attention to him. He is now 80. The cause of his seclusion was his wife, with whom he quarreled, and who obtained a divorce, compelling him to provide for her a separate maintenance. This soured him, and he vowed to be done with human beings.

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