

AN AMERICAN GIRL VICEREINE OF INDIA.

LUCK OF THE CURZONS.

The first American woman to become a real Queen is the daughter of a former dry-goods clerk.

She will rule more than 400,000,000 of people. She will occupy an official position higher than any woman of this nation has ever attained.

She has mounted to her proud place on a foundation of dry goods and Chicago real estate, but she is worthy of it.

George Nathaniel Curzon, who married Miss Mary Leiter, of Chicago, has been made Viceroy of India, the highest administrative office in the gift of the British Crown. Before the vision of the Hon. Mrs. George Nathaniel Curzon there opens a vista of surpassing richness and promise.

Her husband will be created a peer of the realm before he goes to India. There he will be Vice-King and his wife will be the Vice-Queen.

It is quite true this American woman will act for Queen Victoria, Empress of India, in ruling over the largest and most important possession of the British Empire. She will sit on a throne and none will be too great to bow before her.

Mrs. Curzon, to whom a daughter has just been born, is thirty-one. She has great beauty, \$5,000,000 as a dowry and a young husband who is already one of the great men of his nation. Surely her career is enough to turn the head of most women.

Her position is fixed for all time. In

UNIQUE FIRE ENGINE.

London is Using One Whose Motive Power is Gasoline.

The motive power of this engine is gasoline, as the picture plainly indicates, the engine itself is very different from the machine that is ordinarily in use for the purpose. It is more compact and powerful, two improvements that will be very welcome. In the rear of the engine, and within



LONDON'S PECULIAR FIRE ENGINE.

the railing, is the fire hose on the reel of the usual pattern. Thus the engine and hose cart are in one. With this most up-to-date of fire engines there is a contrivance which will reel or unroll the hose, action being regulated by a lever close to that which operates the engine itself. This is one of the features which firemen find great cause for enthusiasm. In fact, the London fire fighters, who are considered fully equal to the bravest and best, even as good as the firemen of the United States, think that the reel feature is the point par excellence of the invention.

Generally the engine is supposed to carry five men, but this number can be increased if desired, as the additional weight of a larger crew would have no appreciable effect upon the



"WILLIAM YOU'RE TOO LATE."

(The New York Herald's cartoonist gives his idea of the situation in the Philippines.)

CHINA TOTTERS TO HER FALL

England Accuses Li Hung Chang of Being Bought With Russia's Gold.

The friction between England and Russia, arising from the attitude assumed by the Chinese Government in regard to railroad concessions in the Celestial Empire, has become the all-absorbing topic of the hour among foreign diplomats. In view of the large American interests in the Far East the trend of affairs is also being closely followed in this country. At the close of the war between China and Japan, England and Russia, both vengeful for an opportunity to increase their power in the Chinese realm, stepped in and gained control through "leases" over the territory which had been occupied by the Japanese troops. Russia took Port Arthur and the surrounding country on the north of the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Lie, while England acquired control of Wei-Hai-Wei, on the south of the gulf.

see this old fossil in his true light, and has rid himself of his "Old Man of the Sea." The Manchus, many of them, sympathize with Weng, and are fearful less this dismissal means wholesale innovations.

With Weng out of the way, the Empress Dowager had no difficulty in regaining her old place as real ruler of the eighteen provinces. All the provincial Governors and Vicereroys, as well as government officials ranking higher than Taotai, are commanded to memorialize her, thanking her for the office they hold. She has already shown her favor to Li Hung Chang, and he is in power again as virtual ruler of the Tsung-li-Yamen. It must give old Li much satisfaction to thus prevail over Weng, who clamored for Li's head during the Chinese-Japanese war.

One weak man in the Cabinet is Wang, who has been called from the Chihli Viceroyship. Prince Kung on his deathbed stipulated that Wang should succeed him in the Cabinet. Wang is dull, ultra conservative, and smokes too much opium, but he is old and cannot last long.

The resurrection of Viceroy Li has aroused the British in China, who see in it another trick taken by the Russians. Li, who was once the strongest friend of England, is now doing everything in his power to help Russia.

The Empress Dowager of China, Taou Hsi, is a woman of force. She is sixty-four years old, but she is the Chinese exemplar of the new woman. For nearly forty years she has been the most powerful influence in the Flowery Kingdom.

The Emperor Kouangsu is the Empress Dowager's adopted son. After her own son's death she took up Kouangsu and trained him so that she could keep him under her thumb. The Emperor is twenty-six years old to-day, so that his open deposition from real power is a self-handed birthday present from his dear adopted mother.

For many years she has been receiving birthday presents which have made her the richest woman on earth. On each birthday the Chinese people have poured riches into her lap. During the war with Japan it was hinted to the Dowager Empress that the people needed all the money they had; that perhaps she might be pleased to refuse the usual presents. She compromised—took half.

Li Hung Chang, who was so popular in New York, has always found his firmest friend and most generous patron in the Dowager Empress. Once in a while she has been mad at him and taken away his peacock's feather or his yellow jacket, but he soon had it again, and her favor. So that usually, when all went well with Li Hung, it proved that the Dowager Empress was supreme. Rarely has the young Emperor tried to demonstrate his manhood and really be Emperor. Then Li Hung Chang was in trouble, but it never lasted long, for the Dowager Empress put her thumbs down on her stepson just as she has done now.

The Tsung-li-Yamen is the Chinese Foreign Office. The only thing to be compared to it in this country is the Department of State. It is stated that Tsou Hsi has lately been filling the



EMPEROR OF CHINA.

At the present time there is only one railroad in China, which was built by Li Hung Chang, and is under the control of the government. The trouble now threatening between England and Russia has arisen through the repudiation by China of a contract with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to build a road from Tientsin via Shan-Hai-kwon to New-Chwang. The bank is owned almost entirely by English capitalists, although a few Americans hold stock in it. The proposed new road was an important part of the railroad system under development in China.

The Empress Dowager of China has openly relieved the Emperor of all real power. The Ministers take their instructions directly from her, and Li Hung Chang practically supercedes the Tsung-li-Yamen.

It is rumored that Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Minister, before the Tsung-li-Yamen accused Li Hung Chang of betraying China to Russia; and it is said that Li Hung Chang has threatened to demand the recall of Sir Claude Macdonald.



THE TSUNG-LI-YAMEN—THE STATE DEPARTMENT AT PEKIN.

Li Hung Chang is thus once more in power, acting as Chancellor directly under the Empress Dowager. This was brought about through the weakness of the Emperor, who is recognized as unfit to deal with large matters of state. The Empress Dowager, who is a very able woman, convinced him that he must retire Weng, who for several years had been the head and front of the party opposed to all foreign reforms and improvements.

Foreigners and the Progressive party of Chinese are delighted. No more radical or necessary first step toward progress could have been taken. The Emperor has at last been made to

Tsung-li-Yamen with weaklings to make it easier for him to boss the Tsung-li-Yamen.

It must have been a very pretty quarrel between Sir Claude Macdonald, backed by England, and Li Hung Chang, with the Dowager Empress behind him.

"You sold China to Russia!"

"I'll have you recalled!"

While all the weaklings of the Tsung-li-Yamen trembled in their broadcloth gowns.

British subjects can travel entirely around the world without leaving the British Empire.

THE REALM OF FASHION.

Tucked shirt waist with fitted lining. The shirt waist is again prominent among the styles, and tucking is one of the marked features this season. With a well-cut and fitted fine percale or lawn shirt waist, fresh from the



TUCKED SHIRT WAIST.

laundry, there comes an appearance of style and neatness that accounts for its long-continued popularity.

Fancy dotted percale in lavender and white made the stylish model, the tucks of uniform depth giving a desirable fullness across the bust that is very generally becoming. The waist is arranged over a fitted lining (which can be omitted if desired), and has a

cord, homespun, corduroy, Henrietta and poplin will all make smart basques that are suitable for shopping or general wear, as well as for bicycle or other out-door exercise.

Narrow braid may take the place of machine stitching, if a different completion is desired.

To cut this basque for a lady of medium size two yards of material forty-four inches in width will be required.

Queen-Regent's Mother.

The Archduchess Elizabeth, mother of the Queen Regent of Spain, is in her sixty-eighth year. She is sister of the Archduke Joseph and of the Queen of the Belgians. By her first marriage with the brother of the last Duke of Modena she became mother of the Archduchess Maria Theresia. The Archduchess Elizabeth became a widow, after two years of marriage, before she was nineteen, and four years later she married the Archduke Charles Ferdinand, son of Napoleon's antagonist, the Archduke Charles, to whom she bore three sons and a daughter.

New Blouse Waists.

The new blouse waists have large revers, edged with narrow lace insertion, over a foundation of chiffon puffing. Silk waists, veiled with chiffon of the same color, have the waist body, basque and epanettes decorated in this manner or with baby ribbon.

Up-To-Date Sleeves.

A new pair of sleeves, up to date in



LADIES' HABIT BASQUE.

straight back yoke which meets the front in seams forward on the shoulders. An applied box plait finishes the right front, through which the closing is effected by studs or buttons and buttonholes. Gathered at the waist line pouch the front in latest style, the back being drawn smoothly to the waist. The neck is finished with a collar band, and the standing collar of white linen is made adjustable.

The correct sleeves are of fashionable size, the moderate fullness being gathered at the top and wrists into straight cuffs. A leather belt is worn at the waist, and a bow tie of satin at the neck.

To make this waist for a lady of medium size four yards of material thirty inches wide will be required.

An Equestrian Costume.

For ordinary wear as well as for equestrian exercise the style of basque shown in the large engraving is popular, writes May Manton, it having the merit of being especially becoming to ladies of generous proportions.

Its special adaptation to the requirements of stout women is further emphasized by an extra under-arm gore, provided in the sizes above thirty-six inches bust measure, by which the width of the back, and side back, forms are so decreased that an illusion of slenderness results. The narrow position back, with regular coat plaits and lap, is a becoming feature and will be welcomed by those who aim to dress correctly.

Navy blue chevrot is here represented, smooth covered tailor buttons effecting the closing in center front.

The glove-fitting adjustment is accomplished by double bust darts and curving front edges, the upper portion being reversed in small lapels that meet the rolling collar in notches.

Machine stitching finishes all edges in strictly tailor style.

The chemisette is of white linen, but can be of material to correspond or contrast with the basque.

The sleeves are of fashionable size and fit closely at the wrists, closing with three buttons and buttonholes.

Basques in this style usually match the material of the skirt, firmly woven textures being the invariable choice. Serge, covert or broadcloth, whip-

cut and style, will tend greatly to successful results in making over a last year's gown. Two styles are given in this design, which are adapted to any basque or waist, and can be made of the same or contrasting material.

No. 1 is represented in black netting, made over black satin. The under-portion are smooth, two full sections being gathered on the inside and outside seams, and arranged at the centre in tucked shirtings, between the edges of which the smooth lining of satin is disclosed. Bands of ribbon, velvet, or other trimming may fill in the space when other than transparent fabric is used for the sleeves.

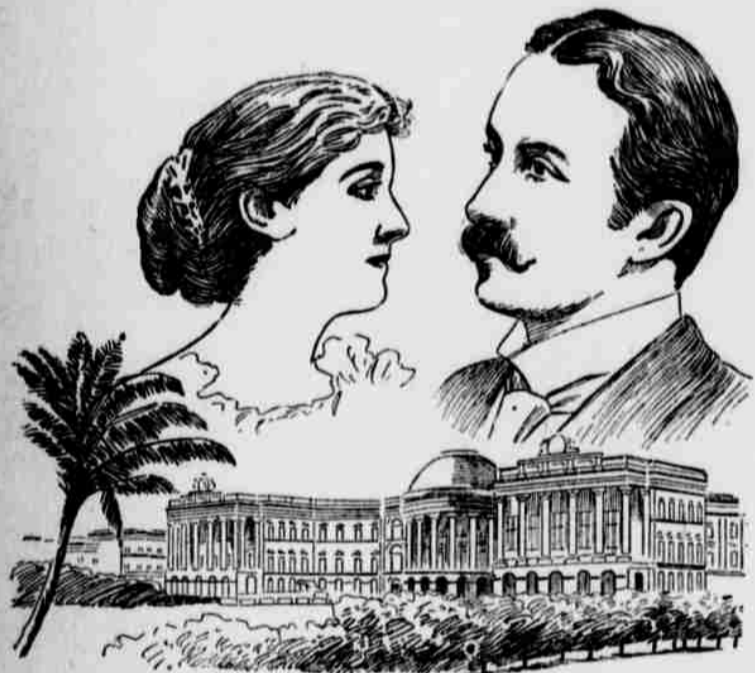
No. 2 illustrates a close-fitting sleeve of light gray faille that has no unnecessary fullness at the top. The seams are left open at the wrists



WOMAN'S SLEEVES.

about two and a half inches, and turned under to form squares, trimmed around with black silk velvet ribbon, and a frill of lace sewed on underneath falls over the hands.

To make No. 1 will require one and a quarter yards of material forty-four inches wide, and to make No. 2 will require three-quarters of a yard of the same width material.



GEORGE N. CURZON, THE NEW VICEROY OF INDIA, AND HIS WIFE, FORMERLY MISS LEITER, OF CHICAGO—PALACE OF THE VICEROY AT CALCUTTA WHERE THIS AMERICAN GIRL WILL PRESIDE.

India she and her husband will occupy a palace of the blood royal. In England she is upon the highest pinnacle.

Thirty years ago the father of this American queen was selling calico and stockings over a counter in Chicago. He saved one-half that he earned. He invested and saved all that he made until he had a fortune.

When he gained wealth his wife fought as hard for social recognition as her husband had to make money. She struggled in Chicago and made little headway. She went to Washington and resumed the fight there and succeeded. What matter if she was called the Mrs. Malaprop of Washington. She was a force, although to this day her sway is disputed.

But there is no disputing the power of her daughter. She has taken a foremost place in the most exclusive society in the world. She has now become the arbiter of the fate of American women seeking recognition abroad. By a mere word the daughter of Levi Z. Leiter can gain royal recognition for other American women, or she can, if she chooses, deny such recognition to them. She can make Mrs. Potter Palmer, her mother's ancient social enemy, knock in vain at the portal of European Courts even after having conquered the 400 and Newport.

Mrs. Curzon was Miss Mary Virginia Leiter, the eldest child of Levi Z. Leiter, and the sister of Joseph Leiter, who was king of wheat a few months ago and who lost something like \$18,000,000, of which his father has had to pay about half, the other representing the profits of the deal at one time.

Mrs. Curzon has lived more in Washington and in Europe than she has in Chicago. Her marriage to George Nathaniel Curzon, who has been looked upon as the coming man in the Tory party for several years, was a great social event, although it did not attract as much attention as some other international marriages.

It was generally accepted that Mr. Curzon hoped some day to become Prime Minister of England and that it was his wife who influenced him in deciding to accept the high place of Viceroy.

She will occupy the highest place socially of any woman in India, because she will directly represent the Queen. She will hold court, receive native princes and be virtually queen of 400,000,000 people.

The First Postoffice.

The first postoffice was opened in Paris in 1462, in England in 1581, and in America in 1710.

A French writer attributes the grace of the Spanish women to the fact that many of them are taught dancing.

speed, which is anywhere from twelve to twenty miles an hour. Two of the firemen stand on the footboard of the engine, which makes the entire circuit. The contrivance being of an elongated nature. The fifth man is the pilot. He stands within the rail and by means of a wheel laid flatwise upon an iron bar steers the queer machine. There is the usual headlight for use at night, located directly forward of the wheel bar.

A "Real Daughter" Gets Her Spoon.

A few days ago there was forwarded to Phoebe Bayard Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Penn., a massive souvenir spoon that brought joy to the heart of Mrs. Margaret C. Craig, of New Alexandria, who is a member of Phoebe Bayard Chapter. The spoon, in accordance with the custom of the order, was sent because Mrs. Craig had been accepted by the national society at Washington as a "real daughter," she being the daughter of General Alexander Craig, who rendered distinguished services to his country during the revolution.



MRS. M. C. CRAIG, "REAL DAUGHTER" OF THE REVOLUTION.

Mrs. Craig is in her ninety-fifth year. The committee of ladies which had the honor of conveying to her the souvenir spoon found her on the Craig farm, in the same house where her revolutionary father left her sixty-two years ago. Every year of her long life has been spent under this roof.

General Alexander Craig, the distinguished head of the family, father of our "real daughter," was born November 20, 1756; served through the revolution, and died October 29, 1832.

There are eleven cities in the world with a population of over 1,000,000. They are London, Paris, Berlin, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Peking, Vienna, Tokio, Canton and St. Petersburg.