

ROYAL BABIES.

A writer in the Charleston News, excited over the domestic affairs of European monarchs, indulges in this essay:—

"Throughout the kingdom when pealing bells through the kingdom give joyful tidings of the happy nuptials of Kingly Darby and Queenly Joan, the thoughts of every loyal subject fondly turn to the expected royal baby. The wail or woe of the superb parents is a matter of small consequence. The object of the glittering pageant is a royal baby, and when that limp specimen of royal humanity does come to town, guns are fired, hourly bulletins reveal the state of the infant's pulse, and loyal hives become loyal oblivious of all the cares of life. King Darby and Queen Joan may now go marching home just as fast as they please. The kingdom is safe, though it may be more interested at the moment in golden tops and emerald marbles than in the peace and quietude of the nation's exchequer."

"Every squall of the royal baby echoes in the maternal heart of every patriotic subject. Teething is met by public prayer. A recovery from whooping cough is heralded by rolling salutes of pestiferous cannon. The measles become the deadly foe of millions until the perilous crisis is past, and as for smallpox, a pest upon the thought. And the royal baby grows in wisdom and grace in the public mind. The loyal press claims the praises of its precocious intelligence and robust health. There are two royal babies—the one, the baby of the royal public, bright, capable, and strong; the other, the true baby of the royal household, flabby, weak, and stupid. But it answers every purpose. The people believe that the baby is all that they wish it to be. What mother sees faults in her toddling first-born? And the mother of the first royal baby is millions of royal people."

"A man is envied who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but what can express the glory of the baby all whose spoons are gold, whose candy is rolled in gilded paper, whose dolls are gilded in satins fine, whose every toy is a jewel of price, whose tears are dried with gold brocade, whose infantine accents reach the outer world through the mouths of silver trumpets? This is, in very truth, the glory and the splendor of royal babies—as the public mind believes. There may be within the palace walls a hollow-eyed, weazened child, hugging a dilapidated wooden monotony to its heaving breast, and loving nannies better than *patte de pigeon* or the choicest *bon-bons* of Paris; but this, whatever the truth, is not the royal baby whom the people think they know and actually do love."

"Time rolls on with royal babies as with the clock of chimney-sweep or dustman, and by the time that the baby is out of its long and into its shorts the minister of its royal father and mother are on the *quid* for a royal marriage. Perched on the top of the social tree, does the baby marry whom it pleases? Not a bit of it. The peasant may marry for love and the king for policy, but the royal baby must wed for reasons of state, to prop a falling throne, to confirm a waiting friend, or soften a bitter foe. This is a part of the price that must be paid for the golden spoons of royal babyhood."

"The universe is hunted over, and very soon a list is prepared of eligible candidates for the hand of the royal prodigy. Again is the public on the alert, eager for another wedding and more royal babies. A husband or a wife is bargained for just as a string of fish is bought in the market. And then the bawling and more bulletins are published, and the whole programme goes over again."

"But where is the use of it? And where will it end? His Majesty Intelix XXIII may have ten royal babies who are cheerfully provided for by the loyal tax-payers; but when these ten are multiplied by ten, and these again by ten, who is to provide the pensions and palaces, the purple and fine linen, the jewels and the golden sceptres? A people is not like the magic horse, whose back grows longer as the burdens were heaped upon it. There must be a limit to its endurance; and who can tell whether the breaking of the popular back will be heralded by a silent protest or a war of revolution? The royal baby must be a prince, unless some monarchial Malthus seize the reins and curb the multiplication and increase, the wealth of a whole nation will be insufficient to support its parasitic babies. A squall is brewing, but, I the same, the Emperor of Russia and the King of Prussia meet at Eins to arrange a marriage for two more royal babies."

"GEORGE SAND.—Imagine a woman of low stature, fat without obesity, broad-shouldered, and whose head, out of proportion in size, has the placid expression of people who are always dreaming, and who possess the faculty of abstracting their thoughts from external objects. Her widely opened eyes are black, a coarse, deep, opaque black, without a luminous point. The pupils are so fixed they make the owner impervious. The mouth is vulgar, and reveals nothing, neither passions nor appetites. The complexion is the color of old ivory, and a physician would diagnose a liver disease at sight of a line which resembles that called by extravasated bile. As for her hands, their microscopic dimensions remind me of the reply made by a princess who was complimented on her small feet. "When they get to be that size they are not advantages, they are infirmities." Madame Sand's short, plump hands look like those of a child eight years old. She rises at 11 o'clock, and breakfasts alone, having an egg and a cup of coffee without milk or sugar. Breakfast ended, she lights a cigarette of Maryland tobacco, which she smokes, and smokes it very fondly, her cigarette is nearly consumed she throws it into a small earthenware pot half filled with water placed on the table. The *petit* made by the burning tobacco as it falls in the water highly amuses her. She forbids her guests smoking cigars and pipes. After breakfast she walks in her park, if the weather permit, or plays a few games of *cochonnet* (twelve-faced Jack), in which she is very skillful. At half-past 12 she goes to her chamber, and there she works until half-past 3, when dinner is served. Madam Sand is very fond of smoking, and smokes fish or vegetable soup. Game is rarely on the table. Fish is occasionally served; her favorite fish is fried stickleback, which she herself catches with a large butterfly hoop-net in a neighboring stream. She is extremely fond of vegetables and fruit, especially the latter. She frequently has, during the season, as many as five varieties of strawberries on her table at one time."

"THE HEAD OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, who might be supposed to know, lately addressed a document to the Queen, in which he styled her "the supreme head on earth of the Church of England." The *Saturday Review* pronounces this the strangest blunder that it ever saw. It says that for more than three hundred years the title of the head of the Church has had no legal being, and has formed no part of the royal style. It was never used by Henry VIII and Edward VI, but never afterwards: "Yet the notion clings to men's minds in a way which seems quite unaccountable. That the king is by law the head of the Church is one of the commonest of beliefs; the great mass of people, we have no doubt, fully believe it; lawyers and political leaders believe it; they put the supposed fact into their law-books and into their parliamentary speeches, and ground elaborate legal and parliamentary arguments upon this mere delusion. And though it is certain that the title has never, since the early days of Mary, formed any part of the regular royal style, it is not at all unlikely that it may have crept into formal documents earlier than the present singular paper dated from Addington. And yet, after all, the belief that the king is by law the head of the Church is exactly of a piece with the kindred beliefs that the "royal family" may not marry "subjects, that the law of charitable uses is the *Magna Carta*, that man may not marry his second cousin, or that he may sell his wife in the market. Still here is the fact, that the Archbishop of Canterbury, or whoever draws up papers in his name, bestows on Queen Victoria a title which Queen Elizabeth distinctly refused, and which Queen Victoria has certainly not asked for. The writer of the document probably thought himself extremely clever in digging up some forgotten form of the time of Henry VIII or Edward VI; so he copied the heading of all the *Magna Carta*, and all the other documents, that he had read, and said about the matter in the sixteenth century and all that has been said about it in the nineteenth."

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PROPOSALS.

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RAILROAD LINES.

1870.—FOR NEW YORK.—THE CAMDEN AND AMBOY AND PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANIES. From Philadelphia to New York via Camden and Jersey City. At 6:00 A. M., Accommodation, and 3 P. M., Express, Mail, and 5:30 P. M., Accommodation via Camden and Jersey City.

At 6 P. M., for Amboy and intermediate stations. At 6:30 A. M., 3 and 6:30 P. M., for Trenton. At 6:30 A. M., and 3 P. M., for Morrisville and Tullytown.

At 6:30 A. M., 12 M., 12:30, 5, 6, 8, 11:30 P. M., for Philadelphia, Trenton, Burlington, Beverly, Delaware, Newark, Camden, and Philadelphia. At 6:30 and 10 A. M., 12 M., 3:30, 5, 6, 8, and 11:30 P. M., for Edgewater, Riverdale, Hiverton, and Fish House.

At 7:00 A. M., 2:30, 3:30, and 5 P. M., for Trenton and Bristol, and at 10:45 A. M. and 6 P. M. for Bristol. At 7:30 A. M., 4:30, and 5 P. M., for Morrisville and Tullytown.

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