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Emperor William's Faith.

The Kaiser Dissents From Delitsch's Unorthodox Conclusions.

The Kaiser is as little abashed in the domain of theology as in that of art, literature, music, architecture, or politics.

There is a disposition in some quarters to jeer at his recent letter to Admiral Hollman, with reference to Prof. Delitsch and the Babylonian origin of the Mosaic law; but it is really one of the most sincere and characteristic of his varied public deliverances. It must not be read as theology, still less as science, but as the naive expression of an alert but believing mind, trying to find itself amid the mazes of modern investigation and doubt.

The orthodoxy of the Kaiser has been a good deal distrusted of late among the conservative religious leaders in Germany. He has followed with ardor the researches of the higher criticism. He gave money to help Prof. Delitsch carry on his investigations in Assyria, and when the latter came back and announced his theory of Hammurabi as the true source of the laws of Moses, the Kaiser, with almost boyish enthusiasm, personally assisted in the professor's stereopticon exhibits.

But the Kaiser was content to follow the professor only as an historian and Assyriologist. When Delitsch diverged into theology, denied the divinity of Christ, and declared that the Old Testament contained no Messianic revelation, the Kaiser would go with him no further. He engaged the professor in debate, and now admonishes him to proceed very cautiously and to limit his declarations of opinion to theologians. "Spare us, the laymen, from hearing them," says the Kaiser, with charming naivete.

Of course, this settles nothing, so far as the higher criticism or the Assyrian disclosures are concerned. If these are true, the knowledge of them cannot be kept from laymen. But the working out of their truth or falsity must be left to competent scholars. The chances are that in these, as in the case of many other startling theories which have preceded them, there will be a large abatement from the first statements when they are subjected to close scrutiny.

In the meantime, the Kaiser is an interesting figure, as he makes a frank and manly declaration of his own religious faith, deprecates the spread of destructive theories, and sets forth to his people the fundamental principles of Christianity as he holds them.

The Midsea Newspaper.

Possible Results of Development of Wireless Telegraphy.

The publication of a midsea newspaper during the passage of the Etruria realizes at once the fears and hopes of the traveling public.

The office-worn, nerve-shattered business man, who is ordered to take the ocean voyage as a rest cure, to go into compulsory banishment from his routine world of worry, will soon find his favorite refuge denied him. Unless he owns his private yacht or sets sail on a plodding freighter unequipped with the appliances of wireless telegraphy, there will be no escape for him.

He might almost as well be at home, where he can study the market quotations and prices current in comfort, without being churned up by an unaccommodating sea. We may even expect before long to hear the steamship companies announcing as a spe-

cial inducement that this and that vessel accepts and transmits no etheric messages.

Fortunately the health seekers make up only a small part of the sea-going public. To the man of affairs in transit, even to the casual traveler, the development of the Marconi system will be a welcome relief from the isolation and monotony of the ocean desert. At least the means will be available, whether used or not, to exchange messages with both sides of the Atlantic.

The new system promises, indeed, to be the greatest of life-saving devices by making it possible to summon aid from any point at sea. The experimental messages and the midsea newspaper, spectacular performances that they are, are only the first steps in a great mechanical revolution, of which the end is the destruction of the natural barriers to human communication.

An Overcrowded Workhouse.

Conditions Favorable for the Development of Contagious Diseases.

We drew attention, a few days ago, to the two cases of smallpox which developed recently in the workhouse. One of the cases has since ended fatally. It was that of a woman who had been an inmate of the institution for two months preceding her death. She caught the disease, therefore, in the workhouse, and not outside of it.

Acting upon the principle of locking the stable after the horse has been stolen, the superintendent of the workhouse now recommends, and the Commissioners approve the recommendation, that no more prisoners be sent for the present to that institution. This, we think, ought to have been done weeks ago.

But even at this late day it is to be welcomed as the dawn of returning intelligence. The unfortunate creatures whom society, in order to protect itself, must temporarily segregate, are punished severely enough without exposing them unnecessarily to disease and death.

And while on the subject we desire to draw attention to the overcrowding of that portion of the workhouse set apart for the men prisoners. In rooms designed to accommodate 216 persons there are at the present moment confined not less than 280. This is a distinct bid for the development of contagious diseases. The authorities should see to it that workhouse conditions are promptly remedied.

Men and Dogs.

Trouble if "Humans" Were Judged by the Canine Standard.

Instead of finding fault with the inevitable, count your mercies.

Suppose that human beings were judged by the same standards of mental and physical perfection as the dog-show man applies to his canines. How many of us would stand the test?

Fancy barring a man from polite society because he was not quite in keeping with his breed. Why he falls below the standard may be quite inappreciable. Possibly his father and his mother were thoroughbreds, blue ribbon and cup winners galore. Even his own sister may have taken everything in her class. But for some unaccountable reason the yellow streak comes out in him, and he is turned down and out.

Or imagine marking a fresh society bud a mongrel simply because she fails to pass muster the first time she is shown!

In fact, it is a mighty lucky thing for all of us that the world does not judge us according to the fixed and unalterable standard that it applies to the dog. If it did, many would be the morning that we would have to hunt in the ash barrel for our bone.

The Balkan Outlook.

A Mild and Ineffective Program Proposed by Russia and Austria.

It is certainly a very mild program of reform in the Balkan provinces which the Austrian and Russian ambassadors at Constantinople, with due solemnity, have presented to the Sultan.

It calls for the appointment of an inspector general for three years, with certain independent powers, including authority to requisition troops if necessary; for the reorganization of the gendarmerie and police under European instructors, for reforms in administration and finance, and for a more equitable collection of taxes. It is explained that the proposed program of reform does not affect the Sultan's prerogatives, nor does it contain anything to wound the religious susceptibilities of the Mussulmans.

But it is perfectly clear that even so mild a program as this does interfere with the sultan's prerogatives. If he accepts the suggestions of Russia and Austria, he admits, in principle, the right of other governments to tell him how he shall administer his own

government. If Austria, Russia, and the others may direct him today to do this, tomorrow they may direct him to do something else, and day after tomorrow may still further enlarge their demands. The Sultan is keenly suspicious, and he is extremely apt at resisting the beginnings of reform.

So far, at least, the program of the powers does not differ very much from the futile policy followed during the Armenian massacres, and later during the war with Greece. Protests, representations, joint notes, identical notes—the Sultan cares little for any of these. The one thing that he will yield to is force, or the menace of force. He will weigh deliberately all the chances; he will promise, postpone, procrastinate; but unless he is fully persuaded that the powers are ready to act together to compel submission he will use their notes to light his narghile.

Meanwhile the Macedonians are getting restive, the Albanians are raiding, the Bulgarians are with difficulty restrained from action, and the Turkish troops from Asia are mobilizing. The vital question is not so much what is contained in the program of the powers, but what, if anything, they are prepared to do to hold the Turk in check when the storm which is now gathering breaks in the Balkans.

Free-Hand Comment.

Is "patriotic whist" destined to replace the national game of draw poker?

A New York judge calls the deceiver of widows "vermin." He looks to us like a wonder.

A German visitor says that the Berlin students drink the health of President Roosevelt. It is another excuse.

What with dramatizing novels and novelizing dramas the authors are making money with both hands.

A hand-clapping machine is being worked in a St. Louis theater. Good idea. Anything better than the fool friend claque.

The grip bacillus caused great sorrow Friday when the Senate found that it had not attacked the Hon. John T. Morgan and tweaked his vocal organs a bit.

The Talk of the Day.

Mrs. Duryea objects to her husband because he called her a "slob." She didn't mind being called "a watering cart," or "a monster of selfishness," but "slob" annoyed her as much as Jonathan Wild's term of endearment perplexed his wife after they had patched up their quarrel.

The bitterness of the taunt "slob" lies in its vagueness. You cannot define the term; but you know a slob when you see one, and you also know that the "slob" may be male or female. (The "lobster," on the contrary, is always male.) Jerry Cruncher's wife, who had the unpleasant habit of "flopping," was a slob, and Jerry would have addressed her as such had the term then been in use. Others would brand Rousseau, Werther, and all of a tremulous upper lip with this epithet.

Mr. Duryea, who has plenty of starch, makes a brave defense. "That if he did use language to his wife that was not appropriate, it was under stress of great provocation." But how can judge, jury, or referee decide as to the appropriateness of "slob"? Once a slob, always a slob? Can a slob wear a mask for months and years without detection? Are slob-like vampires, only slobbs at night? The "Book of Slobbs" is as yet unwritten, but we are inclined to think that a slob is always a slob; that no heroic treatment will destroy the inherent elements of slobbiness. Still we are open to argument, and we invite discussion. Let us hear from the Earnest Student of Sociology.

"Tell me, pretty maiden, are there any more at home like you?" In the French version of "Florodora" at the Bouffes Parisiens, Paris, begins: "Dites, donc, jolie demoiselle," and English correspondents complain of inadequacy. But pray, how would you translate the line into French? There is talk of having the double sextet sung in English by singers from London.

Dr. Murray, the editor of the Oxford or New English Dictionary, is still unwilling to admit the word "appendicitis," the word, he says, is not like bronchitis "in English use." Perhaps the English have no appendices or appendices. They are a hardy race.

Sunday School Teacher—What do you know about Good Friday?
Sunday School Pupil—He was a black man, mentioned in "Robinson Crusoe."
This just pleases the English, and they are printing it as new.

Again there is talk of rats and mice as spreaders of disease. "The most terrifying rat I ever saw," said a traveler to us, "was a large one which walked slowly across our kitchen floor in Honolulu. The Chinese cook exclaimed in horror when I wondered at the rat's tameness. 'Very bad, missy, very bad! Plague come bime-by!' And sure enough the plague broke out on the day following."

Yes; and the Germans believe, or once believed, that the souls of the dead assume the form of mice, and when the head of the house dies the mice leave the house; in fact every apparition of mice is considered a funeral presage. Did not the first witch in "Macbeth," when she wished to avenge herself threaten to become a rat without a tail? But why without a tail? Topsis in 1653 wrote of the rats: "Their tail is very long, and almost naked, void of hair, by reason whereof it is not unworthily counted venomous; for it seemeth to partake with the nature of serpents."

IN THE COURTS AND CAPITALS OF THE OLD WORLD.

Canceled Court Presentations.—The Penalty Just Inflicted by King Edward on Lady Granville Gordon Recalls Other Instances of Humiliating Disclosures and Public and Official Disgrace.—The Distressing Story of Lady Twiss.

Read Out of Britain's Court.

Publication in the "Official Gazette" by order of the sovereign of the cancellation of presentations at court are so rare that when they take place they invariably excite an immense sensation. Consequently the infliction of this penalty upon Lady Granville Gordon, whose husband, owing to the childlessness of his elder brother, is next heir to the Marquisate of Huntly, and to the dignity of Premier Marquess of the Kingdom of Scotland, as well as to the chiefdom of the ancient and historic clan of Gordon, deserves more than merely passing mention.

During the entire reign of Queen Victoria there were not more than four cases of cancellation by "Gazette," one of them being that of a Mrs. Crossley, who had secured presentation by means of deceit with regard to her divorce court antecedents. Another instance was that of an American couple of the name of Fisher, this being the only instance of a husband being included with his wife in this drastic form of punishment, while the most notable and pitiful of all the cases was that of Lady Twiss, Lady Granville Gordon's cancellation is the first one by "Gazette" under the new reign, and may be welcomed as an assurance to the public that King Edward intends to revive some of that strictness in connection with his court which prevailed when his mother was on the throne.

Penalties Not Always Published.

It must not, however, be inferred from the publication in the "Gazette" the other day that only those presentations are canceled that are officially published. There are plenty of private cancellations—that is to say, intimations—sent to the women concerned by the lord chamberlain in the name of the sovereign to the effect that their presentation has been annulled, while at the same time British embassies and legations are informed so as to prevent the lady in question from taking advantage of her English presentation to secure a similar privilege at foreign courts from the British embassy.

But it is only in very exceptional cases that a public notification is made—that is to say, when in the opinion of the sovereign some public expression of royal condemnation is needed.

The saddest case that I can recall is that of Lady Twiss, wife of that Sir Travers Twiss who was one of the greatest authorities on international law, the vicar general of the archdiocese at Canterbury, the chancellor of the diocese of London, advocate general to the Queen, and holder of many other important dignities. For nearly twenty years Lady Twiss had done the honors of her husband's house and been a figure in London society, receiving at her table all the most eminent prelates of the church and attending drawing rooms at Buckingham palace and state concerts. In the various peerages and similar works of reference she was described as the daughter of the Belgian general, Van Lysele, and was a woman of remarkable beauty and charm.

I think it was about 1870 when the name of Lady Twiss, having appeared as usual among the guests present at a state concert at Buckingham Palace, the lord chamberlain received a letter from a man of the name of Alexander Chaffers, intimating that Lady Twiss had led an immoral life in London previous to her marriage with Sir Travers. The lord chamberlain made inquiries, as he was bound to do under the circumstances, and the result was eminently satisfactory to himself, Sir Travers, and Lady Twiss.

Forced to Bring a Libel Suit.

Notwithstanding this, the lord chamberlain's office continued to be bombarded with letters about Lady Twiss to such an extent that Sir Travers was ultimately compelled, in sheer self-defense, and in response to the demands of his friends and of the government authorities, to bring a charge of criminal libel against Chaffers.

The latter was arrested, appeared at Bow Street police court in London, where he gave evidence to the effect that prior to her marriage Lady Twiss had lived in London as a person of notoriously immoral character; that her conduct was bad even for the class to

which she belonged, and that on one occasion it had been such that she had been turned out of the Holborn Music Hall by the police.

Poor Lady Twiss, who at any rate since her marriage twenty years previous, had led the most exemplary of lives, enjoying universal esteem and respect in London society, was thereupon put in the witness box and subjected to the most shameful and insulting examination by the prisoner. Sad to relate the examination was very far from proving as satisfactory as the numerous friends of Lady Twiss could have wished. Indeed, she may be described as having been forced to throw up the sponge. For on the following morning, when the examination was about to be resumed after adjournment, the prosecuting counsel announced that Lady Twiss had determined not to appear again, and had left London for the Continent. Under the circumstances there was nothing left for the magistrate to do but to discharge Chaffers, with a remark that his conduct in raking up such frightful charges against a woman after so many years would cling to him as a reproach until the end of his days, and render him an object of contempt to all honest men.

The Sequel to the Trial.

I may add incidentally that Chaffers, who was proved to have made several attempts to blackmail Lady Twiss before writing to the lord chamberlain died two or three years ago in one of the London workhouses.

Of course, after the abandonment of the prosecution against Chaffers, and Lady Twiss' virtual acknowledgment of the truth of the charges brought against her by the man, there was no alternative left to the lord chamberlain but to strike her name from the list of those entitled to admission at court. But it was by the command of the Queen herself that an announcement to the effect that her presentation had been canceled was published in the "Official Gazette."

This was followed by the resignation of all Sir Travers' many offices. Indeed, from that time forth Sir Travers never merged from obscurity save to assist King Leopold in the organiza-

tion of the Congo Free State, for his services in connection with which he received the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold.

The only other occasion that I can recall of the official announcement of the cancellation of a presentation was when, some eight years ago, a Lady Simpson was held up to public obloquy in this manner in the "Gazette." The announcement was most unfairly worded, for there were at the time no less than three ladies bearing the title of Lady Simpson, and the "Gazette" gave no indication as to which of the three it was. Nor would the lord chamberlain vouchsafe any public explanation, and the Lady Simpsons who were wholly innocent of wrongdoing could get no redress for the stigma placed on their name.

Gordon Family Curse.

With regard to Lady Granville Gordon it is difficult to see what other alternative the King had but publicly to cancel Lady Granville's presentation in view of her evidence now before the court in the suit for the custody of her little girl. The public obloquy which has thus overtaken her and her present husband, "Grannie" Gordon, serves to recall once more the traditional curse which, according to a Highland tradition, rests upon the latter's family.

Lord "Grannie" Gordon has been in trouble several times before, and on one occasion made his appearance in a police court as part proprietor of a by no means first class gambling establishment. His son by his first wife met with a violent death a few years ago, his second brother, Louis, was drowned at sea when a British ironclad turned turtle in the Bay of Biscay in a gale, and founder- ed with 600 men on board, the third brother died in destitution in Australia, the next surviving brother, Esme, popularly known as "Tea-Pot" Gordon, was decreed a bankrupt several times before his death, while the Marquis of Huntly himself, besides being repeatedly gazetted as insolvent, got into a very serious scrape of a rather sensational character in which he was rescued from what he was rescued by his father-in-law, the late Sir William C. Brooks.

MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

THE TROUBLES IN THE BALKANS.

Italy's Responsibility for Disturbing Conditions in Albania and Macedonia.

Lord Salisbury has declared that in backing Turkey at the time of the Crimean war and in the subsequent war of 1877, England put her money on the wrong horse. Instructive proof of the change in European sentiment regarding the Turk is given in a recent issue of the "Wiener Allgemeine Zeitung."

This Austrian journal says that a new period is being opened in Balkan politics by the return of Austria to the traditional policy of the Emperor Joseph II. This sovereign believed that the only solution of the Eastern question lay in the common action of Austria and Russia; and that had not the Sultan been supported from Berlin in the time of Catherine the Great it might have been settled then once for all. The "Allgemeine Zeitung" intimates to both Turkey and the Balkan states that in case of need, Austria-Hungary and Russia are ready to pursue a common policy even beyond the sphere of influence reserved for the former by the treaty of Berlin.

For more than a quarter of a century past the Italian government has carried on a disturbing propaganda in the country on the east side of the Adriatic from Montenegro down to the Greek frontier. The peculiar character of its action, which was calculated to detach the Albanians from their natural affiliations and prepare them to accept ultimate Italian sovereignty, gave great offense to the Austrian and Greek governments,

and rendered the Turks suspicious to the last degree of Italy's aim. The centers of the Italian propaganda are Scutari in the north of Albania, Durazzo and Avlona in the center, and Janina and Prevesa in the south, where industrial and ordinary schools are maintained at the expense of the Italian government for the teaching of the Italian language and the propagation of Italian ideas.

The schools in the north and center of Albania were obnoxious only to the Turk as a rule, but those in Janina and Prevesa raised bitter resentment among the Greeks, to whom the Congress of Berlin had allotted the territory of Epirus in which they are situated, and whose inhabitants in large majority are Greek by race; while the Albanian part of the population inclines to the sovereignty of King George in the event of being cut off from the rule of the Sultan. What causes the bitterness in Greece against Italy is the part taken by Italy in preventing Epirus from going to Greece along with Thessaly, as had been decided at Berlin, and the resolute opposition which Italy has always made the union of Crete with Greece.

It is the activity of Italian agencies in the affairs of the Adriatic provinces of Turkey that has caused much of the trouble of the past years, and threatens to complicate matters when the moment for a definite settlement arrives.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Mrs. Julia A. Carney, who has written a great deal of popular verse, will be eighty years old in April, and school children all over the country are to be invited to contribute a penny apiece toward a memorial to be given her.

Dr. Sven Hedin has been made honorary member of the Scottish Geographical Society, an honor rarely given. This society has also awarded him the Livingstone memorial gold medal for the distinguished services which he rendered to science by his explorations in Central Asia. That medal, which was founded to commemorate the life work of David Livingstone, is the highest distinction which Scotchmen can confer on distinguished explorers.

President Woodrow Wilson will be present at the annual banquet of the Princeton Club, of this city, on March 27.

The Rev. Dr. K. Kohler, senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El, New York, has just been called to the presidency of the Hebrew Union College, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE SKATERS.

We skated where lights glimmered round us.

She leaned, sweetly trusting, on me; Her cheeks were as pink as pink roses; No girl e'er was fairer than she! We heard the gay laughter of others, We met them and passed them, to glide

As arrows, now swooping, now turning, And always within me the yearning To hold her for aye at my side.

We heard the gay laughter of others, She looked up at me as we sped; The stars were blue dots far above us, And my soul rushed to hers as she said,

With a sad little bit of a shiver, "Let's quit, let's go home; I don't care To freeze to death here; it is quiet And warm in the parlor; let's try it. You can hold my hand just as well there."

—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

THE BEST THINGS FROM OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Territories Can Wait.

The withdrawal of the "omnibus" Statehood bill from its anomalous position as a "rider" upon the postoffice appropriation renders it certain that no addition to the list of States made at this session. Some regret may be felt for Oklahoma, whose application for admission is justified by precedent and progress, but if the three Territories must be together considered they and the nation can afford to wait.—New York World.

Hard Pushed?

Perhaps Emperor William really needs the money.—New York Press.

A Chance for Secretary Wilson.

When the Department of Agriculture gets through experimenting with the featherless chicken fad we wish it would try to cure the eggless hen.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The South Misrepresented.

Mr. Tillman and others of his class are doing great harm to the Southern people by propagating the false idea that violence to the negro is the rule in the South, and when a Southern Senator propagates such egregious errors Northern people believe him. Such men ought to be muzzle. They are public enemies of the worst sort.—New Orleans Picayune.

A Partial Success.

George Washington had no children of his own, but in some other respects he managed to win President Eliot's unqualified approval.—Boston Globe.

Our New Station.

Washington is now assured of a magnificent union railroad station, which will add much to the beauty of that city. Congress has appropriated \$5,000,000 for the purpose, and the railroads are to abandon their present stations and expend several million dollars in addition to the amount appropriated by Congress on the new station. It is in line with other work in the way of increasing public facilities and improving the Capital City of the nation.—Philadelphia Press.

BITS OF MISCELLANY.

The Growth of Savings.

If the deposits of money in savings banks is a faithful indication of general prosperity, the existence of prosperity must be admitted. Five years ago the aggregate of deposits in the savings banks of the country was \$1,040,000,000, and now the sum is \$2,640,000,000, which shows an increase of \$1,600,000,000 per year for the past five years. The increase in the amount is marked, but the growth of the number of depositors is more striking. Five years ago there were 5,300,000 savings bank depositors in the United States, and now the number is 6,400,000, which shows an increase of nearly a quarter of a million a year.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Up the Gulch" Music.

President Roosevelt invited Capt. Seth Bullock and his wife to the musicale at the White House last night. Captain Seth was the first sheriff of Deadwood, and has a record for eliminating many bad men from his community by the simple expedient of shooting them. He is an old friend of the President. After the musicale the President said: "Well, Seth, how did you like the music?" "It was too far up the gulch for me," Seth replied in the vernacular of the West that delighted the President.

"Next time you come," said the President to Mrs. Bullock, "you'd better take Seth's gun away from him, so he won't shoot a fiddler."—Washington Correspondence New York World.

A Fleet Yankee Sailer.

The best sailing vessel flying the American flag is the steel four-masted Atlas, which arrived at Baltimore a few days ago after a run of 15,800 miles from Hongkong in ninety-two days. The Atlas averaged 172 miles a day, and seven and one-half knots an hour. Her best day's run was 312 miles, at the rate of twelve and one-half knots an hour. This breaks all sailing records, except that of the bark Amy Turner, which made the run from Hongkong to the Virginia coast in eighty-seven days. The Atlas beat out of sight the British bark Kelat, which cleared "New York eleven days ahead of the Atlas. The English captain boasted the sailing qualities of his vessel, but at the time the Atlas reached Baltimore had not arrived in New York.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

SHAFTS OF WIT AND HUMOR.

Lost in Action.

The belated Senator, hurrying to his lodgings through the semi-darkness, was confronted by one of those unofficious hold-up men that still infest the Capital.

"Throw up your hands!" commanded the footpad.

The Senator slowly elevated one of his arms. "That's the best I can do," he said.

"Why is that?" sternly asked the robber.

"Because," replied the belated statesman, with bitter sarcasm, "Senator Morgan has talked the other one off!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Depth of Meaning.

"I went to the church fair last night, and I think I see a new meaning in that old adage now."

"What's that?"

"It's my idea that none but the brave have any business there."—Philadelphia Press.

History Makers.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what's a warship?

Pa—A warship, my son, is a mechanical device used in manufacturing history—Chicago News.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

The road to the poorhouse runs through the stock market.

Getting into society is the invention of the devil for getting into debt.

All women are good actresses off the stage; and mighty few on it.

Every woman takes a lot of satisfaction in the thought that she would be a terrible dirt if she didn't have such high ideals.

When two women go to a restaurant to divide a chicken salad between them it is a luncheon given in each other's honor.—New York Press.

Cause of the Crush.