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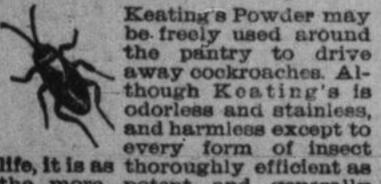
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The Sergeant-at-Arms is the officer who has in his keeping the peace and safety of the House in general and of the Speaker in particular; and in addition to those onerous duties, he is responsible, according to the book, "for the safe-keeping of the mace, furniture, of the House, and for the conduct of the messengers and inferior servants."

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generative portion of the temale system. Refuse all cheap imitations Dr. de Van's are sold at the prisoners would have to be incarhe Boobell Drug Co., St. Catharines. Onz. tween the committee room on the second floor and the big bell that strikes the hours far up near the look-out cage that crowns the top.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is appointed by the crown, "and remains in office Real Estate Bought, Sold & Exchanged during pleasure or until he is superannuated." He is given a handsome big chair-a sort of miniature throne. with a desk before it, and they stand near the foot of the gangway, but a little to one side, and just within the bar. The Sergeant-at-Arms, therefore, faces the Speaker, and the mace, which reposes on a cushion stretched across the foot of the table at whose head sits the Clerk of the House. To guard the Speaker and adroitly handle the mace are among the Ser-

geant's most important and certainly most conspicuous duties. It is in the matter of processions that the Sergeent-at-Arms particularly The great Uterine Tonic, and shines. There he leads while all others follow - even the Prime Minister, the head of the Government, and the Speaker, who is the head of the

There is a daily procession, small,

it is true, but as dignified as it is small, and important, too, because it is a preliminary but essential step in the opening of each day's sitting. Shortly before the hour fixed for the opening of a sitting, the Clerk in his robe and the Sergeant-at-Arms, in his semi-military coat, and with sword at Drop a card to 19 Pine Street was, side, wait upon the Speaker in his wanting anything done in the Carpen- apartments at the end of the corridor ter line. Estimates given on all kinds hading to the main entrance of the apartments at the end of the corridor leading to the main entrance of the Besides living in these chamber. ap riments, the Speaker here keeps mace, which is both the emblem of

a mace were very convenient. away cockroaches. Al- tread march down the corridor into ria. though Keating's is the chamber. With mace on shoulder and sword at sivie the Sergeant-at-Arms heads the procession of three. At the Sergeant's heels comes the

> When the House is called to the Bar of the Senate to hear read from the throne the speech opening or clos- singing fierce bandit songs, with the reputation of his tribe, relying on the ing the session, the procession of members from one chamber to the other is lod by the Sergeant-at-Arms, who, heavily armed, goes ahead to make sure that the way is clear for the Speaker and his faithful Com-

During the sittings of the House the Sergeant-at-Arms has much to do in connection with the mace. When the Speaker is in the chair the mace reposes on its cushions at the lower end of the long table, but the instant

ing put through, the House will make | parted.' And during the whole of that | poet stood leaning on the gate a party a number of rapid changes into and visit to Oxford, and indeed for some of wide-eyed sightseers appeared. out of Committee of the Whole, and | time afterwards, I had to allow him the Sergeant-at-Arms has to handle to keep the pen." To this story a the mace with despatch. What would correspondent objects that in all prob-happen if the mace should not be on ability Sir Walter used a grey goose they see me they say quite loudly, the table when the Speaker is in the quill, and recalls that he has seen chair, no one knows, not even the at Abbotsford a quill used by him. It greatest Parliamentarians. However, is suggested that he used a quill in- to Lady Tennyson, who smiled tenthe Sergeant-at-Arms takes good care | deed, but with a holder of ailver. to see that it does not happen

The present occupant of the office's Robert Smith, L.S.O., A.D.C.; and it is not too much to say that the office was never filled with more dignity. efficiency, and satisfaction to all con-

. Col. Smith is a Parliamentarian of wide experience, for he was Deputy Sergeant for twenty years, and Ser-geant-at-Arms since 1892. He is a son of the late Hon. Bir Henry Smith, K.B., and a native of Kingston, where he attended the old Grammar School from which Sir John A. Macdonald graduated before entering a law office as an articled clerk. Col. Smith was connected with the militia even before he became connected with Parliament for he served on the frontier during the Fenian Raids of 1866 and 1870. The inventor of the gummed stamp and was awarded a medal with two was a Scotchman, James Chalmers clasps. He was again in the field of Dundee, who in 1834 suggested the

occupies them during the sessions. The fire of genius is often unable to A woman is more apt to excuse a make the pot boil.

Misery loves company and is always who never pays compliments. ersistent in getting if.

for instance.

BLACK AND BROWN buth African Whites Losing to Colored Builders of Nations.

Taking the whole Union of South Africa, the white population increased by only 161,219 in the last seven years, But the native and colored popula tion increased by 621,456. In 1904 the black and brown races formed 78.5 per cent, of the total population not the Union. To-day they constitute 78.55 per cent. In the Union of South Africa to-day there are only 51,336 male whites more than there were seven years ago. But there are 336,039 more males in the native and colored popu-

These census returns do not include Basutoland, Bechuanaland or Rhodesia, in which the black people far outnumber the white. Nor must it be forgotten that the death rate among the blacks is decreasing, and that in years to come their percentage increase will still grow more rapidly. The whites in South Africa are not holding their own to-day. They are falling back. It is a tendency which usually becomes more rapid the longer

They are losing ground because the whole history of white colonization in South Africa has been a record of a fatuous attempt to build up a white nation upon a basis of colored labor. One of the most curious things that land of curious arguments is that with all, its "cheap" black labor it lives largely upon the foodstuffs produced by "expensive" white labor thousands of miles oversea. South Africans will be heard declaring that

stuffs grown by white men in lands 6,000 miles across the sea. Black labor is actually encouraged by the laws of the land. The operation of the Pass law in Transvaal, the terms of the workmen's compensation act, the very system of taxation-all aim at giving the employer as much cheap and easily controlled black lab-

white farm laborers are impossible

because they are too expensive. And

the very men who say so eat food-

or as possible. Naturally this policy, extending over generations, has had the effect of creating in the mind of the white man a prejudice against manual labor. Ali rough work is "Kaffir's work," degrading to the white aristocrat. Honorable poverty, a decent subsistence upon charity, is preferable. The objection is breaking down slowly, but for years it must help those who are frankly in favor of the colored labor system; whatever the ultimate effect upon

South Africa may be. Under this policy white South Africa is going back. Whole industries are drifting into the hands of the colored races. And unless the system which has obtained for more than two centuries is altered South Africa must ecome a black man's land. It may support a nation. But it will be a black and brown nation-never a white

Byron at Prevesa.

under lock and key the huge gilt ty of "reminiscences." For instance, and even a little spoiled him by it is interesting to recall that it was hanging on his words until he came the authority of the House, and also | Prevesa, in the Gulf of Arta, where | to regard himself as not only qualified the Sergeant-at-Arms' second weapon | the first shot of the war was fired, | whatever problem might be presented Centuries ago both sword and mace Albania, and there also he began the failed to meet the case his wit stepped were needed by the Sergeant at-Arms | second canto of "Childe Harold." | into the breach. in the British House, for members | which he finished, by the way, at | His wit! There again his reputathen sat in Parliament armed, and it | Smyrna, another landmark in the | tion went a little before him, a danwas well to provide the Speaker's present war, for an Italian squadron gling carrot which he could never guardian with the means of running | was reported in that quarter the other | quite catch up. He was supposed to an assailant through or breaking his, day. Prevesa is in the vilayet of excel in that branch of wit known as head, for which purposes a sword and | Janina, where it is recorded in the | repartee, though in practice it was When the hour for the opening of ron, the poet was supplied by order | yond variations, and those rarely sub-Keating's Powder may the sitting strikes, the three high offi- of the Pasha with a house, horses and the, on the old theme of "You're anbe freely used around cials emerge from the Speaker's quar- all necessaries gratis. Ali himself be- other!" the pantry to drive ters, and with m asured and stately, ing absent besieging Ibrahim, in Illy-

life, it is as thoroughly efficient as Speaker, while the Clerk brings up It is a vivid account of a night scene times to be found in them. ground of ragged rocks, and Albanian | recognizing what was expected of him; soldiers dancing in the firelight and | gallantly did his best to maintain the his first glimpse of the heights of tion that if his inspiration failed we Parnassus.-Pall Mall Gazette.

Something About Pens.

With what kind of a pen did Sir Walter Scott write the Waverley Novels? The question is under mild discussion in The Athenseum, London.

Started a Gold Rush,

As the result of a small boy's spirit of play there has been a great gold rush to Pambula recently. The lad, pretending he was a prospector, chipped off pieces of quartz in an abandoned mine situated in that disrict in New South Wales. Some of his elders happened to see the quartz and found it heavily studded with gold. They went to work at once and opened up a lode averaging two to four hundred ounces to the ton. The entire vicinity was soon out pegged. Conservative prospectors doubt the covery has caused intense excitement.

during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885, when he was mentioned in the despatches and also won a medal.

The Sergeant-at-Arms has fine spread disease. The postoffice gave looking."

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Wordsworth on one occasion when the vas not till the year 1568 that talking to his wife referred to a time when, "as you know, I was better looking." apartments in the building, and he no serious attention to the proposal until 1841.

man who never pays his bills than one "Take a fellow of your size" is out of their misery, shattered hopes, average man doesn't realize how small

PASSING OF "JEHU."

tion Than Fact.

Who of us has not heard of the Lon-

bus driver: Here and there in Central London you may now come across yards that | the foremost orator among English which they will never return; buses | position to wrong and his moral and under the hammer; buses that will diction was well chosen and his voice are now hundreds of bus-horses that | in his simplicity, honesty and earnwill never drag them again, perhaps estness. He was transparently sin-

an old friend is passing some tribute | andria.

sopher; and how he came to be a the age of fifteen. philosopher is not difficult to undertude were favorable to the practice | was for temperance. With Richard of philosophy. He had all a cobbler's | Cobden he shared the credit of bringadvantage over the cobbler of being all in all, he was one of the purest fellow humans. From his perch he seen. daily passed a whole world in review, noted all the comedy of the pavements, and goteinto the habit of summing up a sudden situation-a street row, a curious crowd, the rights and wrongs of an accident, and all the oddities of chance and circumstance that the tide of London's streets throws up. And as the germ of all philosophies is criticism of one's fellow creatures, the bus driver became a philosopher malgre lui.

But he had human weaknesses that should not belong to the true philoconvinced him that philosophy was expected of him, and so he tried to live up to a reputation that was really higher than his deserts. Generations The Turco-Italian war is likely to of country cousins, and even of adprovide the literary gossips with plen- miring townsmen, had encouraged that Byron landed for his tour through to him. And when his philosophy

But we so spoiled him by great expectations that we angled even for Readers familiar with "Childe Har. | the bit of wit that was to turn the old" will remember the very graphic laugh against ourselves, and we description of the Gulf of Arta given | humored him and ourselves by seeby Hobhouse in a note to the poem. | ing more in his jokes than was some-

round the camp fires, with a back- We would take no denial; and he. refrain, "Kjephteis, Pote Parga" "Rob- charitable ears thrust forward from bers All at Parga." On leaving Ja- the front seat, confident of the laugh nina: Byron went to Missolonghi, that was ready to burst out on trust, thence to Vostizza, where he caught | solaced in the last resort by convicshould ascribe his failure to our own clumsiness in prompting him, or at the worst to our ill-luck in stumbling across one of his rare "off-days."

The Wife of a Poet.

The intricacies of a great man's the House goes into Committee of An Oxford tutor showed Ruskin a character are often simplicities to his the Whole, and the Speaker leaves "silver pen" with which, he said, Sir wife. Once when the present poet the chair, the Sergeant-at-Arms re- Walter wrote the Waverley Novels. laureate of England had paid a visit moves the mace and conceals it by "When I entered, Ruskin was read- to Tennyson, his immediate predeceshanging it on two padded hooks or | ing one of the original manuscripts | sor, Tennyson walked with him as far brackets that project from the lower of the Waverley series. He took the as the gate which led to the highway. egs of the table.

pen, and, laying it reverently on the When non-contentious bills are bepage, said, 'Ah, they should never be cent "Autobiography," while the elder duced to cooking by the aid of bacon "What a vulgar people the English are!" Tennyson exclaimed, "They

'There's Tennyson!" Mr. Austin afterward repeated this derly but archiv.

"My husband would be much more annoyed if the people didn't come,"

Constable and His Picture.

Constable, the eminent British painter, once sat on the hanging committee of the British Royal Academy when a small landscape was brought up for judgment and prenounced "awfully bad" by everybody but himself. He rose and made a short and startiing speech. "That picture was painted by me. I had a notion that some of you didn't like my work, and this is a pretty convincing proof. I am very much obliged to you." When his colleagues recovered from their stupefaction the head carpenter was bidden to bring back the picture. But Con-stable would not have it. "Out it. goes!" he said grimly.

Painfully Frank.

"But, my dear," replied she, "you Elizabeth. were always very ugly."

A swelled head is often the aftermath of flattery. Money always talks foolishly when till 1659. It is humane to put some things good motte, but the trouble is the the fool gets hold of it.
out of their misery, shattered hopes, average man doesn't realize how small Unpublished charity is often times for instance.

JOHN BRIGHT.

The Bus Driver Was Wittier In Fic- | Great English Statesmen's Centenary

Was Celebrated Recently. The centenary of the birth of John don bus driver? He has been for years | Bright, the great English Quaker, oraa stock character of all sorts of fic. | tor and progressive statesman, was tion and has furnished a theme for | celebrated on Nov. 16. By Englishnnumerable dissertations and essays. | men John Bright is remembered as His philosophy has been commented one of the chief advocates of the reupon and his wit has been eulogized. | peal of the corn laws, of the exten-We have all or rather the majority | sion of suffrage and the establishof us have at some time or other made | ment of a national system of educamore or less definite plans to travel | tion. To the Irish he was a consistand have always included in our ent and powerful friend in all their route the great Metropolis of London, struggles, except the final one for the bus driver has always been a home rule. By the Hindus he is part and parcel of the city and in gratefully recalled for his fight to end fact one of the institutions. His day, the abuses of the East India Comhowever, has set and he has had to pany and to bring India under the give place to the more mechanical direct control of the crown. To the and less romantic method of locomo- world at large he stands as an advotion. The following article will de- cate of peace, of the rights of workscribe the typical old time London ingmen and of humanitarian move-

John Bright has been classed as

are full of buses-buses that are al- | statesmen of the nineteenth century. ready exiled from their own yards, to In his directness, his outspoken opthat will never leave the yards where | religious force he has been likened they are now huddled except to pass to one of the Hebrew prophets. His never trundle along London streets | full and musical, but perhaps his again. And in the horse repositories | greatest power with an audience lay never again hear "Hrrup!"-which | cere. Yet with all these gifts he nevmeant "Higher up!"-but are to be er used them for self aggrandizedispersed, "fresh out of work," among | ment and never failed to use them in jobmasters, parcel carters, trades- behalf of the poor and downtrodden. He employed short Anglo-Saxon Both buses and horses are pathetic, words, humor and epigram, logic and for they have the pathos which at facts. He fought always against the taches to all passing things. But more | aristocracy and for the common peopathetic than either - because he is | ple, yet he dared to go against public not only human but an old friend - opinion if he thought it wrong, sufis the bus driver who is passing with | fering obloquy to denounce the Crimthem, who will never again mount his | ean war and leaving the Cabinet beperch or cry "Lipoostree!" and when | cause of the bombardment of Alex-

He had little education, going into He was not only friend, but philo- his father's business as a spinner at

John Bright took his religion into stand. Both his altitude and his atti- | politics. One of his carliest fights leisure for self-communion with the ing free trade to England. Take him more in touch with realities and his types of statesmen the world has

Quaint Old-Time Army Bets. Daring wagers between army offi-

ore are now far less common than in the "good old days. In a regimental betting-book of the early fifties can still be read the entry: "Mr. Wroughton bets Mr. Johns one bottle of port that Mr. Johns will be drunk before five nights from this date." To this there is the significant addition: "Lost by Mr. Johns (et nullus error)." More humorous is a subsequent entry: "Mr. sopher. Generations of tradition had | Ewan bets Mr. Hallett one bottle of wine that he (Mr. E.) will kick the apothecary of Dundalk from one end of the town to the other"-a bet that was not decided.

In 1861 a Lieutenant Hayter bet Dr. Seaman that he (the lieutenant) had more hair on his head and face than the doctor; and the sequel reads: "Decided by the majority in the room, decidedly the worse for drink, Lieutenant Hayter losing." Finally, there was a dramatic end to a wager made in India in 1856. A Captain Crawford bet a Captain Wright one bottle of champagne that neither of them would be killed in action within twelve months from that date. The bet was never settled, for a marginal note reads: "Captain Crawford and Captain Wright both killed."

The Traveling Restaurant.

Every long-distance railway in the British Isles has its restaurant car service, either restricted or liberal, according to circumstances. The majority of the companies manage the cars themselves through the agency of their hotels department, but there is at least one case where the cars are sub-let to private caterers.

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