A Rich, Rare, and Racy Scandal-The Princess Esterhazy Assailed by Her Daughter-Potatoes and Tears as a Steady Diet.

The following is a copy of a most extraordisary letter which has been addressed to the Vienna public by the Countess Bathyany Apraxin, and in which she assails violently the enduct of her mother, the Princess Esterhazy:-

"The newspapers," writes the Countees, "have or some time past been occupying themselves with an affair which concerns me nearly. All those who have read the articles in question must incontestably put to themselves the following question:—"What crime can a daughter have committed that a mother should punish her in a manner as revolting as it is contrary to law and to nature?

I find myself forced to reply. Having done nothing to merit such a punishment, finding myself reduced not merely to poverty, but what is still worse to a heart like mine, seeing my honor dragged through the mud by my own mother, I desire to defend my-

I shall relate succinctly my life during eight years and a half. I am driven to take this des-perate course, for my family, by its influence, has shown me clearly its object, that of reducing me to helplessness by imposing its will on my defenders and closing my mouth even before the

Guilty in appearance before public opinion, it is desired to have me remain so in order that my mother may be acquitted and I condemned. Let us see on which side is the wrong, on which the right.

In 1861, after having quitted my family for the principal reasons with which every one is acquainted, for which I blame myself, and for which I shall repent to the hour of my death. I remained alone in the world, for immediately after my mother, under the pretext of not being able to quit her son-in-law, my husband, abandoned me entirely. I ask whether, notwithstand-ing my faults, she was right as a mother in passing over to the camp of the enemy?

Would she not have done better to come to me, her child, and as a woman to extend her hand to raise me and place me in a right course? No; she put her foot on my head to crush me still more.

Strange woman! Had she no idea of what she exposed me to-me, a spoiled child par ex-cellence—spoiled by society, spoiled by every one; me, who had been reared to believe myself phonix? She did not understand the peril in which she flung me head foremost.

I wrote to her at that time to ask the support of her tenderness. She repulsed me. I asked her at least to give me news of the children. received the following reply on a scrap of Paper:"You are unworthy to receive news of your

children.' I was guilty. Oh, yes, I own it: but was that a reason to drive me to despair, and, as a

consequence of that despair, to folly? Folly came; after long weeping, after nights passed without sleep, I sought a consolation. I required some objectin life. My imagination, too ardent and rendered unhealthy at that time by grief, my mind nervous and agitated, all drove me to act like a spoiled child. Without experi-ence, for it was not years that were wanting to me, it was the experience of life, I committed the enormous folly, a folly without name a thou-sand times more blamable, I will say more ridiculous, to believe myself predestined for the

theatre—to study the dramatic art.
For this purpose I repaired to Paris, where friend of my childhood-a noble heart, a mind such as is rarely to be met with (the Princess de Metternich), put aside the prejudices of the world and came to me without fearing the millions of calumnies that people would amuse themselves inventing respecting me. She wanted to judge for herself, and she saw that the world

Although young, she assumed the role that mencement, and that the latter had never

adopted. "Julie," said to me this friend, "I believe that you are always the same, loyal and good, but in the name of heaven quit this false route; you are not born for the theatrs; neither your rank nor your position authorizes this career. I know that you have labored seriously, but sacrifice what you have done to your mother, to your children. Every one will approve of your con-

The advice of that friend, a woman distin guished for her superior qualities, went straight to my heart. I felt an ardent desire to return into a good path, and I therefore obeyed her with joy and gratitude. I then understood the danger in which a woman is placed who departs from the line traced out for the commonest of mortals. I shall all my life thank the noble and courageous friend who facilitated to me this return to reason.

From that time I experienced an invincible

repugnance to every kind of extravagant ten-

The same friend of whom I speak with so much gratitude is a witness of the calm and respectable life which I have led for the last six vears. But far from bringing my mother nearer to me, it appeared to widen the distance between ns. I besought her to come and see me were it only for eight days; I a hundred times reiterated this prayer, but in vain.

Still the same friend, and many others in addition, old and young, gave her to understand how much filial love had encouraged me in my good resolutions, but she listened neither to that friend nor to the others who made the same representations to her. My mother had always some frivolous pretext for not coming. She had no money to undertake the journey; she had no sime; she feared to offend her son-in-law in acting as a mother; she had, it seems, begun to regard me with horror.

I passed my existence weeping: all my friends sympathized with troubles so little merited, but I suffered in silence, with resignation and without deviating from my good resolutions. For if my mother was not near to guide and advise me, there was in the other world the soul of my father-in-law, which did not abundon me. That cherished, holy, and respected souvenir gave me strength to struggle against evil and perse-

vere in good. I had committed a censurable act eight and a half years previously, in quitting my poor children, but I had committed it in a moment of giddiness and apprehension. Vengeance has been taken on me by holding them up as the most implacable judges of my conduct. During those eight years I made three loyal and unre-stricted attempts to repair, as far as I could, that fault. In the third of these attempts, the friend of whom I speak, and who professes great influence, supported my cause with my family, but they cast me off all the same. And yet I made but one modest request: - "To return home to take the last of places; to be there even less than the least of servants, in order to enjoy.

after a long martyrdom, the right of being still

the mother of my children."

Each time they replied to me with a humanity without example, that all that was not suffi-cient. My mother, not satisfied with wringing my heart, endeavored two years ago to punish me physically. She took back from me at that time 200 florins, out of the small monthly allow-ance of 700 florins which she gave me. I resisted this act of injustice, but again, and as before, in vain. She would not yield, and assigned for cause the debts contracted by brother. I continued, therefore, to live not merely an isolated life, but also an existence materially very poor, but still more and more

tranquil and respectable.

When, about ten months ago, without any reason and without notice of any sort, my allow ance from my mother ceased, I thought that it was merely a delay, and at last wrote in order to avoid the recurrence of such painful disappoint ments in regard to so small an allowance. It was not thought necessary even to reply to me. Net-

HIGH LIFE. | ther my mother nor her first employe, to whom also addressed myself, felt themselves called upon to give any signs of life I wrote letters still more pressing; the same silence. Friends, relatives wrote on my behalf. None of them received answers. I thought that I should have lost my reason. This silence lasted four months; my mother finished by sending me back my letters unread. My letters, written from the beart, would have moved a rock. My mother emained indifferent to them.

During these four months of mortal silence it was perhaps hoped that I would die of hunger or that I would have flung myself into the Seine in despair. I was exposed to everything by this obstinate mutism-to suicide, to dishonor, to theft as a means of sustaining life.

I remained months austained merely by pota toes or haricot beans, which I cooked myself. In eating I watered them with more tears than I thought I could have shed during my whole life. Finding, at the end of four months, to the great regret of my mother, that I still lived, that had committed no crime which would authorize her to disembarrass herself of the support of a daughter whom she detested, by casting her into a prison of some kind, she made me an offer which I could not accept, namely, that she would restore the miserable monthly pension which she had formerly allowed me if I would sell at that price the fortune which had been eft me by the will of my poor, adored father-in-

I was forced, seeing that no gentle means was likely to lead to an acceptable result, to address myself to the tribunals. The following was my

That my mother should pay me the ten months' arrears, in order that I might acquit my obligations towards the friends who had lent me

the means to live.

I also demanded that my alimentary pension should be fixed from that time by the law, in should be fixed from that time by the law, in proportion to the fortune of my mother and the number of her children. We are but two, my brother and myself. The income of my mother—the net income—is 100,000 florins

In short, I desire, after having assured my present, to secure my future. I wish to convince myself if my half share, the life use of which my mother enjoys, is much embarrassed or at all endangered. I must de this during the life of my mother, for after her

this during the life of my mother, for after her death there would be no means of remedying the

I claim only my right, and the law will accord it to me. Noble and devoted friends, intiacquainted with the unjustifiable conduct of my mother, promise me their sup-port in everything to the end of this revolting struggle.

On arriving here my first duty was to repair to Lanschiter to the tomb of my poor father. The state in which I found this tomb made me comprehend everything. This souvenir had not been respected. The tomb was in rains. The etters of the inscription on the white marble cross are in a great measure effaced; the lime of the walls of the chapel is falling in on every side, and the bricks are following it. The grave even has a withered appearance. Two or three rose trees, planted twenty years ago, regard each other in the distance, and to weep over their sbandonment. And over this desolated grave I whom he had cherished as if I had been his own child knelt sobbing with my heart torn and without bread. While at Bakersan my mother is living in great style, she has not money sufficient to keep in order the grave of him to whom she owes everything, or a copper to fling to me. But on this grave I have taken an oath to avenge that sacred memory, outraged in my person-the dearest object that the departed one cherished on earth.

Not content with doing me all the evil she could, my mother has never thought of effacing, in the eyes of the world, my past faults, by dwelling with the maternal pride which ought to be instinctive on my life of reparation. On the contrary, the more she, her intimates, and her employes have been able to blacken me in the eyes of the world, the more they have done it.
This letter has no other object than that of

clearing my honor, which is the honor of my children. Since my mother has not undertaken to do it, I must do it myself, for I ask of every loyal heart if there can be a more poignant grief than that of having always been honest and being treated as criminal.

I recognize in but one person the right of never pardoning me my faults, for he only has been wounded by them. God, my mother, and society have justly punished me for them. After many years of repentance God has pardoned me. My mother is more severe than God.

Before the Court my mother's lawyer told me that my mother owed me no allowance, that being of age I ought to earn my own bread, and the Judge did not contradict him. I endeavored to refute this assertion, but the Judge told me curtly to hold my tongue. I suppose because my defense should have been offered by my lawyer, but the latter found it convenient to allow this incident to pass unobserved. This law does not exist for us children of aristocrats. We have not been reared to earn our bread. In what manner, then, does my mother's lawyer mean that I should gain a livelihood? Let the world utter a shout of blame and indignation at such an infamy.

COMTESSE JULIE BATHYANY APRATIN. P. S .- Let my mother thank her defender, advocate, and counsellor for the censure which this letter will justly cause to be cast on her. The world must not imagine that I have employed in these pages all my arms. I have held in reserve the most venomous, and will only use them in the event of my being forced to use

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To make an Appropriation to Pay the Interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia falling due on the first of January, 1870.

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December 21, at 10 o'clock, at No. 529 Arch street, will be sold the stock of dental furniture, machinery, tools, instruments, etc.

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On Tuesday Morning.

At 10 o'clock, at the auction store, No. 1110 Chesnut street, will be sold an assortment of goods suitable for Christmas presents, comprising elegant Bohemian toilet sets, vases, etc.; morocco satchels, bags, and ladies' com-panions; desks; work-boxes; toys; paint-boxes; cigar-boxes; perfumery caskets; zephyr goods, etc. 12 15 2t SALE OF ELEGANT WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

MAGIC LANTERNS, ETC.

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On Wednesday Morning.

At 10 o'clock, at the auction store, No. 1110 Chesnut street, will be sold, the balance of the stock of John M. Harper, deceased, consisting of gold and silver watches, gold vest chains, chatelains chains and pins, gold jewelry, studs, sleeve buttons, finger rings, necklaces, bracelets, per cils, etc. percis, etc.

MAGIC LANTERN.—Also, will be sold, a superior magic lantern, with over 200 slides, representing Scripture and other subjects, cost over \$500.

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On Wednesday.

Dec. 22d, at 2% o'clock P. M., will be continued, the sale of Prof. M. W. Dickeson's collection, con string of American silver and copper Colonial and Washington pieces; miscellaneous coins, medals, cards, tokens, etc., books, pamphlets, autographs, prints, minerals and curi-Catalogues now ready at the auction store. 12 20 26

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C. D. McCLEES & CO., AUCTIONEERS LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF BOOTS, SHOEN, BROGANS, ETC.,
On Thursday Morning,
Dec. 25, at 10 o'clock, including a large line of ladies', misses', and children's city-made goods, to which we invite the attention of the trade.

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LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF 850 LOTS FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, SILKS, LINENS, L. C. HDKYS, FURS, MILLINERY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC.

SALE AT THE WARRROOMS OF JOSEPH WAL.

TON & CO., No. 413 WALNUT STREET.

On Friday Morning.

Dec. 24, commencing at 10% o'clock, will be sold, by catalogue, the large stock of furniture, manufactured by the well-known house of Joseph Walton & Co., and which was slightly damaged by the late fire at their store, but has now been put in complete condition, and will be apid at their warerooms on the day above named, without reserve.

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