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present day, that dictatorial power as there was even a centur ago; and that the ruler cursed-for to him would so prove-with the genius of a Frederick or a Napoleon would, if he should attempt to imitate their tactics, but make of himself a skiming mark for the arrows of his neighbors, and one upon which the thunderbolt would be sure to fall. Thus, the very mediocrity of existing royalty, instead of being the handicap under which it seems at first sight to labor, may really tend toward a more extended permanence. As regards a lasting stability and perpetuity for the thrones of Europe it is idle to speculate, for the simple reason that the political history of the ancient world had no counterpart of and bore no relation to the political and social conditions of the present. With no precedent to go upon no deductions can be drawn. -- San Francisco Argonaut.

A Sulky Engine.

He was the engineer of one of the biggest locomotives on the New York and New Haven road, and as the train stopped at Stamford he jumped out of his cab and began fussing about his iron steed. A little oil here and a little tightening there and all the while he was talking apparently to the engine. I seemed silly, but inquiry revealed the fact that he was in dead earnest.

"I'll tell you what the trouble is," said be, as with a grimy hand he patted the glistening piston rod. "The old girl is balky and sulky. You may laugh, but I'm telling you nothing but truth. This is one of the best engines on the road and one of the largest. She isn't but three years old and is as sound as a dollar. I will defy any mechanic in the world to find anything the matter with her machinery, yet she is not working worth cent. The truth is she is sulky. Last week she was changed from her regular run to this one. The first two days she behaved all right, but the last two or three she has been

as nasty as possible. "I have one of the best firemen on the road, the coal is first class, her trains are never heavy, yet she won't work worth a cent, When I start out the steam is in good shape, her fires are drawing and everything seems just right, but by the time I get across the Harlem she begins to sulk. Her steam comes slowly, the fires don't draw and she seems all out of gear. There is but one thing to do, and that is to lay her up for a week. She don't need any tinkering; all she wants is to be let alone. Inside of a week I can run her it's not peculiar or uncommon at all. Ask he'll tell you the same thing. Why, out on the western roads an engineer won't start out with a sulky engine. They have been known to die on the road between stations. An engine is said to die, you know, when her fires keep getting lower and lower, her steam gets soggy and weak, and the first thing you know she's stone cold with her fires out. Then you have to get another engine to pull ber in, for she won't be worth a cent until she has rested awhile," and he climbed into his cab and rolled out of the depot with his train and his sulky engine. - New York Mail and Express.

The World's Population.

Here are some interesting facts about the people who compose the population of the

There are 8,064 languages in the world, and its inhabitants profess more than 1,000 re-

The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average of life is about 33 years. One-quarter die previous to the age of 17. To every 1,000 persons only one reaches 100 years of life. To every 100 only six reach the age of 65, and not more than one in 500 lives to 80 years of age.

There are on the earth 1,000,000,000 inhabitants; of these 93,033,033 die every year, 91,824 every day, 3,730 every hour and 60 every minute or I every second.

The married are longer lived than the single, and above all those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life in their favor previous to 50 years of age than men have, but fewer afterward.

The number of marriages is in the propertion of 75 to every 1,000 individuals. Marriages are more frequent after equinoxesthat is, during the months of June and De-

Those born in spring are generally of a more robust constitution than others. Births are more frequent by night than by day; of humanity.

also deaths. The number of men capable of bearing arms is calculate at one-fourth of the population.-Chicago Journal.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Mics, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria

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and is said to have numerous love let-But Harrie met Miss Annie Castle,

an heiress, of Brook-

lyn. Then did AGNES DURNING. cold blast blow over Harrie's heart, "killing and chilling" his love for Agnes, Agnes, who was working in a millinery establishment, got her trousseau all ready. She noticed, one day in a society journal, an announcement of an approaching marriage between her Harrie and Annie Castle. Agnes had also heard some "stories" about him, and wrote for an explanation. This was Harrie's reply:

AGNES-Your friend says you know all. As such is the case, inclosed find the article published in The Brooklyn Eagle two years ago, and which forced me from society. After reading the same, all of which is true, you will not wish our acquaintance to go on. You need not write me to that effect. On Saturday I will forward to you a package. You may keep the pictures of yourself and your father; the rest-the letters, etc.-return if

The article referred to told how Harrie had done certain naughty things, which had resulted in a brother artist taking his picture for the rogues' gallery. On account of youth and connections he had been given an oppor-

tunity to reform or do it again. Harrie must have been a dainty prize in some respects—an Adonis perhaps—for Agnes agreed to pass over his slight irregularities and wed him still. But Harrie thought he wouldn't like to be forgiven by Agnes, and found respite for his sensitive regret for his past deeds by marrying Annie. The result is a suit for \$10,000 breach of promise on the part of Miss Durning. The young man de-clares that it is a case of blackmail.

A DRAFT FOR FIVE MILLIONS.

Why the Prince of Wales and Emperor William Are Not Good Friends.

An interesting story is told of the Prince of Wales by a special correspondent of the New York Staats-Zeitung, who has deemed it important enough to send by cable, and claims that it comes from an authentic source. Of course, the name of the Prince of Wales is not mentioned, but the disguise is so thin that nobody can help seeing who is meant at once. It appears that during the last days of the sojourn of the then Crown out and she'll work as well as ever. Oh, no; Prince Frederick William in San Remoths Prince of Wales, who for a number any locomotive engineer in the country and of years has achieved an international reputation as an apostle of fashion and every kind of sport, and who is counted far more the prototype of the modern chevalier than of the ancient knight, went to San Remo to request the noble patient to liberate him from a bitter embarrassment by indorsing a draft for five million marks-a debt of bonor. Induced more by reasons of his relationship than from an economical motive, the crown prince acceded to the prince's request. The crown prince then became emperor, the emperor died, and immediately thereupou the five million draft became due. The maker of the draft, that is the Prince of Wales, had made no provisions for the payment of it, but the young emperor (William II) declared that he would not allow the property of his mother-sister of the Prince of Wales-to be attached for this purpose, and that was the last of it, notwithstanding the pleading, then the indignation and the threats of the Prince of Wales, who for that purpose had spent

several days at that time in Berlin. In this emergency of the royal gambler the Count Wilhelm Redern, the son of the chief chamberlain of the emperor who recently died, in a most involuntary way came to his assistance. In a continued session of ecarte with the Prince of Wales it is said Count Redern lost all that he called his own; at least the draft, with the indorsement of the crown prince, was immediately afterwards cashed. To complete the story, and to pacify those who sympathized with the Prince of Wales, said correspondent also mentions that immediately preceding the arrival of Emperor William in Vienna the former repaired to Hungary, where he, by relieving several Hungarian magnates of their surplus possessions, obtained the means to allay in a measure the impatience of his numerous creditors.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

A traveler called at a but in the vicinity of Denver, Colo., and requested some dinner. The lady, her spouse being absent, refused to supply his necessities for money or the love

"Very well," said the hungry traveler as he turned his footsteps from the inhospitable abode, "you will want nothing to eat tomorrow.

"Why not?" inquired the woman. "Because," answered the weary man, "the Indians are digging a tunnel at Devil's Bluff lake, and they are going to turn all the waters of the lake into the valley, and you and all the rest of the people are to be drowned."

Upon this intelligence the old lady burried off to the priest to inform him that a flood was to overflow the valley, and to ask what was to be done in the sad emergency.

The priest endeavored to quiet her fears by The Paris perfect of police has bought a | telling her that God had promised that he

"But," exclaimed the affrighted woman, "it isn't God that's doing it-it's the cussed Indians." "In that case," said the priest, "you'd better git." And she got. - Denver Tribune.

A jest that makes a virtuous woman only smile often frightens away a prude; but when real danger forces the former to flee the latter does not hesitate to advance .-

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