

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1888.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Most Popular Personage in Great Britain-Her Early Life.

The Princess of Wales is the most popular personage in Great Britain. So far as the institution of royalty is concerned it can be truly said of her that her life is the most valuable in the kingdom. long as she lives her popularity will be sufficient to keep the cause of royaly well protected from popular innovation. I have tried to obtain from those who know the Princess of Wales well the secret of her great popularity. She is not a brilliant woman, she has never written anything. and in conversation she never impresses any one with the idea of her having any particular originality or striking force of character in ordinary society, without the advantage of her position, she would make but little impression. She is excessively ladylike and refined. She has a most marvelous beauty, which chiefly consista in regular features, a fair com plexion and a perfectly serene and placid expression.

The most remarkable feature of her good looks is the preservation of her youthful appearance. In the broad glare of dayinght she looks today as young if not younger than her eldest daughter. Her figure to also slim and slight as that of a young girl She dresses with ex quisite taste and appears to enjoy general society very much. The secret of her popular charm is said to be this: She has the rare and gracious faculty of impress Ing people who come in contact with her in the casual meeting of a general reception or a levee with her genuine cordiality People who have been presented to her and who have simply seen her bow and smile and perhaps have heard a ball dozen words of commonplace greeting, are the ones who are the most wildly en thusiastic over her. Her bearing before the public constitutes her chief charm Every one is led to believe that she is the most gracious and winning personage in the kingdom. It is this outward suggestion upon the part of the Princess of Wales of brilliant graciousness that has captivated and thoroughly charmed the British public. Those who know her best say that a more intimate acquaintance with her does not bear out the public estimate. She is thoroughly refined, ac complished and self possessed, but is not interesting in a general conversation.

While I was on the continent last

month I heard a number of interesting stories concerning the early life of the Princess of Wales. These stories are not particularly new, and I do not propose to allude to them except to give the exact income of her father before he was called to the throne of Denmark. This prince lived in the most obscure poverty for a number of years. He had an income of exactly \$1,200 a year. There were five children to be supported and educated from this beggarly sum. The young ladies of this household learned to cook. to sew and to do all kinds of housework They were obliged to make their own dresses for many years. No members of any family so obscurely placed have risen to more brilliant positions than this Danish family. The head of the family became the king of Denmark. His oldest son is, of course, the crown prince of that country. Another son is the king of His three daughters are the Greece. Princess of Wales, the Czarina of Russia and the Duchess of Cumberland.-T. C. Crawford in New York World

Where Passma Buts Are Made. "Why is it they make such wonderful

hats at Panama and nowhere else?" asked

the reporter.

"On the contrary," replied the hatter, "these wonderful hats are not made at Panama and are made somewhere else-No Panama hat was ever made at Panama They came to be called by that name be cause Panama merchants first made thesi known outside of local markets. The best Panama hats are made in Gunyaquil. They are woven by native women out of the fiber of the pita palm. This fiber is gen erally spun or stripped by these skillful artists into slender threads ten and fifteen feet long, although it can be stripped into almost any length with care. The braid ing or weaving is all done with the fiber held below the surface of water, which keeps it pliable and processes the peculiarities of its texture. An ordinary Panama but, made of several pieces of fiber. costa çã at fiest hands in Guayaquil. That seems a trifle high, but it takes a woman three weeks to braid a hat of that kind, and it will wear forever. Finer grades require more delicate threads and longer time in making - New York Even

How a Steamer Got Ice.

The United States fish commission steamer Albatross, Lieut. Commander Z Tanner commanding, recently arrived in port, having spent nearly a month in the Straits of Magolian, where large col-lections were made in all branches of natural history. Fishes of excellent qual ity for eating were there seined in great quantities. Vessels passing through the straits if supplied with seines, could thus obtain an abundance of fresh food. Camps of Fueguans were visited and considerable ethnological material was ob-

In Eyre sound icelergs are usually to be found fleating as many glacters flow into the water there. The Albairons ran into this sound and made fast to a terg for the purpose of getting a supply of ice for her refrigerator. Huge blocks were then cut off and hoisted in until six tons had thus been taken abourd. The ice was clear and compact and lasted until the arrival of the ship here. - Panama Star and Herald.

Miss Alcott's Fascinating Manuscript.

Three years later Mr. Alcott received from his daughter the manuscript of a book which Louisa had written according to the inspiration which was always her best, i. e., that which came from actual observation, and what may be called the idealization of facts Miss Alcott said once that she wrote the book "to prove she could not write it:" in other words having been asked by Roberts Bros. te prepare "a good girls story." she declared she could not do it, caring so much more boys" than she did for girls, but, if she attempted it, it must be about her wn sisters and berself

Accordingly, a book was written on this narming principle On its receipt one of the firm took the manuscript home, and without mentioning the author, handed to his daughter, a girl of about 12 years

o read intrenching himself behind a tewspaper, I was told he watched the Teet of the story upon this unconscious ritic Page after page was turned, and very variety of expression showed itself a the young face bending above the book hat would she have said. I wonder, had to known her proud distinction—the first ald in America who read "Little men!" But such was the case Find it impossible to induce her to leave is fascinating manuscript, the publisher soly decided that a book which could manuscript, so captivate one girl ould, in print, reach the hearts of many ed accordingly this first little bark eighted with success and fame was melted.—Lucy C. Lillie in The Cosmo ten

Novels for Commercial Travelers. The traveling man is a good friend of e novel writer," said a newsdealer and the novelist is a good friend of the eveling man. A commercial tourist hagood deal of idle time on his hands while the cars, waiting for trains or sitting ound hotel offices New traveling men at of ten read novels. Some of them tell ... they read as many as lifty or seventy on novels a year The novel is their so e. their companion, their best friend on know it is not now the thing for a aveling man to be a rake as he used to The sports have been driven to the wall The fast young men have given way to the sober and steady ones. But the traveler must have some employment for his idle time, and instead of drinking and gambling and playing tilliards be takes to the novel. The novel has been a good friend of his, and has helped to lift him up and make a better man of him. and at the same time he has helped the tovel The commercial travelers of this country do not buy less than a million novels a year. If I was going to print a novel I should want to win their favor They talk about books they like to other traveling men, to customers and to pas sengers whom they meet on the cars They rapidly spread the reputation of a novel and materially assist in giving it a large sale."-Chicago Tribune.

Historian Parcon's First Book, James Parton is living in a quiet part of the picturesque old town of Newburyport A writer in The Boston Post tells the story of how Parton, who was born in England sixty six years ago, came to be the popu ar biographer of many eminent Amer: ans "One day, while he was employed on The New York Home Journal, he dines at a restaurant with Mason Brothers publishers, and the talk turned upon books Parton happened to say, 'What an interesting story could be made out of the life of Horace Circuley if a person could only get at the facts' One of the pub lishers said. Why don't you do it? The oung man replied that it would require and expensive journey and a year of labor and that he could not afford it A few lays later the firm agreed to advance the noney requisite and the book was thus assured Parton went from house to house n New Hampshire and Vermont, making nquiries. Thirty thousand copies of the work were sold, which yielded the author \$2,000 above the cost of production Upon that most insufficient capital, the author said. I had the temerity to set up in business as a book maker '- The Ar

Cumor of Little School Girls. Outside a tailor's store on Canal street, east of Broadway, stood a row of dummies used for displaying samples of the tailor's wares, all very lifelike, but rather wooden. Four p. m. A small crowd of little girls, going home from school, prob-ably, pass the store. They have seen the fummics scores of times before very likely, but now, for the first time, a spirit of fun and mischies seizes one, and she begins to put one of the painted wooden faces in an affectedly loving manner. ask ing him. 'Won't you take me to the theatro to night, ducky?" and other such questions The other girls are not slow to catch the leamer, and soon each dummy has a "mash," and the whole are sur rounded by a crowd of laughing, joking children, and many passers by stop to see how far the fun will go. The appearance of the tailor at the door, with a "Now. den, you kirls, of you don'd go avay putty gwick I'll put de copper on to you," dis perses the crowd and puts an end to the joke —New York Press

Not Astroportics Assessments.

A self important official in the patent office was talking granditoquently to his chief the other day about his importance to the department.

"Why, sir," he said, "what would hap-

There if he fifty applications for your place inside of twenty four hours, 're thetween useds for everybody. Dried Venic plied the chief, and the suberdinate with 1800. Ham, Spiced Fish and imported Sarplied the chief, and the subordinate with dines, drew. - Texas Sittings.

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