

THE KAISER.

The Story of a Brilliant Day Passed in London.

A Grand Garden Party Given by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Prince and Princess of Wales gave a garden party to the German Emperor and Empress the other afternoon, and wonderful to relate the weather was fine throughout. There were no tearing winds, no rain, no lightning, no thunder. Altogether a most remarkable day in this very eccentric summer. The Prince was evidently delighted with his good fortune. Almost as soon as the earliest of the guests had made their appearance he came out and began making himself agreeable to them with charm of manner which even

HIS BITTEREST ENEMIES

will not deny that he possesses. The Princess and two unmarried daughters accompanied him, and in a very few minutes they were talking and laughing with little groups, in which no acquaintance was overlooked. The gardens of Marlborough house are of very fair dimensions, considering that they stand in the Mall of St. James' park. The trees mingle together, and give a completely rural aspect to the enclosure. In these gardens a couple of tents had been erected, and two bands were playing alternately. Every moment the guests increased in numbers, all the best-known men in society, in literature, in politics, or in art, all the most famous ladies of the day, darning the weather by turning out in their most bewitching apparel. Listen! there are the strains of "God Save the Queen!" No, it is the German national anthem, which does not vary from it by a single note, and now coming up the walk, with the Princess of Wales on his arm, is a gentleman in plain morning dress, with a white hat, and wearing lavender gloves. His left hand is stiffer and partially within his vest. It is the Kaiser, the ruler of many nations, the masterful spirit who overthrew him whom we all took to be the

GREATEST MAN OF THE AGE,

Prince Bismarck. A youthful, determined, but pleasant-looking man, observing everything around him with quick eyes, recognizing friends among the ladies and gentlemen standing by him. He steps out of his way to shake hands cordially with Lady Dudley, one of the handsomest and one of the purest women of the age. On her fair frame the foul breath of scandal has never left even a passing cloud. All honour to her. So the Emperor passed on with that young looking royal lady who is the mother of a large family. Immediately behind them came the Prince of Wales with the German Empress. Taller, apparently, than her husband, she is a stately and regal woman. Then the Duchess of Fife, looking quite well and happy, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Albert Victor, the Duke of Connaught, and almost all the Queen's surviving children. Of course there was no voice raised as they passed on. They all had friends in the throng and shook hands with them, the ladies so greeted responding with a low bow, the gentlemen standing uncovered. Presently the Royal party return to the house, and one can see the Prince of Wales within standing bareheaded at the door. He is waiting for the Queen, his mother. A few moments afterwards a cheer is faintly heard from Pall Mall. The sovereign drives up with her two Scotch grooms at the back of the carriage, and the Prince of Wales helps her to alight. Then, his face beaming with smiles, he leads her into the garden. Her Majesty is as alert as ever in bestowing a smile or a pleasant word upon her old friends and

BOWING ON EACH SIDE

pleasantly as she passes. She leans on a short stick, the Prince giving her his arm on the other side. Both look supremely happy. No cloud is on the Queen's face. The Prince is as delighted as a boy at having his royal mother thus among his guests. All the rumours set afloat by lying tongues disappear before such a picture as this. The German Emperor walks behind with the Princess of Wales, continually removing his hat and bowing. The Empress is now on the arm of Prince Albert Victor, who looks rather small and slight by her side. They go onwards to the larger of two tents, where the Queen and some of the ladies take chairs. The Prince of Wales and the Kaiser stroll around talking to friends. Lord Salisbury has a few moments' conversation with the Queen. Not far off are most of the other Cabinet Ministers, but none of them approach the Queen. Again she walks nearly the entire circuit of the gardens, the crowd opening up to let her pass, but no crowding around her. Still, they do undoubtedly press to get near the tent when she is sitting within it, and submits to their prolonged gazes with the

UTMOST GOOD HUMOUR.

Some artist in the background is industriously taking sketches. The Queen remains nearly an hour and a half, the garden being crowded all the time with celebrities of all kinds and all countries. The Prince of Wales invites his friends, and they extend to every class representing the social and public life of England. Under yonder tree, where the Archbishop of Canterbury is talking with the Bishop of London, Arthur Cecil and George Grossmith, actors, are also having a chat. Wyndham is close by, and here is the great Augustus Harris. Great nobles and well-known literary men mingle together. Ladies are everywhere beautifully dressed. Would that I had a pen adequate to do justice either to them or their dresses. While one is admiring them in a kind of day dream, a lady in black, the Queen of Great Britain, once more comes by, still leaning on the arm of her eldest son. She passes through the house, her open carriage is driven into Pall Mall, the crowd cheers, and she is gone. A few moments afterwards the German Emperor and Empress take their departure also, and they receive a very hearty greeting from the people outside. Then everybody goes, and the most brilliant garden party of 1891 is at an end.

A gain of fine sand would cover 100 of the minute scales of the human skin, and yet each of these scales in turn covers from 300 to 500 pores.

The earth is gradually growing larger from the fall of meteoric matter. Astronomer estimates that the globe is annually pelted with 146,000,000 projectiles.

Germany publishes the greatest number of periodicals in all Europe; it produces 5,500 periodicals, of which 600 are dailies

THE CITY OF DEATH.

Standing Upon a Swamp, the Mexican Capital's Death Rate is 37 in 1,000.

The death rate of the City of Mexico is very high. It is said that it averages about 37 in 1,000, and the only wonder is that it is not higher. Were it not for the perpetually bright sun and the high altitude the city would be a morgue, a vast charnel-house, a Golgotha, a place of the skulls. Think of a city which has had a population of hundreds of thousands for many generations built upon and over a swamp, with no drainage whatever, and let this city go on with its accumulated mass of filth increasing year by year and sinking down into the soil, and you have some idea of sanitary Mexico City.

A constant miasma rises here at night and the water is only three feet under the city. Is it any wonder that there is no place in the world where typhus and typhoid fever are so prevalent as here, and is it not surprising that the Mexican capital is for many people a favorable health resort? The climate is so equable, the thin, dry air and the hot sun suck up the juices of decomposition, and such people as are careful and sleep above the ground floor are in little danger. Outside of the city there is no danger whatever, and if it had been built on high ground it would be the finest health resort of the world. As it is, foreigners have to be very careful of their health here, and the foreign cemeteries contain many occupants.

The Blarney Stone.

The village of Blarney is in the north of Ireland, about four miles from Cork. Blarney Castle was built by Cormack MacCarthy, "the strong," fourth lord of Muskerry, about the middle of the fifteenth century. The ruins of the famous old fortress are visited by thousands of tourists every year. This is largely on account of a tradition which has been attached for some centuries to one of the stones used in building the castle. This stone is said to communicate to the tongue that touches it the gift of gentle, insinuating speech, and that has given rise to the accusation when any one is of particularly sweet accent that he or she has "kissed the Blarney stone." A song written by Richard Alfred Millikin in 1798, refers to the local tradition in these stanzas:

"There is a stone there,
That whoever kisses,
Oh, he never misses
To grow eloquent.
'Tis he may clamber
To a lady's chamber,
Or become a member
Of Parliament.

"A clever spouter
He'll turn out—or
An out-and-outer
To be let alone!
Don't hope to hinder him
Or to bewilder him,
Sure he's a pilgrim
From the Blarney stone."

English Words Without Rhyme.

The number of English words which have no rhyme in the language is very large. Of the words in "Walker's Rhyming Dictionary," 5,000 or 6,000 at least are without rhymes, and consequently can be employed at the end of the verse only by transporting the accent, coupling them with an imperfect consonance or constructing an artificial rhyme out of two words. Among other words to which there are no rhymes may be mentioned month, silver, liquid, spirit, chimney, warmth, gulf, slyph, music, breadth, width, depth, honour, iron, echo.

It has been reckoned that if the whole ocean were dried up, all the water passing away as vapor, the amount of salt remaining would be enough to cover 5,000,000 square miles.

The Flight of Bats.

It seems extraordinary to observe a number of bats in the evening flying back and forth through the trees with remarkable rapidity, but without ever coming in contact with the branches or hurting themselves. Spallanzani, the Italian naturalist, placed a bat in a dark enclosure, across which were stretched a number of threads, crossing and recrossing each other. The bat flew rapidly back and forth trying to effect its escape, but avoided the threads with as much ease as if they had not been in its way in the least. Whether this curious power was the result of a sixth and unknown sense was a puzzle to naturalists. To decide this knotty point Spallanzani resorted to the cruel expedient of blinding a bat, and found that it still flew among the threads without being to all appearances, any more inconvenienced than if it still had its eyesight.

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