

MISCELLANY.

A PEER INTO THE BANK OF ENGLAND.—The Bank of England must be seen on the inside as well as out, and to go into the interior of this remarkable building, to observe the operations of an institution that exerts more moral and political power than any sovereign in Europe, you must have an order from the Governor of the Bank. The building occupies an irregular area of eight acres of ground—an office of no architectural beauty, with not one window towards the street, being lighted altogether from the roof of the enclosed area.

I was led, on presenting my card of admission, into a private room, where, after a delay of a few moments, a messenger came and conducted me through the mighty and mysterious building. Down we went into a room where the notes of the bank received the day before, were now examined, compared with the entries in the book, and stowed away. The Bank of England never issues the same note a second time. It receives in the ordinary course of business, about £500,000, or \$1,000,000, daily in notes; these are put up in parcels according to their denominations, boxed up with the date of their reception, and are kept ten years at the expiration of which period they are taken out and ground up in the mill, which I saw running, and made again into paper. If, in these ten years, any dispute in business, or law suit, should arise, concerning the payment of any note, the bank can produce the identical bill.

To meet the demand for notes so constantly used up, the bank has its own paper-makers, its own printers, its own engravers, all at work under the same roof, and it even makes the machinery by which most of its work is done.

A complicated but beautiful machine is a register, extending from the printing office to the banking offices, which marks every sheet of paper that is struck off from the press, so that the printers cannot manufacture a single sheet of blank notes that is not recorded in the bank.

On the same principle of neatness, a shaft is made to pass from one apartment to another, connecting a clock in sixteen business wings of the establishment, and regulating them with such precision that the whole of them are always pointing to the same second of time.

In another room was a machine, exceedingly simple, for detecting light gold coin. A row of them is dropped one by one upon a spring scale. If the piece of gold was of the standard weight, the scale rose to a certain height, and the coin slid off upon one side of the box; if less than the standard, it rose a little higher, and the coin slid off upon the other side. I asked the weigher what was the average number of light coins that came into his hands, and strangely enough, he said it was a question he was not allowed to answer.

The next room I entered, was that in which the notes are deposited which are ready for issue. "We have thirty-two millions of pounds sterling in this room," the officer remarked to me; "will you take a little of it?" I told him it would be vastly agreeable, and he handed me a million sterling, which I received with many thanks for his liberality, but he insisted on my depositing it with him again, as it would hardly be safe to carry so much money into the street. I very much fear I shall never see that money again. In the vault beneath the door were a director and a cashier, counting bags of gold which men were pitching down to them, each bag containing a thousand pounds sterling, just from the mint. This world of money seemed to realize the fables of Eastern wealth, and gave me new and strong impressions of the magnitude of the business done here, and the extent of the relations of this one institution to the commerce of the world.

QUACKS A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.—If our fore-fathers a hundred years ago could not boast of their mesmeric influences, or of table turning, or of spirit rapping, they were the victims of a marvelous list of quackeries of other descriptions, which were, perhaps, more injurious in their effects. It was literally the age of quack medicines, and every possible disease was patent. There were "The original Balsam of Health," otherwise called "The Balsam of Life," which is described as "the most admirable vulnerary in nature;" the "Golden Nervous Cordial or Paralytic Drops," which was "the greatest preservative and restorer of health ever yet published," and had been "sent many years ago by Her Catholic Majesty to King James the First's consort;" "The Famous Sugar-plum Worms," the "Grand Elixir of Ease," which was a certain cure for the colic, and "The much famed Hypo Drops," which "infallibly cure melancholy in men or vapors in women." One "Doctor Toscano" declares himself able to find out and cure all diseases to which humanity is liable, adding in conclusion, "I will forfeit one hundred guineas if anybody can prove to the contrary." Some of these medicines are put forward under the name of the celebrated Doctor John Hill, the great medical and literary quack of the age, such as "Essence of Water-Dock," a safe remedy for scurvy; and the "Elixir of Baridana," which was infallible against gout and rheumatism. Those who needed the latter were encouraged by the information added to the advertisement, "The baridana (burdock) is a common innocent British plant." Dr. Hill's "Elixir" met with a rival in medicine against the same diseases by one Dr. Colley, who announced as "an effectual remedy" his "Antiarthritic Wine," supposing perhaps that the very name of wine was enough to cure a gouty patient. But all these inventions are thrown into the shade by the "Medicinal Arabian Quilt," "wherein," we are told, "is infused a salutary composition," consisting chiefly of "Eastern vegetables," and "by wrapping up in this quilt," sufferers under all sorts of diseases were to find quick relief. We learn from the same advertisement that "the author also has invented a medicinal paper cap, for the constant wear of those who are vaporous, or subject to catch cold;" and of this it is further stated, "likewise it refreshes the memory of the studious, particularly those who apply constantly to their pen, and is so curiously contrived that gentlemen (sic) may constantly wear them under their wigs or even ladies under their caps."

A SNEEZE.—Lord Dundreary has created a great deal of amusement all over the country on account of the immense importance he puts upon a sneeze. It would seem from the following chemical and other allusions that he has founded for its importance, for Phine says that to sneeze to the right was deemed fortunate; to the left, and near a place of burial, the reverse. Tiburys, otherwise a sour man, would perform this rite of blessing most punctually to others, and expect the same from others to himself. Aristotle has a problem, "Why sneezing from noon to midnight was good, but from night to noon unlucky." St. Austin tells us that the ancients were accustomed to go to bed again if they sneezed while they put on their shoes. When Thermistocles sacrificed in his gallery, before the battle of Xerxes, one of the soldiers called upon Jupiter Soter. Branda tells us that when the King of Mesopotamia sneezes, acclamations are made in all parts of his dominions. The Siamese wish long life to persons sneezing. And the Persians look upon sneezing as a happy omen, especially when repeated often.

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