Men Who Refused Crowns.

Several times in the world's history crowns have been as promptly rejected as though they were very damaged and worthless articles indeed.

Early in the last century the crown of Greece was offered to Lord Byron, who died before he had a chance to accept it. Later on, Queen Victoria's second son, the late Duke of Edinburgh, was invited to become King of the Hellenes, but the jealousy of foreign powers decided his refusal. Then it was offered in turn to Mr. Gladstone and Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, but neither was attracted by the honor.

Napoleon anticipated the patriotic Hungarians by wishing to separate Hungary from Austria in 1809, when he offered the separate crown to the great Hungarian Count Esterhazy. But the Count refused and went into temporary exile.

Early in the history of Russia, when it was scarcely acknowledged as a part of civilized Europe, the Imperial throne was offered first to Prince Mstislawski, and then to Prince Pozharski, but they feared to undertake such a difficult task.

Finally a youth of sixteen, Michael, was elected on condition that he swore that he and his descendants should reign as constitutional sovereigns. He was the first Romanoff—and now once again there is no Czar reigning in Russia.

Later on, when Czar Alexander I. died in 1825, his brother Constantine was the heir, but he preferred the security of private life, and handed it on to his younger brother, Nicholas I.

George Washington's army wished to make him a king, but he preferred to be the first President of the U.S.A.

Wonderful Caves.

Elephanta—one of the small islands which dot the Apollo Bunder Harbor at Bombay—boasts a group of caves, which contain some really remarkable carvings on their walls. Huge figures, several times larger than human beings—men and women principally—and a series of scenes, chiefly allegorical, said to be at least two thousand years old, draw crowds of people from all parts.

The caves are approached by means of small craft only, from which, when the tide permits, one steps on to a long and very slippery causeway built of large stones.

The island itself is well worth a visit in the cold weather, as it is called in the Far East.

From the top of the cliffs a beautiful view of Bombay and the surrounding islands is obtained, and the balmy, scent-laden breezes, the brilliant sunshine, blue sky, and tropical coloring, make one feel that life is worth living.

The natives themselves are picturesque, though dirty, and a guide is easily obtainable for a runee or so.

As the sun begins to set, the birds sing more sweetly and emphatically, until it disappears, and there, as in the hot countries, at that hour insect life makes itself heard to a remarkable degree. Indescribable colors paint the heavens in one exquisite picture.

The sail home in the soft brilliance of the moonlight, while the stars hang like large jewels in the velvet sky, is something worthy of remembrance.

Dickens and the Compositors.

Among the many distinguished traits of Charles Dickens was his inability to prepare manuscripts which could be read with accuracy or pleasure by the unfortunate compositors assigned to "set" them. James Howard, a former compositor in the printing house which published Dickens's "Edwin Drood," found occasion recently to make some remarks on the subject.

"His writing was just impossible," says Mr. Howard. "Our firm recognized the difficulties of our task and allowed us fifty per cent. extra payment for the work. But this inducement did not attract us. There were about eighteen of us working on "Edwin Drood," and we were all anxious to get other work to print. Our attitude towards Dickens was, I believe, reflected in his attitude toward us. We said very unkind things about him and he reciprocated.

"We did the best we could with the manuscript that came along. We used to hold long discussions as to the meaning of some mark on his copy, and often we could not decipher it and had to make a guess. The proofs were sent to him, and he used to tear them to shreds When the corrected proofs came back they were in a worse state than his original copy. Dickens had corrected them beyond recognition. It was abvious that he could not read his own writing, for the changes he made were nothing like the original.

Really Rich.

Two small boys were boasting, after the manner of children, about the wealth of their respective fathers.

"My pa," said Ray, "has so much money that he doesn't know how to spend it."

"That's nothing," said Roy, "My pa's got so much money that my ma can't spend it!"

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You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Buying Newspapers With Seals.

It is announced by a Parisian paper —L'Avenir'—that all subscribers will be allowed to purchase ten pounds of sugar at cost price, and since sugar is about the scarcest commodity at present in Paris, it is likely that the proprietors will do well.

Papers have resorted to all sorts of curious devices in order to increase their circulation. At one time the Paris 'Petit Bleu,' then in low water, was purchased by M. Henri Deutsch, who announced that he would give away 100,000 copies a day—so many to members of various professions, 2,000 to dress-makers, 1,000 to butchers, 500 to dentists, and so on.

Editors in less civilized lands have been known to announce that they will take subscriptions in kind.

Take, for instance, the following announcement from a far-Western journal: "Have you paid your subscription yet? Remember that even an editor must live. If the hard times have struck your shebang, don't forget turnips, potatoes and corn in the shock are most as welcome as hard cash at the 'Gem' office. Also hardwood. Our latch-string is always out, or the goods can be delivered to our wife, who will give receipt in our absence." Imagine buying a paper for three or four turnips!

Greenland has a newspaper published at God Haabt, called the 'Kalorikmik.' It is a monthly periodical printed n the Eskimo language. The subscription is one seal for a year, two cider duck for three months, while single copies cost a fab-chick apiece, the latter being a small, eatable sea-bird.

Even in Europe subscriptions in kind have been received. In 1837 the editor of the 'Eilbote,' a paper published in Munich, offered to receive subscriptions to his periodical at the rate of six gallons of beer per year.

WELL SATISFIED WITH BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Mrs. Emile Malette, Montpelier, Que., writes:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets for some time and am well satisfied with them. They are surely the best medicine I know of for little ones." What Mrs. Malette says thousands of other mothers say. Once they have used the Tablets for their children they would use nothing else. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative; are absolutely free from opiates, narcotics or other harmful drugs and may be given to the youngest baby with perfect safety and good results. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Good Warfare.

Live or die,
E'er fight shy
Of all sin,
Out or in.

It will kill,
Or make nil,
All that you
Try to do.

Cast it out,
There's no doubt
Of its power,
Ev'ry hour.

Seek God's grace
In Life's race—
He will give
Strength to live.

—Fred Scott Shepard.

I was cured of terrible lumbago by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
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Mouth as Piano Player.

A writer who lost his right arm when he was a youth, sends an interesting account of the ingenious manner in which he carries on in spite of his handicap.

"I get up at seven o'clock," he says, "wash, shave, scrub my finger-nails by holding a small nail-brush between my teeth, and dress myself without any help. To fill a pipe and strike a match is an easy matter, while years ago I learned to write with my left hand.

"I often play whist, and can place my cards together as quickly as anyone. But I find my chief delight and enjoyment in paying the piano or organ. I love both. I do not play with my left hand only, but play the lower notes with a stick in my mouth.

"I can open a boiled egg and eat it as quickly as anyone with their two hands, while in regard to wrapping up a parcel and securing the same with string, I challenge any grocer to do the job more neatly.

"Peeling an apple is quite simple. I can open a penknife in an instant.

"No one need despair who has lost one of their arms. It is awkward at first, but after a few weeks it is surprising what one can do for themselves. So to all who have lost an arm I say, 'Cheerio! It might have been worse!' "

Our All-Wrong Calendar!

There are many defects in our present almanac. At the present moment for example, Britons are living in the year 1919, Egyptians in the year 1636, Jews in the year 5,680, and the Mohammedan calendar has just entered the 1,338th year of Hejira. In Russia, to-day is thirteen days behind our own date.

There are some people who, for reasons hard to determine, object to altering the calendar or the clock on principle. I wonder whether Julius Cæsar was criticised when he introduced his calendar reforms? Very likely.

The alterations which are now proposed come from France, and in the main they are admirable. Originally, when all the nations, excepting Holland, Italy, and Denmark, had agreed to consider a new scheme which could be universally adopted, the task of preparing a solution was given to the Berlin Academy of Science. But the war interferd with this plan, and France undertook to try her hand at the puzzle, with the result that she has now prepared a scheme for consideraton.

Symmetry in form and simplicity in operation are the golden rules she has followed. This is how France suggests the reconstructed year should be formed:

There will be 364 ordinary days and one "extra" day. Each quarter will comprise three months, the first two of which will contain thirty days, and the last thirty-one. Thus, March, June, September, and December will be the four long ones, with thirty-one days each, and the remaining eight will be the short ones, with thirty days each.

Note that February is at last to be riased from its ignominous position, which it has borne since the Emperor Augustus stole a day from it in order that his own month, August, might be increased to the length of Julius Cæsar's month, July! How is the "extra" day to be dealt with? Here we come to the really pretty point in the scheme.

The "extra" day will fall each year between the last day of June and the first day of July. It will bear some specal name—that is to say, it will not be a Monday or a Tuesday or a Friday, as the case might be. It is banished from the usual sequence in order that the days of the week may remain perpetual in their arrangement.

January 1st will always fall on Monday. So will Christmas. Dominion Day will also come on Monday. The day of your birthday will never change. Monotonous, perhaps, but delightfully simple. After a while, we shall know which weekdays attach to which dates automatically, and many mistakes and perplexing calculations will be saved.

Each year will begin on a Monday. Each quarter will contain exactly thirteen weeks—one suit in the pack. Each quarter will begin on a Monday.

The "extra" day is proposed as an international holiday. Few will grumble at that. I hardly like the suggestion to call it Peace Day, however. Peace Day is November 11th, and always will be, and, anyway, why should the war, with all its bitterness and tragic memories, be dragged in? This is about the only objection I have personally against the French proposals.

In regard to leap years, these will have two "extra" days instead of one —the first between June and July, as already mentioned, and the second oetween December and January. As we err at present on the side of lavishness, it is proposed to reduce the present number of leap years by one in every four thousand years.

But that will not cause us any trouble in calculations in our generation.

These suggestons are, in my opinion, excellent. But perhaps I am one of those adventurous souls who grasp rashly at new things! What do you think of them? Shall you back them up when the time comes, or cling to evils that you know rather than fly to others that you know not of.

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After a few applications of "Danderine" you seldom find a fallen hair or a particle of dandruff, besides every hair shows new life, vigor, brightness, more color and thickness.

A few cents buys a bottle of delightful "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter.

Still, It Furnished the Place.

Book education had small place in Phelan's hard life as a miner. When he was nearing forty, he made a strike in a certain claim he had taken up and became a millionaire several times over.

Having been obscure all his life, he was most susceptible to flattery, and his friends soon learned the trick of getting money from him. A miners' Club was organized, and in consideration of having his name lettered over the entrance Phelan was enticed into paying for the furnishings. When everything was ready for the opening, he was invited to inspect the quarters.

"You fellows ought to feel pretty proud of this layout," he remarked.

"We should," answered one of the committee-men, "if we only had a chandelier for this hall."

Phelan considered for a moment. "Well, he asked, "what'll it cost?"

"Three hundred dollars," was the ready reply.

"I'll get it," the millionaire announced, "but I'll bet there ain't a blame one of you can play it!"

Sergeant: "Did you ever do picket duty before?" Recruit: "Sure! Whenever they killed a chicken at home I had to pick it."

SUFFERING CATS! GIVE THIS MAN THE GOLD MEDAL

Let folks step on your feet hereafter; wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

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Mother! You must say "California."

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Earn $4 Per Hen.

Eleven boys of Goshen, Conn., started out November 1, 1918, to earn $1,000 profit in one year from their flock of hens. They finished the experiment November 1 of this year and after checking up results find that they passed that mark considerably, earning $1,750.43 above feed costs.

The number of hens in the eleven flocks varied somewhat, during the year, but the average total each month of the year was 436 hens. This means that the boys made a profit of a little more than $4 above feed cost per hen.

At the same time the Goshen boys launched their experiment nine boys of West Hartford entered into a similar venture. As some of these boys lived in suburban homes with limited facilities for keeping chickens they owned fewer hens than the Goshen boys. The average total for each month was 200 hens. Although their total profits were but $784.55, their profits per bird were $3.92, but little less than that of the Goshen boys.

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