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MISAPPREHENSIONS CONCERN-ING THE "KING'S STONE."

Monument Reared Recently to the Brave of Both Nations-Scotch vit on 144 public bodies. Used Spears in the Battle.

the last month that there has been the site approximately of the centre the Londons with their areas as of the battlefield, "To the Brave of known to the law: Both Nations"-Olim Hostes, Nun:

Much confusion, writes a correspondent, has arisen heretofore from the presence of the reputed Sybil's Well with its inscription on Flodden Hill among the trees above Blinkbonny, miles. where it had been placed, or rather | Ecclesiastical London, 120 square misplaced, by the late Marchioness of miles. Waterford with entire disregard of historical accuracy.

The prevailing misapprehension concerning "King's Stone," another sup- miles. an unhewn column, has probably been 420 square miles. perpetuated by if it did not originate | County Court London, 205 square in Scott's notes to "Marmion," in miles. # which it is alleged to mark the spot | The smallest population of one Lonwhere James fell. As a matter of fact don is 25,000-in the City-and the this was a very ancient tribal gather- targest population 6,550,000 in Greating or trysting stone transported from er London. some distance either mechanically or In the County of London 16,000 com-

veiled by Sir George Douglas, is the them for their total payment every or family name meaning the Berms men and Scotsmen from both sides of one-third of the total rates raised. 'ing' or 'iung,' the young, progeny, the border. The idea of making the Less than half the people who have a race, or tribe). The word dissected site near where the closing tragedy vote for the rates they pay ever use of the battle took place originated them. So far as taxation and reprethree years ago with the Berwickshire sentation is concerned a third of the

Scottish army assembled in August on paid have no voters behind them. 100,000, the camp of James on the sent to prison for long terms, and morning of September 9 did not con- 120,000 are brought before the police tain probably more than 35,000. But magistrates on various charges. Home and Huntly's division of 8,000 5,000. to 10,000 men shortly after the begin-

ning of the battle. The arm mostly used by the Scots was a keen and sharp spear fifteen feet long. Targets also were carried they fought with "great and sharp Electric Restorer for Men swords." Flodden was the last field Phosphonol restores every nerve in the body upon which the bows of yew and vim and vitality. Premature decay and all sexual weakness averted at once. Phosphonol will make you a new man. Price \$3 a box, or two for \$5. Mailed to any address. The Scobell Brug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

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upon which the bows of yew and clothyard shafts were employed by the English.—Westminster Gazette.

The Hen Derby.

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took place between chickens. The story is that the idea came to ************** Sir John during a visit to a friend who kept a large number of hens. He noticed how rapidly the chickens used switted that is one traders arrape throw to scurry to their mother when food og and Wine Manufacturing Company's to scurry to their mother when food of St. Catharines. It is guaranteed 10 was thrown to her. This furnished ears old, and is a pure, dry and per- the ingenious Sir John with a clever ert wine, equal to the best imported at notion, and at mess, he then being quartered at Windsor, he accordingly Sold only by R. J. LAWLER, Golden unfolded to his brother officers his

plans for a great chicken race. He bought from a farmer a hen and The Great English Remedy.
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a brood of chickens. Each officer was to choose a chicken and mark it with a ribbon, so that he could easily recognize it. The chickens were to be placed about fifty yards away from their mother and whichever of them a brood of chickens. Each officer was CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

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Min description of the plain play on receipt of price. New promptles was to be adjudged the winner. And so this riduculous "hen Derby" came off in the barracks at Windsor,

> The race was such a success that it was arranged to repeat it the following week. It might possibly have be-come a regular institution and a racing stable of chickens might have been added to the attractions at Windsor had not St. John's chicken as to cause suspicion in the minds of his competitors. Indeed, it was found, t is said, that in both races Sir John

Britain's Youngest K.C. One of the most brilliant men of the day in England is Mr. F. E. Smith.

who defended Ethel Leneve at the Old

This youthful K.C .- he is the youngest King's Counsel England has-first came into general public prominence by a brilliant defence at the Old Bailcy in 1902, when he appeared for Gounie, the Liverpool bank forger. Later, be entered Parliament, and created a sensation by his maiden speech, in 1906. It is almost certain that, when the Unionists return to power, Mr. F. E. Smith will be in the Cabinet. On one occasion, at the opening of an educational institute, Mr. Smith declared that he had always detested work, but his father's early death had

made it necessary for him either to work or starve. And his extraordinary

energy enables him to put in a long

Palmerston was forming a new Minis-

try and in a preliminary council was arranging its composition. He had filled up all the portfolios with the exception of the Colonial Office. First

gested and thrown aside. At last he

said to Sir Arthur Helps: "I suppose I must take the thing myself. Come upstairs with me and show me where

these places are on the maps."

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Some Facts and Figures About the World's Metropolis.

No man living has ever yet seen London as it really is. There are, in act, twelve Londons, one of whichthe county -- is controlled by 4,300 popularly elected men and women who

The biggest London of all is the police London, covering 692 square 'Although Flodden was fought close miles; the smallest is the City of Lonupon 400 years ago it is only during ion, extending to one square mile. When one speaks of London one unveiled a monument erected upon must put an adjective in to describe

> City of London, one square mile. County of London, 115 square miles. Water London, 537 square miles. Postal London, 220 square miles. Telephone London, 630 square miles. Parliamentary London, 117 square

Greater London, 692 square miles. Police London, 691 square miles. Police Court London, 114 square

positious site memorial consisting of Central Criminal Court, London,

by glacial action, and is situated about panies own property of the yearly valthree-quarters of a mile northward ue of \$70,000,000, the rentals of from the locality of the final scene of which are about \$100,000,000 a year, and yet they have no vote for the The memorial cross, which was un election of a single person to represent Bermingas' would be a patronymic outcome of a giant effort by English- year of \$25,000,000 in rates. They pay tax-paying property has no share in With regard to the numbers that controlling the expenditure. In Bertook part in Flodden, although the mondsey and Poplar half the rates

the Borough Moor of Edinburgh is Every year at least 7,000 Londoners computed to have numbered in all die violent or sudden deaths, 300 are

these comprised the flower of the Within the 113 square miles of the Scots' army. The numbers of the two County of London there are 135,000 forces which faced one another, though people who have come from foreign at first largely in favor of the Scots, |countries: Russians number 38,000. were probably pretty well equalized Germans 27,000. Poles 15,000. French after the dramatic disappearance of 11,000, Italians 10,000, and Americans

> On the average there are ten fires a day in London. To keep the metropolis well protected from fire nearly \$1,500,000 a year is spent by the Coun-

The water, which is abundant and pure, is poured through millions of pipes daily, by one responsible body, into the homes of seven million people, a population nearly equal to that of Norway and Sweden, about the same as that of the Dominion of Canada, more than two million above that of Australia and New Zealand combined, and larger than the whole population of Scotland and Wales. This population of seven millions uses up 224,000,000 gailons of water a day, drawn from the reservoirs, in which there are always over 11,000,000,000 gallons ready for use.

The wealth of London is astounding and can only be gauged by tak-ing the twenty-eight boroughs of which it is composed and comparing the yearly value of their property with that of provincial towns. Thus Westminster is richer than Glasgow, the one square mile of the city than the whole of Liverpool or Manchester; Kensington is richer than Leeds, and Lambeth than Bristol, Sheffield or

The smallest boroughs of London-Stoke Newington — has more valuable property than some twenty-eight of selcom goes down to addice his con-the best-known towns, including Bath, stituents without being asked to Exeter, Yarmouth, Londonderry, or oblige with a song; whilst no social

There are more people in Islington sidered a complete success unless than there are in Edinburgh, mere in the "Doctor" is induced to give "Tom Lambeth and Stepney than in Brad- | Bowling." and was witnessed by nearly the whole brigade of guards, who traveled est towns of the kingdom, while the remaining four have populations equal to some fifty other towns, the small-lass sings beautifully. The two are down from London especially to see est of which is Burton-on-Trent.

A Lucky Escape.

The following incident is not an invention of imaginative journalism, but an actual fact. A gentleman, won on each occasion with such ease who resides near Bolton, in England was proceeding leisurely to church intimated to him that he was not had selected a stury young cockerel quite as early as he had thought. Takwho was much too speedy for his sis- ing out his watch, to look at the time. ters. When victory was a certainty for he heard a noise as of a pistol report, one particular competitor the contest, and at the same time felt a jar in his of course, lost interest, and so the hand and on looking at his watch saw chicken races at Windsor came to a that it had apparently exploded. Resudden end. follows: Some boys had been throwing stones high in the air, and just at the critical moment of taking out his

> On Sunday Sir Wilfrid Laurier cele rates his sixty-ninth birthday.



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BIRMINGHAM.

Whence Does the Great English City Get Its Name?

Some remarks respecting the d rivation of the word "Birmingham" may prove interesting, writes a correspondent. In an old work the following appears: "Hutton's etymological knowledge was of the most limited nature, and a common corruption in pronounting the word led our genial old gossip astray. He tells us that the 'original seems to have been Bromwych; Brom, perhaps, from Broom, a shrub, for the growth of which the soil is extremely favorable. Wych, a descent; this exactly corresponds with the declivity from the High street to Digbeth.' Having got his Bromwych, he has to account for the 'ha.' This word being Saxon for home, he says, was added, probably, under the Saxon Heptarchy. Thus the meaning of the word would be the home-on-the-descent on which broom grows. Unfortunately for this pretty theory, the old name was not Bromwycham, but Bermingeham or Bermingham, and therefore the prolific nature of the soil in producting broom has nothing to do with the pame at all."

A better, and doubtless the true derivation, is given by Mr. James Freeman, in a letter published in The Athanaeum, September 8, 1855. He says: "The word Birmingham is so thoroughly Saxon in its construction that nothing short of positive historical evidence would warrant us in assigning any other than a Saxon origin to it. The final syllable, 'ham,' means a home or residence, and (from Berm, a man's name, and home or residence of the Berms; and Dr. Sebastien Evans has written as

follows on the word "Brummagem": "The vernacular, 'Brummagem,' is a variation of the word Birmingham, which seems to have most unnecessarily puzzled etymologists. Bermingeham is the spelling of Domesday, and there can be little doubt that the 'e' following the 'g' signifies that the 'g' was pronounced soft, as was frequently the case in the Midlands in words in which the 'g' was elsewhere pronounced hard. The sounded as Birminjam, which, swiftmouth of a Midlander into Bremijam or 'Brummagem.' Precisely the same phenomenon presents itself in the case of the name Bagot. One branch of the family, whether Midland or not I know not, thought fit to pronounce the 'g' soft, and still writes itself Bagehot, sounded Bajot. A hard or soft, according to the dialect prevalent in the district. Thus land, catted springes; and hinges hings; and fifty more instances could easily be quoted. It is observable that the name Edgbaston presents another instance in point. Originally Edgbaston as 'Egbald's tun' or town, the 'g' being pronounced soft, according to Midland wont, giving rise to the modern form of the word. The literal meaning of the word Birmingham is 'the homestead of the sons of Berm, or 'Beorm.' There are at least 140 different ways

of spelling the word, declares an author of 40 years ago.

Singing Statesmen.

Dr. Macnamara, the popular Engish member for Camberwell and a gathering in his constituency is con-

more in Camberwell than in | The new Governor-General of South Hull or Nottingham. Twenty-four of | Africa, Lord Gladstone, the youngest the London boroughs have popula- | son of the great Victorian statesman, tions equal to some of the thirty great- probably has the finest tenor voice always in request, wherever they go, for duets, and during the voyage to South Africa Lord and Lady Gladstone, on more than occasion, assisted an impromptu concert on the liner

in charming fashion. His Majesty King George, like most sailors, used to be fond of sing ing rollicking comic songs, and certain it is no concert on shipboard used to be considered complete without Prince George's contribution. The Prince of Wales, too, is distinctly musical, and everybody will remem-ber the occasion on which he sang the famous hunting song, "D'ye Ken John Peel" at a concert at the Royal Naval College at Osborne.

A House In Two Parishes.

The Revising Barrister at Northwatch, and holding it face upwards, it wich. England, had to deal with the had received the impact of a falling stone. Certainly a lucky escape from in two parishes. The barrister repersonal injury, the watch being minus glass, hands and the dail broken, be in one parish and his feet in another. It reminded him of a conundrum which once confronted him at Warrington. A voter was there found to sleep in Lancashire and Cheshire, "and," remarked Mr. Williams, "I presume the head was the best part of him and put him in Cheshire."

> Cause of the Clash. "What was the trouble between Swinton and his wife? Was it his fault or hers that they were unable to get along together?"
> "It's rather hard to decide. It appears that whenever one of them had an irresistible impulse the other had an unalterable objection."

The Oldest Inhabitant. The oldest living person in Ireland is a woman named Mrs. Craniley. Clonbrin, Monastervane, who claims to have reached the age of 124 years. Still hale and hearty, she is the mother of five daughters and three sons, the youngest being over seventy

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