MISTAKES AT ROYAL COURTS.

The queen's drawing-rooms, as the receptions given by Great Britain's Queen are called, are exceedingly formal occasions, guests and attendants being governed by certain fixed rules as inviolable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. Not long ago a very stout and dignified dowager left the royal presence covered with confusion and in anything but a Christian frame of mind. She had sunk low in a deep courtesy before the Queen and after kissing her royal hand was in the act of rising when she found her upward progress unaccountably arrested.

Again and again she made the attempt to recover the perpendicular, growing hotter and more confused at each attempt, and finally, while making a desperate effort, the good lady lost her precarious balance and sat down heavily on the floor.

In a moment one of the court officials in attendance hastened to her rescue, and she was with difficulty and amid scarcely suppressed merriment restored to her feet again. Her disaster had been quite innocently caused by the lady who was coming after her standing on her train, and, if looks could kill, that lady would certainly have been annihilated by the withering glance cast at her by the dowager as she swept out of the room.

In another case it is said that while a certain highly placed lady was in the act of kissing the Queen's hand a substantial portion of her front hair became detached and fell on the floor at the royal feet, leaving the lady with a frontal exposure more eloquent of intellect than beauty. To the credit of this unhappy lady let it be recorded that she calmly stooped, picked up the vagrant locks and carried them off without a trace of discomposure.

But these ludricous misadventures are not the monopoly of the fair sex. A once well known and corpulent city man who had survived the ordeal of the royal homage and was gracefully retiring from the presence found his legs mixed up with his sword so awkwardly that he stumbled and measured his length on the floor and resignedly lay there until he was rescued and restored to the vertical.

A pretty story is told of a fair debutante, the most beautiful girl of her year, and her presentation at court. She was on the point of retiring after kissing the hand of our present queen, who was taking the place of Queen Victoria, when in her exceeding nervousness she trod on her train and would have fallen, had not a court official, whose duty it was to be prepared for such contingencies, caught her in his arms.

Not many weeks later the young lady and her rescuer found themselves guests at the same country house and turned their singular introduction to such good account that within a year the wedding bells were set a-ringing.

It is not at all an uncommon experience for a lady—relying on the usual crowded drawing room and in order to avoid a long wait and a crush—to put off her arrival too long and miss the function altogether. But at least one lady just managed to save the situation by a tour de force.

The drawing room was over and the royal group was preparing to make its exit when a sound of voices in dispute was heard just outside the door. "But I must go in!" a high-pitched voice was heard to exclaim in resolute tones, and a moment later in sailed the belated owner of the voice, flushed with haste and argument, and made her way toward the royal group. With an encouraging smile the queen turned toward her and extended her hand; the lady courtesied and retired, jubilant at the thought that she had had her way, even in a royal palace.

Less fortunate was a debutante who on the eve of her presentation was siezed with an illness which made it impossible for her to attend the court. Her name was sent in for the next drawing-room, but again she was disappointed, for her father's death made attendance impossible for at least a year, and when at last there seemed a prospect of success at the third attempt she met with a fatal accident in the hunting field and died on the very day when she should have made her courtesy to the queen.

On at least one occasion a debutante secured a presentation without going through any of the necessary formalities, and certainly without the approval of the queen and the responsible officials. In the middle of the stately function a poodle, which had in some incomprehensible way evaded the guardians of the portals, trotted into the room, cast an indifferent and by no means respectful glance at the royalties and made his exit through the opposite door, quite ignorant of his daring defiance of all court etiquette.

But these amusing adventures are by no means confined to the royal presence. The present practice is for a lady when she leaves the throne room to give her name to an official, who telephones for her carriage to be ready for her. On one occasion a lady after giving her name to the official made her way down to the entrance hall, and entered the waiting carriage, which drove off with her.

She had not proceeded far, however, before she recognized that the sumptuous vehicle in which she was driving was not hers and with much difficulty she succeeded in getting the coachman to pull up, when she discovered that she had innocently abducted the carriage of a certain duchess, whose name was almost identical with her own, with the important exception of the title. When she succeeded in finding her own vehicle, she ultimately drove away in a single brougham, which had evidently been hired for the occasion, to the scarcely concealed disgust of the ducal coachman she had been compelled to discard.

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And when I'm sick of everything,
And dull as dull can be,
I shall think how glad I've made some girl
Who didn't marry me.

—By a Bachelor, with apologies, in Punch.

He Had Smiled Repeatedly.

N. Y. Sun.

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"Oh, I don't like him very much," the little fellow answered. "He cries all the time."

"Why don't you change him, then, as you do the sugar?"

"We can't change him now, 'cause we've used him three days."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Nell—It was a case of love at first sight. Belle—Which one of them has the money?

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Reflections of a Bachelor.

Most men carry success as gracefully as they do too much liquor.

When you kiss a girl with freckles they never taste the way they look they would.

When men get devoted to girls, first it's chaperons, then mother-in-law, then doctors.

Some women's figures are so dainty that when a man looks at them he thinks of upholstery.

A woman who wears a "rat" has a pretty mean opinion of one who touches up her complexion.—New York Press.

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"And I feel sad," replied the young man. "I asked Miss Sullivan to be my wife, and she declined the honor."

"That's too bad," said the parson. "But it's in accord with the Scriptures, which says: 'Ye asked and received not, because ye asked amiss.'"

"Well, what would you advise me to do?" queried the youth.

"Next time ask a widow," replied the good man, with a suspicious twinkle in his eye.—Pittsburg Press.

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Made Him Weep.

Judge.

Gladys—Papa read your book of poems and wept over every line.

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The young, whose very nature it is to feel the differences that distinguish them as individuals from the rest of mankind, never fancy themselves so isolated as when they witness some of the older ones harbored in quiet ports apparently unassailed by tempests. Then it is that by very contrast the young imagine themselves as controlled by an adverse fate which has sent them adrift and alone on the sea of wild temptations over which no respectable old person could ever have been sent to sail. Is it right to make them feel so, I ask myself often, gratifying as it may be to us to be venerated? Opulent people are considered ill-bred who make the indigent feel poverty-stricken. It seems to me quite as culpable for the virtuous elderly person to make the young stumbler feel himself a sinner.—April Century.

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Knew All About it.

Vancouver World.

Teacher—What is the meaning of "parvenu"?

Johnny—An upstart.

Teacher—Give a sentence in which the word is used.

Johnny—When a man sits down on a bent pin he gives a violent parvenu.

They're Otherwise All Right.

Kansas City Journal.

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An eminent Chicago lawyer tells me this story, says a writer in the Brooklyn Eagle:

"My father always took a great interest in musical matters, and was often the patron of impecunious musicians. Among the latter I remember a certain Professor Schell, a fine pianist, who used to visit our house. The professor had been making a hard but unsuccessful struggle, had become almost disheartened, and was seriously thinking of giving up and returning to Germany. My father, who thoroughly liked him, had tried to encourage him, and had promised to aid him in finding pupils; but still the professor vacillated for many weeks. One afternoon he entered our library, followed by my father, and, walking solemnly up to my mother, said, with an air of profound gravity:

"'Madam, I haf burnt my breeches behint me.'

"'Good gracious!' ejaculated my mother, with an involuntary, startled glance in the direction of the professor's coat tails.

"My father interposed tactfully, the professor meanwhile nodding acquiescence: 'You will be glad to know, my dear, that what Professor Schell means by saying he has burned his bridges behind him is that he has leased a house here for a year and has now no choice but to stay.'

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N. Y. Sun.

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Confessions of Geraldine.

Life.

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When the servants got up there was nothing to build the fire with. Of course they were angry and left. I do not blame them.

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Conundrums.

When was beef the highest? When the cow jumped over the moon.

What is the difference between one yard and two yards? A fence.

Why is a straw hat like kissing through a telephone? Because neither is felt.

Why is your shadow like a false friend? Because it only follows you in sunshine.

Why is your nose in the middle of your face? Because it is the scenter.

If a woman asks her blind lover the color of a flower, what would he say? I have no i-dea.

As I was going through a field of wheat I found something good to eat, it wasn't fish or flesh or bone; I kept it till it ran alone. An egg.

What roof never keeps out of the wet? The roof of the mouth.

What fruit is on a cent? A date.

Why is a solar eclipse like the whipping of a boy by his mother? Because it is the hiding of the son.

Which animal has the most property to carry with him when he travels, and which two have the least? The elephant the most because he carries his trunk, the fox and cock the least because they have only a brush and comb between them.

What is that which is invisible yet never out of sight? The letter "I."

Why is the letter A like 12 o'clock? It is the middle of day.

When is a dog like the minute hand? When he is on the watch.

Why is the vowel "O" the only one sounded? Because the rest are inaudible.

Why is the letter d like a sailor? It follows the c (sea).

Why is a pair of skates like an apple? Because they have occasioned the fall of man.

Why is a book like a king? It has many pages.

What burns to keep a secret? Sealing wax.

Never Heard of Him

Chicago Journal.

Sunday School Teacher—Who killed Abel?

Bobby (a stranger)—I don't know, ma'am. I just moved here last week.

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