ROYALTY AND BEGGARDOM.

What an Empress Has and Pays for Her

Dejeuner on the Riviera. With the mild weather has come : with shrunken, withered limbs, some the Carrollton district of New Orleans without fingers and many without have adopted into their midst a canary hands, and they shove their mutilated which they, no doubt, found straying ago, giving freely to that little girl first a few weeks ago as they sat chat-without hands, who in half on how for her and decision and decision as they sat chathad begged as much money as an ablebodied man could earn by hard work in a day, can scarce have known that you were encouraging one of the most barbarous of customs—that which, for the very sake of the money you shower lards to mutilate their children when they are quite young, cutting off their fingers and hands, twisting their limbs, canary in some convenient tree to the sure to see dodging round the square, where he takes you may be sure to see dodging round the square, where he takes his dip and flits about, merry and Circ has had quite an adventure! It came about in this manner: Ciro was engrossed in deep thought on the subject of fresh-smoked haddocks and the virtues and excellences of his famous virtues and excellences of his famous make their way down his musical "caricature" cocktails, when a strange throat, and wee betide the strange bird customer arrived, a tall lady, most interpensively clad—a wonderful contrast of familiarity with him. I saw a mockher commenced to order so good a breakfast that it left the impression upon him, after contemplating them, that they were well-to-do country people. It was early then, 11:30 in the morning, when two-thirds of Ciro's usual customers were wondering whether it was too early to get up. Three louis for the breakfast was good a ground that they were well-to-do country people. It was early then, 11:30 in the morning, doubtless for the purpose of borrowing some of the canary's tunes, with which to regale his own friends out in Audbon Park, but the willy plagiarist missed connection that time surely, for the sparrows were down on him in short order, putting him utterly to rout, and he barely escaped with his life. enough for simple country people, who, by the way, had a very strongly devel-

oped taste for Russian caviare—which seemed somewhat strange. But the climax came when on leaving the estab-

Stories About Worth.

Stories about Worth are now in order, and many an old chestnut of his procing less than \$200. One of the Worth stories that received credence a few years ago in the American colony was to the effect that a certain rich person went to him with a quantity of almost priceless lace to be used on a gown she desired to wear at a grand wedding. The dress came home in due season, and then the lady observed a change in the disposition of the lace that by pleased her. She could scarcely believe her own senses, and called in a friend who accompanied her at its final trying-on, and left it to her if the lace did not seem scant and quite different from its original ar-rangement. Assuredly. What could be the matter? In all haste the two women rushed off to interview the great man, only to be told he preferred the trimming as it was and should not alter it. But I had more lace than you have put on, Mr. Worth!" ex-claimed the owner. "There were five —" "Madame!" interrupted the autocrat, "is not the dress beautiful?" And that was all the satisfaction the lady ever received. She threatened to go to and when I was victorious cares came law, but was deterred by the advice with the victory, and I had to make of friends, who knew the dangers of the most of them. invoking French justice where a question of dressmaking was concerned.

Mr. Worth professed to have unbounded love for antique laces, and it
erward when I became a farmer. I was is surmised this passion got the better

Health and Jolors

The woman who is clever adapts her colors to her days. The vast majority of brown-haired, gray-haired Americans do not rank, properly speaking, as blonde or brunette, and should throw all color traditions behind them and dress according to their health or feeling. I know a woman who invariably puts on red and green when she is not well. It gives her life and color, When she has a good day she wears blue, a cold color, that won't heighten a flush if the blood comes too suddenly.

A Child's Collection

The child collector of wishbones, has, I think, been distanced "Please, grand-pa," said a little friend of mine repa," said a little friend of mine recently, "please tell me what you said to grandma when you proposed to her?"
"Not I, my boy. That's a thing thee'll never know," drawled the old Quaker, "Oh, do tell me!" pleaded the child. "Papa has told me how he proposed, and Tom Rutherford's father, and Thele lack Please do grander. Uncle Jack. Please do, grandpa, I'm making a collection of pops and I want you to be in it."

Passed the Billion Mark. The railways of the United States, in The railways of the United States, in earnings, passed the billion mark in each of the four years ending with 1893, but last year a decline of \$122,000,000 in receipts sent them below the line. Expenses were reduced \$82,000,000, but nevertheless the net earnings fell off to the extent of \$40,000,000. It is hoped that the remainder of the year will show a decided improvement on these figures.

Women act as station masters on soot obtained by burning the shells of an oily nut.

THE CANARY'S BODYGUARD.

A Bery of Sparrows Constitute Themselvse

Protectors of the Little Songster. A bovy of English sparrows that have pest in the form of perfect shoals of taken possession of one of the prettiest Children they are mostly, and shadiest little side streets out in out hands, who, in half an hour, tering and fluttering in a big orange tree down at the corner of the avenue. isinteresting to watch their careful protection of him. When they make a raid they take turn about in constituting a bodyguard to remain beside the canary in some convenient tree top, well ome adjacent corner, or on the op-posite side of the road, never taking the other eye off the maltreated child. In the bath is over. His music seems to de-light them beyond anything and their noisy, chattering voices instantly cease Ciro's usual lady customers—and ing bird flit down into their midst the studious-looking gentleman with other morning, doubtless for the pur-

DISTANCE LENDS TERROR.

Death Less Formidable When Close at Hand. The fear of death in the abstract is a

lishment 18 francs were left in the plate as the waiter's "tip." That waiter promptly asked the gentleman doubtless a wholesome one, says the whether he might not keep a table for Nineteenth Century. And this being so, them for the following day. The reply was, "I can not say, but we will telephone next time. We have breakfasted very well here."

a constant realization of it is scarcely to be desired. It is much to be questioned whether, to use the imagery of the hymn, the man to A little later a gentleman who knows the empress of Austria intimately came tinuously present that his tent was in and sat down where the lady had nightly pitched a day's march nearer est. "Do you know whom you had to his grave would be a useful cam-here a few minutes ago?" he asked paigner. But, in point of fact, there is no danger that it will be so. The story told that it was no less a personage is told of a priest who, under the sentence of Austria, Ciro was struck "all of a heap"—ahuri, as the French exconvicts in like case. It is a scene which is repeated in a thousand different places every Sunday morning, but it is a hundred to one that the situation does and many an old chestnut of his process as a business man as well as an artist will be revived. Americans have suffered much at his hands in point of "talk" and extortion, but the majority have ever professed to be perfectly content as long as the Worth cachet was affixed to the inside belt of their gown. Mrs. Potter stood in Worth's best books. He said in print that he would rather dreas her than any American woman who ever came to his atelier in the Rue de la Paix. No dress ever left his shop costnot strike either preacher or people unfrom a distance, the more one looks into the subject, the more certain it becomes that mankind, when brought to a hundred to one that the situation does agreed in some blind way to recognize in the enemy whose aproaches they have been so unremitting in their efforts to ward off something altogether different from the terrible and hostile force which they have been accustomed to consider it. "We fall on guard, and,

after all, it is a friend who comes to meet us." BISMARCK ON HAPPINESS.

He Has Had Very Little of It-Emperor William Had More.f At Leipsic the other day Prince Bismarck made a speech, in the course of

which he said: "In my long life I have rarely been happy. If I were to figure out the total of the rare moments of happiness that I have had, I would find perhaps in all about twenty-four hours. In politics I have never had time enough to be happy. I have always had to struggle,

"In my private life I have had mo-ments of happiness; first in my youth also happy with my wife and children. But to know how to enjoy good fortune—a peculiar gift that my old mastr, the emperor, possessed in a high degreeit is necessary to be both phlegmatic and sanguine. I often had a great deal of difficulty in bringing him to a resolution, but, once formed, it was solid You could build houses on it. He placed truth above everything, and sometimes public affairs compelled us to remove ourselves a little from the truth. That was always hard for the old emperor. But he was very happy, and yet, for all that, how unfortunate

All of which goes to prove that, so far as Bismarck himself is concerned, nowithstanding his wonderful achieve ments, the game wasn't worth the

He Was a Girl. The masculine style of dress sometimes causes a deal of trouble to the wearer thereof. Said a deacon to a young person, who leaving a wheel in the lobby, was stealing into the back seat of a country church: "You bad and wicked boy, why don't you take off your cap?" To this the bad and wicked boy replied: "If you please, sir, I'm a girl."

Head and Heart.

The views of the elevator boy on the

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QUEER MONEY.

strange kind of currency. Says he: "In one of the small towns I bought some limes, and gave the girl one dollar in hands, and they shove their mutilated stumps up into the faces of passers-by, writes a correspondent of the New York Herald's European edition from Nice, Italy. The mayor of Nice begs strangers not to give to these professional beggars, and, really, you American ladies whom I saw, a few minutes can ladies whom I saw, a few minutes from lawys. I noticed them they are very proud of his company and take the best possible care of him always. I noticed them when a police officer, who had with the passers and the incident hastened to inform the care of him always. I noticed them a police officer, who had with the passers to the incident hastened to inform the care of him always. nessed the incident, hastened to inform me that for small sums soap was legal

> authorized by the government. The cakes of soap were worth three farthings each. Afterwards, in my travel, I frequently received similar change. Many of the cakes showed signs of laving been in the wash-tub; but that I discoveret was not at all uncombon. Provided the stamp were not obliterated, the soap did not lose any value as currency. Occasionally a man would borrow a cake of a friend, wash lis hands, and return it with thanks, I made use of my pieces more than once in my bath, and subsequently spent hem."-Harper's Round Table.

> > Signs in the Desert.

Signs in the desert, indicating the trails and giving directions as to the nearest springs and wells of fresh water are to be erected by Arizona and Cilifornia in the desolate regions on either side of the Colorado river, where so many tragedies have occurred through miners and others losing their way or dying from thirst. The signs are high poles of gas pipe, with big squares of sheet iron at the top and are painted red, as that is the color that can be seen the greatest distance in that region. The lettering will tell the distance from point to point and the loation of the nearest water holes.

Crows Hold Court.

Dr. Edmonson assures us that in the Shetland islands the holding of crow courts is of very common occurrence. As a rule a hill or field is selected to act as a courthouse and the session commences. The proceedings are conducted in any way but silently, though as to the exact mode of procedure, whether counsel are employed or a jury impaneled no ornithologist has been able to inform us. All Dr. Edmonson tells us is that after a great deal of cawing the whole court falls upon the unhappy prisoners, and they are promptly exterminated, after which the court rises and the crows disperse, each to his own district.

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"Are they mad?" "Not a bit."

"Certainly. They know it isn't my fault that you come so much.

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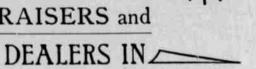
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