

ALBERT OF FLANDERS

The heir presumptive to the Belgian throne. He will visit the United States in a few weeks—has been an extensive traveler—yet anxious to get married.

Prince Albert of Flanders, who is about to visit this country, is the nephew of King Leopold of Belgium and the heir presumptive to his throne. He is over six feet in height, wears glasses and bears an extraordinary likeness to the king, who spends two or three hours every day in initiating him into the office-work of his future position.

The prince is the only son of the dead Count of Flanders, whose eldest boy, Prince Baldwin, died some time ago under circumstances which are still shrouded in mystery, but which are reported to have been somewhat similar to those under which Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria came to his lamentable end. In Germany, indeed, the story is current that Prince Baldwin came to his end in much the same manner as Duke Eugene of Wurtemberg, who was shot in a duel by the husband of a woman whom he had wronged. Some journalists here have even gone so far as to say that the woman gave the duke his coup de grace by shooting him through the head after he had been laid low by her husband's bullet.

How much truth there is in this story will doubtless never be known, any more than the exact cause and manner of Prince Baldwin's death will be known.

Prince Albert, says the New York Herald, was very delicate at the time of his brother's death, but he is now a tall, soldierly man, well built, and with a face inclined to be chubby. He is said to be unusually studious, but at the same time he is neither a recluse nor a bookworm. Like his uncle, King Leopold, he is passionately fond of the bicycle, so much so that the colonel of the cavalry regiment in which he served at one time began to entertain serious fears for the humanness of



PRINCE ALBERT OF FLANDERS. (Heir to the Belgian throne, who is about to visit America.)

his royal charge. He is also an extensive traveler, having visited not only every court in Europe, but also most of the great centers of industry in the old world.

The general opinion is that he will make an excellent ruler; some think even better than King Leopold, since in the first place he has as yet shown no trace of those undesirable characteristics which have been so marked a feature of some of his immediate ancestors, and, in the second place, he does not seem to have anything of his uncle's taste for speculation and rash adventures.

Prince Albert's mother was Princess Marie von Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, who was born in 1845, being the youngest sister of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern. Besides Prince Albert, who was born on April 8, 1875, she has had three children—Prince Baldwin, Princess Henrietta, born in 1870, and Princess Josephine, born in 1872.

It was reported some time ago that Prince Albert was engaged to Princess Clementine, the third daughter of King Leopold. She was born on July 30, 1872, and has two elder sisters, one of whom is married to Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg, while the other, who is eight years older than Princess Clementine, is the widowed Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria.

Princess Clementine is an accomplished musician, and she also draws and paints with unusual skill. She speaks German, Italian and English, and is indeed very well educated. She was formerly engaged to Prince Baldwin of Flanders, and only the prince's untimely death prevented the official betrothal from taking place.

Half a dozen other ladies have been mentioned as likely consorts for Prince Albert, among them being Princess Isabel, third sister of Duc d'Orleans, but the general belief is that the prince has not yet pledged his heart and hand to anyone. Those who know him say that he will not marry until he has seen more of life, and the fact that he is now about to start on a tour around the world seems an indication that for some time, at least, he will not trouble his head about matrimony. He wants to see the world, including the United States, before he settles down. How long he will remain in this country is uncertain, but there is little doubt that he will manage to see most of the sights that are worth seeing.

Prince Albert's life and health are a matter of exceptional importance not only to the Belgian people, whose future happiness and independence are at stake, but also to all Europe, since in case of his untimely death it might be involved in a terrible war on account of the Belgian succession.

Far More Important. Life is too short to wait until some great thing can be done. Little deeds of kindness, little acts of charity day by day as we go along through life, are far more important than one single deed, however grand.

A Memorable Wedding Day.

A Boston belle just married has good cause to remember her wedding day. When a blizzard and a wedding came simultaneously to one present on the occasion is likely to forget it. The Chatterer of the Boston Herald says: "One of the handsomest girls in Boston society will always remember her wedding day with the severest storm experienced here for many a year. It is true the worst of it was over and the sun shone gayly, but the effects of Monday's blizzard had not passed away by any means. As one spectator in Trinity church remarked, the bride in her white satin gown looked as if she had just emerged from some snowbank. For some snowy bridal robes blended with that dazzling scene without the church, while within it was a bit of the tropics, all warm and green and fragrant with flowers. It is in such picturesque contrasts as this that the world reveals, though half of it does not give it more than a passing thought."

Hypnotism, the latest craze, has a great deal to answer for. Gossiping of the late extraordinary occurrence in the Chemical bank, a New York correspondent writes: "Now it's the 'hypnotic touch.' The news that the cashier of a staid old metropolitan bank allowed himself to be hypnotized into lending nearly \$400,000 upon a lot of waste paper has caused some deep thinking among the mesmerists who toil not while living on the fat of the land, and grubbers with cash in their clothes are correspondingly nervous. A boom in hypnotism will surely follow this great easy 'hypnotic touch,' and prudent men who are impressed by this new devil will dodge sharp eyes and waving hands."

A woman suing her divorced husband for breach of promise of marriage was the peculiar spectacle presented the other day in a Toledo court. Several years ago Julia Hayes was married to Charles Darling, of Toledo, but after living with him some time, left him on account of cruelty and secured a divorce. She now says that after the separation Darling frequently met her and led her to think that the mistakes of the past might be remedied. After being thus led to believe that a second marriage would take place, Darling deserted her, and now she sues for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise.

George W. Arberry, a motorman of Montgomery, Ala., fell ill of the yellow fever, and, it was thought, died. The body was put into a box which two negroes undertook to cart away and bury on a hill. The mule team ran away and the box was overturned and broken. When the negroes tried to fix things up Arberry came back to consciousness and yelled to know what was being done with him, which caused the negroes to flee as fast as their legs would carry them. Arberry managed to crawl to the nearest house, and, although nearly dead from exposure, he recovered eventually.

Maj. Josiah Harris, a leading West Kentucky lawyer, told the following story to a Paducah Sun reporter: "I had a client not so very long ago who had three names in one day, and I venture to say that there are few people who can boast of three different names in a single day. It was simply the result of a divorce judgment. Her name in the morning was Eva Stone. In the afternoon she was granted a divorce and restored to her maiden name, Eva Goodnight, and that night married a man named Farris, and her name was then Eva Farris."

The kissing epidemic has met with a peculiar setback in Georgia. A young lady school teacher from Chattanooga has been conducting a very prosperous institute of late, admitting mixed classes of scholars. For some of these she evinced a preference by kissing them each morning. The parents of the unkindly rebelled at this discrimination, and the young lady was notified that unless she ceased her partial coquetism or made it general her services would be dispensed with. She chose the former course, and peace reigns once more among her patrons.

The reckless and improvident system of dealing with our forests is being realized by the American people, and if legislators could be brought to understand the ruin that is being wrought by greed and carelessness they would bend all their energies to the establishment of a system which, if it did not bring immediate returns, would in the end bestow benefits upon the whole country greater than those which might come from the discovery of the richest gold fields.

It was a long, dark voyage for such a small thing as the sixteenth-inch of the sharp end of a pin to take from a boy's foot to the tip of his tongue; but it was done in Newark, and the journey was ended a couple of days ago. Kenneth Morehead, six years old, ran part of a pin into his instep last summer. It was discovered in his leg by X-rays, and then lost, and was not heard of again until his tongue tingled, and the pin came out.

John Ellis Clark, a negro, and once a slave in Georgia, and who was Chicago's "town orator" years ago, died a few days ago at the age of 108. He went with his master to Chicago in 1840.

Had Seen Through the Mist.

Mrs. Honeymoon—Here is an item in this paper saying that in some parts of Australia when a man marries each one of the bride's relatives strikes him with a stout stick by way of welcome into the family. Queer sort of an idea, isn't it? Mr. Honeymoon (feeling an extra lump on his head)—Huh! I don't see that it is any queerer than slinging all their old shoes at him, as they do in this country.—N. Y. Truth.

Her Solution. Mamma (to Tiny Tot, who wants to deprive a younger brother of a doll—she they have both set their hearts on)—No, darling; you must let baby have it now, and when he grows up and you are a young lady he will have to give way to you.

Tiny Tot—Is that why papa always has to do as you want, mummy?—Punch.

Too Much for Him. "I will give \$100 to anyone who can equal my tricks," shouted the professor of legdemian, who had the stage. "I accept your offer," answered a man as he pushed through the crowd. "Do you belong to the perfect?" "Naw; I manufacture gas meters." "Then I withdraw the proposition."—Detroit Free Press.

How it Deters. "I do not think that capital punishment is a deterrent of crime, do you?" said Mrs. Bickerstaff to Mr. Cawker. "Well," replied Cawker, "I never heard of a second murder being committed by a man who had been thoroughly hanged after his first crime."—N. Y. Journal.

Horrid Man. Mr. Peckham—And when the fellow approached you and wanted to accompany you home, what did you say? Mrs. Peckham—Say? I didn't say anything! I couldn't! I was stricken dumb!

Mr. Peckham (musingly)—I wish I had been there.—Chicago Daily News.

A Forgotten Tyrant. "All men are free!" His boast swears And haughty, none denied. It would have shocked them, had they seen His humble and obedient man Whom'er his baby cried.—Washington Star.



She—I like to meet a man with a history. He—I'll tell a friend of mine to call. He's a book agent.—N. Y. Ledger.

The Fridge Indeed. How nice a thing it is to have a friend whom you can trust; yet true it is that it is well to have a friend, when asked, who will trust you.—Up-to-Date.

Cool. He (theatrically)—You have refused me! To-morrow I go to seek my fortune in the Klondike. She—May I have the refusal of you when you return?—Puck.

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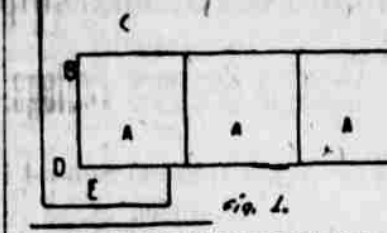
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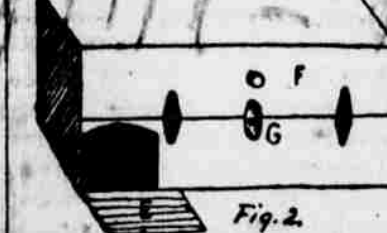
POULTRY MANAGEMENT.

Construction of Nests is a Most Important Consideration. I use a great many ideas and theories in our poultry and agricultural journals in regard to poultry raising, that are wrong and lead to unprofitable results. The results of tried experiments are all right, as the reader can draw his own conclusions, but theory not supported by practice will do harm.



INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT.

ners, and left open, should be avoided, as the fowls will jump in and out, quarrel, break the eggs and learn the art of egg-eating, and one hen will eat up the profits of a half-dozen others. An egg-eating hen may live off of you for years and you not know the difference unless you catch her in the act.



THE NEST BOX COMPLETE.

them as shown in cuts. Fig. 1 is a sectional view, with a small platform at E. This is essential, as there should be straw all around the nest in cold weather, especially under it. C represents the hallway, which is about eight inches wide. The partition at B, the width of nests AAA, should run to the top; the others only as high as the front. The platform in front should be twice the length of door (D), Fig. 2.

The inside partitions should be loose, so that they can be taken out of the drop door (F); through this door the eggs can be gathered also. The door (F) may be on the top or either side. The button (G) can be used to hold it up, if on the side, and leather hinges can be used. The nests should be about one foot from the floor, so that the hens will not run in and out so often. I think this nest will keep eggs warmer in winter and prevent egg-eating better than anything I ever tried.—Ohio Farmer.

AMONG THE POULTRY.

Keep the chickens and their quarters clean. Having high perches often causes bumble foot. Supply raw bone, either crushed or in the form of meal. With laying hens wheat may be the principal grain food. Charred bone as well as charred corn is good feed for poultry. So far as is possible the food should be varied every few days. Push the hatching. The early hatched pullets make the best winter layers. Use plenty of lime in the quarters. It prevents disease and cleans out the hen. When the ducks begin to lay, be careful in feeding them. Too much grain is detrimental. Tobacco stems or leaves placed in the nests will aid in keeping them free from vermin.

Observe which hens are the best layers and breed from them. Such traits are hereditary. With large breeds one cock to every 12 hens is sufficient; with small breeds one to every 18 hens. When eggs from a distance are received for hatching, let them remain 24 hours before putting them under the hen. Fowls that are closely confined and are fed largely on highly concentrated food, are often affected with cramp of the legs. In selecting breeding turkeys, as a rule, broad-backed, full breasted and large-bodied fowls will give the best results.—St. Louis Republic.

How Eggs Are Preserved. The Scientific American of recent date published the result of a series of experiments made by an agricultural school in Germany, with various methods for keeping eggs fresh. The eggs were treated by each method in July and examined in February, and the following per cent. spoiled: Coated with varnish, 40; rubbed with bacon, 30; packed in wood shavings, 20; treated with borax acid and soluble glass, 20; treated with potassium permanganate, 20; coated with vasoline and kept in lime water, all good; kept in soluble glass, all very good.

THE MARRIAGE FEAST.

International Sunday School Lesson for May 6, 1895. THE LESSON.—Matthew 22:1-14. Read the whole chapter. GOLDEN TEXT.—Come; for all things are now ready.—Luke 14:17. TEXT.—Tuesday, April 4, A. D. 28, three days before the crucifixion; two days after our last lesson. PLACE.—The temple at Jerusalem. EXPLANATION.

I. The Bridegroom and the Bride.—Va. 1, 2. For His Son, Jesus the Christ who loves the Bible, His church, His hearer, makes her His own, takes her to His home to abide in unspokeable love and joy forever. He is our soul's ideal, and never disappoints us. He has in the highest spiritual sense all that can be desired—rank, wealth, home, resources, character, love, usefulness, attractiveness. The Bride. "The church as an ideal whole is the bride; the individual believers are the true guests."—Riddle. We have in Rev. 21 and 22 a most delightful picture of the "Lamb's wife"—"a bride adorned for her husband," "inconceivably beautiful, like gold, as it were transparent glass," shining with the light of God, pure as crystal, with 12 manner of fruits, and useful for the healing of the nations.

II. The Invitation to the Wedding.—Va. 3, 4. It is still customary in the east not only to give an invitation some time beforehand, but to send round servants at the proper time to inform the invited guests that all things are ready.—Kittos. This notification was easy because "the guests were close together in an eastern city," and necessary, because "they were not generally supplied with timepieces."—Broadus.

The Wedding Feast Was Ready. The fulness of the time had come. The world was in the best condition for the coming of Christ. Never before or since has there been so fitting a time—one government, one language, peace, roads, synagogues of the Jews everywhere. The slaying of the animals is an allusion to sacrifice. Only when the Lamb was slain on Calvary were all things ready for the marriage. The servants who invited represented all God's inspired messengers, Moses and the prophets, and John the Baptist. The "other servants" were Christ Himself as a prophet, and His apostles. The guests were the individuals, who together make "the Bride, the Lamb's wife."

III. The Invitation Refused.—Va. 5-7. In two ways. First, By neglect. 5. Made light of it: They took no notice of what had been done for them. All was as nothing compared with their farm and merchandise—to enjoy what they had and to acquire more.

Second, Active Opposition. 6. And the remnant: The rest. Took (seized) His servants and entreated them spitefully: Insulted them, persecuted them. And slew them: As the Jewish nation had done to many a prophet in their past history, and as they were soon to do again to the preachers of the Gospel. Active opposition to the Gospel has often arisen when it has come in conflict with the evils of the world.

The Destruction of the Wicked. (1) It is after every influence to make them better has been exhausted. (2) It is a just punishment. (3) It is necessary for the salvation of mankind. Without it evil would destroy the world. Therefore (4) even the judgments of God are the offspring of mercy and love. IV. The Wider Welcome.—Va. 8-10. There is no condition of coming to Christ, but just to come. The bad are invited that they may be made good (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Of the "good," Nathaniel and Cornelius are illustrations; of the "bad," Matthew and Zacchaeus, and Saul of Tarsus.—Abbott. The beautiful words of Augustine on Christ's love to His church may find here their application: "He loved her foul that he might make her fair."—French. Yet the good are not too good to need the Gospel, nor the bad so bad as to have no hope if they will accept it.—Whedon.

The wedding was furnished with guests: Christ's purposes and plans shall not fail. Here we have the assurance of the success of the Gospel. V. The Guest Without a Wedding Garment.—Va. 11-14. 11. Saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: Either (1) a dress of his own suitable for the royal wedding occasion, just as now on dress occasions, and especially in royal receptions, a special dress is required, and those who do not come thus dressed are excluded; or (2) more probably a garment to be put over the usual dress, furnished by the king himself to all the guests on their arrival at the palace, before they entered the halls of the feast.

The Wedding Garment is the robe of righteousness, the new heart, the new spiritual nature, which the Holy Spirit imparts to everyone who accepts the invitation. "This festal garment of Heaven seems to be no other than that celestial temper which manifests itself by the infallible indications of a holy joy; holy happiness, public and expressed, inward, spiritual happiness, developed by the presence of God, and the consciousness of Heaven, into visible manifestation—this is the wedding garment which Christ beholds and approves in the saved."—W. Archer Butler.

NOTE 1. That the wedding garment is offered to all, so that all who will can have it freely. 2. That it is absolutely necessary to partaking of the feast of good things offered by the Gospel. 3. That there is no good reason for refusing this divine gift. Figs and Raisins. The darkest hour is only an hour. Measure your plans by a line that will reach across the next world. The child will laugh and cry; the youth will primp and sigh; the man will twist and lie, and all will groan and die. Nothing emits a worse odor than a fallen name. Truthful boys are the timber that great men are made of. Culpation that will not permit the conscience to stand erect is unworthy the name.—Ram's Horn.

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