

The Kaiser for Knaves.



Bismarck... Gladstone... Crispien... Waldeck-Rousseau

Modest kaiser!
Oh, delectable Wilhelm!
Author, artist, preacher, teacher, soldier, sailor, costumer, composer, musician, actor—what other role remained for him, think you?
Wiest among monarchs and the most competent, the genial Kaiser of the Fatherland has won the attention of the world in more protean roles than possibly any other monarch. Spectacular, indeed, has been his career. But who, verily, imagined there was another character for himself to assume?
But here you are! He proclaims himself "King of Hearts."
And who are his four knaves? Verily, the old statesmen who were thorns in his young sides.

So when he designed a deck of cards for himself, it should not have been deemed surprising that he should do something singularly original.
This royal deck of cards is probably one of the most remarkable in existence, for it gives a key to a great ruler's estimation of some famous European diplomats and sovereigns. And incidentally enables him to assume and proclaim his new role.
[For the characters of the cards are represented by royal persons and diplomats, and the Kaiser is the King of Hearts.]
This pack was fashioned some years ago, and has been used by the Kaiser for many a jolly game, after the affairs of state have been disposed of.
Only recently, however, were they copied and given to the prying public.
When the emperor visited Corfu, some time ago, an enterprising band of speculative men proposed to build a casino there. It would rival that of Monte

Carlo, they declared. And, they announced, they would use cards which were exact duplicates of those used by his majesty, Kaiser Wilhelm II.
Somehow they had obtained replicas of the cards.
And they would use them—with the Kaiser as the King of Hearts.
These cards are a revelation.
Many persons familiar with things back of the scenes in Europe knew the Kaiser's regard for Bismarck was not the highest.
That the Kaiser was not wholly mistaken in his policy has since been shown. At the time however, the sympathy of the world was with Bismarck. But since the great diplomat's death, did the Kaiser's estimation of him change?
In this deck of cards Bismarck is one of the knaves. The others are Gladstone, Crispien and Waldeck-Rousseau.
Canny Kaiser!

premier, who believed that he could establish an African empire, irked in the German monarch. "I am the German war lord!" Wilhelm said. Across the Alps came ringing Crispien's unuttered, but felt, sentiment: "I am the great mind of Europe!"
And Gladstone nagged him. The great British premier often caused the impatient Kaiser sleepless nights. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French ex-premier, also caused the Kaiser anxiety. He admired and, it is said, feared him.
Once Wilhelm declared to the ex-premier's wife: "If Waldeck-Rousseau had the opportunity afforded by the premiership in monarchic countries, he would outshine Richelieu, Bismarck or Gladstone."
Leopold of Belgium, reaping riches from the Congo was selected by the Kaiser as King of Diamonds. How fitting! King Humbert of Italy figures as King of Clubs, though the signifi-

cance is not quite clear, while the Pope is the King of Spades.
The Queen of Hearts—his grandmother, whom he loyally admitted: Queen Victoria, who was indeed queen of the hearts of her people! And as Queen of Diamonds there is Margherita of Italy, one of the most beautiful of European queens.
The empress of Austria is Queen of Clubs, and the czarina of Russia, Queen of Spades.
And himself—most modest man—King of Hearts. The Kaiser, however, felt that the German people dearly love him, as they do, and doubtless it was the same lack of self-consciousness which leads him to stand for photographs more than any other ruler, that let him to put his own picture on the cards.
Four famous European actresses are on the ace cards.
Kaiser Wilhelm is said to be highly pleased with his cards. He enjoys few things more than a quiet game.

'TIS OLDEST CHURCH THAT LOCATED IN CITY OF MEXICO.

The Building is Still in a Splendid State of Preservation—It Has Been in Use Since 1541.
The oldest house of worship on this continent is in the city of Mexico— as a place for devotions. The building is still in a splendid state of preservation. The oldest organ in the world has been found on the Island of Gotland, in the Baltic Sea. It dates from 1240 A.D. The oldest tree is on the Isle of Cos, coast of Asia Minor. It is a plane, under the shade of which Hippocrates, the father of medicine, lectured to his pupils. It must be at least 2,500 years old. The trunk has a circumference of 32 1/2 feet and it still bears leaf, but decay is apparent and two principal limbs have to be supported by brick pillars.

The thirteenth century church at Cliffe-at-Hoo, Kent, England, is supposed by the inhabitants of that large industrial village to be the cleanest edifice in England. It is washed down once a week by members of the congregation, headed by the rector and curate. There is no superficial mop and pail business, but every inch of the large church is thoroughly cleaned and polished by those enthusiastic volunteers, who have kept up this commendable work for five years.
The inmates of the work-houses are proverbially long-lived, but one seldom hears of such a unique assembly as took place recently at Sandwich, England, when eighteen inmates of the Eastray Union, whose aggregate of ages amounts to 1,500 years, were entertained by a friend. After the tea each man was given two ounces of tobacco and a penny piece.
We are becoming hopelessly materialistic, laments the Paris Journal. We worship only that which is useful, forgetting that the only beautiful things in the world are those of no use whatever—poetry, art, fairy tales, gardens without vegetables, forests uncut and cascades that are not adorned with mills, power stations, or factories.

A little girl inspired the organization of the British Bible Society; a young woman gave to Robert Kakes the idea of the Sunday school. Another young woman's writings resulted in the establishment of the Fresh Air Funds of all the large cities. Everyone has some germ of usefulness at command if the right spirit wills.
"Just as I am" was composed by an invalid, Charlotte Elliot, while lying alone on a sofa. Her relatives had gone to an entertainment, and as she suffered alone in her home, and yearned to be taken away just as she was, the verses of the hymn, which thousands now sing, sprang into her mind.
Suso, the monk and mystic, one of the simplest and best of men, had a touching custom: whenever he encountered a

woman, were she the poorest and oldest, he stepped respectfully aside, though his bare feet must tread among thorns or in the gutter. He did that to honor the sex of the mother of our Lord.
A lady remarked to the English novelist, Bulwer Lytton, how odd it was that a dove (colombe) should have been sent out to find the Old World, and Columbus (Colombe) should have found the new. Lytton immediately replied: "Yes; and the one came from Noah; the other from Genoa."

Ten years ago China had no short railroad; now four thousand miles of railway are completed and nine thousand miles are in process of building. The traveler can go from Peking to Hong-Kong in thirty-six hours; four years ago it took thirty-six days.
When some one found fault with certain writings of St. Jerome, he answered that they were free-will offerings on his part, and that it did not behoove the receivers "to look a gift-horse in the mouth." The proverb was current in the fourth century, clearly.
The see of Ripon was founded in the reign of William IV, yet has had but three bishops since. The see of Newcastle was founded in 1828; but is already occupied by its fourth bishop.
The heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away as well as when he is at home.

Taxing The Farmer.
"A tariff which would not allow goods brought from abroad to displace those made in this country would be a prohibitive one. There is an average tax of about 24 per cent. on imported cotton now, but still nine and one-half million dollars worth of cotton goods were brought into Canada in the short fiscal year of 1907. It would probably require 50 per cent. tariff to prevent any displacement of the home-made article by shipments from the United States or over seas."
Despite duties averaging about 30 per cent, nearly fifteen million dollars' worth of woollens were brought in during the same period of nine months.
"Exclusion here again would very likely involve an increase up to 60 per cent. in the tax on imports."

Sentinel Houses.
Cornwall, England, was once the home of superstition, and quaint superstitions crept into the religions of the people in the "Delectable Duchy." A curious old belief was that the devil would disappear on seeing a cross. Consequently crosses had only to be erected in the first and last house in the village. In the old village of Verigan, in the outskirts, there are two cottages, each surmounted by a stone cross. Many visitors to the country pass by this interesting link with the past without a thought as to the significance of the custom.
Bristol cathedral was 582 years in building. Gloucester cathedral 425 years, Peterborough and Durham took over four centuries to complete.

REALLY GOOD THEATRE.

London Missionary Society Put on Good Show.
Protestant churches have for generations held an antagonistic attitude towards the theatre. It is still classed by evangelists with the great temptations which destroy multitudes of souls. In recent years less hostility has been expressed by aggressive Christians towards the theatre. In England this season, however, it has been adopted by the Free churches as a teaching agency, and with unexpected success. The "Pageant of Darkness and Light," connected with the "Orient in London," was a spectacular theatrical performance. The London Missionary Society did wisely in putting the management into professional hands. It was staged superbly by a theatrical manager. The training of the performers was entrusted to persons who knew their business, and enough professional actors were employed to save it from amateurishness. The pageant succeeded on its own merits. It would have drawn crowded audiences in any theatre in any city in England, quite apart from its connection with missions. To multitudes not accustomed to attend theatres it was a revelation, and it was interesting to watch their faces. The singing of "Old Hundred" by the great chorus deploying on the stage, following a stage spectacle of the Hawaiian volcano, the brave queen and her attendants darning the wreath of the god, interested some ears, but seemed to many in harmony with what had gone before. Hundreds of thousands have been taught the meaning and glory of missions by the theatre as they never would have been taught by the pulpit, the Sunday school or the missionary concert.

Gratitude Of Harvest.
The whole Christian life centres in love. It has its spring in the infinite love of God, and seeks its outlet in praise, thanksgiving and service. Love draws us close together and binds us in one. As we love God we take Him into the heart and He enters into the life. The joy of the Lord bursts forth in songs. He is the author of all blessings. All that is good in the expression of His love, and grateful offerings of the heart are our return. Herein the Christian religion stands alone, for it alone reveals God in true relation to us. In the knowledge of Him we attain that element of His own nature in which gratitude rules every emotion and directs the whole course of life. Thus "He hath put a new song in my mouth."
"The Lord is my strength and my song; He is become my salvation."
One saved without thankfulness in his heart is unthinkable. To be conscious of God's love and daily goodness without gratitude of heart and thanksgiving is not possible. In our selfishness we may undervalue His grace, we may fail to recognize His goodness and to stifle the sweetest outgoing of the heart, but this cannot always be. The heart cannot always remain frozen and hard under the breath of God, and as it softens, the springs of joy and praise begin to flow. "I will magnify the Lord with thanksgiving; I will glorify His thought and resolution. And this speaks out to others: "O, come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us come before His presence with thanksgiving."

Miracle Of Memory.
In China women are learning to read and to think. The word of God is not bound like their feet. Bibles are in many homes, and that means the hearts of the women. Christ is making new Bethanys and has many Marys and Marthas in lonely villages. One great thing is assured—the miracle of memory wrought in the Chinese mind by centuries of training. The evidence is wonderful, hard to believe, yet a fact. One young girl committed to memory the Westminster Shorter Catechism in a day and a half. Seven young girls of Canton have all repeated from memory the whole of the New Testament. What a bright promise for the coming China!

Liberals Happy Hit.
Hamilton Herald.
A fine stroke of liberal policy is the introduction, at the psychological moment, of the government's scheme of free rural mail delivery. This plan is sure to be regarded with approval and even enthusiasm by the farmers and will do much to neutralize the feeling, growing out of other clauses, of dissatisfaction with the liberal regime. Mr. Borden had better try to think of something new and good to offset this well-played grid card.
Yew-trees were originally planted in churchyards to protect them from cattle, and to preserve them for the making of bows and arrows.

LIFE AFTER DEATH.

The Views Expressed By Dr. J. Peterson Smythe.
Dr. J. Peterson Smythe, rector of St. George's church, Montreal, writes in the Canadian Magazine on the subject of "Hades." He says in part:
"The Bible teaches to every careful student that there is the immediate life beyond the grave, a vivid conscious life, that all men go there when they depart this life. No man has ever yet gone to Heaven. No man has ever yet gone to Hell. No man has ever yet been judged. No man has ever yet been damned. Thank God for that at any rate. The Bible teaches that all who have ever left this earth are waiting yet—from King David to Queen Victoria, from St. Paul to Bishop Westcott; from the poor struggler of the ancient days in the morning of history to the poor struggler who died in Canada last night."

Teach me the ancient Scriptural doctrine of the Hades life as it appears in the bible. Teach me that in the hour after death I shall pass into the unseen with myself, with my full life, my feelings, my character, my individuality, and in that solemn hour death will lose its horror. Teach me that my dear ones departed are but little more parted from me than if they had gone to India and could not write home; that they are living their beautiful life of progress in the blessed environment of the law of God; that therefore I may keep them in my thoughts and that I ought to keep them in my prayers just as I did heretofore in their life on earth. Is not that a Gospel?

Lauding Mr. Stratton.
Toronto World, Conservative.
Those conservatives who are minimizing Mr. Stratton's candidature in West Peleboro' or his influence in the midland district do not know their man. When J. R. Stratton was provincial secretary it was admitted by friends and foes alike that he was a model administrator. His career in business in Peterboro' and Toronto gives ample evidence of his capacity. In the industrial and financial life of the province Mr. Stratton is playing no small role, and it is a game that requires ability. It is common talk that since the defeat of the Ross government Mr. Stratton is the only ex-member of that organization who has taken his place in private life, and wrought out a commanding position for himself, absolutely without aid or favor from those who carry political positions in their pockets. Mr. Stratton has chosen to disregard the offer of a leadership, and now takes his place in the fighting line to win West Peleboro'. He is a man of capacity, with an administrative reputation worthy of note, and altogether a candidate that measures up to the best that there is in liberalism in Ontario.

The Thankful Salutation.
To give Thee thanks, O God, we come Not with the roar of war or rolling drums, But from the quietude of peace now reigns In all our hills—our fields and plains. We thank Thee for Thy loving care, The bounteous harvests rich and rare, For quickened love and Christian zeal, Thy kindness seen in Neba's heights, As David sang in Israel's nights, As angels sang long ago, To humble shepherds kneeling low, So here we sing from thankful hearts Our thanks for harvest manifold: For iron, silver, copper, coal and gold—For wheat and cotton, corn and rye, For grapes and figs and all the fruit That fills our fields, our trees and our farms, For all the flowers with dainty charms, For health and strength and peaceful days In every land where men are found, And all we have we give Thee praise: We bow our thanks, O God, to Thee! Let Peace and Justice reign all round; Let peace and justice reign all round; And as the good old years roll on and on, The bounty of Thy wondrous ways, And give us to the length of days, Let peace and justice reign all round, And marching forward hand in hand, Bring peace on earth to good-willed men—Be Thou our guide in all—AMEN.

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Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry by proxy may, however, be made by an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.
An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry.
DUTIES.—(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead, or upon a homestead of less than eighty acres, if such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or the mother, if the father is deceased) on a homestead of less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead of less than eighty (80) acres, if such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or the mother, if the father is deceased) on a homestead of less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead.
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W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
(3) If the father or mother, if the father is deceased, of a homesteader had permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead of less than eighty (80) acres, if such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or the mother, if the father is deceased) on a homestead of less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead.

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