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FENN'S SILVER TEA SERVICE.
 whom Montezqueu denominates the modern Lycurgus. He was the son of Admiral Penn, was born at London in 1644, and was educated at Christchurch, Oxford. At college he imbibed the principles of Quakerism, and having endeavored to disseminate them by preaching in public, he was thrice thrown into prison. It was during his first imprisonment that he wrote "No Cross, No Crown." In March, 1680-81, he obtained from Charles II. the grant of that territory which now bears the name of Pennsylvania. In 1682 he embarked for his new colony; and in the following year he founded Philadelphia. He returned to England in 1684, and died in July 1718. He was a philosopher, a legislator, an author, the friend of man, and, above all, a pious Christian. In addition to the reasons above given, the sketch of the tea service is an object of curiosity, as showing the state of silversmith's work in England, at the close of the seventeenth century, for articles of domestic use.

PERSIA'S NEW SHAH.
 He will Carry Out the Political Reforms of His Father.
 The political reforms recently granted in Persia by Muzaffar-el-Din, the present Shah, who is now critically sick, will be continued by his son and successor, Mohammed Ali Mirza, who is acting as regent during the indisposition of his father. This young man is 28 years old and is liberal in his views. His education was received in Prussia, Frenchmen and Englishmen being his tutors. He is liberally inclined and is regarded by those who know him as a young man of great promise.

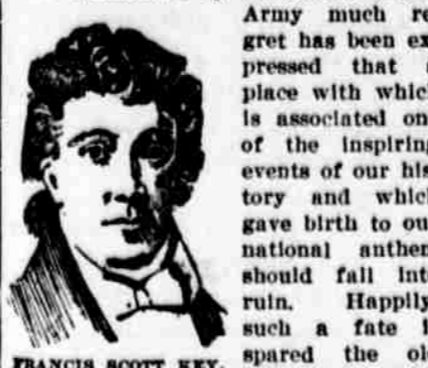
It is difficult to imagine popular suffrage in Persia, which has so long been under autocratic sway. Nevertheless, during the year the Shah issued a decree providing for a Parliament which will frame a constitution for the kingdom and will meet annually hereafter for the purpose of revising old laws and edicts and enacting new ones as they may be required. Under this decree all Persians of the male sex able to read and write, between the ages of 30 and 70, who are not in the service of the State and who have never been convicted of a crime, are entitled to vote for members of the Chamber of Deputies. This new Persian Parliament met in October and the work of drafting a constitution is now under way. Popular sentiment is in favor of a liberal constitution and it may be expected that before long Persia will take her place among the liberally governed countries of the world.



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 The Shah to whom Persia owes this great reform ascended the throne in 1896 and up to the time of granting the right of a new constitution to his people had been a most absolute ruler. He was master of the lives and properties of his people. The entire revenues of the country were at his disposal and his wish was law in even the most distant province. The change to constitutionalism is indeed revolutionary and it is a matter of satisfaction that the reforms projected by the father will, in the event of his death, be continued and confirmed by the son.

Elderly people make almost as many breaks as younger people, but excel in their ability to smooth them over.
 No doctor can cure what ails you if you have a mean disposition.

FORT M'HENRY SAFE.
 Abandoned by Federal Army, Maryland Preserves It.
 Ever since it was announced that Fort McHenry, in Chesapeake Bay is to be abandoned by the United States Army much regret has been expressed that a place with which is associated one of the inspiring events of our history and which gave birth to our national anthem should fall into ruin. Happily, such a fate is spared the old Baltimore fort.



FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.
 The National Guard of Maryland will take possession when Uncle Sam's soldiers step out and will use the fort as a drill ground and storehouse. The old guns and relics will remain. The Stars and Stripes will continue to float from the old ramparts as they did on that memorable September morning in 1814 when the rising sun, piercing the smoke of battle during the bombardment of the fort by the British, disclosed them to the delighted view of Key, imprisoned on one of the British warships, and inspired him to write The Star Spangled Banner.

The second war of America against the mother country was in progress. An English army had invaded and occupied Washington, and had burned the national capital. The British were massing their land and sea forces for other conquests, and as the fleet sailed down the Potomac, Dr. William Beanes, a prominent citizen of Maryland, who had been arrested in his home in Upper



HISTORIC FORT M'HENRY.

Marlboro, charged with some petty offense, was carried off a prisoner.
 It was to secure the liberation of his friend and neighbor that Francis Scott Key obtained leave of the President to go to the British admiral, under a flag of truce. He found the British fleet at the mouth of the Potomac.
 After considerable parleying, it was finally determined that Dr. Beanes should be released, but as an advance on Baltimore was about to be made, it was required that the Americans should remain under guard on board their own vessel until morning. That night, Sept. 14, 1814, Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort M'Henry.

For long hours the cannonading continued. Suddenly it ceased; there was no way for the impatient Americans to tell whether the fort had surrendered or whether the British had found the bombardment in vain. They strained their eyes, waiting for morning to disclose whether or not the star-spangled banner was still floating on the ramparts of Fort M'Henry.
 When the blessed morning light disclosed the flag still erect, Key, in an outburst of enthusiasm, dashed off his poem, writing it on the back of an envelope.

Things We Get from the Hog.
 The hog is a wonderful animal when you come to sum him up and is one of the fixed institutions of this country. Someone once wittily described him as a manufacturer of hams, lard, hair brushes, head cheese, toothbrushes, glue, buttons, fertilizer, fats, bacon, knife handles, whistles, soaps, sauce, sausage and satisfaction. As a condenser, he beats the finest steam machinery. He will put ten bushels of corn into less space than a bushel measure. Corn loaned to a hog is cash at a good investment, safe and at a large interest. He does what the ancient alchemists never succeeded in doing by converting corn into coin, and thus discovers the philosopher's stone.

Case of Deceptive Appearances.
 "Well," said the new reporter at the creditors' meeting, "it's easy enough to pick out the bankrupt."
 "Think so?" replied the older one.
 "Yes; see how shabby and careworn he looks."
 "That's the principal creditor. The bankrupt is that man with the fur overcoat and diamonds."—Philadelphia Press.

Uplifting the Public.
 Tim—There goes a man who has done much to arouse the people.
 Blim—Great labor agitator, I suppose?
 Tim—Now; alarm clock manufacturer.—New York Times.

Now a Mighty Mind Rests.
 Let us pour a libation to croquet—a sport of young and old, innocent, simple, accessible like playing with the cat, and, like that exercise, an escape into a world of revelry that is calm.—Collier's Weekly.

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