

EARL OF ROSEBERRY.

THE KIND OF MAN BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER IS.

A Protege of Gladstone's and Friend of America—He Would Make of England a Federal Republic Much Like the United States.

Lord Roseberry, who has succeeded Mr. Gladstone as leader of the Liberal party in England, and Premier of Great Britain, has traveled exten-



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sively in the United States, and is a great admirer of American and American institutions. He is even more democratic than Mr. Gladstone, and his dearest political dream is the formation of a federal government for England. He is the president and founder of the Imperial Federation League, having imbibed his idea from a study of the American constitution. His plan is the formation of a great group of home-ruling States—Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia, South Africa, all sending their Commons and Senators to Westminster. The plan is essentially that of the American Union adapted to British conditions, and involves the destruction of the House of Lords and the substitution of an elective chamber in its stead.

Although an aristocrat by birth, Lord Roseberry is very democratic in his ideas, and it is hinted that he may be even more progressive than Mr. Gladstone has been.

The new Premier was born in 1847. He is fifth Earl of Roseberry. He received the conventional English education—Eton and Oxford—and succeeded to the title upon attaining his majority, beginning life with every advantage upon his side. In 1874 he was president of the ocal Science Congress, which met at Glasgow, and four years later he was elected Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen in succession to Mr. W. E. Foster. In August, 1881, Mr. Gladstone appointed him Under Secretary of State for the Home Department under Sir William Vernon Harcourt.

In January, 1885, Lord Roseberry was taken into the cabinet as Lord Privy Seal and First Commissioner of Works, and in February of the following year, when Mr. Gladstone resumed office, he was made Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. He evinced conspicuous fitness for this office and is acknowledged as the best foreign secretary in the party.

Lord Roseberry is an accomplished public speaker and has written a life of Pitt. He has a horse that is a favorite for this year's Derby and has become popular on the turf. He is also a Knight of the Garter.

Personally, he is suave, ambitious and gifted with the ability to make himself popular. He looks somewhat like the Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of



Downing House, Residence of the Prime Minister.

Maryland. He is the best after-dinner speaker in England, and one of the ablest debaters in the House of Lords.

Lord Roseberry is of Scottish blood, as Gladstone is. He has been Gladstone's most faithful protege and bondman. He is very rich. His wife, who died in 1890, was the richest heiress in England. She was Hannah, the only child of Baron Meyer de Rothschild, and one of the numerous names of Lord Roseberry's eldest son and heir is Meyer. Lady Roseberry had in her own right an income of \$500,000 a year. The enormous wealth thus placed within the reach of Lord Roseberry is believed to have materially assisted his political fortunes. The Prince of Wales at one time wanted Roseberry for a son-in-law, but he was ambitious, and knew that connection with the royal family would prove a bar to his political promotion. He preferred to be Prime Minister to being a duke.

Undoubtedly the new English premier is an able man, and one who is destined to leave his mark upon English politics. He is committed to reform—all the reforms Mr. Gladstone has advocated—and some others besides. In one respect he is strong where Mr. Gladstone was weak—he favors a strong foreign policy with a spice of the jingoism that is dear to the British heart.

It is predicted that Lord Roseberry's term of office for the present will be a short one. A new election will occur in Great Britain soon, and the financial revolution that has caused radical revolution in this country is likely to similarly affect England. Lord Roseberry will probably return to power, but the events of history indicate that the future of England is in the hands of the Liberals and Roseberry will not be likely to remain out of office long.

R. L. SIMMS.

NOTES FROM GOTHAM.

LIVELY COMMENT FROM THE COMMERCIAL CAPITAL.

Sorosis Holds an Election—The New President—Two New Parks—Promised Success of the Greater New York—Excitement in Wall Street.

Special New York Letter. For the first time in its history that successful woman's club, Sorosis, had, during the past week, the fun and excitement of a battle of ballots—just like the men, you know. Hitherto, the annual elections of Sorosis have been tame affairs. The candidates were agreed upon beforehand, and elected in turn by a viva voce vote. This year, however, there were two tickets in the field, with printed bal-



Excitement on Change.

lots and all the excitement and no little of the hard feeling of a regular political contest. Mrs. Lozier has been the honored president for the past three years, but it appears that Sorosis, while not objecting to a third term draws the line at a fourth. Mrs. Lozier was compelled to retire under this rule, and two candidates appeared for the succession. They were Mrs. W. Tod Helmuth, wife of the celebrated surgeon, and Mrs. Alma Calder Johnson, the author. It seems that there was an issue involved in the election, but it is pretty difficult to define it. Mrs. Johnson was the regular candidate, representing the hitherto ruling literary coterie, while Mrs. Helmuth entered the field by virtue of her wealth and social position. Mrs. Johnson represented the progressive element of the club, Mrs. Helmuth the conservative. As near as I can understand, the dividing line was whether the woman of the future is to be the superior or merely the equal of man. Mrs. Johnson represented the idea of woman's superiority. Mrs. Helmuth, as she expressed it herself, "believed in the equality, not in the supremacy of her sex." On these great issues the battle was fought, and Mrs. Helmuth won, by a narrow majority.

The new president of Sorosis is a charming woman, and as active in good works as she is in society. She has been a member of Sorosis since 1876, and frequently on its executive committee. She was the founder and is the president of the Woman's Guild of the Flower Hospital, is interested in the Hahnemann Hospital, and in other charities. She is also greatly interested in her husband's work, and is said to know as much about medicine as many a physician.

The park area of the city is soon to be enlarged by two small parks. The first, to be known as Colonial Park, will extend from One Hundred and Forty-fifth street to One Hundred and Fifty-first street, and be bounded on the east and west by Edgecomb road and Bradhurst avenue. The authorities are given the power to begin condemnation proceedings at once. The other will be called St Nicholas Park, and will extend on the westerly side of St. Nicholas avenue from One Hundred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Forty-first streets, and westerly



Mrs. W. Tod Helmuth.

in an irregular shape to Tenth avenue. There is some opposition to the new parks, and cries of a "Farmyard Job," but in view of the future, the action taken in securing these sites is both wise and beneficent.

The expression of public opinion since the passage of the greater New York bill seems to indicate the success of that measure. Few people realize the colossal proportions of this great project. It will make New York, at one stroke, not only the second city in the world, but the greatest in actual size. With such a territory, it cannot be long before it will surpass London in population. At the present rate of increase, the territory of the new city will, within fifty years, embrace 10,000,000 of people. What a municipality it will be!

Excitement has been at fever heat in Wall street during the past week. Sugar stocks have been manipulated in a way to carry the thoughts of speculators back to the "good old times" of wild fluctuations. There has been a continuance of the bull movement generally, and the confidence in a business revival is now high and boastful. As a matter of fact, the business pulse is daily growing steadier, and the confidence of Wall street seems to be well founded.

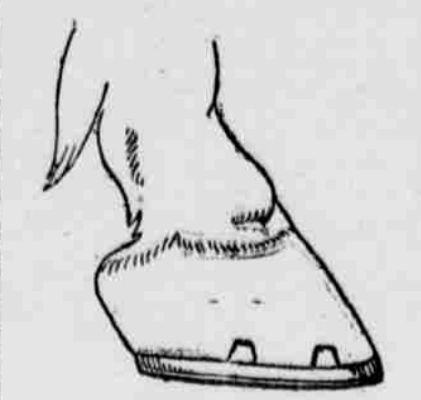
MILTON S. MAYHEW.

The "Gentle Reader." Charles Dickens once received an invitation to a "Walter Scott" party, each guest being expected to appear in the character of one or the other of Scott's heroes. On the eventful night, however, Dickens appeared in simple evening dress, among a host of Rob Roy and Ivanhoe. The host asked him which of Scott's characters he represented. "Why, sir," replied Dickens, "I am a character you will find in every one of Scott's novels. I am the 'gentle reader.'"

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Ever since the custom of shoeing horses with a rim of iron on the hoof began, as it is conjectured that the primitive methods did not vary essentially from those employed in our day, it has been a problem to save the hoofs from injury by the fitting on of the red-hot shoes, the paring of the bone to the quick in leveling the foot and the pricking of the frog, that common cause of lameness, by the reckless driving of nails by unskilful blacksmiths. The last trouble is more frequently met with, for even when the



Shoe in Position.

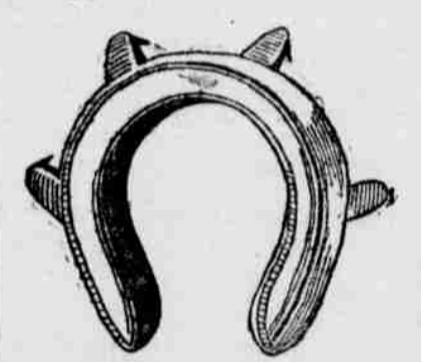
nails are most carefully put in it often happens that one will split under the blows of the hammer and the horse be lamed despite the best art of the smith. To alleviate the dangers of shoeing has been a close study among American horse-owners, notably with Robert Bonner. His first step when he purchased Maud S. from W. H. Vanderbilt for \$40,000 was to change her shoes in accordance with his ideas. That the change was beneficial was demonstrated to all horsemen at Cleveland, O., in 1885, when Maud S. made her great mile in 2:05 1/2, a record never equaled until the advent of the bicycle sulky.

It is Mr. Bonner's theory that not only is speed increased in the trotter but also the usefulness of every type of the driving and work horse augmented by proper shoeing. He is most emphatic in declaring that bad shoeing is the most frequent cause of lameness in horses.

In England owners have had the same experience with work and carriage horses, and after long-suffering they have adopted a new plan to remedy the trouble, the use of a shoe fixed firmly to the hoof without the use of nails, the invention of a practical smith, Mr. Benfield, Walsell.

The shoe is made of the best soft steel. No tools but a rasp and a hammer are needed in putting on the shoe. After removing the old shoe, the bottom of the foot is rasped perfectly flat, to get a thoroughly level bearing. Then the shoe is placed on the foot, and if it should be a little too wide a knock with the hammer will close it to the required size, the quality of the steel allowing for the opening or closing. Then let the horse stand with his hoof in the shoe (holding up one leg, if necessary, to make him stand firm) and with a hammer close the clips to the hoof. Thus fixed it will hold firmly and keep in place better than a nailed shoe. The small points of the slips entering the hoof on the outside, the natural growth is not interfered with in the slightest degree, and the danger of injury by nails is entirely obviated. Although best applied by a skilled blacksmith, any man of moderate skill can remove an old or fix on a new shoe, by no means a small advantage.

Two styles of the shoe are made. For farming use and ordinary work on country roads the shoe has a solid tread, to which less care can be readily applied. For city work and ordinary driving purposes the shoe has a rubber



Rubber Pad Shoe With Inflexible Rubber P.

pad or rib inserted in a groove, which projects slightly beyond the surface of the metal. The rubber padding saves any jar of the foot on hard pavements and gives a firm footing on the most slippery surface, whether of asphalt, frost or ice. In either form the shoe is lighter than the ordinary ones, being made of the best softened steel instead of iron. The cost is moderate, and from its durability it is really cheaper than an iron shoe.

It has been most favorably spoken of by the veterinary profession and the press, the newspapers stating that this invention will "revolutionize the shoeing of horses."

There is also a special shoe made for mules which enables them to go long distances without fatigue.

In England the shoes have been in use for some time and have met all expectations. Mr. Benfield holds patents in England, France and America. For the past twelve months he has been perfecting the mode of manufacture and general construction of the shoe, that will enable the turning out of a large quantity daily.

Treatment of Horn Brittleness.

In treating cows for horn brittleness, a stock raiser in Austria, found no good resulting from feeding bone meal when the water used from a spring was perfectly soft—that is, without mineral matter. But upon changing them to the water of another spring containing carbonate, sulphate and phosphate of lime, and chlorate of magnesia in small quantities, the effects were as follows: 1. The animals drank half as much again as before. 2. The cows gave more and better milk than before. 3. The worst diseased cows at once began to get better, and this was the first case in which any of them recovered without removal. 4. The oxen showed far better condition than could be previously attained on the best of food and with the most careful attention. No fresh cases occurred as soon as the change of water was introduced.

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