

SUMMER SMILES.

Adapt that has been often tendered is tough. Charity begins at home, but reform is different.

The end of Mormonism—to get as many wives as possible. When words fail to express, try some reliable freight line.

It is all right for some people to be right, but the way some of them are right is horrid.

It is not the man who grinds his teeth over trifles who has got the most grit in him.

Love is as old as the first moment of eternity and as new as the last moment of time.

The chess player who pledges his watch for funds to bet on a game with knows what a night's pawn is.

"Was his address of any value?" "Yes, indeed," said Mrs. Spriggins. "My husband said it was very valuable."

Teacher—"Don't be discouraged, children, if you were not perfect to-day. The egg of Columbus was not laid in one day."

Student—"Professor, do they find any particular difficulty in computing the distance of the dog star?" Professor—"Yes; Sirius difficulties."

"I think I should like something in the way of a check," said the young man to the tailor. "So should I," said the tailor to the young man.

"But tell me, what was there so hard to hear in the penitentiary?" Discharged Prisoner—"The piano practice of the superintendent's wife."

"Going camping out this year?" "No; I camped out last year." "Why don't you camp out this year?" "I just told you. I camped out last year."

There has been a tide in the affairs of many a young lady which rolled by and left her on the shore, because she said "No" when she meant "Yes."

"Good morning," said the census man, "is it hot enough for you?" "I refuse to answer your fool questions," said old Mr. Crusty, as he slammed the door.

"I do not believe Moxey has any genius for business whatever?" "Why?" "Here he has failed seven times in as many years and he is actually a poor man yet."

Tommy—"Say, paw, what is a philosopher?" Mr. Figg—"A philosopher, Tommy, is a man who sits around and figures out how other men have so much more money than he has."

Simpson—"What are you going about grinning like a country poorhouse idiot? Have you been taking laughing gas?" De Smith—"No; but I'm promoted a position as a hotel clerk at a seaside resort, and I'm getting the bland smile well in hand."

Old Mammy lived in North Carolina, very near the line. When the boundary between that State and Virginia was changed she was told that she lived in Virginia. "Well," she answered, "I am powerful glad. I always heard that Virginy was a healthier State than North Carolina."

"See here," said an angry house wife, "I thought you left me eight pounds of ice yesterday." The ice man said he had. "You can't fool me," said the woman; "I had it weighed and there was only five pounds."

"Well," was the crushing rejoinder, "don't the tongs weigh anything?"

A woman went recently into a book-seller's shop to purchase a present for her husband. She hovered round and manifested the usual indecision, whereupon the assistant in charge, to help her out of the difficulty, suggested a set of Shakespeare. The would-be purchaser met this proposal, however, with the prompt remark: "Oh, he read that when it first came out."

Her Bootless Conquest. The girl whose style is masculine. Will sport her brother's collars, His new cravats, his derby hats, And even bet his dollars.

But one thing there is on the list Which she will never choose— This creature sweet, whatever her feet, Will stick to woman's shoes.

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To take three facts: (1) The United Kingdom does more business than any other country with the United States; (2) many millions of Americans are closely related to British subjects; (3) the British mails for Canada are landed at New York, so that it would be absurd to charge 2d. on a letter sent from London to New York, and only 1d. if it were sent on to Canada.

It will be observed that nothing whatever is done for the Dominion by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's decision to establish a 2d. rate since the rate to Canada is already 2d. Canada has now the strongest claim of all the colonies to the 1d. rate. As we have seen, the Post Office has made a foolish bargain with the French and Italian Governments for the conveyance of letters to India and the East and Australasia from Calais to Brindisi for 1d. each, and while this bargain subsists, a penny post by that route could not yield a profit. There being in the case of Canada nothing but water between us and the American coast, the Post office has no opportunity of committing us, and there is literally and absolutely no reason why a profitable penny post should not be established to-morrow to British North America, (for surely nobody will attempt to defend the juggle about subsidies any longer.)

A high postage rate, as already said, checks trade. Those who are conversant with commercial affairs of any magnitude are aware of the supreme importance of the operations directed to the obtaining of orders—canvassing, sample showing, and price-list distributing operations, communications with agents in touch with the desired market, and so on. In these days of keen competition and lavish advertisement, it is obvious that these preliminary operations involve the fate of the business, and, accordingly, every business man of experience will adopt all possible means to facilitate them.—(J. H. Heaton, M. P., in the Nineteenth Century.

A LOOK AT THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

What Manner of Man, or Boy He Really Is—A King "by the Grace of God."

Curiously enough it has been left to a Frenchman to give the most generally approved characterization of Emperor William II. of Germany and his reign. In a recent copy of the Paris Figaro Earnest Lavisse, a celebrated feuilletonist, described in a letter from Berlin the young Emperor and his mode of action so keenly, so epigrammatically, and altogether so correctly that most of the German dailies are now reproducing the article for the information of their readers. "William II. of all men," writes M. Lavisse, "has the greatest appreciation of his own happiness, the keenest faculty of finding a roscate atmosphere in which to breathe. Of all rulers, he probably derives the most satisfaction from the mere act of ruling. He does not conceal his delight in life and in being Emperor. He shows it on land, at sea, and on his armored ships as he rides under the starry heavens and loses himself in transcendental dreams. The delight which he frankly expresses, together with his youth, lend this Prince a

MOST FASCINATING CHARM.

For many years Europe has not seen on any one of its great thrones a man of 30 years. The dignity of such a position was the exclusive property of mature men. In the person of William II., might and youth combine in a charming paradox. It satisfies him not to be a ruler. He wishes to rule as his forefathers ruled while they were creating Prussia bit by bit with their own royal hands. The minute he became persuaded that Bismarck, too, desired to rule, he dismissed this mighty man. His action, which appeared so extraordinary to others, was exceedingly simple in his eyes, and he executed it simply. His property was in the hands of another. He merely took it back. Every one was astounded because in the last speech from the throne to the Reichstag he did not mention the retirement of the Chancellor with a single word. In his eyes, however, this retirement was not an event of world-wide importance. It amounted, he thought, only to this: A Hohenzollern, who had become Emperor and King, had only chosen to administer his own office.

I saw Emperor William for the last time on Easter Sunday in 1889 in Berlin. He made a curious impression on me. Berlin is a very great, wholly modern, and rapidly growing city. In material as well as in spiritual matters it is very progressive. It has a cool reason and a cold heart. Politically it is radical or social democratic. It is quite irreligious. As I saw this emperor by the grace of God ride through the street of THIS MODERN TOWN,

his shoulders erect, his head thrown back, the features of his face proud and immobile, patronizingly bowing to the shouting crowd on each side, I felt that I saw before me an anachronism,—to be sure a living and triumphant anachronism, but none the less an anachronism. Emperor by the Grace of God! Believe me, this title is no empty name to William II. He believes it frankly and sincerely. Prussia has a Constitution which grants the subject certain liberties, but the King has from God a higher charter, which permits him to suspend or to encroach on the Constitution. In Koenigsberg William I. took his crown with his own hands from the table of the Lord. This unique table is not mentioned in the inventory of the parliamentary furniture of the Prussian State.

Germany has political parties in the Parliament. With them the sovereign must establish a modus vivendi. The tactics of Prince Bismarck to this end have been condemned. Others must be introduced. It is, therefore, necessary to come to some understanding with the Reichstag for the purpose of creating a parliamentary majority. Emperor William II. does not, however, consider himself obliged to have such a majority in order that he may rule as he wishes. He rules because it is his office to rule, and in his opinion, his right. He appears to have no regard and little eyesight for party divisions. He has—unprecedented performance—invited Clericals, Radical and Social Democrats to eat at his table. He has no idea of the regular lawful tactics of an organized opposition. When he devotes himself to the thought of a political opponent, it is only for the purpose of seeing it

SMASHED ON THE SPOT.

He, therefore, and he alone, will ever bear the brunt of the battle. It is his province to settle all questions of the day, to look at the causes and the remedies. All questions, however, cannot be solved in Germany after his fashion. The reasons for existing institutions there lie much deeper than in most other countries. With us the labor question is every man's business. The Government and the citizen occupy themselves alike with its solution. They all know that they will not come to their goal in a day, but that together they will help their country towards better things. The Emperor of Germany, however, has made the labor question his own exclusive property. He wishes to answer it for Germany and for the world at large. Undoubtedly, Emperor William II. has a few modern attributes. The questions that interest him are questions of the times. But he will never answer them in the spirit of modern civilization: A man can apparently live as the rest of us mortals live, ride on the railways and on the steamships, know the statistics of the working people, discuss learnedly concerning the present price of anthracite coal, and yet be the contemporary of a century that is past.

"William II. speaks of the triple alliance politely, but not enthusiastically. Perhaps he finds it a back number. To compel Austria to enter a combination with her conqueror and then to honor Italy with an invitation to join the two great middle European powers, were easy bits of diplomacy, too easy in fact. But to carry on colonial politics in the same region with England, to visit the Queen of England and the Czar of Russia, to review the English navy in the uniform of an English Admiral and the Russian army in the uniform of a Russian officer, to strive at once for friendship of the whale and the white bear, as Prince Bismarck said, that is fine, that is inspiring, that is impossible, that is the goal of William II.

"The future of William II. is no clearer to-day than it was two years ago. The young Emperor has made his debut in history not with brilliant deeds, but with brilliant purposes. He attracts public attention to a wonderful degree. He is the favorite of public opinion. He deserves these honors on account of the philanthropy of his dreams and on account of his determina-

tion (as expressed to Jules Simon) to do mankind good rather than to terrify it, further and most particularly in view of his apprehension of approaching dangers. Let these dangers come. The Emperor will not stand aside. He is brave to the point of recklessness. He has supreme confidence in the future, and his figure, the figure of the ideal soldier, strides forth unhesitatingly into the unknown."

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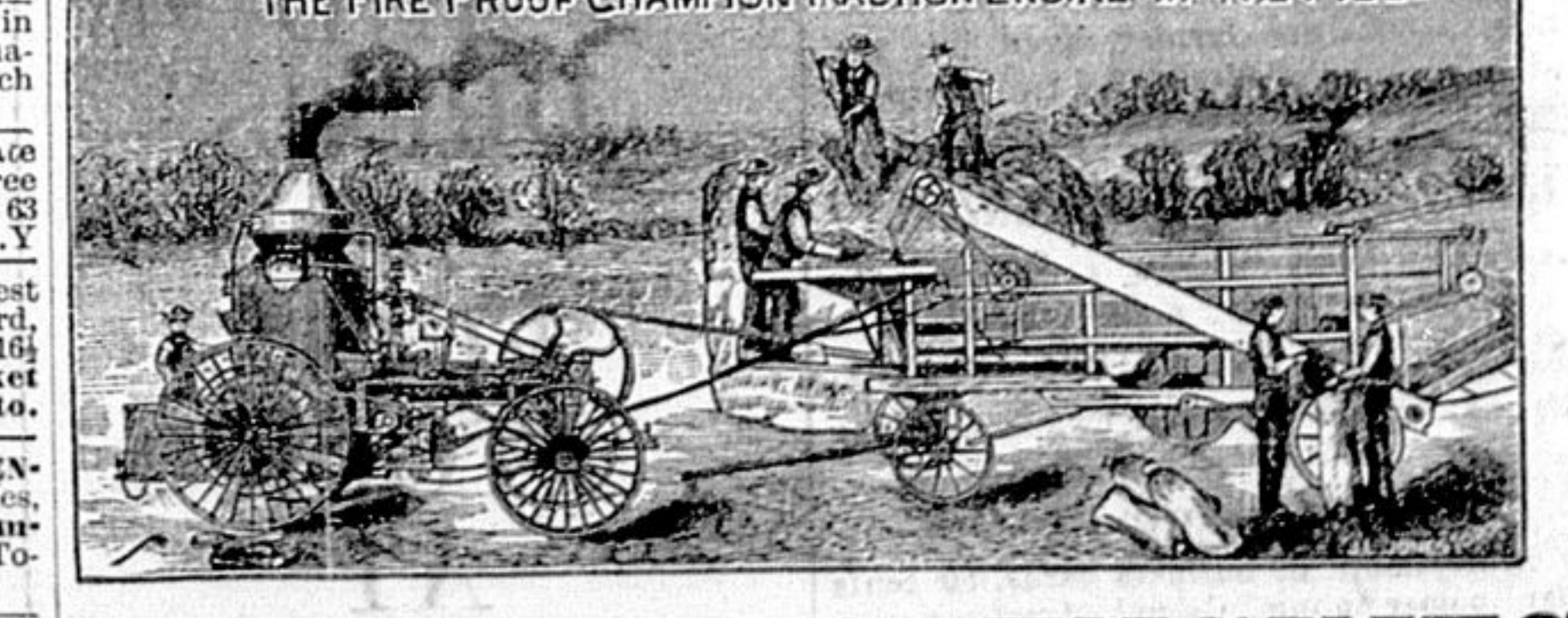
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