

Anecdotes and Reminiscences About Victoria.

Queen Victoria reigned longer than any other woman occupant of a throne.

She reigned for a greater number of years than any other European sovereign. If the regency in the reign of Louis XIV. is excepted.

Her reign lasted sixty-three years and seven months, exceeding forty years three months and twenty-eight days the reign of George III., which was the longest in England before she came to the throne.

She was Empress of India for twenty-five years, having received the title by proclamation on April 28, 1876.

She outlived all the members of the House of Lords, who were peers of the realm at the time of her accession, except Earl Nelson, and all the peers who were then or had been members of the House of Commons.



WHERE QUEEN VICTORIA WAS BORN.

She survived all the members of her original Privy Council and of her first House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone having been one of the oldest former members of the latter.

She saw every episcopal see vacated and refilled at least twice during her reign.

She saw her judicial bench recruited twice at least from end to end.

She was a widow for forty years.

She saw five Archbishops of Canterbury and six of York and five Bishops of London.

She saw eleven Lord Chancellors, ten Prime Ministers and six Speakers of the House of Commons.

The Queen learned from her German mother the excellent habit of early rising, which stood her in good stead during a busy and laborious life.

Not later than 7 was the hour. Her dressers were not literary women, like Fanny Burney, nor did they add to their other duties that of reading to the Queen herself or to the court circle.

Like the women of her suite in a higher rank—ladies in waiting, bed-chamber women, etc.—many of the Queen's dressers grew gray in her service.

She always breakfasted privately. From the commencement of her reign.



VICTORIA JUST AFTER HER CORONATION.

and notably after her marriage with the Prince Consort, it is a well-accredited fact that Victoria would sign no paper which was not a mere certificate of an appointment or a commission unless she made herself acquainted with the contents by having them read and discussed in her hearing.

As a climax to the ordinary business of every lawful day at intervals the Queen received her Ministers and held her Cabinet Councils. Here, as at her first council, she sat at the head of the



THE CORONATION, JUNE 28TH, 1838.

council board, the only woman present.

She was the oldest member of her cabinet, and presided over every Government, Liberal or Conservative, during the reign of upward of sixty years, the real business of the Queen's household duties and her work—was dispatched quickly

enough, she went out for a donkey drive in the grounds. Luncheon was a less private meal than breakfast, when the Queen, if so disposed, met the members of her household, the guests staying at the palace, or the privileged visitors who arrived for luncheon.

Queen Victoria disliked cold meat, suede gloves, artificial flowers and the odor of furs. Her alias, when she found it advisable to use an incognito, was either the Countess of Balmoral



THE WEDDING, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1840.

or the Duchess of Lancaster—the latter was one of her numerous titles. When members of the Queen's family or any German relatives visited London and occupied Buckingham Palace, "by invitation," they paid their board just like common folks in a first-class hotel.

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THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE OF WALES. (An etching made by Queen Victoria.)

"Queen's bounty" cost Victoria on an average \$1500 a year. The Queen, when she sent three sovereigns to a mother who had given birth to three children, forty years ago, probably did not foresee to what vital dimensions the "bounty" would grow.

Her Majesty was recently presented with \$100 by an Indian chief of British Columbia, doubtless as a thank offering for the \$5000 he received for the 60,000 fish he had caught and sold.

The Queen acknowledged the gift by letter, accompanied by an engraving of herself and two pieces of sheep's wool.

The "Queen's Jewels," exhibited to curious Americans in the Tower of



THE QUEEN IN HER DONKEY CARRIAGE.

London, are largely "paste." The Koh-i-Noor there is artificial, the real stone being kept at the Queen's bankers. Then there is the "Imperial Crown," no longer used, blazing with gems, but the gems are all artificial. It seems that it used to be the custom to have the crowns of Queen consorts, and their sceptres, too, made of baser

Mary of Modena is set down in the jewel book as having cost about \$300, though it blazes with gems. The "Queen's Orb" also is set with imitation stones and bordered with imitation pearls. The famous "Old Sceptre," which was found in the wainscoting of the jewel house in 1814, is also set with imitation stones.

Queen Victoria's private fortune has been estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000, but the exact amount

is known probably to but two persons besides herself—Lord Cross and Lord Rowton, who for years had entire charge of her financial affairs. Lord Rowton was secretary to Lord Beaconsfield during the lifetime of the latter.

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THE BRITISH CROWN.

Her bankers are Coutts's, of London. The Imperial state crown was made in the year 1838, with jewels taken from old crowns and others furnished by command of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria. It consists of diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, set in silver and gold. It has a crimson velvet cap with ermine border, and is lined with white silk.

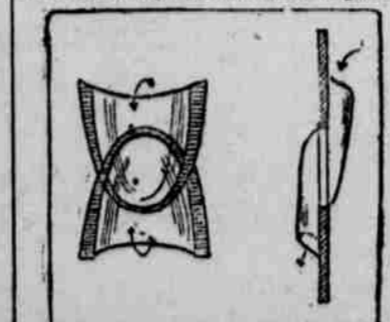
The Queen was always fond of dogs, and the royal kennels near Windsor are among the finest in the world. She was never known to visit Windsor without going to see these favorite animals. Often her first visit after



THE QUEEN'S BEDROOM, OSBORNE. (She died in this room.)

her arrival was to the kennels, and also, sometimes, her last before departure.

French Hygienic Window.
The accompanying figures show a new hygienic window pane being introduced in France. It is the invention of Dr. Legrand, and is a perfect ventilator. As will be seen from the illustrations it is perforated and provided with channels, of which there are two—one outside and one inside. The former opens at the bottom, the latter at the top. The fresh air enters as is shown by the arrow, and replaces



VENTILATION WITHOUT DRAUGHT.

the warm air, which escapes in the opposite direction. This window pane is put in exactly like an ordinary one, in the upper part of a window sash, and does not interfere with the light.

Most spiders are possessed of poison fangs, but very few are dangerous to human beings.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

A Captain Who Was Not Killed by the Enemy.

A veteran of the Civil War was relating some of his experiences as a soldier the other day, when he was asked if he ever knew of an officer being killed in battle intentionally by one of his own men. "I never knew of but one case. That is, of my own personal knowledge," he answered, "and that was the captain of one of the companies I served in during the Civil War. This captain, whom we will call Smith, for that wasn't his real name, was about as lacking in heart as any man I ever saw, or ever heard of. It was in March of one of the closing years of the war, when we were in winter quarters down South. There was a young fellow in the company who had but lately returned from a furlough of fifteen days, granted him to visit home, where his young wife lived with the old folks. A few days after his return he received word that his wife was very ill, and that her recovery was impossible. He went at once to his captain, asked for a few days' leave, explaining that he wished to visit his dying wife. To the astonishment of everyone the captain not only refused his request, but did so in a sneering and utterly heartless manner. Some of the boys, when they learned of what had happened, went to the colonel, one of the best men that ever lived, and laid the facts before him, with the result that the young fellow at once received the desired leave. Before he could get away, however, his captain went to the colonel, and in some way or other delayed matters so that it was three or four days later before the poor fellow started for home. When he got there he found that his wife had died just twenty-four hours before his arrival. At the end of his leave he again returned to his company, told his story, and to one or two of us declared that in the next battle we went into his captain would not come out alive. Of course, we knew what he meant, but not a word did we say in disapproval. A short time after that we received orders to go to the front, and a day or two after getting there we went into one of the hottest engagements fought during the war. It continued for several hours, and one of the first of our men to fall was the captain of our company. Not one ball but a dozen or more hit him, and every one of them hit him in the back and came from guns not carried by the fellows in gray. The young fellow I have been telling you about also fell later in the fight, but he was hit in the breast, where every true soldier and man would be hit. Where did the other balls that hit the captain come from? Why they came from guns held in the hands of men who had gone into that battle with the same purpose in their hearts as that which filled that of their young comrade. As I say, this is the only case I ever had any personal knowledge of, but you can bet there have been lots of others just like it."—Washington Star.

Cleaning Air.

The success of an experimental air washer in the public library of Chicago has led the authorities to put in a complete system calculated to cleanse thoroughly all the air used in the building. The soot and dirt-laden air of Chicago was slowly ruining the books of the library, and the fine mural decorations, and it was necessary to do something to save them. The washer which was tried not only removed the dirt and soot, but the odors as well, and, presumably, many germs, so that the visitors at the library were benefited quite as much as the books and the paintings. The cleansing of the air is a very simple process. The air is drawn into a box through a system of water sprays and over a series of metal plates. The sprays take out all the shavings, bits of straw and paper, fragments of cotton and wool, etc., which float out of a drain at the bottom of the box. The damp air is then forced over another series of plates by a great fan. These plates are set at slight angles to each other, and have flanges which, as the air passes around them, catch the dirt. It is said that if a person's hand is inserted in this compartment it will quickly become black with dirt. In summer the air which emerges from the ventilators is cool, but dry, while in winter it will be warmed by first passing over steam pipes.—Waverley Magazine.

The Elusive One.

"Father, who is that man with the bumps all over his face and hands?"
"That, my child, is a tourist man. No, he hasn't fallen on the Great Pyramid; those are only the forget-me-not brands of the multitudinous Cairo mosquito. He is newly arrived in the land of the Pharaohs, and such as he the Cairo mosquito loves with an exceeding great love. For 'tis an insect passing hard to please. He cares not for the leathery slatted native, but saves up his appetite against the time when the tender, toothsome paleface shall flock hitherward and furnish them unto him and all his brethren the wherewithal for a square meal. When he has been here a few days he will become even as you and I—mosquito proof—and then his friends will not need a new introduction every time they meet him on the street. Regard him well now, my son, for a mosquito is stabbing him unawares in the back of the neck. Presently he will swat himself a mighty blow under the back hair."
"And slay the mosquito, father?"
"Not to any extent, son. He may think so, but when he feels around for the remains, lo, the remains are walking away in pastures new."—Cairo Sphinx.

Anticipating the repeal of the State wolf bounty law, a number of stockmen in the Bad River section of South Dakota have contributed a handsome sum from their pockets and will keep up the warfare. The State has expended \$30,000 for wolf scalps and the present Legislature is not expected to keep up the appropriation.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of Grain-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. Grain-O has that rich sweet flavor of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. $\frac{1}{2}$ the price of coffee, 15 and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

The revenue of the Dominion of Cayana for last year was \$21,039,994, of which \$28,776,147 came from customs and \$9,868,075 from excise, the remainder being collected from public works and railways, postoffices, etc. The expenditure was \$42,975,370 and the surplus of \$8,054,719 is the largest on record since Confederation.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.
Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once, delays are dangerous.

Thirty-five prominent American sculptors will contribute to the embellishment of the grounds and buildings of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. They are at work on 125 original groups of statuary.

The average depth of the ocean is a little less than three miles, or 15,000 feet.

There is a Glass of People
Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over $\frac{1}{2}$ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Lake Nicaragua is the largest fresh water lake between Lake Michigan and Lake Titicaca, in Peru.

In the police court in Cincinnati it has been decided that insanity caused by liquor is no excuse for crime.

The Herb Cure For Headaches.
Unlike the majority of remedies for the cure of headaches, the Garfield Headache Powders contain nothing that can injure or derange the system; they are made from herbs.

Spanish sheep are white, except those of La Mancha, which are black.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure to get the genuine. It is taken internally, and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists; price, 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Experiments are being made in India with the locust fungus in the hope of exterminating that pest.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headaches or a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. Cascara Candy, a natural, pure, and safe cathartic, produces easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. Cascara Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has U.S.G. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

During the past year there was an increase of nearly \$30,000 in the value of monkey skins exported from the Gold Coast. It is estimated that at least 1,000,000 monkeys were killed in that district alone.

Lane's Family Medicine

Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headaches. Price 25 and 50 cents.

A proposition is being urged in Tennessee to increase the salary of the governor to \$5,000 a year. It is now \$3,000. It is thought also that the State should supply an executive mansion for his use.

Science Discards Brute Force

In medicine, Hoxley's Croup Cure contains only the spirit of drugs and Jellies Croup, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Diphtheria, 50c.

There are irrigating ditches at Las Cruces, New Mexico, that have been in continuous service for three centuries.

When you have a headache, take a Garfield Headache Powder. It will cure the pain and relieve the accompanying nervousness and depression; it is the simplest and best remedy; it is made from herbs; it cannot harm.

It is claimed that Canada furnishes over 40 per cent. of the nickel of the world.

Throw physic to the dogs—if you don't want the dogs; but if you want good digestion chew Deeney's Peppin Gum.

American machinery will be employed in the mines at Mysore, India.

THE NERVES OF WOMEN



"I am so nervous and wretched." "I feel as if I should fly." How familiar these expressions are! Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unfit for ordinary duties, and are subject to dizziness.

That bearing-down sensation helps to make you feel miserable.

You have backache and pains low down in the side, pain in top of head, later on at the base of the brain.

Such a condition points unerringly to serious uterine trouble.

If you had written to Mrs. Pinkham when you first experienced impaired vitality, you would have been spared these hours of awful suffering.

Happiness will be gone out of your life forever, my sister, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once. It is absolutely sure to help you. Then write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., if there is anything about your case you do not understand.

You need not be afraid to tell her the things you could not explain to the doctor—your letter is seen only by women and is absolutely confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience with such troubles enables her to tell you just what is best for you, and she will charge you nothing for her advice.

Mrs. Valentine Tells of Happy Results Accomplished by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It is with pleasure that I add my testimony to your list, hoping it may induce others to avail themselves of the benefit of your valuable remedy. Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I felt very bad, was terribly nervous and tired, had sick headaches, no appetite, gnawing pain in stomach, pain in my back and right side, and so weak I could scarcely stand. I was not able to do anything. Had sharp pains all through my body. Before I had taken half a bottle of your medicine, I found myself improving. I continued its use until I had taken four bottles, and felt so well that I did not need to take any more. I am like a new person, and your medicine shall always have my praise."—MRS. W. P. VALENTINE, 566 Ferry Avenue, Camden, N. J.



MRS. W. P. VALENTINE.

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