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Albert Is Himself Again.

A London correspondent of the Chicago Record writes that the prince of Wales has of late years been dabbling heavily in stocks, chiefly since the marriage of his daughter to the duke of Fife, and he has been so fortunate in his South African speculations that he has now safely emerged from the financial difficulties with which he was overwhelmed shortly after the death of his latter friend, old St. James McKenzie, who in Marlborough house circles used to go by the name of "The Benefactor." It was this financial worry of the prince that led him, first to become so intimate with the Wilsons, of Tranby Croft, to patronize "Col. North, the nitrate king," and finally to take up Baron Hirsch. But since his son-in-law, the duke of Fife, became the principal partner of Cecil Rhodes in South African speculation the prince has had no further need of Baron Hirsch, "Col." North, nor of Mr. Wilson, and were it not for his very commendable quality of sticking to people who have been his friends to the extent of befriending him financially he would long since have ceased to know them.

The Champion Glutton.

X. Fink, a New York butcher, is said to be the champion glutton of the earth, and has been chased out of several boarding houses in one month. According to a local exchange he recently consumed ninety odd apricots at a single sitting. "The trouble is that Fink is too bashful," said Mrs. Strauss, a neighbor. "We had a Bartlett pear contest here, and he ate ninety, and then quit because the crowd was too large. He can't do his best when there are a lot of people staring him in the face." "I'll bet that man can eat forty raw eggs, a bowl of soup, and two corned-beef sandwiches," said Mr. Goodman, another neighbor. "I don't know about that," put in Champion Fink, modestly. "I never tried more than twenty eggs. Perhaps I could go thirty. I once drank three schooners of beer, ate twenty-five oysters and then drank a schooner of whisky. I drink twelve cups of coffee every day. Ordinarily I don't eat or drink to excess, although I have been put out of seven boarding houses."

The following extract is from a unique letter of advice to an Oregon railway president: "There is nothing so important as the good will of your patrons and there is no better way for you to secure this than by issuing passes to influential persons when cogent reasons are shown. Now, last week I wrote to Mr. Stone to send me a pass to Corvallis, as I wanted to go down to see some friends, and my legs are rather weak, but he, with a heart as hard as his name, replied that the trouble in my limbs was probably caused by not using them enough and told me I could use the track to walk on. This sort of language is not calculated to create a friendly feeling, to say the least. I would like to have a pass to Corvallis—some time when you think of it."

The new woman fad has struck the little town of Morley, Mich. The other night a dozen young ladies attired themselves in men's clothes and met at the house of a friend, where they had, what they termed, a stag party. The girls wore the regulation male outfit, and told their friends that they had a bully time. It was the third of a series of stag parties, the first having been held a month ago. The society started in with three members. Now it has forty, and the membership is constantly growing. A hall has been engaged for the next "stag." Young men with sisters have to lock up their best clothes or wear them, if they expect to use them. The fad was introduced there by a couple of women from Saginaw.

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