

DINNER IN THEIR HONOR AT PARIS

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The Baroness Von Andress, sister-, ess of Marlborough. Other guests were in-law to Chauncey M. Depew, gave the Duchess of Devonshire, W. K. the most elaborate dinner of the sea-Vanderbilt and Mrs. Harriman of New son in honor of three American duch-York. esses. No other hostess in the Ameritan colony has ever succeeded in get-

ting these three together. There were the Duchess de la Rochefaucauld, nee Miss Mattle Mitchell; the ess of Marlborough won because of the Duchess of Manchester and the Duch- | antiquity of her title.

Mrs. Von Andree encountered diffculty deciding the question of precedence between the Duchesses of Marlborough and Manchester. The Duch-

Frogs' Eggs for Complexion.

Froud Record of a Negro School. Of the fifty colored boys who were Two young girls of Berlin found graduated from the Richmond Color- their eyesight failing and their pared High School in the decade 1873-83. onts sent them to a doctor, where they

MR. FRANK RICHARD STOCKTON. Frank R. Stockton, author of "The | to have begun with the publication Lady or the Tiger," "The House of of "Rudder Grange," which for drol-Martha," "The Vizier of the Two- lery, sweetness and simplicity opened Horned Alexander," and a score of up an entirely new and original field other novels and juvenile books, pass- of humorous writing peculiarily Amered away suddenly in Washington of ican. He was next in public note by hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Stockton was born in Philadelphia in 1834, most fanciful conceit and puzzling began his career by writing for East- realism, chief of which was the farern newspapers, and later was for a famed "The Lady or the Tiger," a tale number of years on the staff of Scribner's Magazine and St. Nicholas. For thirty years Mr. Stockton has nent part of our native literature. been a prominent figure in the literary

WHO RECENTLY DIED IN WASHINGTON

prisingly good fiction. His general and "Squirrel Inn," all running into recognition by the public may be said many editions.

a long series of short stories of the the elusive and tickling charm of which promises to make it a perma-Hardly less successful were "The life of America. In that time he pro- Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. b-l-u-e." duced a remarkably quantity of sur- Aleshine," "The Hundredth Man,"

MARK TWAIN AND HIS "ENGINE" Unique Method of Propulsion on

Mississippi River. Captain Thomas Bixby, under whom Samuel L Clemens-Mark Twainserved as pilot and engineer on the old Mississippi river boat Swallow, has given in a New Orleans paper the following description of the engine of the Swallow:

"The craft was a little, shaky affair, which plied between St. Louis and Cairo. It had a stern wheel, a place for freight and passengers, a pilot house and a place on what may be called the pilot deck for the engine.

"That 'engine' went aboard when it was needed, and only then. It burned no wood or coal, but ate a powerful sight of grass. It was a large gray mule named Jerry, which worked a treadmill that propelled the boat. Samuel Clemens was chief engineer and pilot.

"He had a system of signals which was effective and ingenious. By pulling a cord he could raise a head of catbage just out of reach of the mule. The 'engine' would start and begin to walk after it, and the boat floated majestically down or up the river, as the case might be.

"Without desiring to be personal. I will say that Jerry was one of the most intelligent animals I ever met. His voice was more on the order of a og horn than a whistle, being too much of a barytone for the latter. When Samuel wanted to whistle for a landing he just hit Jerry with a stick." -Youth's Companion.

HADN'T RECKONED ON SPELLING Would-Be Joker Who Went Up Against

an Old, Old Game.

It is related that Dr. James Wise of Covington, Ky., is the victim of one of his own jokes, and that he is in half-mourning on account of it, From all the evidence that can be produced it appears that some time ago the doctor went up against an old game.

One of his friends met him and, producing a pencil, said: "Doctor, see this pencil? I can make it write any color I want to."

"Let's see you make it write indigo blue.'

The owner of the pencil promptly sat down and wrote i-n-d-i-g-o

Then the doctor tumbled and said. "That's pretty good. I'll just go down the street and try that on Theodore Hallam."

PRINCE ALBERT, HEIR TO BELGIAN THRONE, WHO RE-FUSED TO LEAVE A POST OF DANGER



Prince Albert, heir presumptive to, of danger it will be my duty to lead the Belgian throne, is a major in the them." Prince Albert, who visited the Grenadier Guards, now lying on their | United States in 1898, and was enterarms in Brussels, waiting for an tained at the White House by Presiemergency call. The prince, when it dent McKinley, is a nephew of King was suggested he let another officer Leopold, and follows his father, the take his place in case of trouble, re- Count of Flanders, in the line of sucplied: "If my men are called to a post | cession.

Justice Took No Chances.

A Left-Handed Compliment, The Goodland (Kan.) News publish-Lord Ampthill, governor of Madras, es a story which has the essence of the India, who is a big man physically, was paid a somewhat left-handed combully west in every line. A lawsuit was being heard before Justice Robinpliment the other day by the good son of Goodland. A point of law people of a locality in southern Inwas raised, and for an hour the lawdia which rejoices in the name of Kumbakonam. At the railway station years debated hot and heavy. When they had finished the justice on his arrival a jail-made carpet was said: "Mr. Constable, I want you to spread for him to alight upon which search the plaintiff in this case and bore the figure of an elephant and

Lemberg to Naples.

have died. At the time of death one was a contractor, one was weeks. a professor of ancient languages in a college, three were postal clerks, and what they had been doing to bring a pension from the government for ton Spencer Churchill, Lord Randolph revenue collector, a candymaker and a girls confessed that they had washed preacher. Of the thirty-eight still their faces in water mixed with frogs' alive thirteen are teachers, three are eggs in order to secure a delicate lawyers, two are doctors, two are jour- complexion. nalists, five are postal clerks, one is

a civil engineer, one is a clerk, two are bookkeepers, one is a bank president. and so on. Not one of the thirty-eight now living has ever fallen into dis- show that among all those nations the grace.

The records left us by the Phoenicians, Assyrians and ancient Persians use of perfumes was very common.

Perfumes in Ancient Days.

WEALTHY PHILADELPHIA NEGRO WHO LEFT AN IM-**MENSE FORTUNE TO CATHOLIC CHURCH**



The will of Col. McKee, who died a , on the United States Naval Academy few days ago at Philadelphia, gives | Col McKee, who was a member of the his fortune, the largest ever possessed staff of the Governor of Pennsylvania by a negro in the United States, to and influential in politics, was con-Archbishop Ryan to be used in the verted to the Catholic Church by the construction of a Catholic Church, rec- ministrations of two Sisters of Chartory and convent at McKee, N. J., and ity who were sent to nurse him in his the building and maintenance of two illness. His only living child is a schools for white and colored orphans. daughter, Mrs. Abbe A. Spyhax, who kind, whether church or political. He and has as his titular church in Rome one, in Philadelphia, to be modeled is given an annuity of \$300.

Godless Florins. Men vs. Women Dressmakers. An old bachelor, who is supposed Florins were first placed in circulanot to have a too kindly feeling totion as a British coin in 1849. The first issue was speedily called in, how- ward women, is certain that there is ever, for it omitted to declare that Vic- nothing that they do that a man does toria was queen dei gratia. "by the not do better, and if we are to believe system of chime ringing which re- early manhood, and the score of years grace of God," or F. D. (fidel defen- him the gentle sex gets most of its sor), "defender of the faith." Even best ideas in the way of the toilettes the threepenny bit and the farthing from the sterner sex. We certainly Electricity killed it. made this confession, and it was felt ind the presiding genius at many of Now, Miss Bertha Thomas, the ring- have read the cipher story know that and hens are forbidden to wander thermometer rose to 98 degrees in the and to establish a library fund for the to be a shame that the bigger and the largest houses where articles of er of the chimes at Grace church, sits an inner chamber of his heart en- around the churchyara."

had to undergo a cure lasting for some A Fatal Providence. A Billville man who had obtained Questioned by their parents as to

others, respectively, were an internal their eyes to such a condition, the having lost his voice as the result of Churchill's son, presented a copy of in great dejection, he says:

THREE AMERICAN DUCHESSES ATTEND AN ELABORATE FRANK R. STOCKTON, FAMOUS AMERICAN NOVELIST,

"It happened thisaway: Some o'

wrong time!"-Atlanta Constitution. I ing to wipe my razor on."

CARDINAL SARTO SAID TO BE CHOICE OF THE POPE

FOR HIS SUCCESSOR IN PAPAL SUFFEMACY

Use of Churchill's Book.

It is said that when in India, Winsinjuries received in service shouted his first book to Gen. Tucker, who, "Hooray!" on the day his first pension previous to his South African commoney was paid to him. The pension mand, was all-powerful at Secunderwas straightway called off, and now, bad. "Do you like it?" young Churchill inquired of the general. "Haven't read it. Is it meant to read?" "Why, these meddlesome Christians got to yes." "Wish you'd told me so before,

prayin' fer the return o' my voice, an' I keep it hanging up in my dressingtheir prayers was answered at the room, and tear off a page every mornword."

Down the street he went, looking for Mr. Hallam. He finally found him and, producing the pencil, said: "Theodore, here's a pencil that I can

write any color I want to with." Then the doctor gathered himself or a good laugh.

"Let's see you write ecru," said Mr. Hallam.

The doctor smiled, picked up a piece of paper and started to work, and for ten consecutive seconds said nothing. Then he said swear words, and added: "I have forgotten how to spell that

JAPAN RUSHING TO BANKRUPTCY. Island Empire of the East Has Been

Recklessly Extravagant. Frederick Taylor, a son of the late Moses Taylor of this city, known internationally for his work as an explorer was a passenger on the steamship Nord America, which arrived recently.

Mr. Taylor made a study of the Boer prison camps in Ceylon and Bermuda, explored the jungles of Borneo, visited the Malay Peninsula, and many points of interest in China and Japan.

Mr. Taylor had no very exalted opinion of the commercial integrity of the Japanese, especially when compared with that of the Chinese.

"It has been the experience," said he, "of all good sound banks in the far east and most particularly of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, that in all their dealings with Chinese merchants for many years they never lost a dollar, while with the Japanese they lost thousands. During the time I was in Japan eight banks failed. The Japanese government is in financial difficulty, largely the result of undertaking the building of its own ships, the establishment of steel foundries, and the expenses of war with China. Unless there are early reductions of expenditures. Japan will soon be bankrupt. But in the matter of enterprise the Japanese are the Yankees of the east." -New York Times.

How He Worked IL "I don't see why they call you the star boarder," complained the fellow who always got the wing. "That's easy," replied the other, in his copyrighted superior style. "I just

twinkle-twinkle, and the landlady doesn't know what I am and lets me stay on blind faith."

Wanted to Be Prepared. "Lady." said Meandering Mike, 'would you give a starvin' man somethin' to eat."

"Perhaps. But you are not starving."

ain't it?"

life with other things, yet those who ing legend in large letters: "Cyclists

see if he has any weapons about him. under it the legend "Good morning, I am ready to decide this point, but Jumbo," woven into the fabric. I won't have any shooting."

The constable made the search and then the court decided against the plaintiff.

Manufacture of Rifle Bullets.

rate of seven thousand an hour.

Long Record of Army Service. The Austrian army has an active general who is 95 years old. This is Field Marshal Lieutenant Baron Schwartz-Meiller, who has been an The machine which cuts rifle bul- officer seventy-four years and fifty lets from rods of lead stamps them years a general. He is one of five ofinto shape by means of steel dies and ficers still alive who marched with drops them, finished, into a box at the their luggage on their backs from

RUSSIAN GRAND DUCHESS, NIECE OF THE CZAR, SAID TO HAVE FIGURED, IN AN ELOPEMENT



ess Helena, who is twenty years old, The Russian authorities have issued recently eloped from St. Petersburg | an official denial of the story, but it is The couple were on their way ciety. This is the second escapade of

generally believed in European so-Helena has figured

Old Heated Terms.

Honor Brave American Feientist. The committee of the medical school The heat of 1783 was accompanied by some "horrible phenomena," in- of the Johns Hopkins university apcluding alarming meteors and a pecu- pointed to erect a memorial to the liar haze that prevailed over Europe late Jesse William Lazear, who lost from June 23 to July 20. The last half his life as the result of an experiment of June and the first half of July, 1808, on the transmission of yellow fever, exceeded anything remembered by the reports that sufficient money has keen oldest inhabitants of England. The subscribed to erect a memorial tablet shade. One Wednesday, July 13, was purchase of works relating to tropical

CARDINAL GIUSEPPE SARTO.

Finger Touch Rings Great Bells. Few persons who listen to the

quired a corps of bell ringers with between the time of writing the play brawn and muscle went out long ago. and publishing the essay had filled his

Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, Cardinal, people of his parish in Venice, visit-Patriarch of Venice, who is said to be | ing the sick, repressing persecutions the choice of the pope as his own suc- of every sort and preaching learned cessor, has never been an aggressive and eloquent sermons. The cardinal factor in church affairs and has al- was born at Riese, northern Italy, in ways held aloof from quarrels of every 1835. He was created cardinal in 1893. lives a quiet, retired life among the that of San Bernardo alle Terme.

> Secrets of "Romeo and Juliet." Mrs. Gallup gravely tells the readers

chimes of Grace church, New York, of "The Boston Transcript" that "the know that the ringer in the belfry is play of 'Romeo and Juliet' was the a woman, but that is a fact. The old story of the love of Bacon's youth and

with a plebeian student. they were captured at Warsaw.

"I know it, lady. But an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,

"Cyclists and Hens" Warned. The church in Buecken, a German village of about 1,000 inhabitants, has a notice board which bears the follow-

The Neue Zeitung, a sensational | Grand Duchess Helena was sent newspaper published at Vienna, states abroad, according to the paper, when the kind in which the Grand Duchess

that the Czar's niece, the Grand Duch- Siberia.

home, while the student was exiled to

so was o becan less" exam worth Engl No in P time corde	anting in decency. The oversight easily made right, but those florins me known to fame as the "god- or "graceless" florins. Of course, uples of them are now rare, and h far more than two shillings.— ish Exchange. No Tax Levy This Year. municipal tax levy will be made eterborough this year, the first when such an incident was re- ed in England. New Line of Torpedoes. e Portsmouth (England) torpedo of has devised a line of torpedoes	and tailoring establishments are man- aged by them, and not by women; says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. How we are to divide the work of the world into a man's province and a woman's has not, up to now, been de- cided. Aged French Scientist Dead. Emilien Renou, who died last week in France at the age of 87, was the oldest of French meteorologists in active work, if not the oldest in the world. Since 1878 he had been the di- rector of the St. Maur observatory. In 1852 he was one of the founders of the	es the key the corresponding great bell, a hundred feet or so above, rings out the same note in a tune heard above the roar of Broadway down be- low. To Study American Methods. M. Blenvenu, chief engineer of the Paris Metropolitan Underground rail- way, is about to visit the United States to study the American system of passenger handling as well as vari-	Secretary a Lover of Rare Books. Mr. Moody, the new secretary of the navy, is a connoisseur of rare books, his collection of works on law being one of the best in the country. He frequently prowls around the second- hand book stores and often picks up prizes which have been overlooked by other book lovers.	A Nation of Fish Esters. The Japanese eat more fish than any other people in the world. With them meat-eating is a foreign inno- vation, confined to the rich, or rather to those rich people who prefer it to the national diet. Knew What He Meant. Teacher—What do you mean by say- ing that heat expands? Pupil—I mean that when I am full of hot turkey and plum pudding I am bigger.	The Cheese Fly. The common cheese fly is only a tenth of an inch long. It deposits about 250 eggs in the cracks of cheese, though, if not able to find this sub- stance, it readily selects another. Warsaw Has Largest Dome. The largest dome in the world is that of the Lutheran church at War- saw. Its interior diameter is 200	Holds Secret Society Record. Col. Ernest C. Stahl of Trenton, N. J., is known to secret society people all over the land. He belongs to twenty-eight different organizations and has traveled from one end of the country to the other on business con- nected with one or the other of them. The colonel owns a prosperous news- paper published in the state capital of New Jersey. Town of Many Inventions. New Britain (Conn.) holds the rec- ord for inventiveness. Over 1,400
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