

LONDON'S IMPORTANT CLUBS.

Their Names, Who the Members Are, and What They Stand For.

London's most important club, from the social point of view, is no doubt the Marlborough, which is situated in Pall Mall, not very far from Marlborough House. It owes its prestige to the favor of the King, who still visits it on occasion and has his favorite seat in the dining room, which it need hardly be said, no one would dream of occupying. Membership is practically confined to the people whom the King regards with favor, or who are in the more exclusive court set. Should his Majesty by any chance visit any of the clubs to which he belongs he is by his own request, treated like any other member, but it need hardly be said that no one would ever dream of approaching him unless special permission were given for the purpose, and the King always speaks first to any one with whom he desires to converse.

One of the most expensive clubs is the Naval and Military, founded in 1862. It is frequently spoken of as the "In and Out" Club, because of the two words placed over the gateway. Entrance to it is obtained for a fee of 40 guineas, and the annual subscription is 10 guineas.

Much older however are the Guards' and the United Service, which opened their doors within two years of one another, the former having been started in 1813 and the latter in 1815, the year in which Waterloo was fought. The Guards' Club has a strict rule against the admission of strangers, and it forbids the playing of round games of cards. The United Service Club, which moved from Charles street to the premises it now occupies in Pall Mall, in 1828, the change having cost close upon \$100,000, is commonly called "The Senior," and it has some of the most famous men living on its books, the Kaiser and the Czar being among its hon. mem. members, while such great soldiers as Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, and Lord Wolseley are members. The other Service clubs include the Army and Navy, the Junior United Service, the Cavalry and the Junior Naval and Military.

Among the political clubs the most important are the Carlton, for the Conservatives, and the Reform, which is strictly Liberal in its principles. The entrance fee to both is \$40, and the annual subscription 10 guineas.

The largest of the political clubs is the Constitutional, which is housed in Northumberland avenue. It has a membership of 6,500, who pay an entrance fee of 10 guineas or 15 guineas and an annual subscription of 7 guineas or 4 guineas, according as they are town or country members.

The National Liberal runs it close to membership with 6,000, while the Junior Carlton, in Piccadilly, has 5,000 members, and the Junior Conservative 3,500.

At the head of the scientific and literary clubs stands the Athenaeum, which was founded in 1824, for the promotion of persons of scientific and literary attainments and artists, and noblemen and gentlemen, patrons of learning, etc. Those who originally came together for the purpose were the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earls of Liverpool and Aberdeen, Earl of Chantrey, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Fryer, the inventor of the safety lamp, Moore, and seven men who were afterward to be Prime Ministers of England.

The social clubs are exceedingly numerous, among the leading ones being the Bath, which combines social, with swimming and other sporting accomplishments; the Windham, with the curious entrance fee of 31 guineas and the Wellington, which admits ladies as visitors, as does the Bachelors'.

Among the other famous social clubs are Bowdler's, the Cocoa Tree, and the Hatched House.

For those interested in the theatre there are the Garrick, in Garrick street, where famous actors can often be seen lunching as they sit at the tables by the windows; the Green Room, where the less excited members of the theatrical profession fraternize, and the Savage, which numbers among its members lovers of no less a personage than the King himself.

To satisfy the growing clubbable instincts and desires of women there are close on thirty ladies' clubs. The one with the largest membership is the Feminae, which numbers 3,600 women of social position, but the oldest is the Alexandra, which was established in 1884 for "ladies of position" only.—The Pitts.

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An Animal Census.

According to an official of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, the latest enumeration of the animals known to science includes no less than three hundred and ninety species. The real number is believed to be much larger.

It has been estimated that of insects alone the earth harbors two million species; but the late Professor Riley, a recognized authority on the subject, held even that estimate as far too low. According to his opinion, ten million would be a moderate estimate of the number of insect species. The number of individuals is, of course, incalculable.

Paper Famine.

There can be no doubt that within a very few years the shortage of paper will work some very curious changes in certain familiar aspects of life. Paper is made from grasses and wood pulp, but so far as newspapers are concerned, almost entirely from the latter. The rise in paper is already causing alarm in Europe. In morning newspapers are no more the authors until the forests have grown themselves again.—Indian Daily News, Calcutta.

A Mild Remonstrance.

He was a kindly old clergyman, and he hated to have to suspect the honesty of any one. But at last it was impossible to ignore the quality of the milk, and he approached the milkman very nervously. "I merely wish to remark," said the good man in his kindest, mildest manner, "that I require milk for dietary purposes, and not for use at christenings."—Detroit News-Tribune.

Doctored Tea.

The tea importers are asking that the inspection of tea be transferred from the Treasury to the Agricultural Department—on the ground, apparently, that the scientific experts of the latter will be better able to detect and stop fraudulent purposes. Cheap teas, they say, are frequently adulterated with indigo and talc to make them resemble better grades, and these adulterants are said to be unwholesome.

They Had the Habit.

"You reporters make me tired," said the cartoonist, who had strolled in to borrow tobacco. "Why for instance, do you always say a subject is to be 'probed' when you mean investigated?" "Perhaps for the same reason that you fellows always represent a working man as wearing a square paper cap, replied one of the traduced.—Philadelphia Ledger.

CAST UP BY THE SEA.

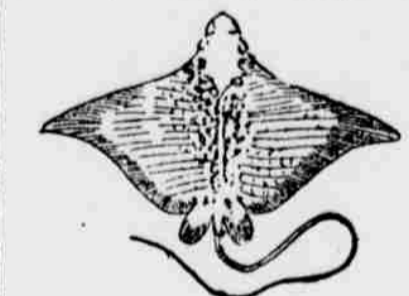
Strange Return of the Lost Captain's Picture After Many Years.

They that go down to the sea in ships learn much of the mysteries of life. From the coast of Africa, there traveled to Scarborough, Me., the painting of an old-time sea captain of that town, who long years ago was lost with all on board his ship in the China seas. The ship sailed from the home port with every prospect of a successful voyage, but she never returned to the home land. Years went by and she was given up as lost; her name was taken from the shipping list, and no news came back to the waiting ones at home. Long afterwards a passing vessel picked up off the African coast the portrait of an American sea captain such as the Chinese artists paint, and on the back of the picture was the captain's name and that of the port from which he sailed. The painting was forwarded to the little American town, and it was found to be a picture of the Scarborough sea captain, master of the lost vessel that had left the harbor so many years ago.—Kennebec Journal.

The Jokes of the Sea.

The rays and skates are the jokes of the sea. Their bodies are as flat as the pancakes made by the man in white on a griddle in the window of a "beef-and" restaurant. Their eyes look upward and they have tails as slender and tapering as a whip of a ringmaster of a circus.

In the United States the most common rays are called "skates." The whip-tailed rays, because of



SPOTTED STING-RAY.

their long, slender tails with their erectile spines at the end, capable of inflicting severe and dangerous wounds, are frequently called sting-rays. The common sting-ray feeds on oysters, clams and other valuable mollusks and in the Atlantic waters is known as the "clam-cracker."

Of the skates, the commonest as well as the smallest species on the Atlantic coast is known as the tobacco-box; the largest is aptly called the barn-door. On the Western coast of the United States is found the big skate, which reaches a length of six feet, two feet larger than its Eastern relatives.



COMMON SKATE.

Because of its habit of rolling itself up when caught the common skate has been called "bonnet skate." It is also known as the "hedgehog ray."

On the New Jersey coast the trawl fishermen cut off the broad, fleshy "wings," and they are sold for "saddles," sometimes bringing five and even ten cents a pound. These men call the fish "possum," "sea possum," and "bob-tailed skate." As a rule anglers throw the fish back into the water as being of no value.

Old Cello Found.

An old cello, which the owner at Mount Noorah, Victoria, sent to be repaired, was found to bear the label Nicolo Amati, and the date 1625. There was also found a record of the instrument having been repaired by Louis Dandeh of Versailles in 1781, for Louis XVI.

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