THE WIFE OF PRINCE BISMARCK. She Is the Model of a Practical Meth

If little is known in England of Prince Bismarck's private life, still less, says Mrs. Pereira, is known of the lady who for more than forty-twe years has shared his home. The Princess Bismarck is described as the very model of a practical, methodical German matron, with an eye for every de-tail household arrangement and economy and a heart for the comfort and well-being of each housemate, from the highest to the lowest. Weddings, it has been observed, not seldom give

rise to other weddings.

It was at the wedding of a friend that Bismarck first met Fraulein Johanna von Puttkamer. She was one of the bridemaids, and the stately lady made then and there an impression on the young Baron, which culminated in an offer of marriage three years later. The key to the Princess' character is to be found, says the same biographer, in her words: "That my husband is a public character is a fact to which I often find it painful enough to resign myself. But as for me, his wife, what have I to do with publicity? I do not exist for publicity, but wholly and solely

This perfect union of souls, however, Mrs. Pereira confesses, has not pre-vented the Princess' husband from posing occasionally as a victim to tamily claims. In one letter he says, refering to a projected excursion to the seaside, "I have held out against it for a long time; but as all the mothers and aunts are unanimous in declaring that nothing but sea water and sea air can do poor Mariechen any good. I know that if I still refuse every cold in the bead which may befall her to the 70th year of her age will be set down to my avarice and paternal barbarity."

Again he writes: "Yesterday I was reduced to such a state of despair by all these plannings that I was positively determined to give up the whole journey; and I went to bed with the firm resolution at all events to travel straight through without stopping anywhere on the way. But Johanna at-tacked me in the night, with the young-ster in her arms, and, by dint of all the arts which drove man out of Paradise. she of course carried her point, and the original scheme is to be carried

It is only fair to the Princess after this to quote her husband's loving letter from Biarritz: "I have a bad couscience, because I am seeing so much that is beautiful without you. If you could only be carried hither through the air, I would go with you this very moment back to San Sebastian.— London News.

Mr. Lang's Typical American.

But, if try we must, here goes for the typical American of the educated classes. He is not very like an Englishman; he is rather more like a Frenchman, but still more like an American. You can not say where he differs in appearance rom a Briton; it may be in his necktie, his boots, or in the way which he brushes his hair. He seldom looks as if he lived much in the open air or was fond of field sports. He is much more vivacious than an Englishman, more original in manner, more fertile in ideas, more modern in every way. He is almost too good company; sired. -Philadelphia Times. too effervescent for some natives of a slow, foggy climate. He is enviably detached from our infernal politics and social confusions. These are all pretty indifferent to the native of a country which has elbow room, a militia which shoots and practically no neighbors. cause, but he never goes to Ireland. stage. He very seldom talks with an gambler. He is much too familiar with in?" English life to be very keenly curious about it, and he never dreams of going to see the lions. He is rather fond of the play, knowing and caring very much more about our authors, actors, pieces, and so forth, than I do, for one. He is kind, courteous, ingenious, obliging, a good fellow, and welcome because he is infinitely more alive than most of us, To bring him into a room full of dejected Britons is like pouring fresh water among fish in a pail. He is patriotic, but no Chauviniste, and is aware that Bunker Hill was but a aware that Bunker Hill was but a damage your work? Bring her in so damage your work? Bring her in so covery in Central Africa, and it is thou weeks that they weeks the they weeks the they weeks that they weeks the they week they weeks the they weeks they weeks the they weeks they were they week they week they weeks they weeks they weeks they w aware that Bunker Hill was but a but they would not destroy, or at least British defeat. He does not talk about the war and Mr. Abraham Lincoln. that I may bless you in her pres-We are sorry when he goes away and ence for all that you have done for glad when he comes back again, with a new budget of good stories, for, if he has a national trait, it is the swopping of anecdotes. He is not a man that anybody would think of trying to impose on, but he is not demonstratively icute. Never have I seen a robustious American, nor an American who preached, nor an American who told pointless stories. - North American Re-

Marble Fluid.

The Austrian sculptor Friedrich Beer, ta Paris, has discovered a process for making marble fluid and molding it as bronze is molded. The name of the marble thus treated is beryt. The new product costs little more than plaster, and is especially well adapted to the ornamentation of houses and the construction of floors, baths, and small pillars. A stock company has been prganized in Paris to place beryt on the market.

A Potato in the Butter.

A lady went to one of the groceries in Wildwood. Fla., and bought two pounds of butter that had been bought in the country by the merchant. When the nice yellow lump was cut in two there was found in the center of it a large Irish potato nicely peeled and carefully covered with the butter.

Marriage and the Death Rate.

Prof. A. N. Kiaer, a Norwegian statistician, has discovered and declared that the marriage state increases the death rate among women and decreases it among men.

WITCHES IN THE SOUTH. Dire Havoc Believed to Have Been Cause by Them Among the 'Coon Dogs.

In Wayne county. N. C., of which Goldsboro is the county seat, many of the inhabitants believe in witchcraft as firmly as they ever believed in States rights, and are as willing to sacrifice their lives on the altar of their superstition as they were to die on the plea of a mistaken patriotism.

The Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and other Southern States abound in socalled "witch doctors," who will cure your ails and kill the witch that is troubling you. Some of these doctors actually believe in the personal existence of witches and in their supernatural power, but many of them are frauds who make a living by imposing on the credulity of their neighbors.

The negro race is naturally superstitious, but the poor white "crackers" are also ignorant, and for believing in spooks, spirits, hobgoblins, and other natural phenomena they can give the colored man cards, spades, and aces, and then beat him. The cracker is worse than the colored man because he fondly imagines that he is so much shrewder, and so he does not use what brains he has, nor does he try to learn anything. He has thousands of signs, omens, cures, and beliefs that are continual source of annoyance to him, and perpetually keep him in a state of worked for both, and did dread. The simplest incident is one of his work well. The comsinister and occult meaning to him, and mander of the Argonaut he is ever in a tremor lest ill luck and Expedition (20), was call-

The evil influences manifest them- ed Bluff Hal (21) strode misfortune overtake him. selves in various ways, and each one upon the stand, and, seems worse than the other. His gun occasionally hangs fire and refuses to "go off" properly, and at times is so badly deranged that it cannot be discharged at all. At other times his favorite coon dog is bewitched by some favorite coon dog is bewitched by some trouble to so many other evil-minded and envious person, and then the woe of the cracker is some thing painful to witness. If his gun stir in court-a stir which were not bewitched, why could he not was increased by the ap-kill a squirrel with it? And why should pearance at the outer his dog refuse to hunt coons, when to hunt coons was his business? These are questions that he can answer only the Little Giant (24). by assuming that a witch has been in- The former blew a bugle fluencing him and his property.

He employs a witch doctor, to whom

he pours out his tale of woe and yields up his hard earned cash. The doctor cares little for the woe, but the cash is grateful and exhilarating. The doctor the suspected party, and he commenced a campaign against her. He told the victim to go to her house some night and stretch a white cotton string around the building, and tie the ends together with a "weaver's knot." Then he was to walk around the house seven times each way, recite a given sentence in front of each door while making mysterious marks on it, and the cure would be completed. The directions were followed, and I am happy to say were effectual, as the next hunt result-

ed in the death of three coons. Another time a small powder was given, which must be swallowed by the witch without her knowing it. The old lady was invited to dinner, the powder placed in her cup of coffee, and the cure was as complete as could be de-

Two Unbelievers.

The following story is told of Littre, the great Freuch savant: Legouve says that shortly after Littre's daughter was born he (Littre) said to his wife: "My He is usually fond of the Irish and their dear, you are a good Christian. Bring up your daughter in the ways of re-He does not mind explaining to you the ligion and piety which you have al-niceties of base ball; but I have known ways followed; but I must exact an elderly Frenchman take more in- one condition and that is that when terest than he does in cricket. He she is fifteen years of age you will seems to me to know a great deal bring her to me. I will then explain about cookery and de icacies of strange my views to her, and she can choose names, American or French; but he for herself." The mother accepted has, perhaps no very high opinion of the condition, years rolled on, the 15th our poor culinary efforts. He is not birthday of the child soon came, and curious, however, in strange mixed the mother entered her husband's juleps and cocktails, and so forth, like study. "You remember what you said the representative American of the to me and what I promised," she. "Your daughter is 15 years old to-day. English accent, and even when he She is now ready to listen to you with does, his idioms betray him. He takes all the respect and confidence due to a Platonic interest in poker, but is no | the best of fathers. Shall I bring her

> "Why certainly," replied Littre. "But for what special reason? To explain to her my views! Oh, no, my dear! no, no. You have made of her a good, affectionate, simple, straight-forward, bright, and happy creature. Happy, yes; that is the word that in a pure being describes every virtue. And you fancy that I would cover all that happiness and purity with my ideas! her, and so that she may love you more

than ever." "I, too," added Legouve, at the close of his little anecdote, "have around me believers whom I love, and I would consider myself a criminal if I troubled their religious convictions with my doubts and my objections, especially as I know that they find in those convictions nothing but joy, consolation, and virtue."

Cannibalism Among Alligators.

"Arkansaw," the alligator slayer of East Orange, Fla., recently killed one of the "varmints" that had three of its legs bitten off, a portion of its jaw had been eaten by a stronger kinsman, and holes were found in him where he had paid the penalty of a pound of flesh simply because his opponent was the stronger. "Arkansaw" states that alligators feed upon each other to the extent that regulates the supply to the demand, and that if they were to cease from their capuibalistic habits they would soon abound in sufficient numbers to pile alligators four deep all over the St. John's river country.

HISTORIC NICKNAME PUZZLE.

Twenty Prizes for the Twenty Best Solutions.

Do you know the true story of "Tom, the Piper's Son!" It's an interesting tale, and ought to be better known, for Tom, while none too bright of wit, was by no means a thief. T e true account runs thus;

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When Tom reached the street, bearing the pig under his arm—oh yes, he really had the pig—he ran right into the hands of the Kingmaker (1), who declared him a thief on the spot. This declaration, recklessly made before the small-boy spectators, started the rumor that clings to poor Tom to this day.

Tom went bawling down the street, for he was being dragged before the Merry Monarch (2). Arrived there, he was ordered into the prisoner's dock, and his trial began, Tom having to face three other judges, who were: The discoverer of the Hudson River (3), the man who said, "Go West, young man, go West" (4), and the German Emperor who is said to have once had his crown kicked off his head by a Pope of Rome, to teach him humility (5).

The clerk of the court was Timothy Titcomb (6), and the stenographer was Peter Parley (7). Counsel for the pros-

The clerk of the court was Timothy Titcomb (6), and the stenographer was Peter Parley (7). Counsel for the prosecution were: The Millboy of the Slashes (8), the Pathfinder (9), the writer of the first American book (10) the President of the United States by whose name a famous doctrine is called (11), and the Old Man Eloquent (12)—the last-named specially engaged to state the case to the Court.

Tom's counsel was no less able. It consisted of the Learned Blacksmith (12) the Automat of the Breakfast

Learned Blacksmith (13), the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table (14), the officer who said, "Don't give up the ship" (15), the founder of the first American college (16), and the man who tried to leap the walls of Rome and died in the attempt (17)-an odd array, for there was not a lawyer among the number. The first witness was the architect of the Brooklyn Bridge (18), and the second the mal

who sunk the first Oil Well (19); Tom had worked for both, and did without waiting to be

The charge caused a blast, and the latter shonted:

"O all you mighty

is sanguine, and declares that he has a method of killing that is strictly original, copyrighted, and warranted to be effectual. In one case that I came effectual. In one case that I came mentioned Sir John Barleycorn.] "And the Queen invites every man of you to come to mentioned that an old dinner." [The court-room empties in less than a minute.]

Marshal Forward (25) commanded the hungry host, and his lieutenants were the general who ordered shot on the spot any man man who hauled down the American flag (26), and the commodore prominent in securing the opening to the world of the ports of Japan (27), Arrived at the banquet hall, the guests found it very beautiful, for it had just been decorated by the painter who spoiled one of Raphael's unfinished paintings by drawing a head in charcoal upon it (the cost of the same having been paid by the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street (29).

The master of ceremonies was the Wizard of the North (30), and his assistants were the hero of the ride to Winchester (31) the last man to werr a royal crown in the New World (32), the Liberator (33), and the fine old colonial gentleman who gave his name to the Cradle of American Liberty (34). Grace was said by the man who ruled France while

Louis XIII. reigned (35), and then the Queen who made the feast—she who is said to have once crossed a mud hole on Sir Walter Raleigh's coat (36)—formally present ed her guests to her companions—the Queen of Hearts
(37), the Maid of Saragossa (38), the Young Doctor of
Rome (39), and the author of "The Battle Hymn of the

Dinner over, the hostess, with a dignity which only she could command, arose and austerely began:

"My Lords and gentlemen-subjects all: It hath eached the ear of your Sovereign Queen that one Tom, whose father is an honest subject and a piper, is on trial for the theft of a piz; concerning which circumstance We declare that We sent this same Tom for this pig, and in the which, as constructive owner of all the pigs and other property in the kingdom, We had a per-fect right to do. We also declare that you have just partaken of this self-same pig, and as the statutes of Our realm affirm the partakers to be as bad as the thief,

Our realm affirm the partakers to be as bad as the thief,
We hereby proclaim every one of you under royal arrest, and create Tom, son of Our honored piper, Lord
High Sheriff of the Queen's Banquet, charged with
transporting all of you to the Tower. And" (here the
Queen bowed low) "We foully wish you safe conduct thither."
This royal joke was long the talk of the realm, and old English grandsires and grandames used to reckon it their prime stock in the story-telling trade.

Old that we never heavel it before Odd that you never heard it before.

In this Puzzle 38 persons and two things are referred to by their popular nicknames, or by some widely-recorded incident in their histories. Twenty prizes are offered for the best answers. These prizes are: \$5 in cash, several Books, l'air of Skates, Water-color Outfit, Gold Pen and Holder, Pocket-knives, and Paper-cutters. Competition is open to non-subscribers and sub-cribers alike, and answers must be mailed not later than January 20, 1891. The correct answers, and the names of prize winners will be published in Harran's Young Proper of an early date after the close of the competition. By best answers is meant both correctness and neatness, and where answers are decorated, preference will be given decoration that is the handliwork of the competitor. Address your reply: HARPER & BROTHERS, Frankiis Square, New York, and put on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope the words: "Puzzle Asswer."

The Highest Point In Africa.

When the scientific world laughed at the humble missionary Rebmann, who reported over forty years ago that he only within the past few weeks that we have had the details of Dr. Hans Meyer's final triumph over Kilima-Njaro, whose snowy, Kibo dome had defeated the efforts of a number of ex-

Refmann would have felt repaid for all the ridicule that was showered up-on him if he could have seen Dr. Meyer's companion a practiced Alpine climber, with his ice ax and rope and snow spectacles cutting steps up the steep icy slope. Both climbers paused to rest every ten minutes, because the rarity of the air made continuous efrarity of the air made continuous effort impossible. In these periods of rest they could dimly see the far-distant plains through the openings in the clouds below them. Then, when on their second attempt, three days after their first effort, they reached the highest point in Africa, about 19,680 feet above the see, they found themfeet above the sea, they found themselves on the edge of a great crater over a mile across and 650 feet deep, the icy mantle sinking in terraces from the edge of the crater to the floor, while through a great gap in the west wall a mighty glacier, about a mile and a half long, swept down the

mountain side.
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