

NOBILITY THINKS THESE LADIES REALLY BEAUTIFUL

Europe's Latest Fad Is a Contest of Titled Ones

The real thing in beauty contests is happening among the nobility of Europe. The lords and dukes think the women of the aristocracy are more beautiful than any in the world. The nobility has not visited Oregon and seen the Oregon beauties, nor has it cast too long a glance upon the fair maids of the Atlantic. We of America think there is none prettier than the maids among whom.



The Journal submits the exclusive photographs of two noble women of Europe, the Crown Princess Maria of Roumania—upper picture— and Miss Fitzgeraid, a daughter of Sir Gerald Fitzgeraid, K. C. M. G. These ladies are considered, in Europe, as the prettiest women of the old world. What do you think?

MINIATURE FOREST FOR SISK EMPEROR

Brine-Laden Vapors Also Wafted Through Francis Joseph's Rooms.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vienna, Oct. 25.—Everything possible is being done to supply the Emperor Francis Joseph with as good and as fresh air for his sickroom as can be obtained under the circumstances. To this end a miniature garden, composed of small pine trees from the imperial conservatories, has been improvised in the imperial bedroom. The ozone qualities of the pine are said to be most beneficial. An evaporator has been set up in a room adjoining that occupied by the emperor, and brine-laden vapors are wafted into the sickroom.

VISIT ST. HELENS THEN FOR EUROPE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) St. Helens, Or., Oct. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wellington are visiting relatives in St. Helens this week before leaving for a six months' trip to Europe. They will start from Portland Tuesday, sailing from New York November 9 on the Lucania. They will go direct to Manchester, England, Mr. Wellington's former home, and after visiting relatives there will tour the continent. On their return they will make Portland their home.

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YOUTH WORKS HOAX ON BERLIN POLICE

Officer Is Led Into Belief That His Guest Is Son of Nobleman.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Berlin, Oct. 25.—An English youth, who called himself Paul Luschner, was arrested for begging the other day. In the course of his examination, he told a story as to how he had hoaxed an amiable member of the police force on duty at the Polizeiamt Platz. His victim, when blushing made to confront him, admitted the truth of the story, which shows that the possibilities of a Koenigsberg affair are not entirely confined to the army.

"Tooting" Where Defoe Was Supposed to Have Written "Robinson Crusoe" Was Built Fifty Years After His Death.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) London, Oct. 9.—Tooting hall, the old house in Tooting, London, in which it is alleged Defoe wrote "Robinson Crusoe," has been a regular mecca for souvenir hunting Americans in the last few months, because of its approaching demolition to make way for a modern structure. Many have returned home with chips and scraps of various kinds which doubtless they will hand down to their posterity as pre-historic relics.

Old Woman Knew

An English journalist who has just returned from Yorkshire, where he has been spending his holidays, tells us of an experience of his there which illustrates the different estimates that different people put on fame. He learned that in a farm on one of the Yorkshire moors was an old woman, who many years ago had been a servant in a family where Charlotte Brontë was a governess. Scouting some good "copy," he hired a conveyance and drove several miles to see the old woman.

Credit Trader Squeezes Last Penny Out of Small Tenant Toiler—Men on Bench Who Dispense Justice to Suit Themselves.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Dublin, Oct. 12.—A very gloomy picture of the condition of the small farmers in the congested districts in the west of Ireland was drawn the other day by the Rev. Father Flatley of Clare Island in evidence which he gave at Lennane before the royal commission on congestion. Father Flatley's evidence was a terrible indictment of the "gombeen man"—that parasite who has to a large extent taken the place of the rack-renting landlord, in bleeding the last penny out of the Irish peasant. The gombeen man is the credit trader of the country districts. He sells everything that the farmer may require, from food and clothing to agricultural implements and seeds and he buys everything that the farmer produces. He sells on long credit at extortionate prices and the result is that when the time comes for the farmer to sell his cattle or his crops he is forced to take what the gombeen offers, which is always much less than the true value. Many of the small farmers now have no money to buy their credit at exorbitant prices and takes the produce in payment at his own price.

Abuse Position

Worse than that, Father Flatley declares, the gombeen man, by fawning on the castle authorities and other prominent professions of "loyalty," has managed to get himself appointed a magistrate in his district and he declared that they abused their position most shamefully and used it for the benefit of their business. The customers were favored in all cases that came before them and cases had been known in which they compelled drunken and impotent doctors who were in their power to minimize the seriousness of assault cases which came before them. The priest also mentioned cases in which court fees had been reduced because the gombeen magistrates appeared on the bench in a drunken condition and were quite unable to understand what all the going on. This testimony was given by a priest with 27 years' experience in the district and he concluded by declaring that he had no hesitation in saying that the "gombeen man" was a worse curse to the west of Ireland than the worst type of landlord has ever been.

Very gently. Then Thackeray returned

and said "I admire Dickens so much that I could not let our old friendship be broken."

Dickens and Thackeray.

The next time Sir Theodore saw Dickens was at Thackeray's funeral. He took part only a few weeks after their reconciliation. Their estrangement, he says, must have been very painful to both of them, and he estimated the loss of Dickens, and wrote the most laudatory things about him that were ever written.

Thackeray was a frequent guest at Sir Theodore's dinner parties, and was at his home almost every Sunday morning.

"He was not a brilliant talker at the dinner table," he says, but on the contrary, was singularly tactful in general society and cheerful in all company. In the morning, he was like a great large hearted school boy, but at a dinner party in the evening he would recline on the dining room sofa awaiting his frugal luncheon, and could bear all that was said. The fear that the maid might move unequal to the emergency and admit the visitor threw him into an agony of trepidation. When the Transatlantic visitor on the doorman became urgent an emissary was sent forth to hold the fort. This is the colloquy that ensued, according to Miss Masson.

Emissary Explains.

"Mr. Spencer is unable to receive visitors," the emissary was heard explaining. "But I have come all the way from



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