

YESTERDAY.

My friend, he spoke of a woman's face; It pained me, and I paused to think; He told of her eyes and mouth, the trace Of prayer on her brow, and quick as wink I said: "Oh, yes, but you wrong her years. She's only a child, with faith and fears That childhood fit. I tell thee nay; She was a girl just yesterday."

AN AUTOGRAPH.

Scarcely had the postman gone out of the house, after having left the morning letters, when Jules Lupre, who was watching from his sixth story window, descended hurriedly to the porter's office. "Any letters for me?" he asked. The porter put on his spectacles, gathered up the letters which had just come in, looked them over one by one and replied laconically: "None."

"Thank you," said the young man, and he slowly remounted the stairs, where his friend Armand was waiting for him. Through economy the two young men lived in the same room. There were to be seen all their furniture, all their books and all their papers. There were more papers than anything else, because both of them ran manuscript mills. We regret to say that while the two young men turned out a great deal of manuscript they succeeded in placing very little. Once in awhile one of them would get an article inserted in one of the papers, but they scarcely made enough to live on, even by making a partnership of their assets—and liabilities.

"Well," said Armand, seeing his companion enter. "Nothing, as I told you. We shall have to wait until the end of the month. My uncle is a man who is a believer in fixed dates."

"The devil! I have five days yet to wait. Still, I would not object to breakfasting today instead of five days from now."

"We needn't breakfast. In that way we can save taking a cocktail."

Bridoux read it, mused and said: "It is very short. You say that those characters are from the hands of the Empress Marie Louise. Her autographs are very rare."

"It is authentic. The empress addressed it to the great Napoleon the day after the battle of Lutzen."

"But the emperor lived at the Tuilleries then."

"Certainly, sir, and that observation proves your intimate knowledge of the history of the time. But, if you will remember, during the absence of the Little Corporal, as he whirled from battlefield to battlefield, the empress was in the habit of retiring to the Louvre."

Bridoux was evidently flattered at his historical knowledge being praised, but rubbing his nose reflectively he said: "How did the letter fall into your hands?"

"Oh, in the most natural manner in the world. I got the letter from my father, who got it from my grandfather. My grandfather, a soldier of the empire and a fanatic admirer of Napoleon, picked up this letter one day when it had fallen from the pocket of the great man and preserved it as a precious relic. Sir, nothing but the most urgent need would force me to sell it. But I must have 100 francs. It is for me a question of life and death. Nevertheless I beg you to believe I am a patriotic, for if I come to you it is because you are French and because, if you purchase it, this precious document will remain in my country. I could have had ten times the price I asked you. Just now an Englishman tried to buy it on any terms. He followed me, even dogging my steps to the door of this house."

But Bridoux evidently did not appear in a hurry to bind the bargain. "I would willingly buy it, but I wish to consult an expert first." "I regret, sir," replied Armand, "that I cannot wait." He turned cold inside as he said to himself, "This affair is going to fall through if Jules does not hurry up."

NYE'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

The Onward March of Civilization Described.

SCIENTISTS WERE PUT IN JAIL.

Ladies Wore Tall Hats and Swords to Protect Them From the Nobility—Henry Burns a Heretic—Duke of York Becomes King at a Good Salary.

The Plantagenet period saw the establishment of the house of commons and cut off the power of the king to levy taxes without the consent of parliament. It also exchanged the judicial robed and tumbled on horseback for the trial by jury. Serfdom continued, and a good horse would bring more in market than a man.

Agriculture was still in its infancy, and the farmer refused to adopt a new and attractive plow because it did not permit the plowman to walk near enough to his team that he might twist the tail of the patient bullock.

The costumes of the period seem odd as we look back upon them, for the men wore pointed shoes, with toes tied to the grille, and trousers and coat each of different colors. For instance, sometimes one sleeve was black and the other white, while the ladies wore tall hats, sometimes two feet high, and long trains. They also carried two swords in the grille, doubtless to protect them from the nobility.

Each house of any size had a "pleasure," and the "herberie," or physic garden, which was the pioneer of the plebant bed, was connected with the monasteries.

Roger Bacon was thrown into prison for having too good an education. Scientists in those days always ran the risk of being surprised, and more than one discoverer wound up by discovering himself in jail.

Astrology was a favorite amusement, especially among the young people. Henry IV, son of John of Gamut, fourth son of Edward III, became king in 1399, though Edmund Mortimer, earl of March and great-grandson of Lionel, the third son of Edward III, was the rightful heir. This boy was detained in Windsor castle by Henry's orders.

Henry succeeded in catching a heretic in 1401 and burned him at the stake. This was the first person put to death in England for his religious belief, and the occasion was the origin of the epithet, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Conspiracies were quite common in those days, one of them being organized by Harry Percy, called Hotspur because of his irritability. The ballad of Chevy Chase was founded upon his exploits at the battle of Otterburn in 1388. The Percys favored Mortimer, and so united with the French and Scots.

A large fight occurred at Shrewsbury in 1403. The rebels were defeated and Percy slain. Northumberland was pardoned and tried it again, assisted by the archbishop of York, two years later. The archbishop was executed in 1405. Northumberland made another effort, but was defeated and slain.

In 1413 Henry died, leaving behind him the record of a fraudulent sovereign who was parsimonious, sour and superstitious, without virtue or religion. He was succeeded by his successor, which was calamity at that time. Henry V was his son, a youth who was wild and reckless. He had been in jail for insulting the chief justice as a result of a drunken frolic and fine. He was real wild and bad and had no more respect for his ancestry than a chicken born in an incubator. Yet he reformed on taking the throne.

Henry now went over to France with a view to securing the throne, but did not get it, as it was occupied at the time. So he returned, but at Agincourt was surprised by the French army, four times as large as his own, and with a loss of 40 only he slew 10,000 of the French and captured 14,000. What the French were doing while this slaughter was going on the modern historian has great difficulty in figuring out. This battle occurred in 1415 and two years after Henry returned to France, hoping to do equally well. He made a treaty at Troyes with the celebrated idiot, Charles VI, and promised to marry his daughter Catherine, who was to succeed Charles upon his death and try to

do better. Henry became regent of France by this ruse, but died in 1429 and left his son Henry, less than a year old. The king's death was a sad blow to England, for he was an improvement on the general run of kings. Henry V left a brother, the Duke of Bedford, who became protector and regent of France, but when Charles the Sixth died his son, Charles VII, rose to the occasion, and a war of some years began. After some time Bedford invaded southern France and besieged Orleans. Joan of Arc had been told of a prophesy to the effect that France could only be delivered from the English by a vir-



JOAN OF ARC INDUCES THE KING TO BELIEVE THE TRUTH OF HER MISSION.

Inspired by her perfect faith and god-like heroism, the French fought like tigers, and in 1429 the besiegers went home. She induced the king to be crowned in due form at Reims and asked for an honorable discharge, but she was detained, and the English, who afterward captured her, burned her to death at Rouen in 1431 on the charge of sorcery. Those who did this afterward regretted it and felt mortified. Her death did the invaders no good, but above her ashes and moistened by her tears—if such a feat were possible—in 1437 Charles was permitted to enter Paris and enjoy the town for the first time in 20 years. In 1444 a truce of six years was established.

Henry was a disappointment, and, as Bedford was dead, the Duke of Gloucester, the king's uncle, and Cardinal Beaufort, his guardian, had, up to his majority, been the powers behind the throne.

Henry married Margaret of Anjou, a very beautiful and able lady, who possessed the qualities so lacking in the king. They were married in 1445, and, if living, this would be the four hundred and fifty-third anniversary of their wedding. It is arbitrary. (1896.)

The provinces of Maine and Anjou were given by the king in return for Margaret. Henry continued to show more and more signs of fatty degeneration of the cerebrum, and Gloucester, who had opposed the marriage, was found dead in his prison bed, whether he had been set at Margaret's request. The Duke of York, the queen's favorite, succeeded him, and Somerset, another favorite, succeeded York. In 1451 it was found that the English had lost all their French possessions except Calais.

Things went from bad to worse, and in 1450 Jack Cade headed an outbreak, but he was slain, and the king showing renewed signs of intellectual fog, Richard, Duke of York, who was the people's choice on account of his descent from Edward III. He was for a few days protector, but the queen was too strongly opposed to him, and he resigned.

He then raised an army, and in a battle at St. Albans in 1455 defeated the royalists, capturing the king. This was the opening of the Wars of the Roses, so called because as badges the Lancastrians wore a red rose and the Yorkists a white rose. This war lasted over 20 years and killed off the nobility like sheep. They were, it is said, virtually annihilated, and thus a better class of nobility was substituted.

The king was restored, but in 1460 there occurred the battle of Northampton, in which he was defeated and again taken prisoner by the Earl of Warwick. Margaret was a woman of great spirit, and she was crowned queen of England at the throne of Scotland, and in the battle of Wakefield her army defeated and captured the duke. At her request he was beheaded and his head, ornamented with a paper crown, placed on the gates of York.

The queen was for a time successful, and her army earned a slight reputation for cruelty also, but Edward, son of the late Duke of York, imbittered somewhat by the fippant death of his father, was soon victorious over the Lancastrians and in 1461 was crowned king of England at a good salary, with the use of a large palace and a good wall of water and barn.

His First Impression. "That umbrella you lent me yesterday," said the man who had just come out to the office. "Yes?" "Here it is. I came to return it." "Dear me! was the absentminded reply. "I had no idea it was in such bad condition as all that!"—Washington Post.

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RUSSIAN LODGING HOUSES.

Wherein They Differ From Those of Other Countries.

In apartment houses in Russia the lodgings which open on the courtyard rent for a lower price, says a writer in Lippincott's, because the entrance is through a porte cochere, or, at night, through a wicket therein. This is an unobjectionable, rather an aristocratic, arrangement in a private house, but elsewhere the courtyard may contain too many stables, workshops or even a large number of cows to supply dairy shops, which profess to deal in Finnish—

Our researches revealed the fact that very few "furnished" lodgings provided either towels, bed linen, coverlets or pillows, anything, in fact, beyond the bare bedsteads and furniture. Of course we were aware theoretically that this is a reminiscence of the days when every landed proprietor traveled accompanied by an entire householding outfit and staff of servants when he undertook those long carriage journeys which preceded the days of railways and which are still compulsory in some parts of the empire. Nevertheless, in practice, we were not prepared to accept this beyond towels, and we protested that certainly the natural method.

In some cases they were willing to provide the bed furniture for a consideration, but they regarded one towel a week and one change of linen a month as ample.

South Dakota for Bryan. State Ticket Nominations by the Populist Convention at Huron.

Huron, July 16.—The Populist state convention nominated the following ticket: Governor, Andrew Lee of Vermillion; lieutenant governor, Percy R. Crothers; secretary of state, J. W. Har-din; auditor, J. H. Kipp; treasurer, W. S. Lorgan; road commissioners, T. La Follette of Chamberlain, W. H. Thompson of Deadwood, Alexander Kirkpatrick of Miller. For congressmen, Freeman Knowles of Deadwood and John E. Kelly of Flandreau. This resolution was adopted: Resolved, That our delegates to St. Louis are instructed to use all honorable means to unite the free silver forces of the United States, and that it is the sense of this convention that William J. Bryan is the most available man upon whom union can be had."

Vanderbilts Will Control the Road. Tacoma, Wash., July 16.—The belief is growing stronger here that the Vanderbilts will control the reorganized Northern Pacific railroad and make it the final link of a Vanderbilt system to extend from ocean to ocean. A strong indication in this direction is the fact Edwin Winter, the new president, has been one of the officials of the Omaha road, a Vanderbilt line, and that he was called to New York in consultation with J. Pierpont Morgan and the Vanderbilts before the announcement of his selection as president. The Vanderbilts have in this state property, including their 6-story buildings in Tacoma, owned by George Vanderbilt, who also controls the stock of the Metropolitan Saving bank, the largest savings bank in the city.

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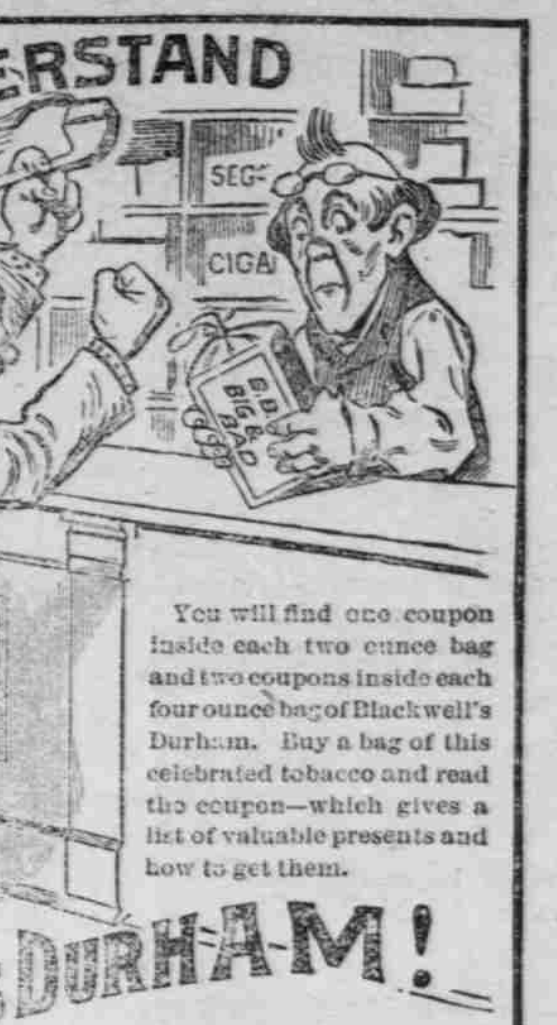
LEGAL NOTICE. To Robert D. Kneeshaw, and Ora L. Kneeshaw: You and each of you will take notice that Rufus Walworth, as plaintiff, did on the 21st day of May, 1896, file his petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against Robert D. Kneeshaw and Ora L. Kneeshaw, et al., as defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the said Robert D. Kneeshaw and Ora L. Kneeshaw to the American Loan & Trust Company, a corporation, upon the southeast quarter of section 18, township 10 north, range 12 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuing residence and that said mortgage was duly recorded, to-wit: William A. Latimer, John B. Richards, Charles W. Burkhead and Charles T. Richards, all of said county, Nebraska. Said promissory note dated the 28th day of August, 1894, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars with interest due and payable on the 1st day of August, 1894, which note and mortgage were afterwards assigned and delivered to said plaintiff who is now the owner thereof. There is due on said note and mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Dollars with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the first day of February, 1894, to the 1st day of August, 1896, with interest on said sum of \$500 at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the first day of August, 1894, until paid, for which sum with interest and costs of suit, plaintiff prays for a decree that the said defendant may be compelled to pay the same or that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found due said plaintiff and costs. You are required to answer this petition on or before the 30th day of July, A. D. 1896. Dated this 25th day of June, A. D. 1896. JOHN H. CALVIN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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