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**The Mania for Titles.**

It is suggested by Mr. Henry Labouchere, the London newspaper man, that if American heiresses find titles indispensable the United States government might be doing wisely to create a home supply of titles to fill the demand. Says Mr. Labouchere:

"The mania for titles inherent in the Anglo-Saxon it is vain to contend against. But the matter is somewhat serious to the United States. That country must be a great loser through the accumulations of its wealth crossing the Atlantic. If this continues the United States will do well to manufacture the coveted article at home, for it is a wooden nutmeg that is easily bought. The existence of titles, it is true, is not in accordance with the simplicity of republican institutions, but in view of the heavy drain this might be overlooked, and the parents of any girl might be allowed to buy her a title, say for one million dollars."

There does not seem to be any real reason, however, why the government need take action in this matter. To carry out Mr. Labouchere's plan to its plainly logical conclusion it would merely be necessary for every American subject to select whatever title suited his fancy and adopt it. Let the plan be thorough. It would cost nothing for any man to style himself a "duke" or "viscount," and having called himself such it would take all the logicians of Europe to prove that he was not quite as good a duke as any of the dukes of effete Europe. Better still, pass an act of congress creating every American boy from the time of his birth an earl and every girl a duchess. With something over sixty-five million dukes and duchesses in the country who would care to go abroad for tinsel honors?

**Fun for the Guests.**

Nothing is half so funny as a young bridal couple trying to look old and not giving away the fact that they are a bride and groom. Usually their efforts only make it more noticeable. Such was the case with a young couple the other evening at dinner. They arrived in the night and avoided attracting attention from the guests, but the next day a gentleman asked the clerk to have a bunch of white roses placed upon the table at which this couple sat. The clerk waited until they had gone into the dining-room and then sent the beautiful bouquet in. The waiter, with all the pomp of his profession, placed the roses in the middle of the table. The bride blushed and the groom looked as if he were making a desperate effort to quote Scripture backward. Finally, so embarrassing did the situation become, that the groom, in a wild effort to remove the cause, grabbed the bouquet and set it down on the floor. Naturally, the guests enjoyed the scene, and to see a young bridal couple sitting at a table with a large bouquet of white roses sitting on the floor beside them only made their efforts not to give themselves away the more ridiculous. Newly wedded people should be licensed to carry firearms and be privileged to use them on such occasions.

For the first time since the war the state bonds of Louisiana sold at par a few days ago. This is an advance in credit most encouraging to that state, which has paid a heavy penalty for its repudiation policy. Its credit is not yet fully reestablished, for its bonds which bring four per cent. ought to bring a premium. Many of the discredited obligations of Louisiana have been disposed of by compromise or otherwise, and the interest on the present debt has been promptly paid for twelve years, so that the improvement in the state's credit is deserved.

Hsu Nai Kwang, the Chinese consul general in New York, who has aroused the antagonism of his fellow-countrymen there, is reported to be a tremendous aristocrat. He is of lofty lineage and great wealth. He is fully aware of his vast importance in the universe and is haughty and unapproachable. His wife is a charming little woman who has become a mother since she resided in that city.

Even the most dignified persons may with due decorum mount the wheeled steed and "scorch" to and from their high offices. It is reported that Justice White, of the United States supreme court, rides a bicycle to and from the capitol.

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