AN ITALIAN STATESMAN.

Signor Francesco Crispi, President of Italy's Council of Ministers.

Signor Crispi, Prime Minister of Italy, has been a familiar figure in Italian politics since 1861, when he was elected for Palermo to sit in the Chamber of Deputies at Turin, the first Parliament of the new Kingdom of Italy. At that period Venice and the Quadrilateral, including Verona and Mantua, still remained under the Austrian Empire, while Rome was held by a French garrison for the Pope. The revolution in Sicily and in Naples, expelling Francis II., had been effected by the victories of Garibaldi in the preceding year. Among its most active local supporters at Palermo was Francesco Crispi, a young barrister, who was born at Sibera, in Sicily, in October, 1819, and had, in 1848, taken part in the insurrection provoked by the tyranny of King Ferdinand, the "Bomba" of popular detestation. That insurrection was suppressed, in Naples and Sicily, by an army of Swiss and other foreign mercenaries. Some who had, like young Crispi, taken up arms with the insurgents, made their escape to France, but came to Piedmont or Genoa when the era of constitutional liberty for Italians was opened by the administration of D'Azeglio and confirmed by that of Count Cavour. In 1859, France and Sardinia having declared war against Austria and promised the liberation of all Italy, the petty governments of Central Italy were overthrown by popular demonstrations; and in the autumn of 1860 the expedition of Garibaldi from Genoa, which was accompanied by Crispi, speedily effected the downfall of the Bourbon dynasty. Crispi fought as a soldier for the liberty of Sicily, and held office in its provisional government till its annexation to the Kingdom of Italy. He appeared in the Italian Parliament as the right-hand man of Garibaldi, whose views were opposed to the policy of Cavour, and who loudly demanded an immediate attack on the remaining Papal dominion, at the cost of war with France, for the conquest of Rome, and a renewal of the war with Austria for the deliverance of Venice. Crispi continued for many years as a leader of the "Extreme Left," or Democratic party, while he showed constant hostility to French influence in the affairs of Italy. But, since the independent position of Italy among the European powers has become secure, and since the acquisition of Venice, in 1866, and of Rome, in 1870, satisfied the aspirations of Italian nationality, the grounds of those party differences have been removed.

Signor Crispi, in 1876, was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies. The late Signor Depretis, Premier of Italy, called Crispi to office as Minister of Foreign Affairs. On the death of Depretis, Crispi became President of the Council of Ministers.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

HUMAN NATURE.

An Incident Proving That It Is Strongly Represented in Every Man.

The talk one hears on the street all tends to convince one more and more that there is a great deal of human nature in man. This is what a special examiner of the United States Pension Office told me to-day while waiting for a street-car: "I was examining and taking evidence in a pension claim in Nebraska last summer. The claimant belonged to a little country church, and the witnesses were the pastor and several members of his church. It was beautiful to see the clearness and directness with which they all testified and swore that the claimant had been unable to do any work on his farm for five or ten years. The story was becoming monotonous until I visited the home of an aged elder in the church, who was somewhat deaf. I explained to him my office and my business very carefully, and then took down his sworn statement concerning the claimant and his disabilities. But to my great surprise he testified that the claimant, whom he had known intimately for fifteen years, had never seen a sick day, nor missed a day from work, in all that time. I cross-questioned him rigidly, but only made him the more emphatic in his former statements. So he signed the deposition, and I administered the oath, and was taking my departure, when he asked me, in an uncertain, anxious way: 'Ain't you an insurance agent?' 'Ain't you going to insure his life?' When I undeceived him he looked very miserable, but did not offer to retract his statements."—*Chicago Journal.*

Quick Promotion.

A Dutchman whose son had been employed in an insurance company's office was met by an acquaintance, who inquired: "Well, Mr. Schnider, how is Hans getting along in his new place?"

"Shoost shplendid; he vas von off dem directors already."

"A director! I never heard of such rapid advancement—the young man must be a genius."

"He vas; he shoost write a shplendid handt!"

"Oh, yes, plenty of people write good hands, but you said Hans was a director!"

"So he vas" (indignantly) "he direct dem cirgulars ten hours efery day already."—*Youth's Companion.*

—At the Benevolent home in Atlanta, Ga., a patient who had a cancer in his stomach was kept alive for weeks by nitro-glycerine. The explosive was placed on his tongue and absorbed into his system without being swallowed.

—At Emperor William's recent visit to Gastein he found on his table a letter addressed in very large characters, which proved to be from the hand of his five-year-old great-grandson William. An inclosure by his mother assured the Emperor that no one had dictated or even looked at the letter, the first production of the writer. "I fully believe it," the Emperor smilingly said, "for if she had seen it she would not have allowed it to be sent. In six lines my great-grandson makes nine demands."

THROUGH THE FOREST.

The Old and Young Danced All Night. Our Hardy Ancestors.

Old men live in the past.

Perhaps it wouln be better for the young men of the present, if they lived a little bit more in the past, and drew less on the future.

The log cabins of primitive times would seem very cheerless habitations to the people who live in the finely constructed, furnace heated mansions of to-day. But our grandparents took a great deal of comfort in these rude homes.

They were rugged and healthy. The men had stalwart and hardy frames, and the women were free from the modern ailments that make the sex of to-day practically helpless slaves to hired foreign help.

White haired grand-sires frequently took their life partners and on horseback rode a score of miles through the forests to enjoy the lively pleasures of a frontier ball, danced till daylight, rode home again in the early morning, then put in a good day's work.

Middle-aged folks of to-day couldn't stand that sort of a racket.

To these mud-chinked log cabins doctors' visits were a rarity. The inhabitants lived to a rugged and green old age.

Sometimes these log cabin old-timers were taken ill. They were not proof against all the exposures to which they were subjected. They found the effective remedies for these common ailments in the roots and herbs which grew in the neighboring forests and fields. They had learned that nature has a cure for every ill. These potent remedies assisted their sturdy frames to quickly throw off disease and left no poison in the system.

The unpleasant feature of modern practice with mineral medicines is the injurious after-effect on the system. May not modern physical degeneracy be due to this feature?

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Their disuse has come about principally through the rapid congregation of people in cities and villages, rendering these natural remedies difficult to obtain. Progressive business enterprise has lately led to putting these old time remedies within the reach of all classes.

The proprietors of Warner's safe remedies, in the faith that the people of to-day would be benefited by using the simple remedies of log cabin days, have caused investigations to be made and secured the formulas of a number of those which long and successful use had proved to be most valuable.

They will, we learn, be known under the general title of "Warner's Log Cabin Remedies." Among these medicines will be a "Sarsaparilla" for the blood and liver, "Log Cabin Hops and Buchu Remedy," for the stomach, etc., "Log Cabin Cough and Consumption Remedy," a remedy called "Scalpine," for the hair, "Log Cabin Extract," for internal and external use, and an old valuable discovery for catarrh, called "Log Cabin Rose Cream." Among the list is also a "Log Cabin Plaster" and a "Log Cabin Liver Pill."

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Henry Ward Beecher's old home on Hicks street, Brooklyn, has been leased to a Mrs. White, a member of Plymouth Church, who will use the premises for letting out furnished rooms.

—George Meredith, the famous English novelist, is a handsome man between fifty and sixty years of age. His hair is gray, his features well cut and expressive, and his manner vigorous, unaffected and pleasing.

—A former public school teacher in England is the scrub woman of the hotel on the top of Mount Washington. She is a good musician and an excellent scholar in the languages. When off duty she devotes her time to reading French and Latin books.

—An old negro woman living near Sunny Side, Ga., has two children—a boy and a girl. The girl she has named "I will arise and go to my Father," but calls her "I willer" for short. The boy's name is "Only begotten son, in whom I am well pleased," but he is called "Only" for short.

—Captain A. H. Whetstone, of Robinson Springs, Ala., has in his possession a trowel that his father, Rev. Jacob Whetstone, owned and used in the year 1795. He has also a chair which was one among the first his father used after his marriage in 1799. This chair, Mr. Whetstone says, was made in South Carolina out of hickory-wood.

—A gentleman who has taken a house at the seaside for the summer advertised for a housekeeper, and entertaining enough were some of the answers he received. In one case a woman wrote that she must have two rooms, artistically furnished, and a comfortable stall in the stable for her saddlehorse. The gentleman says he is much impressed by her forbearance in not insisting that he should also provide her with a groom in livery.

—Mr. Gladstone is very fond of acting the part of lay reader at the Hawarden church. An American correspondent who was present at one of these readings says that when the anthem was ended Mr. Gladstone walked swiftly but noiselessly up to the lectern—a splendid eagle with outstretched wings, done in carved oak—and read the story of Naaman and the little Syrian maid. His style was the perfection of simplicity—so simple that one was almost tempted to believe it the perfection of art.—*Public Opinion.*

LIFE IN THE HAREM.

Mistaken Ideas of the Western World as to an Eastern Institution.

In theory the Moslem classes his womenkind with the holy of holies of Mecca. The innermost shrine of his temple and the rooms with latticed windows are both called by the same name of Harem or "Sacred." The apartment is harem and the ladies who live in it are harem for all but the lord and master. He may enter at will, but generally announces his coming beforehand, so that he may not run the risk of meeting feminine visitors who are probably the wives of his friends. In well regulated houses the husband intrudes only at fixed hours, perhaps for a short time after midday prayer, and does not else favor his harem till he retires to rest. Home life, such as we understand it, can scarcely be said to exist for the Mohammedan. The man lives in and at his work outside, and the woman among her slaves and friends in the harem. The most interesting view of the home life of the harem is when it is considered as the cradle in which Eastern manhood is reared. Schools of any kind are few and meagerly patronized, and boarding schools are unknown. A few boys are sent to Paris, Constantinople or Syria to be educated, but the majority grow up among slave girls and servants, seeing a great deal which they ought not to see, and learning very little of what they should. It is small wonder, then, that the better moral qualities, if any were ever inborn, are rapidly obliterated, and the boy grows up to the man saturated with vice and effeminacy. The women occupants of the harem are the wife or wives and the female slaves. Perhaps on no subject does greater misconception prevail than on this harem slavery. The field, however, is too wide a one to be touched more than incidentally.

The name of slave as applied to the Georgian or Circassian girl is a misnomer. She occupies more the position of a friend, or at least of a lady's companion, if she does not, as is often the case, become an adopted daughter of the house. She is well and sometimes expensively dressed, and shares the small amusements of her mistress at the theater, the moolid or the promenade.

The principal diversions of harem life consist in the visits of friends and of a pernicious class of trading women, who hawk about articles of dress and gewgaws from one house to another, retailing the latest gossip and scandal with their wares, and assisting the ladies to get into all manner of scrapes. Wise women, who tell fortunes by cards and incantations, are also in great demand, and their vaticinations are, as a rule, believed in by the ladies with much the same delightful and blind confidence as is given by farmers' daughters to the mysterious prophecies of the gypsies. Now and then condign punishment awaits these hags, as in the case of the notorious Ayeska, who, several years ago, was called for one night, hustled into a carriage under pretense of visiting a great harem, and has never since been heard of. But, as a rule, their sorceries, evil eyes and charms are perfectly harmless, and when there is nothing better to do they are called in to beguile the heavy hours. Nor must the men singers be left out in the catalogue of delights of the harem—a delight, nevertheless, which is but sparingly indulged in, and can only be enjoyed to the full when the harem's lord is away.

A notion seems generally prevalent in Europe that if only the harem doors were opened a rush for liberty would immediately take place, and many are the sympathies wasted on the supposed prisoners of the Mohammedan marriage tie. In reality, both men and women consider their state far superior to that of Europeans. The man argues thus: "You are a slave from the moment you marry. You can not go out to lunch or dinner or to your friends without taking your wife with you. You can not even leave her alone for a few hours without giving an account of yourself. Such a state of things would be unbearable to me. I go where I like and she goes where she likes. I pay my servants to look after her, and I am sure that she is not flirting with other men when I am not by her side. You are never sure of this," etc. This is his line of argument.

The woman says: "My religion forbids me to look upon other men than my husband. If I changed my religion perhaps I would like to mix up with every fellow I came across, but so long as I am a Mahommedan I detest the thought of it. I cover my face from the sight of the world, as your women cover their bodies. As to being watched and guarded, it is a compliment which shows how much my husband cares for me. If he were to leave me to do what I liked, I should know he did not care for me, and I should feel deeply insulted."

It is difficult for the Western mind fully to grasp the immense gulf between our ideas and theirs. Their reasoning is fallacious and almost ridiculous from our standpoint, but it is good enough from theirs. And, therefore, as long as the Mohammedan religion lasts, so long will the harem exist. And its existence is, on the whole, a happy and contented one, in spite of all the reasoning which may be brought to show that it ought to be miserable. Centuries of communion and contact with Europeans may possibly change the ideas born and cultivated in the harem, but there is yet no sign whatever of such a change. Up to the present no appreciable difference is noticeable in the domestic economy of the Moslem.—*London Saturday Review.*

—A Norwich, Conn., man who had stocked his pond with a rare and handsome breed of ducks, found that they were slowly disappearing, but where they went he could not determine. One day a visitor, sitting on the piazza, said: "You've got queer ducks. I've seen two of them dive, but they haven't come up yet." This was a suggestion to be acted upon. The owner drew off the water from the pond, and found seventeen snapping turtles. He killed them, and now the ducks do not disappear, or at least when they dive they come up again.

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—A little Burlington boy gave as the definition of cupidity, "love-sickness."—*Burlington Free Press.*

—The preacher tells you that you should marry for love, and yet he often marries for money.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

—All advice about how to spend money and how to keep it is thrown away on the person who does not know how to get it.—*N. O. Picayune.*

—The best "recommend" that a servant can have is a permanent place combined with a deep-seated determination to stay there.—*Puck.*

—"The cockroaches in this house are remarkably versatile," said an actor at a hotel table, picking up a biscuit. "I notice that they appear in different rolls every morning."

—When an absconding Chinese banker is captured his head is carefully removed to make sure that he has none of the missing gold hidden away in his hollow teeth.—*Fall River Advance.*

—"Excuse me, sir," he said, "but I judge, from your erect and soldierly bearing, that you have seen service?" "Yis sorr, Oi've seen service," was the reply. "Oi'm footman for Misses Pacan Vendom."—*Epoch.*

—A friend writing from Virginia, and describing a recent colored protracted meeting, says: "What the brethren lack in inspiration they make up in perspiration."—*Harper's Bazar.*

—An old philosopher says that he has often seen a man pleased at being thought to be in advance of his age; but he never heard of a woman who was pleased at being supposed to be in advance of her age.—*N. Y. Ledger.*

—When the girl who has encouraged a young man for several years suddenly tells him that she can never be more than a sister to him, he can for the first time see the freckles on her nose.—*Chicago Saturday Evening Herald.*

—Customer (getting measured)—"How much are these trousers going to cost me?" "Tailor—"Twenty-two dollars, sir. How many pockets do you want in them?" "Customer—"None. I won't need any pockets after I've paid for the trousers."—*N. Y. Sun.*

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