

VICTORIA DEAD.

Sad Scenes at the Deathbed of England's Monarch.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW RULER

He Will Assume the Title of King Edward VII.

QUEEN TO REST AT FROGMORE.

Her Majesty Will Be Interred by the Side of the Prince Consort, the Loved Husband and Father—The Body to Be Removed to Windsor Castle on Saturday—All Places of Amusement in London Closed and Business Generally Suspended. President McKinley's Message of Sympathy.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23.—Queen Victoria is dead and Edward VII reigns. The greatest event in the memory of this generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined, has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent.

The end of this career, never equalled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in Osborne house. This most respected of all women, living or dead, lay in a great four-posted bed, and made a shrunken atom, whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who in 1837 began to rule over England.

Around her were gathered almost every descendant of her line. Well within view of her dying eyes there hung a portrait of the prince consort. It was he who designed the room and every part of the castle. In scarcely audible words the white haired bishop of Winchester prayed beside her, as he had often prayed with his sovereign, for

THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA.
He was her chaplain at Windsor. With bowed heads the imperious ruler of the German empire and the man who is now king of England, the woman who has succeeded to the title of queen, the princess and princesses, and those of less than royal designation listened to the bishop's ceaseless prayer.

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President McKinley's message of condolence, addressed to King Edward VII, was as follows:

"I have received with profound sorrow the lamentable tidings of the death of her majesty the queen. Allow me, sir, to offer my sincere sympathy and that of the American people in your personal bereavement and in the loss Great Britain has suffered in the death of its venerable and illustrious sovereign, whose noble life and beneficent influence have promoted the peace and won the affection of the world."

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and his interview with Sir Arthur John Rigge, private secretary to the late queen, was the only official statement that had been given out. For several weeks the queen had been falling. On Monday of last week she summoned Lord Roberts and asked him some very searching questions regarding the war in South Africa. On Tuesday she went for a drive, but was visibly affected. On Wednesday she suffered a paralytic stroke, accompanied by intense physical weakness. It was her first illness in all her 81 years, and she would not admit it. Then her condition grew so serious that, against her wishes, the family were summoned. When they arrived her reason had practically succumbed to paralysis and weakness. The events of the last few days, described in the bulletins, are too fresh to need repetition.

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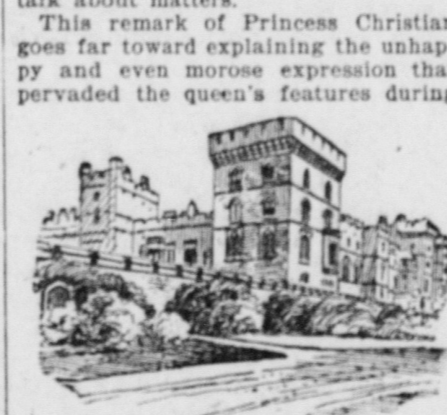
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the last 49 years of her reign, save when something extraordinary occurred to excite her keen sense of the ludicrous. On such occasions as these she would laugh with a degree of heartiness and even violence that would have completely staggered those who had never seen her without that half sad, half sour droop of the corners of her mouth.

The Queen's Merry Disposition.
Even in her childhood and girlhood previous to her accession to the throne, in 1837, Queen Victoria seems to have given evidence of this underlying current of merriment and fun in the constitution of her character. True, everything was done that could be done to check it by her mother, the Duchess of Kent, whose severity and even harshness toward the young princess called forth on one memorable occasion, at a state banquet at Windsor, a violent and public rebuke from King William IV.

It was on his death, on June 20, 1837, that the scene occurred which has furnished the theme of so many a brush and pen, namely, the notification to the young girl in the middle of the night of the fact that she had become queen of Great Britain and sovereign of an empire so vast that on it the sun never sets. The messengers who conveyed to her the news of her accession to the throne were the archbishop of Canterbury, the lord chamberlain and Sir Henry Hallford. The youthful and being informed of her new dignity burst into tears and asked the archbishop to pray for her. The whole party then knelt in prayer.

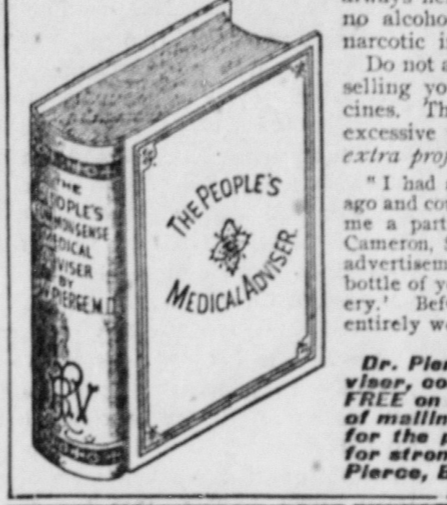
Queens enjoy a privilege which is withheld, save in leap year, from women occupying a less august position in the social scale, namely, that of themselves making the offer of marriage instead of waiting to receive the proposal from their suitors. And it was therefore Queen Victoria who, a year after her coronation at Westminster abbey on June 28, 1840, invited her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, to share his life with her. The nuptials took place on the 10th of February, 1840, at the Chapel Royal, St. James' palace. The wedding breakfast was given at Buckingham palace and the honeymoon, which only lasted three days, was spent at Windsor castle.

Her Majesty's Happy Marriage.
The marriage proved an exceptionally happy one. Prince Albert turned out to be an ideal husband, being a man of singularly stainless and irrefragable character. Queen Victoria's domestic bliss was absolutely unclouded as long as her husband lived, and she was guilty of no exaggeration when she declared that the only sorrow which he had ever caused her was when he died. His death occurred Dec. 14, 1861.

On June 20, 1887, the queen made a state progress through her great capital to attend a special service at Westminster abbey in honor of the semi-centennial anniversary of her accession to the throne. Every reigning house in the world sent either members of their families or great dignitaries to represent them at the ceremony, and while kings and queens chatted gaily together in the chancel of the abbey while awaiting the coming of Queen Victoria, her majesty—no longer the bonnie, fresh and healthy checked English girl of 1837, but a venerable-looking, white haired old lady—was driving up Piccadilly, her carriage escorted by the most brilliant troops of princes, archdukes and grand dukes that have

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