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LORD CROMER ON EGYPT.

As already reported in these columns the City of London honoured Lord Cromer, last Monday, by presenting him with its freedom. A few months ago the vast majority of the nation endorsed the action of parliament in bestowing on its most eminent Proconsul a grant of £50,000; but it has been left for the City Chamberlain, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, to pay Lord Cromer the highest because the justest tribute of all. He pointed out that such was the force of Lord Cromer's personality and such the justness and sincerity of his policy that "whether the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Rosebery, Mr. Balfour, or Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman held office he supported the British Agent in his great and noble work in Egypt." Lord Cromer, with the modesty of true greatness, attributed this splendid confidence to one of the "adventitious circumstances" which, he maintains, have caused his success as an administrator; it was not his intrinsic merit but the growing principle of the separation of party politics from foreign policy that had largely facilitated the continuity of his work. We agree that the principle exists and is consistently applied, but it is pleasant to be able to differ very completely regarding the importance Lord Cromer claims for it in his own case. Nor is this the only "adventitious circumstance" which he cites in extenuation of his merit, for he is of opinion that both the French Entente and the Anglo-Russian Convention are the outcome of the policy of minding one's own business, internationally speaking, to which he owes the approval bestowed on his administrative work. Certainly a better model of application of means to ends, of sane statesmanship, of enlightenment without pretence or sentiment, of self-sacrificing acceptance of the most trying duties, could with difficulty be found. As an administrator and as a man Lord Cromer combined those solid virtues of absolute reliability and unflinching openness which have made British rule acceptable and more than acceptable in every quarter of the globe.

Lord Cromer, as befits a statesman weighted with honours and the fruits of experience, spoke a few words of advice with regard to aims and methods of government. He had before him the moral, which had served him so excellently from his earliest manhood, of minding one's own affairs, and minding them consistently in the light of duty. In this connection he made a reference to the agitators in Ireland and in Bengal whom he considered on much the same level as the Egyptian Nationalists. "I see," he said, "but one method of dealing with the unrest in Egypt and in India. It is to continue steadily to do our duty towards the people of these countries, to come down with a heavy hand on extremists... but not to be deterred by their proceedings from adopting such reforms as are capable of satisfying the aspirations of all reasonable and moderate men." From the mouth of Lord Cromer these words do not represent a policy of compromise and inaction but of the justice and efficiency he has himself applied. Whatever may be the case in Ireland, in India and in Egypt the sentimentalists cannot achieve the same tangible advance in order and peace together with the accompanying rise in the standards of civilization as has been achieved in Egypt since 1883 by the direct influence of Lord Cromer himself. He has proved beyond the possibility of dispute that the spirit of negation which the moralists have always associated with Mephistopheles and his hordes is neither patriotic in the true sense nor disinterested on the most generous assumption, but mischievous in all its bearings. He has proved it not by meeting sophism with sophism, but by systematic development in administration and morale. He found an Egypt devastated by the sway of tyrants, by rebellion, by

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disease, by fanaticism: the commencement of his rule there witnessed the destruction of the expedition of Hicks Pasha and the murder of Gordon. What he achieved, how his influence reclaimed the people from the curse of Mahdism, how he won native sympathies for British rule is already history. A people enjoying the supreme privileges of liberty and justice, and always with special regard to their mental habit and environment, has taken the place of the utterly demoralized rabble who fought under the standard of Arabi or suffered for the extravagances of Ismail. Out of financial chaos a surplus has been created almost solely, as is everywhere admitted, by the Consul-General's perseverance and ability; while it was under his authority that the great engineering undertakings which have made progress possible were accomplished. In every sense, therefore, Lord Cromer's rule has demonstrated how an unfree and unenlightened people can be made into a people capable of freedom and, we may hope, some political development. His methods and the liberal standpoint made evident by his speech are the best answer to those malcontents, in India, in Ireland, or in Egypt, whose cry for liberty and justice echoes so strangely where the actual facts are known and duly appreciated.

LADY COUNCIL CANDIDATE.

Miss Dove, headmistress of Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe, has issued her address as a candidate in the local elections on November 1. She is the first lady out.



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THE ADMIRALTY AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, November 1.

The Admiralty has decided to proceed with the building of a battle-ship which was included in this year's Budget but postponed in consideration of the Peace Conference, and will now be built by tender in a private yard.

THE RAILWAY CRISIS.

London, October 31.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Lloyd George, had a conference today with seven railway Directors at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. The proceedings were confidential.

The evening papers state that the majority of the leaders and Directors of the railway Companies, excepting one or two which are still undecided, will not withdraw from their position, nor yield to the demands of the employes.

STORM OFF THE NE. COAST OF SCOTLAND.

London, October 31.

Stormy weather prevails on the coast of Berwick county. Wreckage has been washed ashore; among other things a life-buoy marked "Mira Flensburg".

A NEW BRITISH ARMY DIVISION.

London, October 31.

The Minister of War, Mr. Haldane, said, in a speech held in Rhyl in Wales that the Government had decided to form a Welsh army division in Wales under the new Territorial System which was to be commanded by Welsh generals.

AMERICAN NEWS.

THE DISMISSAL OF RAILWAY WORKMEN.

New York, October 30.

The directors of the Union Pacific Railway deny that the dismissals which have become known are a consequence of an intention to stop certain works altogether. As usual workmen in the building department were dismissed on November 1, as winter work is more expensive than summer work. The number of dismissed men is larger this year because building was more extensive last summer.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Olympia (Washington), October 30.

The Governor has declared the remaining days of the week legal holidays. The object of this measure is principally to safeguard the county banks who have difficulty in supplying the necessary ready money.

Washington, October 30.

The *Associated Press* reports that the Comptroller of Currency, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, is making every effort to increase the turnover of the National banks; this has not yet

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reached the legal maximum. The Comptroller's endeavours are also directed towards increasing money circulation in the money centres where an increase is especially desirable. It is generally expected that these measures will cause a considerable increase of the turnover.

New York, October 30.

The Committee appointed to examine into the conditions of the Knickerbocker Trust Company has declared the Company to be able to pay their depositors every dollar they owe them.

Pittsburg, October 30.

The Exchange is still closed. Today there was a run on the All-Nations bank which does business principally with foreign workmen; these have deposits amounting to half a million of dollars in the bank.

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Baltimore, October 30.

Application has been made to the Federal Court for the appointment of an official receiver for the South Baltimore Steel and Foundry Company. The liabilities are close on a million dollars. The company has large assets which, however, at present cannot be turned into ready money.

Dayton (Ohio), October 30.

An official receiver has been applied for for the Friend Paper Co. The company's liabilities are about one million and their assets about two millions, which cannot be realised at present.

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Washington, October 30.

The Associated Press reports that the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Cortelyou, had a conference with several representatives of the cotton, sugar, corn, lumber and other industries with regard to facilitating the distribution of their goods, whereby which a decided improvement of the American money question is to be obtained.

San Francisco, October 30.

The California Safe Deposit and Trust Company has closed its offices. The Company has stated that it has been obliged to close for a time as it does not belong to any Clearinghouse and therefore can make no use of certificates. The bank is considered one of the safest in the city.

Washington, October 30.

The Comptroller of Currency has now offered to exchange the Government Bonds, which are deposited with the Treasury as security for Treasury deposits with the National Banks, against safe Bonds of another description.

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New York, October 31.

A group of banks, headed by J. P. Morgan and Co., has been formed to take up 30 millions of 6 per cent income-bonds of the City of New York at par, with the option of a further 20 millions at the same rate. The New York Times says that part of the loan will probably be raised abroad, which would mean a further importation of gold.

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San Francisco, October 31.

In connection with the closing of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, the Governor announces that he will proclaim today as a public holiday and repeat the proclamation from day to day until confidence is restored. The general opinion is that no bank will keep the holiday. The leading banks consider the above named Company solvent and their difficulties only temporary.

Chicago, October 31.

Many people who have money in the Savings Bank and had given notice to withdraw it have recalled their notices. The President of the First National Bank has stated that London is about sending over a million dollars in gold. The President of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank says that he has taken steps to have 500,000 dollars in gold sent there.

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REPORTED ENGAGEMENT OF A PEER'S SON AND AN ACTRESS.

New York, October 30.

A great deal of interest, says a correspondent of *The Globe*, is being manifested here in a reported new romance of the American stage and the British peerage, some mention of which was made more than a month ago. The lady is Miss Estelle Christy, a fascinating chorus girl, who has recently been appearing in a Philadelphia theatre, and her fiancé is said to be the eldest son of an English peer.

Miss Christy is the divorced wife of a Chicago architect, and is understood to be only 22 years of age. When in Philadelphia she proudly showed her friends a beautiful diamond ring, and let out the secret of her engagement, telling her confidantes that she rejected three proposals by her persistent lover, but had not the heart to decline the fourth.

It appears, however, that the match is strongly opposed by her fiancé's parents and other relations, though Miss Christy declares that, since love is in the scale, that fact will have little weight. Until a few days ago she had been hoping that her husband-elect would cross to America in a week or two, in order to take part in the celebration of her 23rd birthday, but she has been much upset at receiving a letter from him, stating that he is unable to get leave, he being a lieutenant in the Army, and will, therefore, have to disappoint her.

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THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, PARTY STRATEGY.

London, November 1.

The *Daily Telegraph* publishes a report from New York to the effect that the preparations are almost completed for establishing a German-American Company which will form a part of the electoral machinery and support Mr. Hearst's candidature at the next Presidential election. Mr. Hearst, who provides the means for the formation of the Company, will make a stand against the action of the Anglo-American Pilgrim Company, which regards his party as extremely injurious.

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A BLACKMAILER ARRESTED.

New York, October 31.

An Armenian revolutionary named Paresch Ne-crusian, has been arrested here on the charge of having extorted large sums from Myran Karaghensian, an Armenian millionaire resident in the city, whom Paresch compelled to pay him the money by threats that he would, lay secret bombs under the dwelling of Karaghensian's brother Aran, in Constantinople, and denounce him as a conspirator.

MR. TAFT'S TOUR.

With regard to the report that the Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, will, as the result of a lively interchange of telegrams with President Roosevelt, shorten his stay at Manila in order that he may reach Berlin as soon as possible, the

War Department at Washington states that it knows nothing of such a change in Mr. Taft's plans; that, on the contrary, he will prolong his stay at Manila until November 10, in order that he may arrive at Berlin later than was at first intended, and have the honour of an audience with the Emperor Wilhelm.

MUTINY ON BOARD A RUSSIAN GUNBOAT.

Vladivostok, October 30.

The crew of the torpedo boat destroyer "Skory", incited by agitators who arrived here by ship, has mutinied and hoisted a red flag. The "Skory" left the anchorage and opened fire on the town and the troops. The "Skory" was riddled by the fire of the gunboat "Mandshur" and the destroyers "Grosewoy", "Smjely", and "Serdity", assisted by the rifle regiment that was called out ashore. The agitators, who were on board the "Skory", were killed by the firing and the mutineers who survived it were made prisoners. Captain Kurosch, the Commander of the torpedo boat "Brawy", and the Commander of the "Skory", Lieutenant Stoer, were killed. The Commander of the "Serdity", Lieutenant Vassilieff, was wounded. The town is quiet; a few of the inhabitants, who were taking no part in the émeute, were killed. The fortress has been placed under martial law.

St. Petersburg, October 31.

According to a private telegram from Vladivostok, the "Skory" was surrounded by three loyal destroyers. A boiler explosion followed. The "Skory" sank with all hands, and only three men were rescued. Several Americans were killed in Vladivostok by the "Skory's" shells.

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MYSTERIOUS RE-APPEARANCE OF THE LOST RUSSIAN GIRL.

The mystery of Miss Barbara Lopoukhine, who was supposed to have been kidnapped, is solved. According to the *Globe*, the girl is now with her father and governess, safely in London, at an address which is being kept secret. Her re-appearance on the scene was as mysterious as her disappearance that evening she visited the Aldwych Theatre.

All of a sudden on Wednesday there came a knock at the door of the house in Woburn-place, where she and her governess had been living. On the door being opened, to the amazement of the astonished occupant, there stood on the doorstep the missing girl.

She had no word to say, and seemed dazed. Her appearance suggested great distress, and without seeking to question her she was taken inside. She was there joined by her father, who had arrived early that day from St. Petersburg.

Immediately the father and governess informed Scotland Yard, and then all three left for an unknown destination, in order to avoid any annoyance.

It seems that the daughter was found an hour or two after the father's arrival, and subsequent to an interview which he had with the authorities of Scotland Yard. From what can be gathered the girl returned to her home quite voluntarily.

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STRAY BALLOON.

Coruña, October 31.

On the 21st of this month some fishermen saw a balloon floating in the direction of Santander. It is believed to be the same balloon which rose from Bordeaux fourteen days ago and has since been lost. They say the Captain of the "Hendane" saw it off the coast of Spain last Tuesday.

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 Monday, November 4th. 10.0 a.m. Matins. *Ladies' Work Society-Meeting.* Bismarck Platz 13. 10.30 to 1.0 o'clock.
 Tuesday, November 5th. 10.0 a.m. Matins.
 Wednesday, November 6th. 11.0 a.m. Matins and Litany. Annual General Meeting of the Congregation, Grand Union Hotel, 4.0 p.m.
 Thursday, November 7th. 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
 Friday, November 8th. 11.0 a.m. Matins and Litany. 5.0 p.m. Choir Practice.—Octave of All Saints.
 Saturday, November 9th. 10.0 a.m. Matins.
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 Friday, November 8th. Litany 4.0 p.m.
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DRESDEN: LOCAL.

We learn that Mr. Stephen O'Meara, who is well known to Anglo-Americans in Dresden, by reason of having spent the winter of 1905 there, has been offered the Republican nomination for Mayor of Boston, which he declined on the ground that he believed it his duty to serve out his term as sole Police Commissioner of Boston, to which position he was appointed for six years by the Governor of Massachusetts.

Chamber Music Concert. What in the world may have induced the ladies Klara Bräuer and Eugenie Stoltz to give a concert at the Palmengarten on Wednesday evening, will long remain a riddle to many. Fate was against them. Fr. Julia Stummer, who was to show her mettle in the race of the Muses, became indisposed, and therefore Arensky's trio in F. minor op. 73 had to make room on the programme for Percy Sherwood's 'cello Sonata in D op. 10. Naturally, this Sonata was not carefully prepared and was unsteady at all points; the pleasure derived from the performance was about the same as if the ladies had played the Arensky trio without the violin. It was really hard to understand why the concert was not put off: With the performance of the A-minor Sonata by Grieg the ladies could not re-establish their shaken artistic reputation with the public. In this piece many points fell into the water and many more notes under the piano. This might have been forgiven, had not the poetic charm lying in this delightful work been cruelly destroyed by inartistic hands. The big tone and soft cantilene which are the chief attractions of Fr. Stoltz's 'cello playing, were of no avail. The whole remained dilettante patchwork, such as one may put up with in a drawing-room, but in a concert hall no opposition to it can be strong enough. What is the object of such concerts? I ask. The public is not interested, the hall remains empty; and, even if the money spent on the flowers had been invested in concert tickets, the loss would have been heavy enough. If the object underlying such performances is the catering for pupils and the wish to become known, then I answer that to be a concert pianist is by no means essential to being an excellent teacher of the pianoforte. This

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

This evening, beginning at 7.30, ending about 9.15

Salome.

Drama in one act after Oscar Wildes Play translated into German by Hedwig Lachmann. Music by Richard Strauss.

Cast:

Herod	Herr Sommer a. G.
Herodias	Fräul. Eibenschütz.
Salome	Frau Krull.
Jochanaan	Herr Perron.
Narraboth	Herr Jäger.
A page of Herodias	Frau Bender-Schäfer.
	Herr Rüdiger.
	Herr Wolf I.
Five Jews	Herr Grosch.
	Herr Erl.
	Herr Rains.
Two Nazarenes	Herr Plaschke.
	Herr Büssel.
	Herr Nebuschka.
Two soldiers	Herr Erwin.
A Cappadocian	Herr Wachter.
A page of Herod	Fräul. Keldorfer.

PLOT. Narraboth, captain of Herod's guard, is in love with Salome and yields to her entreaties to gratify her curiosity and allow Jochanaan (John the Baptist) to come out of his cell. Salome, on John's appearance, falls passionately in love with him. Narraboth, in despair, falls dead at Salome's feet. The Baptist curses Salome. Herod, who entertains a guilty love for Salome, implores her to dance before him, offering her any reward she may choose. She finally consents and at the conclusion of the dance demands the head of John Baptist. Herodias upholds her demand, and Herod reluctantly consenting, the head is brought on a silver charger. Salome ghosts over it and Herod, in disgust, orders the soldiers to kill her, which they do with their shields.
 Composer: Richard Strauss, born 1864.
 (See "The Standard-Operaglas" by Charles Ammesley; for sale at Carl Tittmann's bookshop, Prager Strasse 19, price 3 Mk 80 J.)

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Henry Saint John, Vicomte von Boringbroke	Herr Stahl.
Masham, Fähnrich im Garderegiment	Herr Gebühr.
Abigail, Cousine der Herzogin	Fräul. Werner.
Lady Abermale	Fräul. Schendler.
Marquis von Torey, Gesandter Ludwig's XIV	Herr Eggerth.
Sir James Harley, Mitglied des Parlaments	Herr Walther.
Thomson, Kammerdiener der Königin	Herr Hühner.
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REPertoire OF THE ROYAL THEATRES FOR THE WEEK.
OPERA HOUSE.

Monday, November 4th: Lohengrin. 7.30 p.m.

SCHAUSPIELHAUS.

Monday, November 4th: College Crampton. 7.30 p.m.

Royal Opera House. Tickets are sold at A. Kleeberg, Annen Str. 9. City Building, near Postplatz (Dry goods Store), English spoken.

Fr. Bräuer ought to know, and not this alone; but also that inartistic playing in a concert hall may irretrievably damage the reputation of the player. If such concerts as this one on Wednesday were never given, it would be a gain for the concert-givers and the public.—M. N.

This evening, 7 o'clock, at the Palmengarten, Herr Otto Weinreich will give a concert in conjunction with Professor Klengel, of Leipzig, the eminent 'cellist. The programme will consist entirely of works by Jean Louis Nicodé, as follows: Sonata in E-minor op. 23, for violoncello and pianoforte. Variations and Fugue on an original theme, in D-flat op. 18, for pianoforte. Sonata in G op. 25, for violoncello and pianoforte.

The programme of the music to be performed at the Vespers service in the Kreuzkirche at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in continuation of the Reformation Festival, is as follows: (1) J. S. Bach's Toccata in the Doric mode for organ (Peters edition, vol. III), (2) J. S. Bach's Reformation Cantata "Gott der Herr ist Sonn' und Schild", for choir, soloists, orchestra, and cembalo [Nr. 79 in the edition of the Bachgesellschaft]. The Church Choir, under the direction of Herr Otto Richter, Cantor and Kgl. Musikdirektor, will be assisted by the following soloists: Fräulein Maria Keldorfer (soprano) of the Royal Opera; Fräulein Maria Alberti (alto) concert singer; Herr Th. W. Werner (bass). The orchestra will be composed of members of the *Allgemeiner Musikerverein*. The organist of the Kreuzkirche, Herr Alfred Sittard, will preside at the organ.

The programme of this evening's orchestral concert at the Gewerbehaus, at which Herr Georg Pretzsch will assist with the *Pianola*, will be as follows:

(1) Eriekgang und Krönungsmarsch aus "Die Folkunger", by Kretschmer; (2) Piu Havé symphonic poem (first time), by Kempter; (3) Pianoforte Concerto in G-minor by Barthol (Herr G. Pretzsch at the *Pianola*); (4) Schumann's D-minor symphony; (5) Solo pieces for the pianoforte (Herr G. Pretzsch); (6) Wotans Abschied und Feuerzauber, Wagner.
 There will be no concert next Saturday.

From this date and during the whole winter season the Engravings department of the Royal Picture Gallery (Kupferstichkabinett) will be open from 10 a. m. till 3 p. m., and in addition on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the Schützen Regiment No. 108. The band plays about 12.40 p. m. in the Schloss Platz.

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LONDON LETTER.

(From our correspondent.)

A FOG FATALITY.

The dense fog which enveloped London on Saturday morning was the direct cause of a terrible railway disaster at the West Hampstead station on the Metropolitan Railway. In a collision between electric trains, three persons were killed and twelve injured, while many other passengers sustained minor injuries. The traffic along this line in the morning hours is always congested, and considering the overcrowded condition of the colliding trains, it is something of a miracle that the catastrophe did not assume greater proportions. The writer visited the scene two hours after the occurrence, at which time all the dead and injured had been extricated from the wreckage. The splintered condition of the coaches bore eloquent testimony to the frightful impact, ironwork of the stoutest description being twisted into most fantastic contortions, while the motor engine of the train which crashed into the stationary carriages had bored its way right through one coach like a gimlet, so that it was completely hidden from view by the sides and roof of the wrecked car. Considering that one train was standing at the platform, quite stationary, while the other came rushing along at a suicidal speed in view of the density of the fog, it appears the accident was entirely caused by gross negligence on the part of the motorman, as he should have slowed down outside the station until the waiting train had moved out. He is seriously injured and quite incapable of lucidly explaining his apparently irrational conduct, so that some time must necessarily elapse before the mystery is solved.

As mentioned above, however, this latest mischance was primarily due to a very fair specimen of "London's particular", and is likely to reawaken interest in the many schemes to eradicate this unmitigated evil. The stranger to London who has stood transfixed with wonder at the whirling vortex of street traffic so skillfully manipulated by the city police, may readily gain some conception of the enormous inconvenience occasioned by the opaque mantle which periodically enshrouds the metropolis during the late autumn and winter months. It has been said that only the blind feel perfectly at home in a fog, a statement in which there is considerable truth. At times the veil of noxious vapour becomes so dense that the limit of vision is to be measured only by inches. To turn around is to lose all sense of direction, and the only safe method of arriving at a desired destination is to grope a tedious way along the railings or buildings bordering the thoroughfare. This of course leads to endless collisions and embarrassing situations, but a sense of dignity is quite inappropriate under the circumstances. You stumble blindly through the outer darkness, shaken and buffeted; each breath you draw is torture and every step a plunge into the unknown. To essay the crossing of a street is to risk broken limbs, so that you are conducted across the perilous roadway by torch-bearers, and can thank your stars if you arrive intact. Altogether, to be abroad in a London fog is an experience never to be forgotten, and the foreigner who visits the English capital during these months invariably returns convinced that the proverbial stolidity of the Englishman is merely a reflex of the impenetrable atmosphere in which he lives and has his being.

THE PRICE OF A HUSBAND.

Behind the humdrum routine of a prosaic trade, there often lies a story of much desperate adventure, and although Mr. George Smart, a retired butcher of Forest Gate, seems to have had more than his fair share of matrimonial excitements, he nevertheless carries his distinctions and his scars with all the modesty of the true hero. Even when Mrs. Smart, after a long series of savage assaults, hit upon the happy idea of throwing boiling water at him, the ox-like serenity of his disposition did not give way. The noblest of men, however, have their breaking point, and when the tyrant of his hearthstone emptied a pan of dripping on his devoted head, Mr. Smart thought it time to consult his solicitor. Not even here was he immune, for the enemy of his bosom met him at the threshold and, seizing him by the collar and coat-tails, shook him vigorously,—a somewhat ignominious situation for one following so heroic a profession as that of a butcher. The real domestic rupture, however, came about when Mrs. Smart posted a notice in Smithfield Market stating that her husband had deserted her and his two olive-branches, and offering a reward of £2 for his recovery, adding the information that he was afflicted with weak intellect. Mr. Smart, therefore, is righteously suing for a divorce, yet such is the innate heroism of the man that he scorns to dilate upon the scars of his many conflicts, and bases his plea on the fact that his wife is too fond of low company.

THE SMOKERS' DERBY.

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able conclusion. Imagine a company of 150 grim, earnest-looking men, holding in one hand their favourite clay, corncob, meerschaum or briar, and in the other a box of matches. Each has carefully filled his pipe, according to the regulation, with one-eighth of an ounce of tobacco, and is anxiously awaiting the signal to light up. Round this determined group is a barrier, and beyond the barrier a mass of ribald spectators. Standing in the midst of the competitors the referee, struggling unsuccessfully with a grin, asks his expectant charges if they are all ready, and receiving a unanimous assent, gives the signal to begin. Thereupon one hundred and fifty lucifers unite in crackling chorus and one hundred and fifty whorls of blue smoke ascend gracefully to the ceiling, and amidst the chaffing outcry and encouraging enthusiasm of the crowd, the strange contest opens. The strict rule is that no competitor may relight his pipe after it has been once set going. The solemnity of the contestant is profound. Nothing short of a flash of lightning could disturb the intensity of the gaze directed into the respective pipe-bowls. To the ordinary smoker, accustomed to a prodigal waste of matches, the results achieved by these noble devotees of the sovereign herb will seem astounding. At the end of an hour's steady smoking no less than seventy-two of the original competitors were still calmly puffing, including two who had long passed the Psalmist's allotment. At intervals, shouts would arise from the friends of divers competitors that their heroes pipe had succumbed, and then, as if to reassure them, a defiant puff of smoke would issue from between his set lips. At the end of one hundred and four minutes the issue lay between a clay and a briar, and the spectators rocked with amusement as they noticed the stealthy

sidelong glances exchanged between the two sturdy survivors. At one hundred and eleven minutes the official record was passed, and the event was greeted with a resounding cheer. Two minutes later, however, the clay suddenly expired, and Mr. Wood of Peckham, the runner-up in last year's contest was announced as the winner. Incidents that end in smoke are usually unsatisfactory, but Mr. Wood's smoke last Friday ended in his being the recipient of a first-class piano, and the only persons likely to cavil at his triumph are the match manufacturers. The contest reminds one of a story ascribed to the late Mr. Spurgeon, who, when asked by one of his congregation why he did not set a better example to his flock by eschewing the use of tobacco, stated that, as a gardener of the soul, it was his duty to cultivate his flowers and "burn his weeds."

WITTY WALKLEY.

"Critics," as Mr. Richard Le Gallienne once remarked, "are candles, by means of which we behold the sun." Probably Mr. Le Gallienne was tingling under the lash of some unusually savage reviewer, but his epigram nevertheless contained the nucleus of truth. The reign of the newspaper critic, as a leader of thought, in literary, dramatic and artistic circles, is practically over, and it is unlikely that he will ever return to power. Nowadays we are more interested in what the critic has to say than influenced by his opinions. Undoubtedly, on the one hand, the enormous increase in the number of irresponsible journals has lowered the standard of criticism, and on the other, the spread of education has completed the overthrow of the critic as a factor in the march of progress. Mr. A. B. Walkley, the well-known dramatic critic of the *Times*, whose collected contributions to that journal have just been published, typifies the critic who is read by the majority of people solely for the interest he arouses. He may almost be said to have conceived and founded the modern phase of criticism, although he came into prominence as a very young man in the best days of the *Saturday Review*. Mr. Walkley was one of the most brilliant of the many brilliant young writers of that age, and the epigrammatic skill and sparkling scholarship of his work, made an excellent foil to the anxious ponderings of the redoubtable Archer, and the frantic praise or equally frantic blame of the militant Clement Scott. Through his scholarship, Mr. Walkley's reputation as a critic has suffered, for to many people he is known simply as a young man who possesses a remarkable knowledge of French, a conception to which such smart satires as "Wisdom While You Wait" have given full advertisement. Mr. Walkley may have the profundity of the pedant, but he displays his wares with all the graces of the literary gallant. A critic, before all men, should have a mind detached and equable, but Mr. Walkley is the apostle of a certain fixed point of view, the point of view of the cynic, and criticism steeped in an artificial system of philosophy has no permanent value. Cynicism, at its best, is but an intellectual luxury, and at its worst, but a species of mental indigestion. However provocative of thought Mr. Walkley may be, however interesting may be the speculations in which he indulges, his work can have no lasting value because of the distorted aspect of life which he has seen fit to adopt. Mr. Walkley is already numbered amongst the literary epicures, the individuals who have allowed their temperament to play havoc with their judgment. He reminds one of the conceited young literary aspirant who submitted his work to a well-known editor and was offered what he considered totally insufficient remuneration. "Sir", he is said to have remarked, "I am not hawking brains, I am selling you a temperament". Nevertheless, if we have lost a critic, we have gained an epigrammatist of the highest order. Mr. Walkley's weapon is the stiletto rather than the bludgeon, and his smart sallies are not easily forgotten. He it was who remarked, apropos of the production of the "Eternal City", that the difference between Mr. Hall Caine and Miss Marie Corelli was that the former made Popes and princes talk like penny-a-liners, whereas the latter made penny-a-liners talk like Popes and princes.

CONQUERING TEMPTATION.

To conquer temptation you must live it down alone as you must die alone, and no vicarious gift of strength can take the place of a man's own will.—*My Journal*.

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