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Herr Otto Roloff, teacher at the Arts and Crafts school here, has executed a magnificent centerpiece epergne at the express desire and after the design of the emperor, who intends it as a gift to King Edward. In the center is an enormous silver gilt bottle-shaped top-piece, one meter in height, with a diameter of seventy centimeters, made after the model of the famous epergne of King Frederick the First in the royal palace. Round the centerpiece between chased laurel wreaths, runs a circlet with the inscription in English: "Emperor William II. to King Edward VII." On both sides of the circlet are heads of lions, with rings in their jaws to serve as handles. The base of the centerpiece is beautifully decorated with chased and embossed work, representing acanthus and laurel leaves and festoons, as is also the stopper of the decanter, which represents the king's crown. The centerpiece stands upon a wooden socle adorned with silver gilt rosettes. The entire piece lies between a curious arrangement of corbels shaped grotesquely with embossed floral ornamentation. Each corbel is of gilded bronze differently cut and ornamented. In the center of each corbel is a cartouch, upon which are alternately engraved the monogram and arms of King Edward, over which is the royal crown. It is stated that since the eighteenth century no such exquisite and artistic workmanship has been seen in Berlin.—Berlin Correspondence London Times.

Our Trade with Spain Booming.

Trade relations between the United States and Spain have resumed the conditions existing between the two countries before the war. The exports from the United States to Spain in the fiscal year just ended were larger than in any preceding year with a single exception, 1883, and show an increase of \$6,000,000 over 1889. Imports from Spain also show a marked increase over 1889.

Applied Knowledge.

"Spell ferment and give its definition," requested the teacher. "F-e-r-m-e-n-t, to work," responded a diminutive maiden. "Now place it in a sentence, so that I may be sure you understand its meaning," said the teacher. "In summer I would rather play out-of-doors than ferment in the school-house," returned the small scholar.

Fortune Left Empress.

Empress Frederick left a fortune of \$2,500,000, saved up from her dowry of \$250,000, her English allowance of \$40,000 a year, her allowance as empress dowager, and the bequest of \$750,000 from the duchess of Galliera. By her will she left to each of her children \$250,000, but her youngest daughter, Princess Margaret of Hesse, gets in addition the castle of Friedrichshof.

Effect of Heat in Sweden.

The thermometer climbed to heights unknown in Sweden last summer. The heat was almost tropical. One result was that men for the first time appeared in negligee shirts and without coats. Such a thing was never before thought of. In many cities the ladies published cards in the newspapers, asking the men to dress in a comfortable manner.

Hattless Dudes at Large.

In London last summer it was the custom of swells and clubmen to go without their hats when in evening clothes. The spectacle of young men going about to theaters or society functions without headgear became so common that it attracted very little attention.

Trolley to the Pyramids.

The tourist in Egypt now takes a trolley on the main street of Cairo that carries him direct to the pyramids. In a short time a line will be built, equipped with American cars, to run from the ocean front at Piraeus, to the Parthenon at Athens.

International Prison.

It might be a good plan to establish an international penal colony for enemies of law and order. Some island or group of islands in the Pacific ocean might be selected, or a territory set apart in Africa. The administration of the colony could be intrusted to one country.—Worcester Gazette.

Umbrellas Antedate Christian Era.

The umbrella and parasol were used by the Eastern nations many centuries before the Christian era. The oldest Chinaware shows pictures of ladies and mandarins shaded by parasols of patterns similar to those now in use.

Hunting Grounds in Ireland.

In ten Irish counties there are advertised 667,000 acres of shootings, and the rental asked is £7,885, or a trifle over two and three-fourths pence per acre. In most cases, too, there are mansions attached.

Dissipation Destroyed Good Looks.

Catharine II was a handsome woman in early life, but dissipation and vice soon destroyed every trace of her good looks, she became very fleshy and coarse in appearance.

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