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skin if he were only able to realize pro- cows and the steeping of seventy-five eneral Banking business transact-Drafts issued and collections made perly the danger that is threatened to him and his empire by some of those very kind friends who have come to him dona ferentes. He is the Emper- the board having charge of the imor Kuang Hsu, euphemistically known, among other outrageous titles, as the Son of Heaven and Brother of the Sun. his power. He has been hemmed in and could not create any new office with est allowed on Savings. Prompt He is the most secluded monarch on fooled all his life. He knows nothing earth. When he appears in public, which is very rarely, matting is hung up in front of all the houses, and strips of cloth are stretched across the alleys ing, his army, and his common amuseand side streets through which the imperial procession must pass. He is invariably accompanied by a vast re- ruined long since by his mode of life tinue of soldiers and an army of cour- and his surroundings. tiers, and the man who peeps around the corner or has his eye fastened to a which, by the grace of the Empress hole in the matting is liable to be blinded by a bullet or an arrow. When fairs, are the Grand Council, the Min-stated that the monarch cannot pardon he is at home he is carefully hidden istry of War, and the Tsung-li-Yamen. away in the centre of a big Tartar The first, which is erroneously concity, which is in the centre of the Chinese city, at Pekin, and you have bers-Prince Kung, the Emperor's to go through three sets of wallssimply an impossible task for a European visitor-before you approach the building in which he is kept, guarded to us as Prince Li, who has no knowl- laws that she signs, and cannot issue a by eunuchs. First, there are the im- edge of foreign affairs and hates all mense walls of the great Tartar city, which are sixty feet thick and as tall as a London flat. These inclose large area filled up with the houses Tartars and Government buildings, which run round a space the middle of which is known as the Imperial City. peror, for the purposes of the late war, This has a high wall of gray brick with a large sum of money, which he about six miles in circumference, and it includes the outside palaces, the pleasure grounds, and the temples of the sacred city. The Emperor is kept inside this, and his exclusive quarters

are known as the PURPLE FORBIDDEN CITY.

The walls of this last pen are rigidly guarded. They inclose the quarters of the Emperor, his family, the ladies of the royal harem, and the thousands of eunuchs who make up the servants, and include buildings for court cere- Chung, Vice-President, Weng, Tung-ho, monies, which are arranged round the sides of a ridge of palaces running from the north to the south. The Emperor himself lives in the northwestern part of the pen, and the Empress Dowager has a palace near by. of the Tsung-li-Yamen, to which he In another part of the inclosure is the still belongs, and is reported to be a hall of literary anyss, or the imperial fair-minded man-relatively, that is, library, and in this the Cabinet offi- for he has never been far from home. cers, about whom more anon, hold their Jung Lu is a Manchu, and airs advancsessions. Pekin is a huge city, credit- ed views which are crude. His leng- breaking the law, and therefore, she is swer. ed with 1,500,000 inhabitants, but apart thy connection with the War Departfrom the eunuchs, the toadies, and the ment may or may not account for his women who haunt the Purple For- insistence upon the necessity of showbidden City, it is doubtful if 5,000 of ing this vast number have ever set eyes upon the monarch, and among Europeans and Americans it is only the Ambassadors who are permitted to

gaze upon his august countenance. Though he is generally credited with the possession of a very ugly temper, which incites him to smash the bric-abrack of his apartments when he can-IES BROWN, Issuer of Marriage not have his own way, his efforts at ruling go no further than doing what he is told to do. He is kept in orderancestor worship being a strong point in the Celestian moral code-by the old for and Licensed Auctioneer for the Empress Dowager, who practically runs of Grey. Sales promptly attended sometimes by whim working through a thin leaven of diluted statesmanlike feeling, and sometimes by that back-Hsu-which means The Illustrious Sucand she has had more then one taste unhappy Son of Heaven comes a crop-of Russian diplomacy. She is said to per. have a mind of her own, and all of the

Chinese She is a stickler as to form, and in- An analysis of the contents of the The Emperor is 27, lean, the land with calloused hands.

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The Emperor is 27, lean, the land with calloused hands. The Emperor is 27, lean, undersized last. Chinese; the reigning family being, as

every one should know, but probably

s at night and he sleeps in the day-

presence, go down on their knees and VICTORIA IS LIMITED IN POWER. perform the seven faced "Ko-tou"-that DOWAGER EMPRESS BOSSES THE on the floor. They also remain on their knees while before him. Everything about and connected with Kuang | the queen, they are not unlimited, says Hsu is regulated by law, even to his meals. According to the old Chinese Grand Council, the Ministry of War. daily thirty pounds of meat in a basin | rogative. The queen cannot, for in-Constitute Them - Daily Diet of the has a daily allowance of about a pound and seven pounds boiled into soup. He stance, communicate with her subjects of hog's fat and butter, and he has the There is a young man in Pekin who right to order two sheep, two fowls would be trembling just now in his day is restricted to the milk of eighty or friends personally known to her maand two ducks, while his drink for the people save through officers of state parcels of tea. It is probable that his real diet is different, but these are the regulation provisions, and if he desires anything that is not on the menu Russia; but she could not spend a perial table has to be consulted. It is more than doubtful whether his Maof modern civilization, and, in spite of the recent war, next to nothing of modern warfare. He has never reviewed, and is not capable of reviewment is to shoot with a bow and arrow. If he ever had in him the makings of a character they must have been

THE SUPREME BODIES

Dowager and the favorite eunuchs founded with the last, corresponds to uncle, whose principal aim in life now appears to be to thwart the Empress Dowager, with whom he has many plete until it has been signed by the "foreign barbarians;" Weng Tung-ho, the Emperor's private tutor, who is equally conspicuous for his dislike of that no train should travel at a rate the barbarians, though he is credited of with having taken to the study of foreign affairs since the troubles with Japan; Kang Yi, an official who gained his high office by presenting the Emhad no doubt obtained by extortion of one kind or another, and whose appreciation of modern conditions in ing a whole town or neighborhood from warfare may be judged by the fact that he prefers bows and arrows to guns, and has ordered that those of his companies which are provided with the murderous rifle shall use clay bullets, so as to save the expense of laden ones; and Chien Ying-pu, President of the Board of Works, who is singularly free from prejudice against foreigners, in spite of the fact that experience has never brought him into proper contact with them. The Ministry of War consists of Prince Kung, President, Prince and Jung Lu. With two of these gentlemen we have already made acquaintance. Prince Ching, I Kuang, was promoted from the third to the second order of princes four years ago. He has held many offices in the capi-

A BOLD FRONT

to foreign aggression. The Tsung-li-Yamen consists of Prince Kung, Prince Ching, Weng, Tung-ho, Kang Yi, and Jung Lu, in addition to our estimable old friend, Li Hung Chang and Ching Hsin, a stiff and bigoted nominee of Prince Kung; Ching Li, a very old man from whose mature lips drop words of antiquated wisdom; Hsu Ying-wei, a Cantonese, who was once literary Chancellor in Kansu, but who has remained in Pekin for a good twenty years past; Liao Shaoheng, elder brother of the Governor of Che-Kiang; the State show, and who is influenced Chang Yin-huan, who spent twelve years as Minister to the United States, Spain, and Peru, and was Special Ambassador at the diamond jubilee, and stairs palace intrigue which works Wu Ting-fen, the leader of the Re-Valuator, Bailiff of the 2nd Division favorite eunuch. Pitsian-li. Kuang offering good counsel in the present emergency are the two last named, but cession-has been under the old lady's Chang Yin-huan is of too low a rank thumb since he was 4 years of age, to possess any real influence, and it is when he was chosen to succeed T'ung- stated that Wu Ting-fen despairing of chi. She supervised his education. She any reform while the country's affairs picked out his wives for him, and she are in the hands of the prejudiced fosmakes the ladies of his harem skip to- sils and corrupt servants, recently apday if they don't walk chalk in her plied for two months' leave of absence presence. Of course she took her own to repair his ancestral tombs-a prefriends when she selected his wives, liminary to retirement. In the muland she has him so hemmed about with titude of counsel offered by these varher officials and girls that if he had jous officials there is much guile but a will of his own he wouldn't know little wisdom, and there is much plothow to use it. The Empress Dowager, ting on the part of each member of who has bossed the Tsung-li-Yamen for the three boards against each and a generation, is now 63 years old. She every one of his fellows. Periodically was the secondary wife of the Emperor the Empress Dowager comes out, rates Hsien Fung. She was at the head of them soundly from behind her screen, the Empire during a greater part of and if they have done something unusthe Taeping rebellion. She managed ually foolish, boxes all their ears. And its affairs during its war with France between one and another of them the

INQUEST ON A HEN.

Chronicle" is the only She is a stickler as to form, and inLocal " is the only sists that all business hall be done gizzard of a hen killed at Opalopolis, Local Newspaper in through the young Emperor, though N.S.W., revealed one three-penny-bit, she really directs what he is to do. She one bone overcoat-button, six metal is even more secluded than the Em- trouser-buttons, two brass-headed peror, and when she receives her offi- tacks, 3-4 in., about 5 dozen metal cials and the Cabinet Ministers her sprigs (for boots), and sundry opal practice is to sit behind a screen while chips. The old lady suffered no inthey talk at her through it-unless she convenience, and contributed her daily has something strong to say to them. egg to the breakfast table up to the

DANGERS OF MATRIMONY.

Mrs. De Peck-Since I married you the does not, Tartar. He does all his bus- I am losing all my good looks. Mrs. De Peck-Doctors agree

She Is an Autocrat, but There Are Many Things She Cannot Do.

Considerable as are the powers of London Tid-Bits. There are some very as can the most menial of her servants; nor can she receive presents from her

The queen could sell or give away the royal navy or declare war with single farthing of public money without the consent of parliament. The fees attached to it. Neither could she annex new fees to old offices. She could not increase the wages of one of her footmen, unless she did it out of her private funds or without exceeding the allowance made to her by parlia-

A curious curtailment of the royal prerogative is effected by an act of parliament passed in the reign of George III. This act deals with Saboffenders who have been convicted of a certain form of Sabbath breaking. Yet her majesty could pardon 99 per cent of all the prisoners in the land.

Though no act of parliament is com- Contains . . proclamation contrary to law. If, for instance, it were the law of England exceeding fifty miles an hour, the queen could not issue a proclamation exempting a certain train from the Its Local News is Complete. operation of the law. Nor can her majesty issue a proclamation which would injure the community, such as, for example, a proclamation exempt-SERVING ON A JURY.

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precluded from making an arrest, as, supposing the prisoner were innocent, no action for false imprisonment could be taken against her majesty. The law, indeed, assumes that the queen can do no wrong, which seems about This disability does not cease to oper- as absurd as the legal assumption that ate even in time of war, and, though the queen cannot be under age, and cannot die.

The queen cannot exclude a member from parliament after he has been duly elected, nor can she delegate the duty of signing laws to anyone.

The queen's power of disposing of tersuch as the star chamber, the child ritory in time of peace has been disputof Henry VII.'s misguided genius, nor ed. In a time of war her majesty could she invest a spiritual court with | could hand over London to France to temporal power. Though her decis- bring the war to an end, but it seems ion is absolute after a prisoner has clear that in time of peace her majesty been sentenced, she could not interfere | cannot subject any part of the empire

Dr. Schweninger, Bismarck's physician, is going to lecture at Vienna on The queen is the only person who a novel plan. He will appear on the cannot arrest a suspected felon. No stage with a Berlin editor, who will action can be taken against her for putquestions which the doctor will an-

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