

VETERAN ACTRESSES

SOME OF THE FAMOUS STARS OF OTHER DAYS.

They Still Live in London.—Mrs. Charles Calvert Recalls Her Early Appearances on the Stage.

Recollections of a delightful afternoon spent at a certain little house in St. John's Wood a few months ago were recalled to the mind of a writer in Tit-Bits by the recent announcement that the Victorian actress, Mrs. John Billington, has celebrated her ninetieth birthday.

She made her first London appearance exactly twenty years ago, but previous to that she had been appearing in the provinces, notably at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, where she made her debut.

Curiously enough, three days previous to Mrs. Billington's ninetieth birthday, Mrs. Charles Calvert was the recipient of many congratulations on her eightieth birthday, and she recalled the fact that it was seventy-four years ago, when she made her first appearance on the stage.

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Cholera in Volcanoes. Cholera has usually found a useful ally in superstition. In the old days the disease was believed to be bottled up in volcanoes and to be released by eruptions.

When Tommy Pronounces French. I spent the night—sleeping better than at home—on a straw in a water-surrounded post looking across to Dixmude, which our own soldiers aptly speak of as "Thickmud."

Wonders of the World's Cables. The various Governments of the world own together 830 cables, having a total length of 1,480 miles and containing 12,560 miles of conductors.

CANADA'S FIRE LOSSES.

More Stringent Buildings Laws and Closer Inspection Required.

During 1914 Canada's total of fire losses showed a considerable reduction over 1913; yet it was in excess of that of 1912.

From an analysis of the causes of fires for 1914 some encouragement may be obtained in the belief that progress is being made in education along fire prevention lines.

One feature of the year's fire record which requires immediate attention is the large increase in the number of apartment house fires.

Too little attention is paid to the matter of building inspection, with the result that overheated pipes and heating apparatus is a common cause of fires.

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United For Canada. An interesting fact at the opening of the Dominion House recently was that the address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved and seconded by a German and a Frenchman respectively.

Maple Sugar Booming. That the gift of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught of a box of maple sugar to every member of the first Canadian contingent has resulted in quite an unexpected boom to the industry throughout the Dominion is shown in a cable received from Lord Stanfordham, secretary to His Majesty the King.

Prisoners of War, 2,177. A return tabled in the Commons a few days ago by the Minister of Justice shows that since the outbreak of the war 2,177 Germans and Austrians have been taken into custody in Canada as prisoners of war.

A Counsel For Life. What never ran smooth yet can hardly be expected to change its character for us, so we must take it as we find it and fashion it into the very best shape we can by patience and good humor.

The man who flirts with trouble is apt to get it where Uncle Bill got the carbuncle.

The average man displays a lot of enthusiasm when he gets a chance to talk about himself.



"BOBBY BERESFORD TO MARRY WASHINGTON GIRL." Bobby Beresford, former lightweight amateur champion boxer and a younger brother of Lord Decies, who is to marry Miss Catherine Britton of Washington.

THE FOUR PARTNERS.

They Wanted to Hear Patti Sing, and There Was Trouble.

In the year 1869 Adelina Patti visited the city of Maastricht, in Holland. The great singer was at the height of her fame, and as the management of the theatre had to pay her a large sum the price of seats was put at twice the usual amount.

On the evening of the performance everything went well until the fourth act. When the third act was over the man who held the seat left the opera house and hastening to the Cafe Venetian, passed over the seat check to his successor.

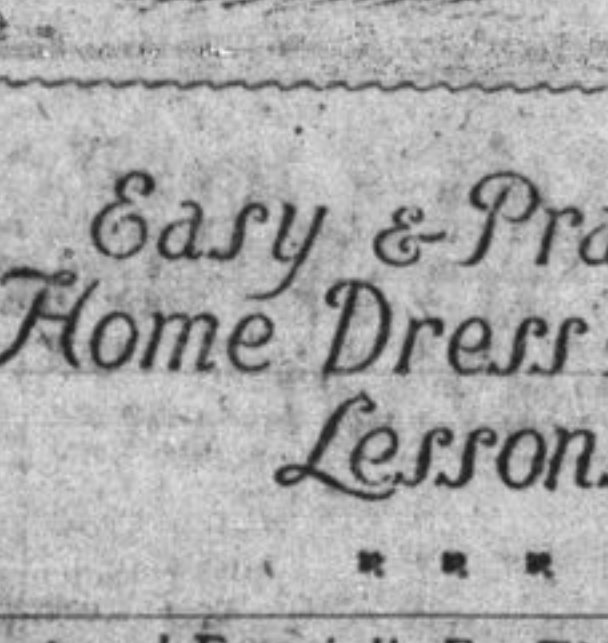
Marvelous Activities. A dinner in a restaurant thought he would have a joke with the waiter, and asked him if he had ever seen a sausage roll.

Saving His Strength. Mr. Bunker—I've walked at least twenty miles playing golf and— Mrs. Bunker (breaking in)— I don't doubt it, and yet you made an awful fuss this morning when I asked you to stop down cellar and bring up a pair of coal for me.

Might Be All Right. Philosophers tell us to brighten the world with smiles, which would be all right were there not so many people who are happy only when they have something to make them sob.

SEVERE BLOUSES POPULAR. Sheerness and vividness of their materials. Much of the severe effect is embodied in the shoulder yoke and long, plain sleeves.

The collar of the blouse is made so that it can be worn high or in turn-down effect. Therefore, in cutting out the material it is necessary to have the facing "F" placed on a lengthwise fold of the goods so it will be in one piece.



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THE MAXIM GUN.

Sir Hiram Maxim Tells a Wonderful Story.

New ideas have always fascinated me, says Sir Hiram in a recent autobiographical article. As a boy my inventiveness displayed itself in the designing of mechanical toys.

Ultimately I conceived the idea of utilizing this force for reloading and firing. I came to London, established a little workshop, and made a gun that fired and loaded itself by the energy derived from the recoil.

My first automatic gun was made at Hatton Garden, and the accounts of its extraordinary mechanism were at first received as "yanked" tall story.

It is a fact, by the way, of which few people are aware, that the invention of the maxim-gun led to the inventing of smokeless powder.

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