

THE BOWSER FAMILY.

Epistles which turned the "Old Man's" death into a contest.

Some time since I referred to the fact that I had carefully preserved, arranged and filed all of Mr. Bowser's love letters, and I advised every bride to do the same thing.

"Do I run the wood yards?" "No." "Does he know enough to stand up? Did the wood come up?" "No."

"Well, I suppose I must stand it, but it's hard, very hard. This is what comes of marrying a girl who has been brought up on caramels and novels."

"That's a base forgery!" shouted Mr. Bowser as I finished reading. "Oh, no, it isn't. I expected the day would come when you would say so and so I prepared for it."

"Well, if I wrote it I must have been asleep." "And only the other day, Mr. Bowser, when I got a new dress home, you said I hadn't any more taste than a clam, and that my ideas of harmony would stop a clock."

"Yes, and I meant it. You were always that way." "Was I?" "I selected a letter marked 'Exhibit A—2'—filed September 18, 1884, and read:

"My BEAUTIFUL: The picture of my dear one as she appeared to me last night has been with me all day. You have the taste of a queen in your toilet, and harmony is second nature to you. Oh my little angel, you—"

"I never sent it," shouted Mr. Bowser. "Yes, you did! Here is the proof to convict you. There isn't a mention about 'cal' in this, and as for 'battering, you never dreamed of it.'"

"Oh, well, have it your own way. You'd have the last word if I was dying. Some wives are built that way. If I was like some husbands I'd assert my authority."

"But you are not, Mr. Bowser, as this will prove." "And I selected a letter marked: 'Exhibit C—1'—original, and attested by father, mother and nurse, and read:

"My DEAREST LOVE: In reference to our conversation last night, I wish to say that I have always held and always shall hold that husband and wife should be equal in authority. Neither has the right to dictate to the other, though if either had that right I would give it to you. If there is any word of dispute—"

base forgeries, of course, and you are holding them over me as a menace. Is that witty?" "Why, Mr. Bowser, do you deny your own handwriting?" "I haven't seen the writing and don't want to. Don't threaten me, Mrs. Bowser. I can be coaxed, but not driven. Cases have been known where husbands talked out and never returned."

But that was only his way of wriggling out of it. The next day he sent me up a new dress, took baby for a long walk, and at present is the most docile husband in Detroit.—Detroit Free Press.

TOQUES AND TURBANS.

The Various Styles in which They Are Made by Fashionable Milliners.

Toques, turbans and walking hats are made in various styles for young ladies to use for general wear, and are adopted for morning hats by those who are older.

Paris milliners are sending over round toques in contrast to the long oval-crowned toques imported from Regent street, which English women of fashion adopted at first merely to wear with tailor gowns, but which they are now using with their handsomest costumes.

French toques are made of velvet or of cloth in three soft folds around the head, separated by folded bands of gros grain ribbon, and have a soft wrinkled crown which is covered and flattened on the right side by a very large rosette of ribbon, with its longest loops coming forward almost to the front.

It is quite true that civilized nations in modern times have been in the habit of making a clear distinction between political and other crimes, and even London paper, friendly to the present Tory Cabinet, declares that, in the treatment of the imprisoned Irishmen, "England stands on a level, not with the advanced nations of the world, but with the most backward States."

After the civil war in this country, the Confederate statesmen who were captured—notably Jefferson Davis—were held in mild confinement, lodged and fed well, and kept entirely separate from the ordinary criminals.

It is a fact, moreover, that, in their intercourse with each other, modern nations deal with the cases of political prisoners as if they stood on a different footing from felons. The extradition treaties provide for the return of fugitive forgers, thieves and murderers, from the land in which they have escaped, to that in which they have committed their crimes.

But this is rarely, perhaps never, done by treaties, as in a political refugee. Most countries give to the political offenders of other countries what is called "the right of asylum." If they once escape, they may live without fear of danger, in a land of their adoption.

The instance of the late Marshal Bazaine, who has just died, after a troublous career, at Madrid, is in point. Tried and convicted of high treason, he was at first sentenced to death. His sentence was then commuted to imprisonment for twenty years in the fortress of Sainte Marguerite, famous as the prison of the Man in the Iron Mask. In a short time, by the aid of a heroic wife, the Marshal succeeded in making his escape from the fortress, and repaired to Spain. There in Madrid he lived in perfect safety. The French Government did not demand that he should be given up.

POLITICAL PRISONERS.

How Irish Nationalists Are Abused in English Penal Institutions.

Under the recent British Crimes Act, many Irishmen—notably a number of Irish members of Parliament—have been sentenced for political offences, and committed to prison. Their treatment while in prison has been the subject of excited discussion in England.

They have complained not only of unhealthy cells and bad food, but also of being forced to wear the clothing prescribed for ordinary criminals, and to mingle with those criminals in hours of recreation. Not long ago a prominent Nationalist, named John Mandville, who had been imprisoned, died a short time after his release, and the coroner's jury declared that he had died from the effects of ill-treatment by the prison authorities.

Mr. Gladstone and his adherents declare that such treatment of men who have been found guilty, not of social crimes, but of inferior and purely political offenses, is not in accordance with the practice of civilized nations. The Liberal leader, on a recent occasion, went yet further than this, and asserted that not even the barbarous and cruel King "Bombah" of Naples placed political criminals—at least, those convicted of a less offense than high treason—on a footing in prison with murderers and thieves.

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It sometimes happens that, out of friendship, a nation will give up to another a political refugee. But this rarely happens. Switzerland is to-day a secure place of refuge for Russian conspirators and offenders against the Czar's crown; and England has for many years been the asylum of Italians, Russians, Poles and Frenchmen who have been guilty, at home, of political offenses. Notable instances of this were Mazzini, who plotted to overthrow the Austrian Government at Venice, and was received with open arms by many eminent Englishmen; and Victor Hugo, who lived in serene exile for many years on the Island of Guernsey.

Ill-treatment of political prisoners is usually bad policy as well as contrary to modern usage, or as the London paper already quoted says: "Petty and degrading conditions of punishment will only help those to whom they are subjected to be elevated to the position of martyrs."—Youth's Companion.

HOTEL BLACK LISTS.

A Tourist Keeps Track of Rooms Where Suicides Have Occurred.

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