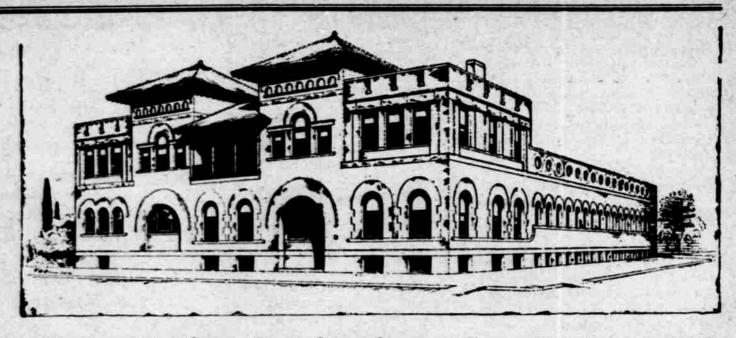
## London Letter

I hear privately that the ex-Empress Eugenie is much grieved about the duration of the war. She says that her husband owed a debt of gratitude to America for many courtesies and kindnesses, and that she loves Spain as the land of her birth. "My people," she said recently, "are a brave and noble-spirited race, but they should show this to be true by declaring now for peace."

"Those Churchills always marry," is a current saying which applies even to maidens who are only half churchills. Certainly an old maid is an unknown object in the family. Two more fair cousins of the duke of Marlborough are among the latest fiancies; and both are making lovematches quite apart from social ambition. The Hon. Rosamond Guest is the youngest of Lady Winborne's handsome daughters, and is twentyone this month. Her beloved, Mr. be quite a political wedding, for Sir broken off, and Lord W. is very glad Matthew White Ridley is popular at now-so they say. Miss Wilson is not the home office and in the house, very successful in getting another while all the Guests are ardent Prim- parti. rose-Leaguers. Lady Winborne, the mothr of the bride, is the eldest sister THE WAYS OF NEW REGIMENTS of poor Lord Randolph Churchill. An-Lord Tweedmouth is Lady White Ridyouth is wiser now.

of the late duke of Roxburghe. Her woisky, sah." mother (another Churchill), was forof Her Majesty. Lady Margaret, who orders for inspection?" is three-and-twenty, and very nice inseems quite content; so no one else tween drinks, sah.' needs grumble! Her brother, the With a colonel who knows nothing



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Matthew White Ridley, son of the heir. His mother, who is an astute great North country baronet, is four- person and a great lady to her fingerand-twenty, and her cousin. This will tips, managed to get that match

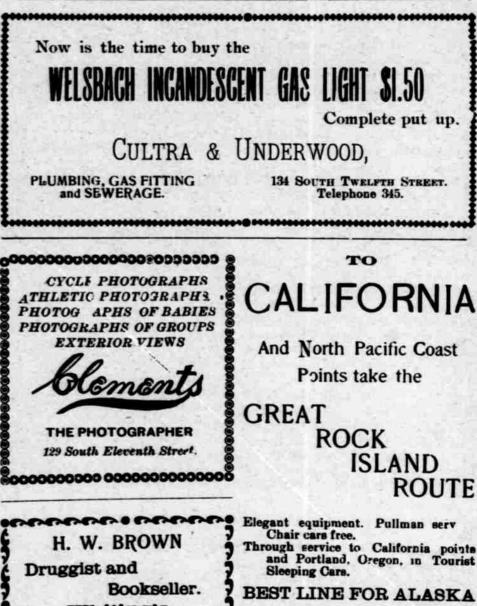
The day after the Mississippi regiother sister is Lady Tweedmouth; and ment arrived Colonel Guild, inspectorgeneral, called at the camp on official ley's brother; so the bridegroom-elect business. The southern colonel received is also cousin to the famous young him most effusively, saying: "Welcome Dudley Marjoribanks, whose infatua- to this camp, sab. I want you to knowtion for a gaity girl gave his parents sah, that this regiment is made up of so much anxiety two years ago. The gentlemen who hold the highest social positions in Mississippi, sah. And now,

The other engaged maiden is Lady sah, I want you to step into my tent and Margaret Innes-Ker, elder daughter try some of the finest Mississippian

"But," protested the inspector, 'I merly the queen's favorite mistress of have called to inspect your camp. the robes, and is still a great friend Won't you please issue the necessary

"Inspection, sah? I don't know as I deed, is to marry Major Orr-Ewing, exactly understand you? You see, sab, brother of Sir Willianm Orr-Ewing. the boys made me colonel of this regi-The gallant major is a distinguished ment. But, I assure you, sah, I know soldier, but not a great catch for a absolutely nothing about military affairs. duke's daughter: moreover, he is I leave all such matters to my adjutant. eighteen years her senior. But she Now, sah, I think its a long time be-

the duke, will be twenty-two this about military affairs, the discipline in month. He is a handsome boy and a the ranks of that Mississippi regiment keen suortsman, also a dancer in may be imagined. During the inspecgreat request. Presently, I suppose, tion of the rank and file, whom the adhe will begin to think about provid- jutant at last drew up in line, the ining a mistress for Floors Castle. spector-general came to a gray-haired



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nibal, Mo.

Are you pretty girls "on?"

Henley was a cheerful but much some skill. over-dressed function. The duchess of Devonshire's dinner and ball turn- yeu," remarked the inspector. ed out grilliant, of course, although the crowding at the ball was griev- served the southern confedency from '61 ous. (Of course Devonshire house was to '65, sah, and I tell you I'm profoundly built in days when society was not glad to be inspected ioday, sah, by a the "omnium-gatherum" that it is southern inspector, sah." now; and although the duchess is supposed to be exclusive, she finds her Colonel Guild. "I'm from Boston." rooms inconvenient.) The prince and princess of Wales, the duke and duchess of Sparta, the Landsdownes, Lord Colonel Guild stood and embraced him, and Lady Essex and Lady Randolph welcoming him to the regiment 'in the Churchill were among the diners. The name of Mississippi, sah."-Gilson Wilprince has dined lately with the lets in Collier's Weekly. Bischoffsheims, with Lord Connemara and with the Arthur Wilsons (of Tranby Croft.) By the way, it amuses me to see how people will class the future duchess of Manchester as a Tranby Croft girl. She is only a cousin; and her family keeps as clean

of the Tranby Croft set as it conveniently can. The only daughter "out" at the Arthur Wilsons is Muriel, who rice," remarked the Spanish general as is renowned for her dark beauty and he oiled his typewriter. her French accent, and who was once engaged for a short time to Lord Wil- and loughby d'Eresby, Lord Ancaster's

private who handled his peace with

"This is evidently not new business to

"No, sah," replied the private. "I

"But I'm not a southerner," said Whereupon the private threw his piece to the ground, advanced to where

Gerald-Do you love me? Geraldine-No, sir. Gerald-Is that true? Geraldine-Part of it. Gerald-Which part? Geraldine-fhe sir.

"There is one trouble with our victo-

"And what do they lack?" fasked his "Durability."