

### TIREB OF A CROWN.

#### Humored Transfer of the Grecian Throne From King George to His Son Constantine.

#### A BRIDE FOR A WIFE-HUNTER.

#### Prince Albert Victor is a Much Better Fellow Than the Correspondents Have Pictured Him.

#### AN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY WALKER.

#### The Late Earl of Granville Was a Master of the Most Piquant Criticism.

(WRITER FOR THE DISPATCH.)

Some years since it was said that love of archaeological study and the opportunity for it that residence in Athens would give him, actuated Prince George of Denmark, brother of the Princess of Wales and the reigning Empress of Russia, to accept the crown of Greece tendered him in 1863. Time has shown George that there is a little wrong, but it is undoubtedly a fair hold-down of the average matter sent to us from across the water. The pictures thus drawn are really unkind, for, although the subject of them is by general consent not as capable a man as his brother George, he is yet an individual of character and fair ability. No matter what may be said of him, he is undoubtedly a gentleman, with none of the snobbishness attributed to him. He has received and profited by a good education, and is at once, notwithstanding his age, a soldier—a brave one, too—a sailor, a lawyer and a traveler. Like his father, he is endowed with keen powers of observation, and combines with them excellent tact. Among all with whom he has become acquainted, he has the reputation of being kind-hearted and conciliatory to a fault, and is very popular with the members of his regiment, the Teuth Hussars. It is admitted that he is something of a "dandy" in dress, etc., but, notwithstanding that, he has many good qualities, as those intimate with him will testify.

**Two Old-Time Pedestrians.**  
Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, has been interviewed regarding recent track events. The several newspapers quoting the old athlete, as usual, make the well-worn assertion that Weston is the originator—or, as they express it—"the father of pedestrianism." It is hardly worth while to order, as they say in court, "any evidence in rebuttal," but, giving Weston credit for all his great feats, he is far from being the originator of such performances. Every country has at some time or other developed men capable of remarkable endurance in this respect, but the first individual to whose performances special reference was made, was Foster Powell, an Englishman, born in 1734. That his records were genuine and in every sense high class there is no doubt, for they were with few exceptions accomplished on roads leading from place to place, the length of which were well known and by no means susceptible to the "shortening" process practiced in any number of recent ring track events; besides, most of his greatest feats were accomplished without recompense or wages of any kind. When 30 years of age he walked 20 miles on the Bath road in seven hours; when 30 he walked from London to York and back, a distance of 400 miles, in 15 days and 15 hours; when 32 he covered 100 miles on the Bath road in 23 hours and 15 minutes, and one year later walked 112 miles inside of 24 hours. Most remarkable of all his performances, however, was that at 38 years of age, when he covered his favorite route from London to York and back again for the fourth and in the best time he had ever made it, 3 days, 15 hours and 15 minutes. At the conclusion of the feat he was given an ovation by the people.

Then we must not overlook Captain Barclay, the renowned pedestrian, who flourished at the beginning of the present century. Barclay walked 300 miles in five days; 90 miles in 2 1/2 hours and was the first to accomplish the feat of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours. So much interest was taken in the last exploit at the time, that £100,000 was posted in wagers. Barclay is said to have been a gentleman of really fine attainments, and was held in universal esteem by all who knew him. In comparison with the rage for big earnings by competitors in pedestrian feats of the present day, it may be of interest to know that the largest money consideration Powell ever received for any one of his numerous exploits was £10, the result of a subscription for his benefit.

**The Author of Spoonendye Papers.**  
The announcement must be made, once for all, that Stanley Huntley, the humorist, is dead. There seems to be a disposition not to let the lauded author of the famous "Spoonendye Papers" stay dead, notwithstanding the fact that his demise took place at least five or six years since. Some few months ago a Philadelphia newspaper resurrected him, and now an English journal, with quite a large American circulation, and an American edition with a native editor, quotes some of Huntley's works as recent productions of the American humorist. Of course there is some excuse for these slips at times, especially in the hurry and rush of the average newspaper office, but when a writer undertakes to produce special article he ought to study his subject "up a bit."

**The Late Earl of Granville.**  
Of late years but little has been heard from Earl Granville, who died last Tuesday in England; but few of those who listened or felt the biting sarcasm of his speeches in the House of Lords, a decade or so ago, will be likely to forget him. Granville had a peculiar knack of saying the most bitter things in the smoothest way, and many of those who have suffered most from his eloquence have thought themselves the recipients of a delicately worded compliment, only to find themselves instead the victims of a deadly thrust. The deceased Earl distinguished himself in many offices, holding several important positions in the Liberal cabinets of Gladstone and his predecessors, and would have been Premier in 1859, on the resignation of the Derby ministry, if Lord John Russell's power had not been used against him.

**Constructing the Laws of England.**  
The rulings of Superintendent Bailles, of the English mail service, against special delivery messages and the classifying of certain matter in the newspapers sounds very odd to Americans. However, these are not the only instances of remarkable construction of the law in the domain of Victoria recently. Within the last two weeks a Judge in the Bankruptcy Court remarked in the course of a theatrical case that "an actor could not be expected to exercise such care in his affairs as a trader, living in an imaginative and unreal world by virtue of his calling," and another in the same court has held illegal for a bankrupt to live with his wife, who was possessed of an independent income, insisting that he must live in a "jittie house at £25 a year, with a maid-of-all-work." These are excellent examples of what the average jurist of the present day can do when he cuts loose. In the first the learned Judge gives it to be understood that in the eyes of the law there is such a place as an "imaginative" world, and in the other a way has been found to punish a man who is really not punishable so far as the law is concerned.

**Customs of Different Peoples.**  
On the very day—last Sunday—that a Chinese funeral was taking place in Pittsburgh, with its attendant mummeries, all of which were duly commented upon by the local newspapers as being the ridiculous observances of an uncivilized people, the civilized people of England were celebrating the Easter holiday by giving certain of the youth a bag of raisins, a new penny and a bun; and at another place 21 widows were each picking 1 of 21 nice new six-pences from the tombs in the churchyard. There

**Collars and Cuffs All Right.**  
In speaking of Prince Albert Victor, or "Collars and Cuffs," as he is rather ungraciously termed at times, it seems odd that correspondents describe him in such a way that most Americans are led to believe him but little removed from an ape in general intelligence. Now, that is drawing it a little strong, but it is undoubtedly a fair hold-down of the average matter sent to us from across the water. The pictures thus drawn are really unkind, for, although the subject of them is by general consent not as capable a man as his brother George, he is yet an individual of character and fair ability. No matter what may be said of him, he is undoubtedly a gentleman, with none of the snobbishness attributed to him. He has received and profited by a good education, and is at once, notwithstanding his age, a soldier—a brave one, too—a sailor, a lawyer and a traveler. Like his father, he is endowed with keen powers of observation, and combines with them excellent tact. Among all with whom he has become acquainted, he has the reputation of being kind-hearted and conciliatory to a fault, and is very popular with the members of his regiment, the Teuth Hussars. It is admitted that he is something of a "dandy" in dress, etc., but, notwithstanding that, he has many good qualities, as those intimate with him will testify.

**Where Royal Blood Comes From.**  
It is rather funny to notice the manner in which European writers enthrone over everything pertaining to royalty. Many papers and magazines on the other side of the ocean would not think of giving the opening paragraph of a department to anyone but a king, a queen or some other member of the royal family, no matter how commonplace the information offered might be in comparison with that farther on, and last week it was noticed that one of these "gush" writers had it so bad that he boiled over in an article tending to prove the divine rights or claims of royalty and the entirely different character of the royal blood from the dirty stuff in the veins of the common herd. It is hardly likely the writer of the nonsense mentioned has taken the trouble to do any figuring, or he might have arrived at some facts which would have made his matter more interesting, even if it did cross the line of his argument. It will be conceded that every man has 2 parents, four grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, and so on in the beginning. Now, let us assume that 25 years represents a generation; 38 is the generally accepted estimate of the present time, but the figure mentioned will serve our purpose. In 1791 each person now living must have had 16 ancestors; a century farther back and the number will have increased to 256; another century and the number was 4,096; still another 491—one year before Columbus discovered America—and we have 65,536. Continue on down to the beginning of the twelfth century and it will be found that the enormous figure of 2,147,483,648 has been reached. This would more than cover the widest estimate of the population of the earth at that time. It will not be asserted that at some time or other the genealogical line has not crossed and re-crossed, still the number is so great that we can be reasonably certain that somewhere in the line of our ancestry, blue and even king blood has flowed. And so we can also be certain that somewhere in the long past ages the Victorian or any other of the most royal stock of Europe inevitably mingled with the most low-born that one can conceive of. This calculation can be made in many other interesting ways, both as to the past and the future, but the reader can do that as easily as the writer and no doubt with greater satisfaction.

**A Remarkable Fact About America.**  
Appropos of the production of a "Passion Play" in Paris last week, dealing as does the one at Oberammergau, Bavaria, with the leading incidents of Christ's career on earth, it is worthy of note that although plays of the kind have been produced in Germany, France, Spain and several other countries, the only country in which objections—under the law—have been made in the United States, which does not include in its Constitution any acknowledgment of either Christ or his divine Father.

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**CONTEST FOR A SEAT.**  
Why a Recently Chosen Alderman Must Prove His Election.  
Attorney W. J. Brennan yesterday filed a motion in Quarter Sessions Court to quash the petition for a contest in the election of James A. McPike, Alderman of the Sixteenth ward. He alleges that all of the persons who signed the petition are not qualified electors; that some are not registered, and that others have not paid their taxes. As a result the petition is not signed by 25 qualified electors as required by law. McPike was declared elected at the last election. Thomas J. Chalfant was his opponent, and has entered the contest for the aldermanship. The Court granted the rule and fixed next Saturday for a hearing.

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