A GENEROUS DUCHESS.

A Paris despatch to the London Daily Telegraph says :- The Duchesse de Galliera, who died on Sunday night at her historical mansion in the Faubourg St. Germain was as large-hearted and as open-handed as the late Madame Boucleault, though perhaps less judicious in the use she made of one of the | 000 years or more, and how a "local surlargest fortunes of this age. The late Duke of Galliera was one of the Continental railway kings, and a keen and venturesome speculator. He died leaving personality in France alone amounting to £11.000,000, and in Italy over £3,000,000 The Univers gives The theory has been discussed as to whether the following list of her well known deeds of the toad would have continued to live above generosity :- £400 a year to the poor of the Seventh Arrondissement, £800 a year to the poor of all Paris, £250 s year to the poor of is the authentic history of how such another valuble minnow gratis? her own parish; for the Brignole Galliera reptile of a kindred species was found, the Museum, near the Trocadero, £250,000; length of whose retirement could only be for the creation of an orphanage at Meudon, measured by a geological period of time, and £560,000; for the support of that institution, £400,000; for the building of three working life and condition by natural means. In the class lodging houses in Paris, £80,000. To deepen the port of Genoa she gave £340,000 to the present Pope, £100,000, to build two hospitals £380,000. Besides the above donations she gave Genoa the palace called the Palazzo Rossa, with its art furniture and low colour. On the clay bank gum-trees, pictures, comprising a collection of ancestral portraits by Rubens and Vandyke. The When about thirty feet below the surface a gift of a palace and estate at Bologna to the block of this clay in falling broke into two Due de Montpensier can hardly be called a charity. He last great benefactions were the founding of two asylums, one for two hundred old men and one hundred old women, seemed blind and sleepy, though showing and another for Christian Brothers too old or broken down in health to teach. It was at the opening of the former at which she caught cold, which, degenerating into inflammation of the lungs, killed her. How The block of clay was reduced in size and she disposed of the remnant of her vast fortune is not yet known. The Duchesse had an idea that she was insulting the poor to ask them to live in meanly constructed alms-houses. She therefore created palaces for them.

### SPANISH COURT ETIQUETTE.

At no court is etiquette so tyranically rampant as in Spain, and many of the usstrongly of the Dark Ages from which they have descended. It is, for instance, a rule none but a privileged few may touch the person of King or Queen, and on one occasion in the stirrup she would certainly have been dashed to pieces but for the heroism of a young man who stopped her horse and released her from her dangerous position. He immediately fled, however, for his life, and did not stop until he had crossed the frontier, for fear of the penalty. Similarly quite recently his aunt made the little King of Spain and he began to cry, whereupon a lacquey lifted him quickly out of it, and so no doubt preserved him from falling. This, however, was such a grave breach of etiquette that him from his post. She engaged him, however, in another position in the Royal house hold as a compensation.

# TO REDUCE THE QUEEN'S EXPENCES.

London "Truth" says : - Lord Sydney visited the Queen at Windsor last week, when, by a peculiar motion of his hind legs. For while in a barber's chair turned suddenly I hear, he submitted to her Majesty a precis his morning bath he had to be dug up daily, to speak to his friend; and a piece of his of his scheme for reducing the expenses of the | then back he would go again into seclusion. | nose was sliced off. Royal household, of which I gave a sketch In a little while two patches of dust were on Novemoer 8. He recommended the aboli- noticed on his nose; there were examined by tion of the buckhounds, the amalgamation of | a magnifying glass, and it was found that in several highly-paid offices in the departments | the centre of each was an infinitely minute of Lord Chamberlain, Lord Steward, and hole, just where the nostrils should be. After Master of the Horse; a very large cutting enforced bathing and exercise daily for about down of the salaries of these three and other | six or eight weeks, the dull yellow skin covfunctionaries, the economical reconstruction | ering him began to come off in small patches; of the gentlemen-at arms and the yeomen of it eventually fell off ike the slouth of a snake, the guards, the withdrawal of the salaries of revealing him, as Prof. McCoy said he should the Lords-in-waiting, who new get £700 a be, a nice-looking mottled brown and yellow P. O. address. Resp'y, T. A. SLOCUM, year each, the reduction of the number of frog, with bright eyes, mouth, nostrils, etc. equerries (£600 a y ar each) from seven to After his skin came off he began to like the four, of the grocms in waiting (£334 a year | water, would jump into it, then after a swim each) from eight to four, and of the pages of sit underneath the ferns; he gradually honour from four to two, the abolition of showed a liking to blink in the sun, and genthe Sergeant-at-Arms, and a considerable erally disported himself in the manner of a reduction in the number of gentlemen ushers | well conducted frog, though he was never and women of the bed-chamber, as well as root-and-branch economies in the chapels It is proposed to reduce the office of Black | desire for sensation pervading our modern | strength, from any cause whatever. Men-young, salary of £500 a year being abolished.

# Two Stories of Twins.

The other night the subject of twins was up as a matter of conversation. The resemblance of twins is always interesting, and some stories were told which were new. One was about a pair of twin sisters, excellent ladies, who lived near each other in a Massachusetts town. One of theseltwins was ailing somewhat, and one day her sister, bonnetless and shawlless, ran in to see how she was, and found that the ailing one wanted ner to do an imporant errand. So she put on the ailing sister's shawl and bonnet and went to the store. Arriving there she saw her own image be awarded to each of the unfortunate in a large looking-glass and exclaimed.

all. I didn't think you were well eneugh!" By way of the opposite of this story, a member of the party told of a country woman | pressure against admitting a mistake. It is who was asked if her twin sister resembled | very sad to have to say it, but it is perfectly

"we ain't no more alike than 's if 't want us a miscarriage of justice if nothing were to 't all. She's just as different as I be t' other follow but the liberation of the unjustly way !"

# FASHION NCTES.

A thick bindin of fur, either seal or Perjackets.

Red morocco and suede kid toilet slippers with pointed Chinese toes are popular for house wear.

Flexible Swedish kid gloves of pale tan, with delicately corded backs, are the fashionable choice for visiting and carriage wear.

Venetian slippers for neglige wear are made without heels, and have a silk lining and a rolled top trimmed with black velvet. The redingote gown is increasing in popu-

larity. It is seen on the streets, at dinners and receptions, and forms a very charming tea gown when of light brocade.

#### A FROG STORY.

A Little Avimal Which Probably Lived Over 30,000 Years.

press have recently devoted some length to the detailing the later history of an old toad, after having been dug out of a cavity wherein he had secluded himself for a trifle of 20,geon," endeavouring to improve on nature, "hoping to enable him to take food, slit the membrane by which his mouth was closed, and the patient unfortunately had not sufficient vitality to survive the operation." ground had he been left in the natural condition in which he was found. The following who was returned to his long past overground Plenty valley, Victoria, some time in the early 70's, a road party were making a deep cutting through some clay beds to improve iocal traffic facilities. The city bed was a tertiary formation; it was hard and of a yelsome hundreds of years old, were growing. pieces, out of which tumbled a little frog, with a body about two and a half inches long and one and a quarter inches wide. He every evidence of life; he was apparently as strong as any other frog of the same size; he was in no way thin; in fact, seemed to be a well-nurtured and properly cared for frog. museum, Melbourne. Mr. Newberry, the chief of that institution, examined him very closely, and found that all the natural orifices of the body had closed completely; in fact there was of them not a trace remaining. In colour the frog was a dirty yellow, such as the clay, without any variation of tinge.

Mr. Newberry sent this creature for identification to Frederick McCoy, F. R. S., and certain jewels, trinkets and miniatures every other so-called remedy fails. ages which are now in full sway smack Professor of Natural Sciences, Melbourne were taken from it. These were soon after-University. Prof. McCoy identified him as a member of a well known species whose antiquarian. A short time ago by a roundwhich is most stringently enforced, that habits were, in times of trouble, such as about route they returned to the possession drought or cold, to bury themselves in the of the Royal Family. On Thursday last earth and remain there until the condition of the coffin was again opened, and in the pre- Years in the Church of Rome. The Costage Phya Queen of Spain was in imminent danger of things was more to their liking. Members sence of Dean Davidson, of Windsor, only, her life in consequence. She had been of the species mentioned, however, were a the Prince with his own hands placed the thrown by her horse, and her foot catching | yellow color mottled with brown; after the property back. He then prayed over the identification the creature was again re- coffin, and the latter was returned to its turned to Mr. Newberry. This gentleman resting-place. determined to see it he could by some natural process educate the sleepy specimen into more vigorons and better undstanding of his duties as a live frog. He was then domiciled in a small fernery in the museum, and it was decided to give him a bath every morn- coal oil shows a disregard of all three of a present of a swing, When he used it for ing, a proceeding froggy seemed strong these. The careful housekeeper should use the first time the motion frightened him, ly to object to, though he swam vigorously only Rogers' Carbon Safety Oil, sold by while in the water. When put into his clay dealers everywhere. cavity he wriggled himself about until he found the old grove, folded himself up and seemed most contented. This cavity might the Queen Regent was obliged to dismiss be described as fitting him when it touched him, that is to say, though touching him all over the more prominent parts of the body, the clay was not moulded into the hollows formed by the folding of his limbs. After a short while the clay bed was taken from him and he was put among the ferns on the mould, into which he rapidly sank stern first

seen to take any food. One day the doer of the fernery was left Royal, which now cost about £12,000 a year. open; whether it was that the insatiable by over-exertion of the brain and loss of natural Rod on the next vacancy from £2,000 a year civilization affected him, or that he desired older middle-aged-who are broken down from any to £1,000, and Prince Victor, of Hohenlohe, will be the last Governor of Windsor Castle, agone he had bade it good-bye, whether it with £1,200 a year. The office of mistress of was for the purpose of examining other obthe robes is in future to be honorary, the jects of interest in the museum, or that he stepped out for refreshments, or with a desire to go a-wooing, history has not been informed; at all events, instead of meeting by Harrison. They clamor to be "vindithe "lily white duck" of the fable, he came | cared." in connection with the museum cat, who was prowing around, and, before an attendant looking on could interfere, he was seized by the cat, who, with him in her mouth, dashed through an open window into the shrubbery hard by, and no trace of froggy was ever again to be found.

# Mistaken Conviction.

The " Pall Mall Gazette " says :- Eight hundred pounds apiece compensation is to Northumbrians who spent 10 years in a "Why, you decided to come yourself, after | convict prison on a mistaken conviction. That is right, no doubt, but the effect of the precedent will be to increase the official true that the official mind, which would not "Laws, no !" exclaimed the old lady ; be indisposed to admit that there had been condemned, would often prefer to leave them shut up if their liberation were to be followed by a clamour for compensation. In the interest of the unjustly condemned, we are not by any means sure that the grant to sian lamb, is a favourite garniture for cloth | the Northumbrian victims will not turn out to have been a deplorable mistake.

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#### PASSING NOTES.

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A Montreal man is astonished. He writes to the papers that his wife, while pouring out the milk the other morning, poured out a small minnow, which jumped about in a lively manner, as if in its native element. Now, cows do not live on fish diet, and the question is, where did the minnow come from? There remains the suspicion that water was mixed with the milk, but why the reckless extravagance of including a

The United States Inland Revenue returns for 1888 show that the consumption of distilled spirits has increased to 73,177,603 gallons, against 68,385,024 gallons last year. This is a large increase in the consumption per head after all allowances have been made for increase of population. The figures convey a great disappointment, for there had been a decrease in the consumption of whiskey for forty years past. To add to the seriousness of the matter, the consumption of liquors of all kinds has gone up to 14 gallons per head, against 10.09 in 1888, 7.70 in 1870 and 4 17 in 1840.

The Vancouver "News-Advertiser" is well satisfied with the report that the Canadian Pacific railway will build 15 miles of hearted husband and motherless children line to the United States boundary, to meet | will follow you to the grave. Perhaps delithere the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern cacy prevents you consulting a physicianrailway from the south. The line will give but even this is not necessary. Poor sufferthe Canadian road direct connection with er, tell your husband how miserable you feel the ports on Puget-Sound and the great -perhaps you never did-and ask him to the frog with the two pieces which formed country tributary to them, and with San | stop to night and get you a bottle of Dr. his dwelling, was sent to the Technological Francisco by the California and Oregon rail- Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It has way, thas enabling it to compete with the cured thousands of women suffering from Northern Central and Southern Pacific weaknesses and complaints peculiar to your roads. From such connection the amount of sex. traffic secured will doubtless be great.

> The Prince of Wales has been performing a very singular act. The coffin of King Charles I. was opened seventy years ago wards stolen, probably by some zealous

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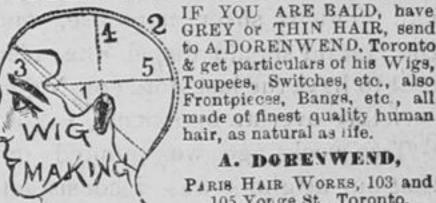
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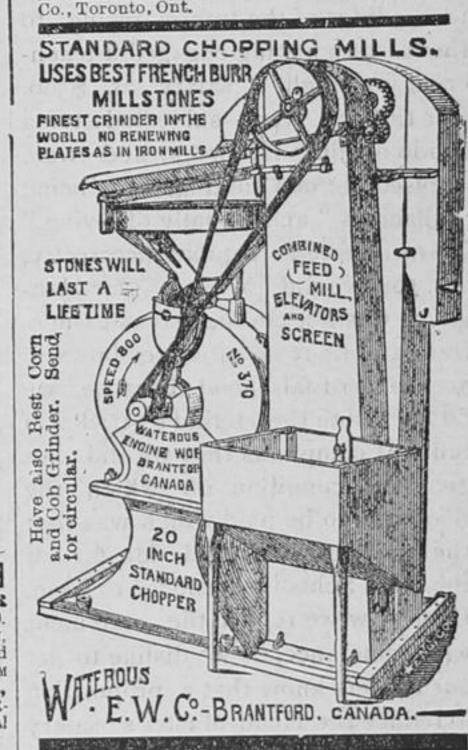
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