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The Exhibition of old English masterworks is so crowded every day that the management announced yesterday (Thursday) an increase of the admission fee from two to five marks. It is almost impossible to really study the fine pictures and enjoy this rare opportunity when huge crowds of people are constantly moving backwards and forwards. Last Sunday the pressure was so great that the doors had to be closed several times.

Among the most distinguished visitors to the exhibition last Tuesday was the King of Saxony, who expressed his great admiration for everything he saw. Later on, His Majesty walked around to the Hotel Adlon, where he was received by the proprietor and shown all over this interesting establishment. Afterwards he took tea in the midst of the regular afternoon tea crowd, and greatly enjoyed the informal entertainment. Some highly artistic products of Saxon manufacture aroused his interest and he expressed great satisfaction.

On account of *Hoftrauer* (court mourning) the charity performance fixed for this week, under the patronage of the Crown Princess, at which some pictures of the old English exhibition are to be reproduced by members of Berlin's most aristocratic society, had to be postponed. It will now take place—the Crown Princess consenting—on March 7, in the Blüthner-Scharwenka Saal. Prince Charles Anton of Hohenzollern will control the artistic arrangements; Direktor Alfred Halm, of the Neue Schauspielhaus, is to recite a prologue. After the concert a dinner and dance are to follow. Tickets, including dinner and ball, at twenty marks each, are to be had at the office of the *Gesellschaft zur Bekämpfung der Säuglingssterblichkeit*, Froben Strasse 26, I.

The Anglo-American Golf Club held its annual meeting last Tuesday. After a lively campaign, Dr. Webster was elected Treasurer and Dr. Abbott Barrows Secretary. Both are Americans. Baron v. Thielmann, formerly German Ambassador in Washington, and Secretary of the Treasury, was unanimously re-elected President of the Club. It is hoped that the new club-house on the Club links in the West end will be dedicated some time this coming spring.

Tickets for the Minstrel Show to take place in Dresden on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., may be obtained in Berlin upon application to Mr. Paul Knox, Friedrich Strasse 49a.

It is reported that Andrew Carnegie has contributed to the Professor Koch Fund the sum of \$ 125 000. The *Internationale Wochenschrift für Wissenschaft, Kunst und Technik* is the authority for this report. The "Professor Koch Fund" was established some months ago in honour of the man whose services in medical science—principally the discovery of the cholera bacillus, and Anti-tuberculin—have helped enormously to combat diseases such as cholera. The fund, in a short time, has grown to several millions of marks, and the interest is to be expended in fighting tuberculosis, pulmonary and otherwise.

It will be remembered that Professor Koch, who is over sixty years of age, recently returned from a two years' stay in Africa, where he investigated the cause, cure and prevention of the sleeping-sickness, the curse of the negro population of Africa. He is to travel to the United States in a few weeks on a visit to his brothers.

Some months ago a notice was circulated in the German and American Press to the effect that the number of Americans studying at German universities was constantly diminishing, as the institutions of science and learning in the United States were now so far advanced and so complete that going abroad became utterly unnecessary. It is true that the American institutions nowadays are, in every respect, at least on the same level with the European universities; but, nevertheless, there will always be some advantage for a young man, who

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THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

The debate in the House of Commons on Monday on the merits of the Anglo-Russian Convention has brought to a fitting conclusion the expression of authoritative opinions. Since the agreement was made public, in the autumn of last year, there have been many criticisms passed on the wisdom of particular stipulations, but, viewed broadly, the main trend of the Convention, in method as well as in aim, has been accepted fully and frankly by all parties. This spirit was manifested in two directions in the debate on Lord Percy's motion: firstly, the tradition by which foreign policy is treated as outside the sphere of party controversy was studiously observed; secondly, criticism was directed not against the Convention as a whole but against certain portions of it which, whether on account of their ambiguity or impolitic tendency, appeared to menace the intention of the understanding. The wording of Lord Percy's motion expressly welcomed the principle of the agreement, but held that the Convention, while involving at several points a material sacrifice of British interests, still left room for misunderstandings of a kind which both the contracting Powers desired to avoid. He proceeded to attack the points which appeared to him most vulnerable, and succeeded in making a good case against certain provisions of the treaty which he discussed in full detail. Into these aspects of the controversy it is impossible to enter. They may or may not be true; but, as Sir Edward Grey pointed out subsequently, it was not the case that experts had not been consulted but that experts have the habit of differing from each other on the same question. Throughout Lord Percy's speech there ran a note of pessimism which the Foreign Secretary was not slow to detect. Lord Percy was not satisfied with the scope of the treaty; he questioned whether England had obtained a real or permanent settlement at all; he pointed to the much wider influence of the Anglo-French Convention, and to the obvious commercial sacrifices which had been made to Russia. Were not, he asked, the commercial sacrifices also political sacrifices, strategic sacrifices?

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Mr. Paul Knox and Mr. William Morse Rummel have arrived here from Berlin to aid in the preparations for the Minstrel Show on Tuesday next.

Forty-two performers are coming to Dresden, and it is expected that a number of members of the American Colony of Berlin will also make the trip. Mrs. Thackara, wife of the American Consul-General in Berlin, and daughter of the late General William Tecumseh Sherman, with her two daughters, is coming in charge of the party.

Everything points to a gigantic success, and the rapidity with which the tickets are being taken up renders it essential that all who have not yet secured them should do so without further delay, if disappointment is to be avoided.

We learn that the services of the entire Gewerbehaus orchestra, under the capable direction of Herr Willy Olsen, have been engaged for the Show.

Mrs. William John Watson with the Misses Florence and Dorothea Watson, and Mrs. Dr. Spring visited Berlin on Thursday to see the old English Masterpieces exhibited at the Royal Academy.

The Conservatorium. The third of the test performance concerts by pupils of this institution took place at the Palmengarten on Wednesday evening and, so far as essentials are concerned, with great success. There was no display of unusual talent, but all the performers gave proof of conscientious diligence and praiseworthy energy. An excellent flute-player was heard in the person of Herr Feiereis, a pupil of Herr Bauer; his tone is beautifully clear, soft and full, and his execution in all respects quite certain. Herr Stürmer, by his very tasteful rendering of the second and third movements of Viotti's Violin Concerto in A-minor, did great credit to his master, Herr Kayser. Less satisfactory were the pianoforte performances of Fräulein Sekulla, Fräulein Grandjean, and Frau Hecht. Here there was throughout a lack of musical *poésie* to be deplored, for which technical proficiency cannot make up, particularly if this is less thorough than it should be. Really pure artistic enjoyment was afforded by Herren Wehnert, Max Schindler, Ernst Schulze, and F. Lange-Frohberg in their rendering of the first movement of Grieg's G-minor quartet. The *ensemble* was so perfect that one quite forget it was only a pupil performance. The three first-named gentlemen are pupils of Konzertmeister Petri; Herr Lange-Frohberg is a pupil of Konzertmeister Wille. Fräulein Hanschke, a pupil of Fräulein Gasteyer, had better have waited a little longer before appearing in public. Her powerful soprano voice still shows so many defects that its beauty cannot be enjoyed. Fräulein Kasten, an Orgeni pupil, was far better able to produce an agreeable effect. Nowhere does this lady belie the excellent school and careful, helping hand of her mistress, even though the transition from one register to another is not yet quite smooth. The beautiful and full-compassed soprano voice of this singer, which has a piquant tinge of the alto quality, will in time, unless great disappointments happen, attract still greater attention, and increase and strengthen the reputation of the Orgeni school.

M. N.

The International Photographic Exhibition 1909. The Work Committee has decided to carry out the design of the Dresden artist Wilhelm Hartz, to whom the first prize has been awarded. This very effective design represents a symbolical heron within a golden hoop. The background of the placard is in various shades of black. The placards to which prizes have been awarded, as well as the many other designs that were sent in for competition, are being exhibited in the entrance hall of the *Sächsischer Kunstverein* on the Brühlsche Terrasse.

The guards in the city today are furnished by the 2nd Grenadier Regiment No. 101, whose band plays at the Schloss Platz about 12.40 p. m.

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has completed his studies at home, to spend a semester or two at an European university. That this is true is proved by some interesting statistics, which have just been published by the German authorities. There were enrolled as full-fledged students in German universities during this winter semester 301 Americans, against 261 in the preceding semester; that is, an increase of a little over twelve per cent. As these figures take into consideration only full-fledged students, not so-called *Hospitanten*, including ladies, and as they refer to the universities only, not to the technical high schools and similar institutions, it is easily understood that the number of Americans studying in Germany is still increasing.

Another American *débutante* has made her appearance on a Berlin stage, with great success. Last Tuesday Mrs. Norcross, wife of a well-known American basso singer, appeared in the Lortzing theatre, under the stage name of Mai Kalna, as *Donna Anna* in Mozart's *Don Juan*, and made a very favourable impression. She has a fine, rich voice and dramatic temperament and, in addition, is a very beautiful woman. But, if Mrs. Norcross is looking for an engagement in Germany, she must carefully study German, especially the pronunciation, where in she is still rather deficient.

Once more attention is called to the usual dinner of the American colony on Washington's birthday, tomorrow, in the Zoological Gardens. The committee hope that everybody will be present at seven o'clock sharp, as dancing has to stop at midnight. This should be easy, as on a Saturday everybody can manage to be there on time. The celebration will be of the same nature as in former years; an address and a short musical entertainment, followed by a dance. The price of tickets including supper has been fixed at six marks, and may be obtained at the American Consulate-General, Friedrich Strasse 59/60, up to Friday afternoon, during the hours of 11 a. m. till 3 p. m. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

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The reply of Sir Edward Grey, conceived in an altogether different focus, was a fine example of masterly simplicity and sound commonsense. There was, he said, no agreement which could not be called ambiguous, and the points open to discussion were important according to the spirit in which the agreement was worked by the countries which were parties to it. Lord Percy had said that the removal of causes of friction was not a guarantee of peace, but it was equally true that the non-removal of causes of friction was a certain source of quarrel. Without an agreement, the condition of Persia being what it was, one country would certainly have interfered to prevent the situation being exploited by the other. Two years ago the time was extremely favourable for interference. Persia was very weak. Russia was not prepared for a forward policy. What was there to prevent England from taking whatever measures she thought necessary in order to strengthen her hands in the South of Persia? "The objection to any policy of that kind," said Sir Edward Grey, "is that whatever you gain and whatever you take, you have always to push your influence onward in order to protect what you have already got. Having done that, you have to push your influence further still to protect what you have recently taken, and while you are taking care to make yourself safer, you are increasing the burden of your expenditure."

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Monday, February 24th. *S. Matthias, A. and M.* 8.0 a. m. Holy Communion. 10.0 a. m. Matins.
Tuesday, February 25th. 10.0 a. m. Matins.
Wednesday, February 26th. 11.0 a. m. Matins and Litany.
Thursday, February 27th. 8.0 a. m. Holy Communion.
Friday, February 28th. 11.0 a. m. Matins and Litany.
Saturday, February 29th. 10.0 a. m. Matins.
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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

London, February 20. At yesterday's sitting of the House of Commons the Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, Mr. Robertson, stated that the Naval Estimates would be published on the 24th instant.

THE SHIPBUILDING STRIKE.

London, February 19. The Tyne Shipbuilding yards were closed down today, in accordance with the notice recently issued by the owners. The lock-out, which will continue, is the result of the men's uncompromising attitude regarding the wage reduction.

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NEWS FROM AMERICA.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

Washington, February 19. The rumour that the United States Government had made a protest to Japan on account of the Japanese operations in Manchuria, has been declared by the State Department to be absolutely devoid of foundation.

Tokio, February 19. The Japanese Government today handed the American Ambassador a memorandum with regard to the emigration question, which contains Japan's agreement to all the proposals made by the United States Government.

NAVAL POWER IN THE PACIFIC.

A San Francisco correspondent writes us, with reference to the voyage of the American battle-ships, as follows: "Although the arrival of the fleet in these waters will do much towards reassuring those timid folk who, since all the talk of war with Japan, have lived in daily fear of sudden bombardment by a flying squadron of the Mikado's warships, it must not be supposed that the war scare has totally disappeared. Feeling against Asiatics, the Japanese in particular, is very strong all along the Pacific coast, and all sorts of rumours are current about the spies of Japan taking midnight soundings in the harbours and engaging in extensive hydrographical operations in the neighbourhood of Los Angeles.

"Thoughtful people are also asking whether Admiral Evans' fleet would really be equal to resisting an onslaught by the Japanese forces. At first sight the answer would appear to be an emphatic affirmative, but those who have studied the respective sea-power of the United States and Japan are by no means so optimistic. They state that the latter nation could bring up an equal number of ships, with, indeed, a small margin of superiority; that the two largest Japanese battleships, the "Aki" and "Satsuma," could blow any one of our vessels out of the water; and, finally, that Japan's enormous flotilla of torpedo craft, manned by past masters in this important branch of naval warfare, would give her a tremendous advantage over the battle fleet of "Fighting Bob." These utterances are not calculated to calm public feeling, and the news that Congress has cut down the Navy estimates practically by one-half and is only authorising the constructing of two new battleships, makes very unpalatable reading for us who, as it were, have to dwell within range of a possible enemy's guns."

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Washington, February 20. The international parliamentary Peace Congress was engaged yesterday in considering next year's meeting of the Congress, which is to be held in Berlin. M. Barthold was re-elected President and nominated as America's candidate for the Nobel peace prize, on account of his efforts at the Hague to procure the establishment of an obligatory Court of Arbitration. M. Barthold gave notice that if the prize should be awarded to him he would devote it, as Mr. Roosevelt did, to the furtherance of the cause of peace.

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Royal Opera House . . .	Symphony Concert der Königl. Kapelle . . .	at 7.30
Royal Theatre . . .	Die Rabensteinerin . . .	7.30
Deutsches Theatre . . .	Was ihr wollt . . .	7.30
Lessing Theatre . . .	(Kammerspiele) Liebelein . . .	8
New Theatre . . .	John Gabriel Borkmann . . .	8
New Schauspielhaus . . .	Simon (Ferd. Bonn) . . .	8
Kleines Theatre . . .	Wolkenkratzer . . .	8
Lastspielhaus . . .	Zweimal zwei ist fünf . . .	7.30
Hebbel Theatre . . .	Panne . . .	8
Theatre an der Spree . . .	Die Andre . . .	8
Triana Theatre . . .	Ausgewiesen . . .	8
Schiller Theatre O. . .	Baron Toto . . .	8
„ Charlotten- burg . . .	Auf der Sonnenseite . . .	8
Frdr. Wilhelmst. Theatre . . .	Der rote Leutnant . . .	8
Luisen Theatre . . .	Meister Josef . . .	8
Comic Opera . . .	Der eingebildete Kranke . . .	8
Theatre des Westens . . .	Carmen . . .	8
Lortzing Theatre . . .	Ein Walzertraum . . .	8
Thalia Theatre . . .	Fidelio . . .	7.30
Residenz Theatre . . .	Immer oben auf (Girardi) . . .	7.30
Bernhard Rose Theatre . . .	ibid. Der selige Octave . . .	8
Bürgerl. Schauspielhaus . . .	Trilby . . .	8
Urania Theatre . . .	Die Geier Wally . . .	8
	Eine Nilfahrt bis zum zweiten Katarakt . . .	8

Every evening until further notice.

Berliner Theatre . . .	Der Operaball . . .	at 7.30
Metropol Theatre . . .	Das muss man seh'n . . .	8
Casino Theatre . . .	Die Freuden der Häuslichkeit . . .	8
Wintergarten . . .	Spezialitäten (Otto Reutter) . . .	8
Apollo Theatre . . .	Mitlaw der Moderne, Alexia, Walzerwahn . . .	8
Central Theatre . . .	Ein seltsamer Fall . . .	8
Passage Theatre . . .	Spezialitäten (Danny Gärtler) . . .	8
Gebr. Herrfeldt Theatre . . .	Papa und Genossen, Salomonisches Urteil . . .	8
Walhalla Theatre . . .	Spezialitäten . . .	8
Folies Caprice . . .	Mai was anders, Jeunesse dorée, Paragr. 343 . . .	8
Carl Haverland Theatre . . .	Spezialitäten . . .	8
Folies Bergère . . .	Spezialitäten (Guerrero) . . .	8.30

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

London, February 20. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, passed a good night, sleeping for several hours. The cough was less troublesome and the general condition good.

Toulon, February 20. The naval court-martial today commenced the trial of the naval ensign Ullmo, who is accused of espionage. The Public Prosecutor moved that the public be excluded, while Ullmo's counsel said that the greater part of the proceedings could be heard openly. The Court eventually ruled that the case be heard in public.

DRESDEN CURRENT ENTERTAINMENTS.

Royal Opera House.
Tonight, beginning at 7, ending after 8.30

V. Symphony Concert, Series A.

(1) Suite (in C) J. S. Bach.
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(2) Carnival-Episode (op. 22) Th. Blumer jun.
(3) Pastoral Symphony (No. 6, in F) L. van Beethoven.

Rehearsal this morning at 10.30.

Saturday night . . .	Der Freischütz . . .	at 7.30
Sunday night . . .	Tiefand . . .	7.30
Monday night . . .	Tannhäuser . . .	7

Royal Theatre Neustadt.

Tonight . . .	Gyges und sein Ring . . .	at 7.30
Saturday night . . .	Stella und Antonie . . .	7.30
Sunday night . . .	Zweimal zwei ist fünf . . .	7.30
Monday night . . .	Iphigenie auf Tauris . . .	7.30

Residenz Theatre.

Tonight . . .	Die Glocken von Corneville . . .	at 7.30
Saturday afternoon . . .	Blond Elfeben or: Im Zauberreich des Hutbrass . . .	3.30
Saturday night . . .	Ein Walzertraum . . .	7.30
Sunday afternoon . . .	Blond Elfeben or: Im Zauberreich des Hutbrass . . .	3.30
Sunday night . . .	Der Herr Professor . . .	7.30

Central Theatre.

Tonight . . .	Der fidele Bauer . . .	at 7.30
Saturday afternoon . . .	Christbaums Wanderschaft . . .	3.30
Saturday night . . .	Der fidele Bauer . . .	7.30
Sunday afternoon . . .	Christbaums Wanderschaft . . .	3.30
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The programme of tomorrow's Symphony Concert of the Gewerbehause Orchestra (assisted by Miss Ebba Hjertstedt, violin) will be as follows:— (1) Centennial March, Wagner, (composed for the Philadelphia Exhibition, 1876); (2) Violin Concerto in D-minor, Wieniawsky; (3) Overture, Carneval romain, Berlioz; (4) Symphony in D, Svendsen (repeated by request); (5) Two Romances for violin, Beethoven; (6) Nachtgesang, "Tristan und Isolde," Wagner.

In our report on the concert of the Dresdner Musikschule published in last Tuesday's issue the teaching of Herr Johannes Freyer was inadvertently attributed to Herr Lewinger.

HERRING GULL CAPTURING BIRDS.

A tame herring gull which has been in my possession since the day it was hatched, viz., June 11, 1904, has (says a writer in the *Field*), during its life captured and swallowed a large number of sparrows and a few starlings also. No food either fresh or putrid seems to come amiss with this species of gull. I have seen it catch a half-grown rat and bolt it whole. When this bird was quite small in the down, it one day seized from my hand an entire mutton chop bone and bolted it. The bone was so large that it greatly distorted the bird, which ran about with its neck rigidly extended and slightly decurved, while its back between the shoulders was decidedly humped; in this grotesque attitude it remained until the bone gradually became digested.

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GENERAL NEWS.

(Continued).

SEQUEL TO THE THAW TRIAL.

New York, February 20. It is stated on good authority that proceedings have been instituted by the relations of Harry Thaw with a view to the annulment of his marriage, on the grounds that he was of unsound mind prior to and at the time of his wedding with Evelyn Nesbit.

This report very possibly contains some grains of truth. Thaw's mother, in particular, was strongly opposed to the union, and the newspapers represented her at the time as moving heaven and earth to break off the match. The jury's verdict at the second trial would appear to have afforded an excellent opportunity for separating Thaw and his wife, and this act would form a fitting climax to one of the most sordid dramas of modern times.

THE FRENCH ARBITRATION TREATY.

New York, February 20. The Senate has ratified the French-American arbitration treaty.

NEWS FROM FRANCE.

ESPIONAGE IN FRANCE.

Paris, February 19. Yesterday the police arrested an architect named Krumholz and his mistress, Gertrud Brieger, both Austrian subjects, on suspicion of espionage. Letters and plans found at Krumholz's dwelling showed that he was particularly interested in aeronautics, and had repeatedly attempted to get into touch with M. Juliot, the engineer of the Lebaudy factory, who had navigated the military balloon "Patrie."

Toulon, February 20. Several drawings made by Ulmo, the naval officer who is awaiting trial on a charge of espionage, and having relation to the enquiry, have been stolen from the house of M. Oubin, the lawyer who is conducting the defence. The theft has created a great sensation here.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Paris, February 19. According to a telegram from Admiral Philibert, complete tranquillity prevails in the coast towns. The Premier has declared all rumours of the landing of French and Spanish troops for the defence of Casablanca, and of a French defeat by Mulai Hafid near Casablanca, to be purely mythical.

Frankfurt, February 20. A telegram from Tangier, dated Wednesday, 8.20 p.m., published by the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, says that a battle is raging near Busnika, a village situated to the north of Casablanca. The French casualties reported are two officers and seven men killed, and 30 wounded.

M. YSAÏE'S "STRAD" VIOLIN RECOVERED.

The police in Prerau (not far from Brünn, in Austria-Hungary) think they have secured the "Strad" that M. Eugen Ysaÿe dearly loved, but lost rather mysteriously in St. Petersburg. The instrument now in the hands of the Prerau police was pawned by one of the waiters at the railway station restaurant there for 40 kronen (34 marks); if it is the veritable Ysaÿe Stradivarius, its reputed value is 60,000 kronen. The marks on the captured violin are said to correspond with those on Ysaÿe's stolen one, and he has been duly informed of the discovery. As he wept tears of sorrow at his loss, so it may be hoped that he will have real cause for tears of joy now. The return of the 50,000 francs paid to him as compensation by the Russian Government will no doubt be easily arranged.

CHIT CHAT.

In spite of its huge size and the density of its traffic London has been called the quietest city in the world, an epithet earned probably on account of its even, wooden road-paving and pneumatic-tired cabs and carriages. But even in London the noise has been augmented in recent years by self-propelled traffic of one kind and another. The two worst offenders are the electric tram and the petrol omnibus, both of which run till about midnight. The noise of the petrol omnibus is mainly a mixture of the loud hum of gear and the clanging rattle of loose parts, and the result is that on routes like the Edgware road and others, where there is a busy service, the din is terrible, sensitive people being unable to live near. On the other hand, these buses—which, by the way, are so popular that they threaten, as a form of transit, to affect the tube railways—and the taxicabs are rapidly educating the public in the advantages of motor transit. The horse is now too slow by half for modern needs, at any rate in all matters where time means money. All true lovers of animals must rejoice at this development, for the amount of cruelty inflicted on horses is terrible. Compare the struggles of a pair of 'bus horses, in trying to start a fully loaded vehicle on a slippery road, with the ample power of the motor-'bus engine on its lowest gear! It is the constant stopping and starting that wears out the horses as much as any thing.

To turn from the uses of motoring in the city to the pleasures of motoring in the country we find fashion sensibly adopting herself to comfort in the realm of motor garb. In the winter we motor for a purpose, to get where we want and join in the sports we delight in. We do not as a rule motor because there is a pleasure trip before us, so our garments on these occasions are workmanlike, calculated to keep out the wind and the rain. Long leather wraps are worn with leather skirts, defying even such piercing cold as we had early in January; but it is a soft leather that yields to the figure where women are concerned, and is sold in a good range of colours. Coats of this are a perfect protection. People wear them in the summer time lined with brocade; in the winter they often have woollen linings or form a lining to thick tweed coats—a movable lining, *bien entendu*. Shaggy furs prove the warmest for motoring; they are only fit for this, and impossible to walk in. They all have collars that turn up, and many are accompanied by capes with ear tabs. The toques that find most favour, happily, are becoming; fur turbans are just what are wanted, with or without an aigrette at the side. The leather caps with fur borders sometimes prove too heavy for women's heads. The chiffon or silk veils now not only protect the face but beautify it. Fur gloves and fur overshoes add to the comfort of the fair motorist.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.*

By H. C. B.

The ambiguous title of Mr. White's latest book might have been improved upon by the sub-appellation "—or, the Reincarnation of Uriah Heap," for there is a striking resemblance between the character of Strudge and his famous—or infamous—prototype. As the embroidered diary of an accomplished charlatan the book is admirable, and with considerable skill the unwary reader is made to temporarily accept the Pretorian apostle at that oily personage's own valuation. It is exceedingly interesting to follow the career of the commonplace, youthful sneak to its logical conclusion, but as a study of human nature the biography is depressing.

Taken in hand at an early age by the credulous executives of the Pretorian Society, a sect based upon the much advertised "higher life" principles, Maximilian Strudge's hypocritical tendencies are given every scope for their perfect development. His intrigues, amorous and otherwise, are cleverly described in a manner obviously leaving much that is meant for perusal between the lines; the disturbing climax of the Pretorian "experiment" justly compensates his artless mentors for their childish faith in the poisonous parasite whom they had nourished in their bosom.

The description of life at Harbarrow Chase, where the young idea was inoculated with the invigorating bacilli of Pretorianism, is remarkably droll, and the regulations concerning mild invective of the "dear, silly fellow" order cannot fail to raise a smile. Impartially surveyed, however, *Mr. Strudge* cannot be said to represent its talented author at his best.

* *Mr. Strudge*, by Percy White. Tauchnitz Edition. 1 Vol.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

The following correspondence, which appeared in *The Times* of February 13, 1808, throws a lurid light upon the candour which characterised the art of letter-writing a century ago. Unfortunately, letters No. 1 and 2 are not published. No. 4 is evidently the reproduction of a notice which was widely published by the American Press of the period:

No. III. Washington, Dec. 23.

"SIR, I have received your letter of the 25th inst. by mail, in which you violate truth and honour, to indulge the inherent malignity and rancour of your soul. On 'what level,' pray, Sir, shall we find the wretch, who, to masquerade his cowardice, fabricates falsehoods, and heaps unprovoked insults upon unmerited injuries? You, John Randolph, are this man, and your own breast can best solve the proposition. You 'cannot descend to my level,' vain equivocal thing! And do you believe this dastardly subterfuge will avail you, or that your lion's skin will longer conceal your true character? Embrace the alternative still within your reach, and ascend to the 'level' of a gentleman, if possible; act like a man, if you can, and spare me the pain of publishing you to the world, for an insolent, slanderous, prevaricating poltroon.

John Randolph, Esq. JAMES WILKINSON."

"N.B. The first idea suggested by the indecency of your response to my letter, was the chastisement of my cane, from which the sacred respect I owe to the station you occupy in the councils of the nation, has alone protected you; and to the consequent conflict of feeling and duty must be ascribed the delay of this note.

John Randolph, Esq. JAMES WILKINSON."

General Wilkinson has applied for a Court of Inquiry.

No. IV. UNMASKED.

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"Prinzess Irene," from Genoa for New York, arrived New York Febr. 19th.
"Cassel," from New York for Baltimore, arrived Baltimore Febr. 19th.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TODAY of the Royal Saxon Meteorological Institute.

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