

ARISTOCRATIC SMITHS.

They Lead the Four Hundred in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. The new Locater of the Social Register, just issued, contains an interesting study of names as they are given in the various Four Hundreds of the cities which have been listed. The Locater, which covers twenty-nine cities, contains the names of 95,648 persons. Of these 50,752 are grouped as Mr. and Mrs. and 44,896 appear as single.

In New York's Four Hundred the Smiths lead, there being 106 in the aristocratic inclosure. The Browns come next with 143, the Clarks third with ninety-one. Although less numerous, the Livingstons, with fifty-eight, are still typically of the metropolis, there being only four Livingstons outside New York. Three are in St. Paul, and one is in Cincinnati. In Washington the name of Davis comes first, with twenty-three, and the Harrisons, Parkers and Smiths are second, with twenty-two. There are twenty-one Johnsons. In Philadelphia there are 137 Smiths, ninety-two Morris and eighty-nine Biddles.

In Chicago the Smiths are also in the lead. There they number fifty-five as against the thirty-five Adamses, the twenty-six Walkers and the twenty-five Masons. Boston, however, mightily reduces the general average of the Smiths, the Locater enumerating only five of that name who abide in the Back Bay region of the Hub. In the Boston list the Coolidges lead with thirty-eight, followed by the Peabodys and Putnams, thirty-five each. Providence has thirty-one Aldriches and twenty-two Arnolds. St. Louis has such old family names as the Garceshes and Cabannes. Cincinnati leads with its Andersons, St. Paul with Hills and Minneapolis with Washburns. In San Francisco there are twenty-eight Adamses, and Baltimore abounds in Williamses and Jenkinsses.

EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

Work of These Centers of Agricultural Investigation.

In the opinion of many qualified observers the agricultural experiment stations are proving to be one of the greatest agencies of helpfulness in the United States. Under a law passed nineteen years ago each of the states and territories receives several thousand dollars a year from the general government for this purpose. The states add about half as much more. These centers of practical investigation concerning the plant and animal life of the farm in all its bearings are putting numberless theories and customs to a rigid test. It was the practice twenty years ago to cook food for domestic animals, but exhaustive investigations in feeding seemed to show that this is not profitable, and a great change of custom has resulted.

The Minnesota station has accomplished much in improving wheat, the Illinois station in improving the corn yield, the Wisconsin station in the dairy and the California station in the reclamation of alkali lands.

The experiment stations are gradually correcting certain of their original mistakes. There was a tendency at first to a duplication of work. Each attempted perhaps to do too many things. Now there is better co-ordination through the department of agriculture at Washington. The stations also are specializing and devoting themselves more particularly to local interests. Each agency has its sphere of influence. It is well to have some men in the community set apart to make the experimental studies for which the individual farmer could not spare the time. Millions of dollars in the aggregate may be lost by a single popular error if sufficiently widespread. To find out what is what is really the task stations are trying to perform.—New York Press.

Other Names For Automobiles.

A Berliner who long has been prominent in local transportation interests has established a motor cab service, the pleasing German name of his vehicles being "automobiletexameterodroschken." Despite the preposterous title under which they run, the cabs are said to be remarkably handsome and graceful.

If there be anything in a name, the motoreurs introduced into some parts of Belgium should instantly become swaybacked and top-heavy. The Flemish word for automobile is "smelpaar delooszoonderspoorwegpetroolrijtuig."—New York Press.

Our Chief of Artillery.

Brigadier General Arthur Murray, U. S. A., chief of artillery, is recognized as one of the world's experts in submarine mines. In his hands rests much of the responsibility for guarding the shore line of the country. General Murray was born in Missouri in 1851 and was graduated at the United States Military academy, second in his class, in 1874. He is a lawyer as well as a military man and has also been a professor of military science and tactics at Yale. He has written several technical works relating to army subjects.—Argonaut.

Faithful Postal Workers.

The government has no employees more faithful and none upon whose personal honesty more depends than the thousands of postmasters and postal clerks in our nearly 6,000 postoffices. When one thinks of the countless letters in flimsy envelopes dropped into mail boxes and postoffices, with no protection except a 2 cent stamp and a thin piece of paper against the violation of secrets, the exposure of which might ruin a business, one realizes how much depends on the personal integrity of those who handle the mails.—Leslie's.

Grand Duke Michael of Russia To Attend George's Coronation



GRAND DUKE MICHAEL, of Russia, an uncle of the czar, has been specially invited by King George to attend his coronation in June, and he and his wife, the beautiful Countess Torpy, will be highly honored during the ceremonies. They are well known in England, having lived there for many years after their marriage while the wife was not received by her husband's royal relatives. As the marriage was contracted without the consent of the czar of Russia, Alexander III, it was "morganatic," and the wife was not recognized in court circles. The husband and wife were happy nevertheless, and they were close friends of the Prince of Wales, afterward King Edward VII. He tried vainly to induce Czar Nicholas II. to lift the ban on Grand Duke Michael's consort. He could not even induce the Princess of Wales to receive her officially. The marriage of the grand duke and the Countess Torpy was romantic and followed his rescue of her in a runaway in Nice twenty years ago. The grand duke had been a gay rounder and was then about thirty years old. He was an ardent sailor, promised to cease sailing wild oats and has been a model husband. The couple have three children, two girls and a boy.

The Vagabond Actor.

Moliere raised the status of the actor to a hireling clown who must amuse his king. Sir Henry Irving was even knighted by Queen Victoria, who recognized his magnificent services to dramatic art. But in all the years when Sir Henry was breaking his neck to run back and forth between Victoria's royal residences and the cities where he was playing, to set up his scenes and act for the old queen's amusement and the entertainment of her guests, he was never once officially received by her at court. He had many private audiences, which were much the same for him as to have a chat with any other old lady; but, although he was the possessor of a royal title, a favorite with the royal family and the greatest actor of his age, he never was invited or "commanded," as it is called, to Buckingham palace. The status of vagabondia clung to his garments, and he was classed with crooked nobles and other undesirables.—Archie Bell in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Courage and the Flea.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. Except a creature be part coward, it is not a compliment to say it is brave; it is merely a loose misapplication of the word. Consider the flea—incomparably the bravest of all the creatures of God if ignorance of fear were courage. Whether you are asleep or awake, he will attack you, caring nothing for the fact that in bulk and strength you are to him as are the massed armies of the earth to a sucking child. He lives both day and night and all days and nights in the very lap of peril and the immediate presence of death and yet is no more afraid than is the man who walks the streets of a city that was threatened by an earthquake ten centuries before. When we speak of Clive, Nelson and Putnam as men who "didn't know what fear was" we ought always to add the flea—and put him at the head of the procession.—Mark Twain.

The Original Paul Pry.

Thomas Hill, familiarly called Tommy Hill, was, says Dr. Brewer, the original Paul Pry. It was from him also that Theodore Hook drew his character of Gilbert Gurney. Planché in his "Recollections" says of Hill: "His specialty was the accurate information he could impart on all the petty details of the domestic economy of his friends, the contents of their wardrobes, their pantries, the number of pots of preserves in their store closets and of the table napkins in their linen presses, the dates of their births and marriages, the amounts of their tradesmen's bills and whether paid weekly or quarterly. He had been on the press and was connected with the Morning Chronicle. He used to drive Matthews crazy by ferreting out his whereabouts when he left London and popping the information in some paper."

Names in Electricity.

Electricity is the one branch of science that honors the great names in its fundamental terminology. Andre Marie Ampere was the French physicist who first measured the current and for whom the unit is named. The

unit bears the name of George Z. Ohm, a German man of science who discovered the law on which the unit of electrical resistance is based. The volt is named for the Italian Volta, the greatest electrical authority of the eighteenth century, who was the first man to construct a rude electric battery. The farad, the unit of electrical capacity, is named in honor of the English physicist Faraday; the coulomb, the unit of quantity, for the French physicist Coulomb, and the watt, the unit of power, for James Watt, the Scotch inventor who improved the steam engine.

A Cartographic Curiosity.

Catherine de' Medici once entertained the ambition of acquiring both North and South America as appendages to her crown, and with that object in view she dispatched a couple of her representatives to the scene of operations. The northern section of the enterprise was committed to the charge of the queen's favorite, Troilus de Mesgones, who was adorned with the title of viceroy of France and sailed from Havre with a large fleet, only to be wrecked in the Atlantic. Another favorite, Strozzi, was commissioned to capture South America, but he was no more fortunate than Mesgones, for he was killed at the Azores. These happenings, however, took a long time to reach the ears of Queen Catherine, and in the meantime she nursed her dreams and prepared a map on which "the new world of the north" and "the new world of the south" figured as colonies of France. This cartographic curiosity is among the map treasures of the National library in Paris.

Herbert Spencer Was Human.

Herbert Spencer in the attitude of superintending his household affairs was practical and amusing. At one time the poulterer had not been giving satisfaction, so Mr. Spencer called his housekeeper and gave her directions to transfer his custom to another tradesman whose shop faced the delinquent's. "And, Miss Smith," said the author of "Synthetic Philosophy," "be particular that the first poulterer sees you giving your orders to the second poulterer!"

Always Lucky.

McConnell—Sure, isn't Larry always th' lucky by? Murphy—Lucky, do ye call him, when it was only yesterday that he fell, breakin' his leg an' his arm? McConnell—Faith, an' wasn't he lucky on that occasion, wid th' accident takin' place within twenty five of th' hospital?—Chicago News.

On the Other Hand.

"On the one hand," said the teacher, pointing a long finger to the map on the classroom wall, "we have the far stretching country of Russia. On the other hand—what do I see on the other hand, Tommy?" "Warts!" hazarded Tommy, hopeless with fright.

Superstitious.

"What! Did you let the examinations go by again, Carl?" "I'll tell you, father. On the way to the college I met an old woman, and then I turned back again."—Flegende Blatter.

GOWN FOR EASTER.

Two Toned Materials Popular This Season.



Apparel for Eastertide now is uppermost in the feminine eye. The accompanying picture shows one of the newest fancies in Easter gowns. Two toned materials are popular for this season. This frock consists of a combination skirt, the upper part being made of pale biscuit color serge and the lower part of dark brown. The skirt is made empire, and the jacket is one of the new Eton designs. The entire suit is made very attractive by the use of silk braid. The big hat worn with the costume is of tan cloth with white pompon. The combination of gown and hat makes a stunning Easter outfit.

Hat For Next Summer.

The milliners are busy designing hats for the summer season of 1911. Among the many designs is the turban of straw shown in the picture



STRAW TURBAN.

Trailing roses and vines give a truly summery effect. It will be observed that the shape is not materially different from some of the headgear worn last season.

Housewife Suggestions.

If your irons become rough and sticky, wash in warm soapy water, dry and rub with emery paper. A slice or two of lime or a slice of orange added to apple sauce, instead of lemon, gives a delicious flavor. A lime may be used instead of lemon to give zest to wine jelly. When laundry soap is bought in large quantities, as is usually done, the bars should be unwrapped and placed on the top shelf of the kitchen closet to become thoroughly dry and ripened before they are used. When sweeping a heavy rug or carpet it is a good plan to spread a news paper on the floor and sprinkle it very lightly with water. Keep the newspaper a trifle ahead of the broom so that the dust is brushed on to it. Don't throw away lemon peel. What you cannot use immediately for flavorings you can turn into essence of lemon quite as good as any you can buy. To make it fill a bottle with rectified spirits and when using lemons cut off the yellow part of the rind and place it in the spirits. Orange essence may be made in the same way.

What It Says.

When money talks the only thing it says to most of us is "goodby."

Two Little Bills.
Robert was in the habit of expecting reward for every little service. At the end of the week he made out a "bill" to his mother and carefully laid it where her eyes would fall upon it. The items were as follows:
"Mother Owe to Robert.
"Five cents for running errands.
"Five cents for being good."
That evening there appeared beside Robert's plate a paper upon which was written:
"Robert owes mother, for years of happiness, nothing; for nursing him through long illnesses, nothing; for doing good to him, nothing."
Thoroughly ashamed of himself, Robert ran to mother, threw his arms around her and sobbed:
"Mother, I will do everything I can for you after this, and I'll never ask you to give me anything but just love."—Oswaha World-Herald.

Easy to Please.
"So," said his girl's papa furiously, "you think you could make my little girl Arethusa happy?"
The young man considered his prospective pa-in-law, who had gone and a face like a fire engine and an eighty horsepower temper.
"She's been happy with you, sir hasn't she?" the young man asked.
"I think so, my boy—I think so," replied his girl's papa. "I certainly think so. I think so certainly. I'm certain I think so."
"Well," chimed in the young man sweetly, "if she's been happy with you I certainly think I can make her happy. I think so. I think so certainly. I'm certain I think so."

He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surmount a fear.—Emerson.

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