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BAD FOR THE LAWMAKER

THE GERMAN BARON'S DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW

His Dislike for Money Lenders Once Got Him Into Trouble—He Was a Strong Advocate of the Law but Didn't Think It Applied to His Case

Freiherr Marschall von Bieberstein, the state secretary for foreign affairs, who accompanied his imperial master the German emperor on his trip to Great Britain while a member of the reichstag in 1878 very unexpectedly found himself in an embarrassing situation, as a result of his activity in securing the passage of a law relating chiefly to the Jews, the story of which was related yesterday by Mr. Moses Oppenheimer, of 38 Broadway.

"I have met the baron many a time," said Mr. Oppenheimer, "at the Mannheim Chess club, of which we both were members. He is an ambitious man, and was much pleased when he was, in 1878, elected to the reichstag, the first ultra-Conservative member that had obtained a victory in Baden. He was very active in the German parliament, being one of the brightest, as well as the most aggressive, men in that rather dull conglomeration, the ultra-Conservative party. His prominent participation in the enactment of the antiusury law resulted in a rather funny complication.

"I happened to know personally the other actor in the story, and I have my information directly from him. His name was Louis Altheimer, a well-to-do Hebrew residing in Mannheim and living on the proceeds of a snug fortune which he had amassed in his youth in the United States.

CALLED THEM BLOODSUCKERS
"Altheimer's specialty was to lend money to officers of the army, to officials and others of that class of society on their promissory notes. His regular charge was 12 per cent. per annum. He would of course, accommodate only people who seemed to be good pay. As a rule he would extend the note from time to time on payment of the interest, provided he had no fear of suffering a loss.

"In those days Baron Marschall's father was yet alive and in possession of his moderate estate. The young prosecuting attorney had to get along in the main on his rather modest salary. He managed it pretty well until he had some trouble with a young woman. It would never do for the rising young courtier and conservative statesman to have the scandal made public, and to hush it up about 5,000 marks in cash was absolutely required. The baron entered into negotiations with Mr. Altheimer and secured the loan of his note. The interest was paid promptly, and the little bill was extended several times without any difficulty.

"In advocating the antiusury bill in the reichstag Baron Marschall delivered a vehement speech against blood sucking usurers, especially those of Hebrew descent. The law as passed, largely owing to Marschall's persistency, was exceedingly vague in its provisions, leaving it practically to the discretion of the courts to say whether in any given case the taking of more than 6 per cent. was criminal usury, punishable by imprisonment at hard labor and by fines.

WOULD NOT RENEW
"The session of the reichstag closed, the baron returned to Mannheim and resumed the duties of his office. Meanwhile his note for 5,000 marks, held by Mr. Altheimer, was soon to fall due. The baron wrote a note to his creditor, asking him to call and arrange for an extension of time under the usual conditions. Altheimer replied briefly in writing that under the new antiusury law he did not feel safe in continuing to lend money in his former way, and therefore proposed to go into some other business, where his capital would yield him legitimate profits. He notified the baron that the note would be presented for collection.

"This turn of affairs was embarrassing for the young statesman. He wrote again to Mr. Altheimer, saying that the usury act was never intended for cases like his, and could not apply to their relation. He urged a renewal of the note as a perfectly safe and sensible transaction.

"A reply soon came from the Hebrew acknowledging the baron's good intentions as well as his legal acumen, but at the same time pointing to the fact that the interpretation of the law was left entirely to the courts.

"Under those circumstances, Altheimer continued, I do not feel disposed to put my neck into the halter. I cannot renew your note. You have been accommodated so far by one of the much abused Hebrew usurers at his own terms. Your popularity and your position will probably induce some of your Christian friends to lend you the amount without security on perfectly legal interest.

"Mr. Altheimer's note, it is needless to add, was promptly paid. Marschall subsequently became the diplomatic representative of the grand duke of Baden at Berlin, and still later he was appointed under secretary of state in the foreign office, filling the place formerly occupied by Count Herbert Bismarck."—New York Sun.

No Free Lunch in England.
Free lunches are unknown in England. An American who sees crackers or cakes on the bar and nibbles one of either is promptly surprised with a demand for another two cents. There is a lunch department in nearly every place, however where for a few pennies one may get a snack of bread and meat or cheese, the bread and butter being invariably the subject of separate charges, as are pickles and, in fact, everything except the contents of the cruet stand.—Chicago Post.

A Cruel Reason.
He—She's a remarkable girl. She doesn't hesitate to tell everybody that she is twenty-seven. Don't you admire her for it?
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A Little Girl's Experience in a Lighthouse

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