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HORRIFYING INCIDENTS.

Two recent incidents illustrate the fact that Americans are not alone in toadying; that while they still worship at the shrine of titles and nobility the crowned heads of Europe are fawning on our possessors of gold. It can no longer be charged that all of the fools are on this side. While it was confined to a few imbeciles on each side, one who had gained wealth by accident or otherwise and was without a name, and the other who had all kinds of name but without the filthy lucre to back it, there was no immediate harm done. Of course the issues of such a combination would eventually become a charge upon the public through the Innatic or other public asylums, but this would be so remote that it was not worrying the present generation.

But the time for alarm has come. Emperor William has been flirting with our own J. Pierpont, and a British lord has been compelled to dine with his valet. The one was brought about all through a weighty check book and the other all through the fool idea of a few Americans to do honor to European nobility.

Twice in succession has the country been shocked—the European country. The idea of a crowned head dining with a common man just because he has a strong check book! The idea of an English lord being compelled to dine at the same table with his valet just to gratify an American whim!

It was too much for the European people; it was too much for the English lord; it was too much for the valet! The European people are all talking, the English lord is humiliated and the valet has skipped to parts unknown. The press has taken it up and there is no telling where it will all end. But it should end. A halt should be called at once. An international commission should be appointed, a protocol signed—anything to set the minds of the European people, the English lord and the valet at ease.

It was all brought about in a natural manner, but this does not relieve the country of the dilemma. J. Pierpont Morgan happened to be at Kiel July 3. Emperor William was there and he was on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. Emperors eat and so do millionaires. Emperor William and Millionaire Morgan ate on July 3. They ate together on the imperial yacht. It is not told how it was all brought about, but the announcement is heralded to the world that they ate together. While the people are talking, the German papers are speculating. The Neue Freie Presse has a whole lot to say about the matter. "Without his check-book, Mr. Morgan never would have been the emperor's guest," says the paper. And then the paper predicts that all kinds of misfortunes will overtake the "Napoleon of Finance," and commenting further says: "Gilded by the imagination, his trusts appear to be excellent, but that the first moment public confidence is disturbed, the system will undergo a severe trial."

Then the paper speculates in a mindreading way as follows:

"Could a thought reader have penetrated the secret recesses of the minds of Emperor William and his guest with the startling contrasts might he not have discovered in Em-

peror William's mind a yearning for fame and splendor; in that of Mr. Morgan the hope of new trusts and rising prices? How fortunate it is that social politeness veils such opposites."

It is well that it is no worse. But the cause for alarm is serious. When emperors thus toady to American common citizens of wealth it would seem that the contagion is spreading to the utmost limit. All lines between human beings from a standpoint of blood and official station are in danger of being obliterated and money is about to become the all-ruling power all over the world. It was well that the seedy nobility should look this way to replenish its purse from American wealthy imbecility, but when emperors, kings and monarchs join in the scramble it is time to draw the line. The time may come when the impoverished princess or queen may come a-wooing for the hand of an American duke of wealth. The thought is too alarming to contemplate. The sale of the blood of the nobility of Europe for American gold was shocking enough, but when it comes to emperors dining with American gold it is time to draw the line, and to contemplate the limit to which this may extend is simply alarming.

But the fad of toadying which led to the horrifying incident of an English lord dining with his valet caps the climax of social outrages. It was brought about in a manner that it could not well be avoided without violating the conventionalities of society. A lord and his wife were paying a visit to America and brought along with them a valet. On the same ship a family of rich New Yorkers came. The Americans worshiped everything English, you know, and they did not draw the line between the lord and his valet; in fact, they did not know a lord from a valet. When they reached New York they invited the lord and his wife to dine with them. The valet was also invited. Neither the lord nor the valet knew that the other was invited. The day came and the lord was prepared for the reception by the valet and after the lord and his lady had left, the valet hurried his preparations to meet his appointment. He was a little late, and when he entered, the lord and his lady were already seated at the table, and they were horrified to hear the name of the valet announced as a guest and further horrified to see him enter the dining room and take his seat at the table. It would not do to violate the conventionalities of society, so the lord and the lady and the valet all sat through the meal without pretending to know each other, but the valet beat his master home and left a note tendering his resignation and has not been heard from since.

The imbecile Americans feel honored at having entertained a lord and a distinguished Englishman and the lord is humiliated beyond description of the valet has lost his job. The lord was innocent, the valet was innocent, but it all came of the American idea of toadying to European nobility.

And, something should be done to prevent the recurrence of such horrifying incidents and to prevent the catastrophe to which the crowned heads are drifting.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR'S IDEA.

Martin Armstrong, station agent on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe road at Kenny, Tex., has invented an appliance, by which any person may send a telegraphic message without knowing anything about telegraphy. The apparatus is intended primarily

for use in educating people to be telegraphers, and with it they can, without a teacher, master the secret of dots and dashes that go to make up each letter of the alphabet according to the Morse system.

The outfit, which can be carried in the hand, consists of a sounder key, such as is used in all telegraphic work, a small dry battery, a transmitter, stylus and the wires that connect the various parts. It is the transmitter that is the wonderful thing about the whole apparatus. This is simply a piece of wood about 12 inches long and 8 wide. Extending along one side of the board are all the letters of the alphabet, followed by the numerals 1 to 0 and the punctuation characters. Under each one of these characters there is a little hole or depression in the wood. Below these holes again there is geometrical pattern from each character through the metal strips and the wood that at intervals breaks their continuity.

The stylus, which looks like an ordinary pencil, and all the other parts of the apparatus are connected with the battery by wires. The novice sets the apparatus on a table before him and takes the stylus in his hand. Inserting its point in the groove running from the letter he wishes to make, he draws it towards him. As it moves the sounder clicks the letter. This is done by the stylus passing over the metal strips and forming an electrical connection, which is broken for longer or shorter intervals necessary to make a letter by the intervening space of wood between the metal strips. A few weeks practice on this instrument and the novice knows the sound of every letter, and it is only then a matter of practice to receive and transmit in the usual manner. The sounder gives him his opportunity to practice this, and if he is ever in doubt as to his correctness he can verify his work by producing the letter with the stylus.

Telegraphers say it is the most ingenious as well as the simplest arrangement the ever saw by means of which to learn telegraphy. Railroad men have looked at it value it from another standpoint. One general manager of a railway says it will prove of great value in railroad work. By having one on every train in case of a wreck the conductor will be enabled, by throwing a wire over the telegraph wires along the road, to at once communicate with the train dispatcher of the division, telling where he is and the nature of the casualty. The conductor need not know anything about telegraphy to transmit a message slowly, but with perfect accuracy.

Armstrong began work on his invention six months ago. Years ago he was a telegrapher, but he abandoned this work for photography, and was established in business at Belasco, Tex., when the great Galveston hurricane came along. The town was 45 miles south of Galveston and was swept out of existence. Armstrong was ruined and counted himself lucky to escape with his life. He went back to his old business and set his wits to work in devising a method of learning telegraphy without a teacher. His invention is the result.

A peppery temper is not a thing to be sneezed at.

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