

broodery beyond. Other gowns are made like a princess dress, but fastened up the left side, with a full front and a yoke of lace at the top, formed by narrow tucking of the goods, with lines of insertion between, or an entire lace piece covers the yoke.

A fashionable woman's approach is heralded by the jingle of jewelry. Charms are worn on neck chains, watch chains and bracelets with utter impartiality, the precious ones being miniature bears, pigs, cats, dogs, salmon, fox terriers, woodpeckers and so on, decorated with diamonds or other precious stones.

Feminine Personalities.
The queen of Romania has been made a member of the Smithsonian Academy of Science in recognition of her literary talents.

Miss Hastie, a young Scotch woman, is about to undertake a scientific expedition to the South seas with fifteen other women. Miss Pringle, a well-known botanist, will be one of the party.

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, who is working to have the word "woman" stricken from the name of the famous Suffragan system of penmanship.

Mrs. Alice Hollins Crane, who is in the service of the Smithsonian institution is the unique inhabitant of Dawson City. She wears a buckskin skirt, bloomers of the same material and leather leggings. She like frontier life, and expects to die with her boots on.

Mrs. Ida Dewey Royce, a cousin of Admiral Dewey, denies that she has decided to go upon the stage. She says she is merely studying to become an actress, but if she develops any talent she may embark on a career before the footlights if she finds a manager who will engage her.

Most of the cigarmakers in Detroit are girls. Manufacturers say that the change from male help has revolutionized their business in more ways than one. They hold that the girls are prompter and cleaner and that they do not carry away or consume any cigars while at work. One factory has estimated a saving in cigar consumption by employees of the care she has given her.

Mrs. Louise H. Pratt of Sherwood, Wis., makes the somewhat original suggestion that sweet young things with golden hair should not monopolize the privilege of naming war ships, so she wants to be allowed to name the battleship Wisconsin. Among her qualifications she mentions the following: She is 21 years old, got her education in a little schoolhouse in Wisconsin, knows how to cook, knit, spin and make soft soap, wears her hair up, and is a Christian and reared two boys and two girls of her own.

Adelina Patti is now 55 years of age. She has been twice married and once divorced, and was recently made a widow by the death of her second husband, Sig. Nicolini, the tenor. In spite of all this she preserves in a marvelous manner much of her pristine beauty of voice, and she has lately sung in London so admirably that the public and newspaper enthusiasm knew no bounds. She attributes the preservation of her powers to the care she has given herself. The average life of a great singer's voice is said to be fifteen years. Mme. Patti made her debut in grand opera at the Academy of Music in New York in November, 1859, and has been singing continuously ever since.

Benefits the Klondike.
Mr. A. C. Thomas of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages, and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is not so valuable in comparison with this marvelous cure, would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure.

CONJUGALITIES.
These Spanish officers of Admiral Cervera's staff who are said to have engaged themselves to two Baltimore belles have doubtless learned to sing "Maryland, My Maryland" with a will. The woman who reported the war for a Toronto paper.

Mrs. Kathleen Blake Watkins, who was married in Washington the other day to Dr. Theodore Coleman, is better known to newspaper readers as "Kit," the woman who reported the war for a Toronto paper.

Miss Edna Sickles, daughter of General Daniel E. Sickles, whose engagement to Mr. Dayroll Crackenthorpe of the British embassy at Madrid is announced, was educated and has spent most of her life abroad, but has also been seen in the society of New York and Washington. Her mother, General Sickles' second wife, was a Spanish woman, whom General Sickles met when he was minister to Spain in 1871.

Quite a romantic wedding occurred recently at Roland, Ark. The contracting parties were Mr. John Farrer, aged 30, and Miss Mitty Miller, aged 18. Mr. Farrer is, or rather was, a gay widower and winning the consent of Miss Miller they went on to the Little Rock and were married. Miss Miller, the bride, has quite an eventful, if not tragic, history. A few years ago she, with her father, mother and sister, resided in the Indian Territory. The sister, who was several years older than the present Mrs. Farrer, had a lover to whom she was engaged to be married. There was a lover's quarrel between the two and the young man becoming enraged procured a shotgun, repaired to the home of his sweetheart, shot and killed her, the father and mother, and would have killed Miss Miller, but she tripped and fell in running just as the shot was fired. The murderer, thinking he had killed the whole family, turned his attention to two men who were passing, killed them both and then blew out his own brains, thus leaving six dead in the yard.

In Austria fourteen years are looked upon as sufficient to entitle a person of either sex to take on the burdens of matrimony. Germany requires the male to be 18 and the female 15. In France the minimum for the man is 16 and the woman 15. In Spain the intended husband must have passed his fourteenth year and the woman her twelfth. The law in Hungary for Roman Catholics is that the man must be 18 years old and the woman 12; for Protestants the man must be 18 and the woman 15. In Greece the man must have been a least fourteen summers and the woman twelve. In Russia and Saxony they are more sensible, and a youth must refrain from matrimony till he can count fourteen years and a woman until she can count sixteen. In Switzerland men from the age of 14 and women from the age of 12 are allowed to marry. The Turkish law provides that any girl who can walk properly and can understand the necessary religious service are allowed to be united for life.

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NOTABLE SHYING GLANCES AT WILHELMINA

A Dozen More or Less Royal Bloods Seeking to Shine in the Shadow of the Dutch Throne.

In spite of Queen Emma's good motherly advice, the wishes of the Dutch government and the hopes of loyal subjects, her 18-year-old majesty of Holland has not yet identified her choice of a consort. Not since Princess Victoria of Kent became queen of England six years ago has so interesting and romantic a feminine figure appeared on a European throne, and there is no doubt at all but that Wilhelmina thoroughly appreciates and enjoys the charms of her position in the eyes of all the ambitious and marriageable young grand dukes and princes. If any one wants to know why she now hesitates to give the name of her consort, the reason simply is because she has not yet selected him. From her childhood up she has entertained a profound respect for

anyone can discern Wilhelmina takes more than a sister's interest in him.

Claims of Greece and Teck.
A month or two ago there was a flutter in the Dutch court when Prince Nicholas of Greece came to visit the two queens. Since then rumor has, I hear, connected him and Wilhelmina's names. He is of course eligible enough save that he is a pathetically poverty-stricken boy and by religion an orthodox Greek. His years number twenty-four and nobody seems to know his capabilities save for music. For lack of better employment he serves as A. D. C. to his father, King George, and during the Greek-Turkish war he served without distinction as a captain of artillery. Everybody knows it was his grandmother, the queen of Denmark, who thought out this match for him, and the matter of religion could be easily settled, as King George is still a Protestant and his son could quite excusably relapse into the faith of his fathers.

As Queen Wilhelmina will sit on one of the very sunniest thrones in all Europe and rule over a loyal country, for its size the richest in the world, there is no surprise to be felt that the dowryright impetuous prince, such as Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of the duchess of York, would gladly throw in his lot with the Dutch sovereign. All this youthful prince has to offer is an exceptionally handsome presence and great good nature. It is no secret that

Wilhelmina to his eldest son and thus make Holland a part of the German empire. Some years ago I know it to be a fact that he did discuss such an alliance with Queen Emma, in hopes that the little queen would wait until Crown Prince William came to a marriageable age. Queen Emma was civil, but non-committal, knowing well both her daughter and her government would never consent to see Holland by this maneuver swallowed up in the German empire.

IMPROBITIES.
"When I hear about 'sermons in stones,'" remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "I am reminded of the Rev. Dr. Fourthly. His sermons always seem to rock me to sleep."

First Sunday School Scholar—How far have you got in the question book? "We've got as far as 'Original Sin,'" said his friend. "Second Ditto—O, we got by that long ago. We are 'Past Redemption.'"

"Yes," observed a clergyman, "we have just terminated the greatest revival our church has experienced for many years. 'I rejoice to hear it,'" said his friend; "how many did you add to the fold?" "Oh, we didn't add any," replied the good man, "but we got rid of three."

At the great meeting in St. James' hall, London, in the summer of 1868, to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish



A ROYAL BELLE AND HER PRINCELY BEAUX.

Queen Victoria and two years ago she asked permission to read some novels. Her governess and mother gave her a careful choice from Dickens, Miss Edgewood and Miss Younge. Having perused those romances she informed her mother that she intended to only marry a man she could love and as Queen Victoria had pursued that policy with success, she demanded a similar privilege. Since that time she has entertained at intervals various possible suitors at her palaces in Holland. As invariably as they came rumors flew about to the effect that here was the man, but as invariably the princeling rode away, apparently with his hand, heart and title still free to bestow.

I have heard it stated and on the best of authority that the little lady is kind to all, stands a good deal on her dignity and openly says that as the proposition of marriage must come from her, she won't speak until her heart dictates.

So far nobody, not even worried Queen Emma, has been able to discover the especial type of young man Wilhelmina prefers, but if you talk to the simple Dutch folk themselves, they openly applaud their young sovereign's sentiments and they are fond of telling the story of her return to her mother. There had been a degree or two of heat in an argument over this marriage question and the mother chose to disengage a very good young duke as inevitable because of his comparatively humble title.

"Oh, title and money are all very well," replied Wilhelmina, with a toss of her head. "Am not I queen of Holland, my title and my money are all sufficient. If I loved a good man, though he were a humble Dutchman, I would marry him and make him noble."

The Favorites.
Among the Dutch people themselves the two most popular candidates for the queen's hand are Prince Harold of Denmark and Prince Bernard of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach. Holland and Denmark are friendly neighbors and they are one in their dislike of Germany. Prince Harold is a nice boy, 21 years old, healthy, good-natured and not unhandsome. He is tall like all his brothers and has a commission in the Danish army. Though her young majesty says she has the money for two, still the hardheaded few courtiers would like to have a king consort with a little pin money of his own and Harold's mother, the crown princess of Denmark, is a very rich woman. To every one of her children she has given fine marriage portions, so that Harold is a well-to-do man.

Wilhelmina made mud pies together, and if they have never been lovers they have always been excellent friends.

Bernard of Saxe-Weimar is another good boy, in his twentieth year, a lieutenant in a Prussian infantry regiment, and the heart of Wilhelmina made mud pies together, and if they have never been lovers they have always been excellent friends.

Among all these suitors her young majesty should surely be able to find one whom she could love sincerely, and perhaps the only fellow sovereign who cannot look on amiably at this matter of royal match making is Emperor William. Dearly, dearly would he have liked to have wedded

both the duchess of York and Queen Victoria have done all they could to put Prince Alexander well to the front rank of suitors, for this estimable young man has only what his sister and father can spare to live upon, and no settled duties, even of a military character.

Two Ducal Beaux.
But if beauty were all that the little queen asked there is not a shadow of a doubt but that she could secure for the asking the hand of Prince Maximilian of Baden, the handsomest man in the German army. Prince Max is turned 21 and a very fair type of the beauty soldier that figures in Ouida's novels, and though his intimates say he prefers to live a bachelor his merits as a consort have certainly been laid before the Dutch court. Prince Max is a second cousin of the German emperor, a Protestant prince, a model of propriety as well as an exceedingly smart cavalry officer, and his income is equal to his needs.

Prince Harold and Prince Bernard, who both justly entertain equal good hopes of securing Wilhelmina's hand, have recently been flattered and alarmed over the pretensions of young Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. He is Queen Victoria's grandson, the heir to the dukedom of the duke of Edinburgh inherited and one of the very best suitors now on the carpet. Whether or no he would be obliged to resign his heirship to his father's dukedom is a question to be settled, and it is about the only difficulty to be got over.

Prince Alfred is a splendid fellow, looking very like his grandfather, possessing an independent fortune and a truly English sense of duty and reverence for religion. After all, and in spite of her independent title, the little queen will in this matter of religion be obliged to bow to her people's wishes. A Protestant prince or one who will become a Protestant is what the Dutch want. This is the only point the government would urge against the queen's marriages to that fine young man, the Prince Luigi, duke of Abruzzi, for whom she is known to cherish a strong liking. The dark beauty, the very exemplary behavior and the daring explorations of Luigi have made a strong appeal to the queen. She is a woman after all and loves masculine vigor just like any 18-year-old girl.

Luigi himself is by no means indifferent to the queen's friendly feeling. Beyond his duties in the Italian navy and his interest in exploring unknown parts of the world he has no chances of advancement. He is a third son on a small allowance and he is just like any 18-year-old girl.

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The Swiss are supporting 250 orphans in Sivas for a term of five years and have sent two women to look after their welfare and instruction.

Speaking of a possible invasion of England by its enemies, some one said in the presence of Gladstone: "I suppose that some English companies might be induced to supply them with ships and arms." To which the great statesman replied: "Oh, yes, for fifty years they would supply arms to the rebel angels against heaven."

Rev. Dr. Simpson of the Christian Alliance secured \$55,000 in money and valuables at the collection taken at Old Orchard the other day. But this was a falling off from last year's aggregate, \$55,000, which in its turn was much less than the \$100,000 of the year before. It looks as though the climax had been passed; still, \$55,000 is not a bad day's work.

The Mata Thing.
Detroit Journal: The matter was coldly critical.

"You point minor details well," he observed. "For instance, the sunshine, the sky, the mountain, the ocean, the earth, all these figures of men and women, are excellently done. But your signature! Bah! How crude! How lacking in detail! How faulty in perspective!"

As for the obstacle he could not cast his palette upon the floor and weep aloud in his chagrin.

Sensible Girl.
Washington Star: "Yes," said the soldier, "when we parted she gave me a token of her regard. I put it in my pocket and that was the means of saving my life."

"I see," was the response. "It's the old story. You carried her photograph near your heart and it caused the bullet to deviate."

"No. It wasn't my photograph. It was a bottle of malaria medicine."

Just for Appearance.
Sovereign Journal Young Printer—Now that I have put up my shingle can you give me a word of advice as to the best way of increasing my practice?"

Old Doctor—Well, first of all, you ought to hire about a dozen unhealthy looking people of both sexes to come and sit in your waiting room during office hours, to make the casual caller think that your services are in great demand.