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# A Kenilworth Romance

arranged their stock of photographs and guide books as they saw, first one carriage approaching on the Coventry road, and presently a second carriage coming from the direction of Learnington. A few shining bicycles leaned in front of the hotel, dozing; young woman in reasonable skirts and a soft hat that seemed to have been invented by some Conduit street genius for the express purpose of suiting her pretty face shaded her eyes as she stood at the hotel doorway and watched the approach of the carriage from Leamington. Each carriage was coming in a cloud of dust; for some time it was doubtful which of the two would reach the hotel first. The two coachmen, alert for anything in the form of sport, increased the speed of the horses, and the horses entered into the spirit of the game with great earnestness. When with a clatter they pulled up at the gateway leading to the ruins the result was so much like a dead heat that neither could brag of victory.

near the gateway of the ruins

"Arrived at last, aunt?" said the young woman in reasonable skirts. "At last?" repeated her aunt sharp-"What do you mean, Norah? Surely you have only just arrived."

"Been here half an hour," said the young woman cheerfully. "The road was good, and I came on very well."

"Wonder to me." said her aunt, step-ping out carefully, "that you don't come off. Twenty years ago no girl would have dreamed of riding a bicycle. Or rather she might have dreamed of it, but she would never have-Oh, how do you do?"

The white haired, white hatted, well preserved gentleman who had stepped briskly out of the landau from Coventry lifted his hat in distant short sighted acknowledgement of the salutation. He was giving directions to his coachman, and giving them in a sharp, peremptory way, as one who was in the habit of being obeyed. "You are quite flushed, aunt dear.

Is it the sun or-"My dear!" in a whister, "Do you know who that is? That is" there she lowered her voice impressively) "Dr.

The complexion of the young niece for a moment matched that of her It seemed odd that the mere presence of the strenuous, white-haired gentleman, just then advising his coachman not to be a fool, should have this effect.

"Seems," said the elder woman, fanning herself, "as though it was to be." "As though what was to be, aunt?" 'My dear, don't ask questions," "I wish we hadn't met him," said

'Leave him to me," She stepped forward and waved her striped sun-

shade. "Dr. Fraser! Don't let us pretend that we have never met before.' 'And if you're a minute later," said ccely. "I'll send sir, confound your eyes, without character. I beg pardon, madam. "You were always shortsighted. Find

your glasses, like a good man, and put them on and look at me and say Mrs. Mellish, I'm delighted to se

Dr. Fraser, fixing his pince-nez, look ed at the buxom woman who had furled her striped parasol and stood with rather an anxious smile waiting for recognition.

"God bless my soul," said Dr. Fra-"Never mind about that," remarked Mrs. Mellish. "Say what I asked you

"My dear Laura!"

'No, no." "My dear Mrs. Mellish," he said grudgingly. "I'm delighted to see

"Good," said Mrs. Mellish, clapping her hands softly. "Letter perfect, first time. You always were a quick study, This is my niece.'

Dr. Fraser's white hat came off with the best bow that Wigmore street knew. Mrs. Mellish's niece seemed for a lady cyclist unusually shy, and, having bowed, took refuge near her aunt, "One of our athletic young women, said Dr. Fraser, approvingly, "Gad! If he young generation go on like this there will be no need for doctors,"

"The young generation will marry," said Mrs. Mellish, with her purse open "Not if it's sensible," said Dr. Fraser "How much do we pay here?"

The pleasant woman at the small cottage that commanded entrance to Kenilworth said that the charge was sixpence, and did the party wish for guidebooks or-

"We want nothing, my good woman." said Dr. Fraser, testily. "Absolutely nothing. Why on earth is it that these people will not recognize the fact?" 'Perhaps such cases are rare," said

Mrs. Mellish. "By no means," declared Dr. Fraser They walked through the garden of flowers to the wicket gate which led to the castle and its grounds. Mrs. Mel-lish's niece said "Oh!" in a tone of pleased surprise; the elders had seen, years and years ago, the red ruins and the open window spaces and the safe

in the corner of the grounds. velvety grass and the foliage growing where Amy Robsart had made her little Easefeli PERFECT SHOE WOMEN Until a better shoe than Easefelt"-the perfect shoe for men - is made and sold for

HE mahogany faced oid ladies | slip, and the conceited peacocks strutting about (like self-satisfied novelists) with a long, perfect tall and with the vocal powers of a rook. A few American tourists were near the ruins with Sir Walter Scott's novel in their hand; from the apertures in the high rooms of the ruins girls' faces peeped.

"There are the Jarrets, aunt, who were at school with me. "Go and speak to them, dear. Dr.

Fraser will look after me. Dr. Fraser coughed doubtfully as the young woman ran up to a party of girls near the right wing of the castle. Mrs. Mellish looked after her and sighed

"Pleasant, quiet girl," said Dr. Fra-

"Do you think she is at all like me as I'was-as I was when we knew each

"Like you," said Dr. Fraser, bluntly, but more refined."

"It seems a long time ago," remarked Mrs. Mellish, thoughtfully. "It was a long time ago."

"Any one would think that we had

arranged to meet here this afternoon.' 'No one who knows me," said Dr. Fraser, promptly, "would dare to suggest that." But surely it's an odd coincidence,'

ersisted Mrs. Mellish, "that the last time I had a long talk with you was at Kenilworth, in eighteen hundred and et me see, was it seventy?"

"Coincidences are the most commonplace events in the wrldo. Would you care to rest on this wooden seat?" "Was it here," said Mrs. Mellish, pening her striped parasol and half hiding her face, "that you cut out my

nitials and yours, and around them"-"Mrs. Mellish," he said, "I try to forget these absurdities. I came here for a quiet stroll in a place that we-that I used to know well; one that has certain reminiscences. But if you will allow me, I should like myself to supply these reminiscences, and not to be

fed with them by you." "I hope that you don't think that I treated you badly, Robert." "My good Laura! will you oblige me

by trying to forget the ridiculous incidents of twenty-five years ago? Oblige me, please. I suppose you have quite given up the profession? "The profession gave me up."
"High time," said the gentleman,

usquely, "Last time I saw you in omedy I thought you were much too stout. My young nephew declared that it was not so, but he's an idlot. Clever chap, I admit, but—an idiot." "A rare combination," said Mrs. Mel-

"By no means. We all have some eak trait in our character, or," he said, correctingly, "nearly all."

"Ah!" remarked the lady, "you nearly forgot yourself. What is your nephew, I wonder?"
"Medical man."

"Got some good stuff in him, too. He has only to take my advice, and he'll get through very well.

"Why," said Dr. Fraser with som interest, "that's just the difficulty. He

vants to get married to-to" "To whom?" "Oh, some girl."

"I assumed that," said Mrs. Mellish. You don't know her?" Don't know her," snapped the doc

or, "and don't want to. If he thinks that I'm such a fool as to buy him a practice in order that he may settle lown, as he calls it, he is very much mistaken. Good heavens! he must ough it, just as I roughed it. Don't ell me that it isn't good for a young nan to have a knockabout for him-

elf. At his age I'-"You were very hard up, weren't "Deuced hard up." said Dr. Fraser,

exultantly. "Why, as I tell him, I used buy a haddock over night, cook it or breakfast, and, bless my soul!-"I remember that you were hard up."

peated Mrs. Mellish. There was a pause and she glanced

not at the doctor, but at her niece who, with her girl friends, was ascending the stone steps of the left wing of the ruins.

'And I hope," he said, steadily fixing is pince-nez and looking at her, "you emember, too, that more than one lent me money to get me out of a posi-

tion of some difficulty. At any rate, Laura. I don't forget it." "There is no need to remember suc "But there is," persisted Dr. Fraser obstinately, "and I do remember them

Now," he added, "now that the circumstance is recalled to my memory, "But you paid me back, so there is othing outstanding.

"Pardon me. I have good reason to el grateful, and I am grateful. You vere earning money then by playing as professional at amateur performances, and I was getting rid of my small allowance too easily. If you hadn't helped me it would have madd a great difference to my career. If you

can suggest any way" "I think we might stroll," said Mrs. Mellish.

The striped sunshade went up as they walked along to the wooden bridge sunshade appeared to partuke of the nature of a shield, because when Mrs. Meilish wanted to aim a furtive remark at her companion, the sunshade protected her face as she did so; when she desired to send one frankly the sunshade was jerked aside and placed comentarily out of action. The soft, velvet-like grass made walking a comfortable thing to do. Dr. Fraser, with his stick playing a fleeting game of golf with the aid of a fat vagrant campagne cork, and, scoring a good stroke instantly became more cheerful. The niece ran down from the castle to gay that the girls had just discovered the name "Laura M." engraved on one of the landings, and she had been sent as a deputation to inquire if this was meant for her aunt. Dr. Fraser assured her quite jovially that it was probably only done us an advertisement. and that he wondered that the words "Of the Principal London Theatres" had not been added. Mrs. Mellish's niece did not immediately return to hep old school fellows, but stayed wooded bridge and talked to Dr. Fraser; shyly at first (and this seemed to interest the doctor) and presently with more confidence, her aunt standing by in the position of umpire. When the party of girls began to wave handkerchiefz and exhibit other signals of de-

sponsibility, which Dr. Fraser at once ontradicted (this, I think, the adroit Mrs. Mellish had expected), declaring that the niece was a charming young woman of whom anybody might well be proud.

"Besides," he said argumentatively, 'your responsibility will not last long. She will get marired soon. "You do not object to marriage,

then?" "For girls," said the doctor. 'Only for men? Seems rather a one

to get her comfortably settled."

sided arrangement." "I am speaking generally, Laura There may be exceptions. Is she engaged?" Mrs. Mellish nodded. "If I were you, then, I should do everything

"That was my idea."
"I wonder," he said, taking off his
white hat and running his hand through his white hair, "what sort of a man she will mary?"

"I have made every inquiry," said Mrs. Mellish, with her sunshade on guard, "and the results are almost entirely satisfactory." "Almost?"

"There is only one difficulty." (Sunshade off guard now and a sudden attack in the open.) "By the by, don't you sometimes wish that you had married, and that-that you had had a

"I don't quite understand," he said nervously. Mrs. Mellish repeated the question with great distinctness. "Why, yes," he said, hesitatingly. Sometimes. But on the whole, of course, it's a good thing that I've remained a bachelor. To tell the absolute truth, Laura"-he lowered his voice confidentially-"I've got a bit of

"You always had." "But it gets more pronounced as I grow older."

"I can quite believe that." "And a man who has a temper should have no other company."

"Makes him feel rather crowded sometimes, I dare say. But occasionally, of course, you overcome it." "Rarely," admitted Dr. Fraser,

They went up to the castle, where a peacock, disturbed by their approach, rose and, spreading its magnificent feathers, used language too scandalous to be printed here. Mrs. Mellish gave the doctor more than one opportunity of leaving, but it almost seemed that he enjoyed talking to her and being in her company. The subject of himself was for him evidently full of attrac-

'I have my moments of introspection," he said as they stood within the four walls and looked up at the wallflowers growing in the crevices, "and I find that nearly everything becomes ccentuated as years ago. Increase of hastiness, Increase of"-

"I haven't done badly in that re spect. I command big fees," "That can only arrive with the years," said Mrs. Mellish, wisely. Young men in your profession can't

expect them." "Course not." "Your nephew, for instance, would perhaps only earn at the present time

just sufficient for his own needs?"
"He's a careful youth," said Dr. Fraser, "but he can't have much to spare. "I think," said Mrs. Mellish, "that

you-let us go up these stairs. I am rather anxious to see this celebrated inscription."

"What were you going to say, Laura?" arefully up the worn

steps of the winding staircase "I was going to say," remarked Mrs Mellish, ascending slowly and guarding her stock of breath with ecenomy that you might as well do something

for him. "I think I'm the best judge of that. "I fancy-you're the worst," said Mrs Mellish, panting. They gained the top of the staircase, and Dr. Fraser, fixing on his pincenez, inspected the crowded inscriptions on the walls carefully. "The very worst. If you were a judge, most of your decisions would be reversed on appeal. I think that, upon

this subject at any rate, you ought to take advice. "Here it is," said Dr. Fraser cheer-"Smart of me to find it so fully. quickly. 'Laura M.,' and then underneath 'Robert F.' What a couple of fools we must have been!"

"We didn't think so," said Mrs. Met We do think so now." "Perhaps that is because we have

come too wise. We were very happy then at any rate. "True," confessed Dr. Fraser, reluct-

"And we hadn't anybody to help us be happy. I mean that you had no uncle with money or' "I had no one, Laura," said the white

gentleman, "but you." "Would you care to do something to how your gratitude?" "I don't want to marry you," said

Dr. Fraser, hastily. "I shouldn't do so if you were to ask me to. That is a favor that you can grant quite easily.

"Give me details. "Why not," said Mrs. Mellish, with the striped sunshade up, although they were not in the sun, "why not buy the practice for your nephew and let him get married, without keeping the

two young people waiting for years?" "I do believe," he said acutely, "that you are taking all this interest in him because I told you his remark about your appearance."

"We are foolish things, we women," admitted Mrs. Mellish. There was a pause.

"Give me ten minutes," he said sud denly. "Give me ten minutes. I'll go out and over the way to the hotel and smoke a cigar and think it over, Laura. Sure it will gratify you if I consent?" "I have no doubt of it.

"You're a queer creature." he said, as they descended the stens. "I believe you are the best-natured woman that ever breathd."

"There are many of us," she said. At the time arranged Mrs. Meilish and her niece were awaiting at the doorway of the hotel. The niece, for a healthy young woman, seemed pale and auxious, and she held her bloycle with a gloved hand that trembled Mrs. Mellish sat in her carriage, the coachman glancing over his shoulder for the signal to start.

Dr. Fraser had come out of the hotel. Mrs. Melilsh noticed with satisfaction that his cigar was a good one and the white ash intact. "Well," she repeated casually, "yes

"Why 'yes,' of course," said Dr. Fraser cheerily. "Impossible to say 'no' to you, Laura. Are you going?" The color had come back to the niece's cheeks as she held out her disengaged hand. She murmured something, waved to her aunt, and went off delightedly on her bicycle.
What on earth did your charmins

siring her instant return, she ran back niece mean by thanking me?" asked WHITNEY'S WEEKLY to them, whereupon Mrs. Mellish re-marked that a niece was a great re-ing that she should"---

ing that she should" "Well," said Mrs. Mellish (striped sunshade very useful now), "you see she feels rather indebted to you because-because she is going to marry

your nephew." "Madame," said Dr. Fraser, "you are an artful and a delightful creature, and I have a good mind to tell you so." "Sir," said Mrs. Mellish, "you are an III-tempered, good-natured boy, and I have a great mind to kiss you."

DEVELOPEMENT OF

OUR RAILROADS

Begun Seventy-One Years Ago and Now the Amazement of the Civil-

Rochester Post-Express The construction of the rallway system of the United States began July 4. 1828, when Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, broke the ground for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. In 1835, seven years later, 1,098 miles of line were in operation in the states bordering on the Atlantic ocean, In 1840 there were 3,106 miles, as follows: New England states, 493; Middle states, 1,463; Western states, 192;

Southern states, 956, The first railroad in the state of New York was that connecting Albany and Schenectady. It was opened in 1831. In 1840 the roads in this state were as follows:

Brooklyn to Jamaica Buffalo to Niagara Palls ...... 22.00 Auburn to Syracuse Hudson to Massachusetts line ..... 31.70 Ithaca to Owego 28.76
Nlagara Falls to Lewiston 2.59
Jamnica to Hicksville 25.05
Albany to Schenectady 16.08 Troy to Ballston
Saratoga to Schenestady
Syracuse to Utlea Rochester to Batavia ..... Utlea to Schenectady ... 75,00 363,35

Philadelphia was connected with York in 1837, Boston with Albany in 1841, Albany with Lake Erie in 1842. and Philadelphia with the coal fields of Pennsylvania in 1842. But it was of Pennsylvania in 1842. But it was sank at once. A hundred bubbles not till 1850 that the railroads began arose, and the only spectator of the to exert an important influence upon the commerce of the country. The Erie canal was opened November 4, 1825. There were artificial waterways of a similar kind in other states, though not so important. They had cost a large ount of money, and it was not the wish of the people that the business of the canals owned by the commonealths should be transferred to the railway companies owned by private individuals. Those who connected Albany with Lake Erie by rail had no thought of cutting into the freight ment was made in the Lanesboro cemtraffic of the Erie canal. The legislature, indeed, to protect the canal, had levied canal tolls upon railroad freight, and the railroad managers accordingly expected to make their noney from passenger traffic. But in 1851 the Eric road was opened, charges on rail freight were removed, and the railroads began to increase their business. In that year the miles in operation were 8.876 and the gross earnings were \$39,566,258. The discovery of gold in California stimulated railroad build-Ing to an extraordinary degree. From 1849 to 1857, 17,138 miles of track were laid, the increase being from 7,365

Present Status.

Was 30,635.

Poor's Manual gives the present mile age in the United States as 186,809.63, Railroads reporting the results of operation have a mileage of 184,894 and the following is a statement of their assets

and liabilities: ASSETS.	
Capital stock Funded debt Unfunded debt Profit and loss	\$5,581,522,558 5 605,360,564 568,662,168 457,898,663
Total	12,426,649,217
LIABILITIES.	
Cost R. R. and equipment	\$10,256,275,585
Investments	1,594,565,975
Other assets	265, 264, 972
Current accounts	169,261,169
Profit and loss	

In 1898 the railroads received \$272,-9.591 from passenger traffic, \$868,924,-526 from freight traffic, \$108,044,607 from other sources, a total of gross earnings of \$1,249,558,724. The operating expenses were \$559.892,250, so that the net earnings were \$389,666,474. To this must be added other receipts, including rentals, of \$104.536,904, making the

otal available revenue \$494,203,378. The payments by the companies from this revenue were as follows: Interest on bonds ......\$237,132,090 Other interest ..... 5,069,290 Dividends. Rentals, tolls, etc. ..... Miscellaneous .....

.3425,561,146 It appears, therefore, that the surlus at the end of the year was \$58,-642,238. This is more than double the surplus at the end of 1897, more than five times the surplus at the end of 1896, and more than ten times the surplus at the end of 1895, while in 1894

there was a deficit of \$10,770,455. In 1898 the rallroads carried 514,982,-288 passengers, an increase over the previous year of 16,875,763. The passenger mileage was 13,672,497,664, an in crease of 1,177,539,664. Tons of freight moved were 912,973,853, an increase of The freight mileage 114.566,173,191, an increase of 16,723,604,-



## BUDGET OF NEWS

BIG BLACKSNAKE STORY FROM LANESBORO.

Death of an Aged Resident of New Milford-Mike Gilhool's Adventure with a Wild Cat-Montrose and the Susquehanna Teachers. Railroad Matters of Interest.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Oct. 17 .- Near the Canauacta creek, in Lanesboro, a black snake met a water snake, on Friday. The reptiles did not immediately clinch, but hissed furiously and circled around each other, as if seeking for an opening. The water snake was much the smaller of the combatants, and he was evidently trying to transfer the battle to the stream, some twenty yards away. The black snake showed a lively anxiety to prevent this. He pressed matters, and the serpents began to strike at each other with their tails, and in a few seconds the dry land snake succeeded in getting the tail of his opponent into his mouth and to preclude all possibility of an escape egan to eat toward the head. This was exactly what the water

snake wanted. He started on a

straight line for the stream, and his

consumer following him and dining

upon him simultaneously, was, of course, obliged to travel a little faster in the same direction. The water snake was a rapid mover, and the black snake a quick eater, and for a short time it seemed to be doubtful whether one reptile or two would be visible when the stream was reached About half of the leading serpent's anatomy had been devoured, and the edge of the water was only a few feet away. When the black snake suddenly realized that a shabby trick was being played upon him at meal time. He hastily attempted to disgorge his repast, but the effort was made too late Not more than five inches of water snake had ben yielded up when both reptiles plunged into the stream and uncanny contest is inclined to believe that the black snake's life fleated to the surface in one of them.

IN A FEW LINES.

John Roberts, an aged resident, died in New Milford on Friday of heart fallure. The funeral took place from the residence of a daughter of the deceased, Mrs. William Donaldson, in this place, on Monday afternoon, Rev. D. I. Sutherland, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

A largely attended meeting of the Susquehanna Route union of the Five States' Milk Producers' association was held on Monday in Susquehanna. A. D. Wallace, of Hackettstown, N. J., representing the American Agriculturist, made a statement and answered questions in regard to the new milk deal or contract going into ef-

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fect Nov. 1. The Erie will soon place an order for ten new passenger cars and five first class passenger locomotives. Of the one thousand box cars ordered of the Michigan City Car works, 500 miles to 24,503. By 1860 the mileage have been delivered. The company will expend during this year in per-

> MIKE AND THE WILDCATS. Mike Gilhool has been working in a bluestone quarry near Halistead, and visited that place on Saturday to get some tools sharpened. Just as he was about to start back, some one told him that if he would go over a mountain he would not lose his way, but would save several miles of walking Mike started out, but after traveling several miles the sun was almost

> At last he made up his mind that he was lost, and, to use his own words, feared that he "would be robbed and murthered all alone." While he was in this state of mind he spied a wildcat sitting upon an old stump, and he was almost ready to fall to the ground with fright. Recovering his self-possession a little, he said: "I thought it wouldn't do to let the wildcat know I was afraid of him, and I thought 1 might scare him a bit by making him think that there were several with me. so, running just a little, I called out as loud as iver I could: 'Pat! Oh, say Pat, hould on till I catch up wid ye an' the rest o' the b'ys!' When the wildcat heard that he walked away and said not a 'word,"

> IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY. Certain Democratic candidates for county offices and their assistants are carrying on a "still hunt" and are endeavoring to dispose of political "gold bricks" among unsuspecting Republi-Don't be bunceed, Montrose cans.

> Republican. In Montrose on Wednesday evening, Miss Mattie Kent will be united in marriage to William H. McCreary, of

> Hallstead. Next week the gates of Montrose will wing open to admit the noble army of Susquehanna county school teachers, and all our people will join in giving a glad and hearty welcome to the visitors.—Montrose Republican. Because "all our people" have hash to sell! The darling dollar will make lots o' gates

swing wide open, The Halistend Herald concludes the oatch of items sent in by its Great Bend correspondent with this footnote "Our thanks are due our correspondent for a nice lot of chestnuts." Rather

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Advance copies of the new railway guides contain no reference to the Binghamton, State Line and Williamsport railway-now to the tunneling of the Moosic mountain by the Honesdale newspapers.

Hallstead begins to recover from that 'crawly" feeling concerning its railroad future. The two large yards in Susquehanna are constantly filled with freight

trains. Old Erie is booming beauti-The recent current report that the Erie would abolish mileage books and make a general two-cent rate lacks

foundation in fact. FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Susquehanna county editors have, mporarily at least, ceased calling each other d-elightful liars and blasted idiots. How good and how pleasant is, good brethren, to dwell together in unity!

Somebody is a little behind in their studies. A Binghamton newspaper recently announced that "Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania" would attend the Binghamton exposition,

It has been rumored that some enter-

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prising citizens of Great Bend recently cabled Dreyfus, asking him to make his home in Great Bend, if acquitted. The report that Dreyfus answered "I would rather go back to Devil's Is land." is presumably the invention of a malicious and envious Hallstead man. Yet a little while and Pennsylvania

may be known as the state in which Susquehanna is located. Wouldn't it be a good idea to organize gigantic trust in Susquehanna couny to control the production of office-

A vicinity judge thinks there is no eason to hurry divorce cases; that such matters can as well wait as not. In giving expression to these vices the judge may show much sound sense, but he also displays woful ignorance on the question of divorce, as considered from the standpoint of the party seeking a separation. If there's one person on earth who is in awful rush-a hurry of the cannot-wait variety, it's the party who is waiting for a divorce

BISMARCK'S MISANTHROPY.

that he may marry again!

Why the Prince Held Mankind Generally in Bitter Contempt. Berlin Letter to the London Standard

Herr Rudolph Lindau, one of Princ Bismarck's most trusted subordinates who has for many years been chief of the press department of the foreign office, has just published a very interesting article about Bismarck, for which he has been collecting material since he entered the foreign office in 1878. I quote his remark on Prince

Bismarck's contempt of mankind: "The begging letters addressed to a man like Prince Bismarck number thousands. Some time ago, when he was ill at Varzin, all the letters addressed to him that were not of a strictly private nature were sent back to Berlin to be read and answered there. The majority of them contained 'most obedient' requests, but hardly one of the writers had any claim on the prince. One of the officials whom business it was to read those lettersan orderly man and evidently a lover of statistics-amused himself by drawing up a list of all the petitions for money. The total amount of the sums begged for was 10,000,000 marks. The prince did not laugh when this was told to him, but shrugged his shoulders I friendliness and amiability."

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and put on a look of bitter contempt. On the other hand, it is natural that quiet, decent, self-respecting people, who ask nothing of him and do not wish to trouble him with their private affairs, never come into contact with him unless they stand in some official relation to him or have real business to transact with him. So it is quite natural that he sees a great deal of the low side of human nature, and it is hardly surprising that he is said to have become skeptical, and even misanthropic. Prince Bismarck is certainly well aware that there are many very honorable people in the wrold, but experience has taught him that it is his ill-luck to have intercourse with a comparatively small number of them He clings firmly to the few men and women he trusts because he knows them to be his true friends; but he is suspicious of strangers. His first thought when he sees a new face may naturally be: 'Well, what does the man want of me?" This explains why he is generally feared though his intimate friends warmly testify to his

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