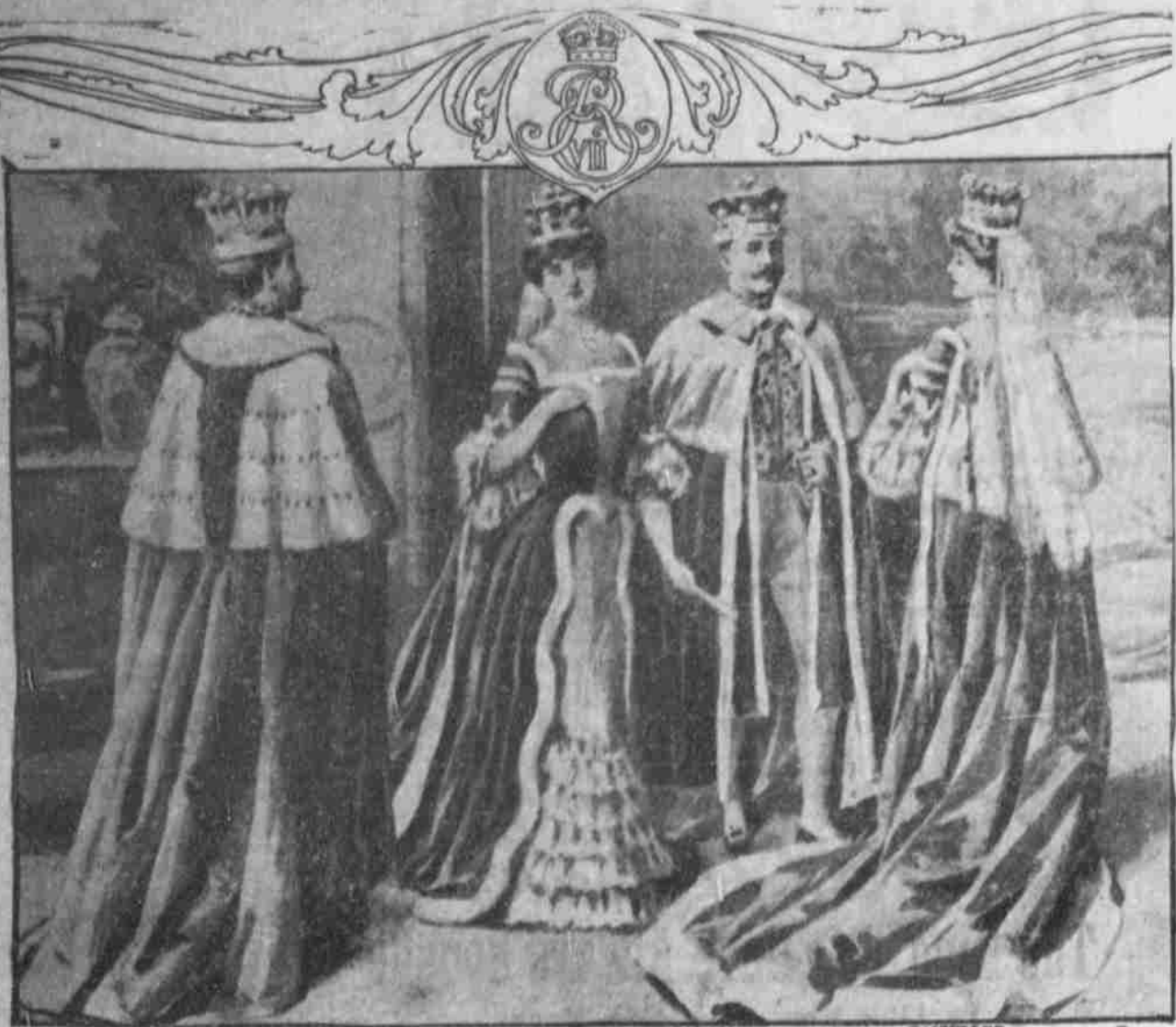


FIRST AUTHENTIC HALF-TONE OF NEW REGULATION CORONATION ROBES



(Snapshot by our special photographer at London, England.)

Although the Coronation of King Edward is not scheduled to take place until next June, London society is already busily preparing for the event. A great many peeresses who expect to have the honor of participating in the gorgeous pageant are now busily studying the models of the regulation coronation attire now being exhibited at the Norfolk House, the residence of the Earl Marshall. Our special photographer at London has managed to secure a snapshot of these costumes and this paper is thus able to present to its readers the first exclusive half-tone on this subject.

Steady Thought of a Man in a Pin.

An operator for a western railroad who had served his company long and well was called into the office one day and asked if he thought he could hold down the job of night dispatcher. He promptly replied that he could and was told to report for duty that night, and his chief instructed him in what he was to do. Just after the chief left the office it began to blow and snow, and the trains commenced to run late. The new night dispatcher soon had developed a bad case of "rattlers" and almost cried. He did not want an accident, and he could not handle the trains. So a happy thought struck him. As fast as a report came in he replied, directing the conductor to take a siding and wait for orders, and it was not a great while until he had every train on the division sidetracked. Then he took a book, lighted his pipe and sat down to wait for daylight. In the morning the chief appeared with anxiety written all over his face.

"Any accidents, Johnny?" asked the chief.

"Not an accident. I've got 'em all on the sidetrack, snowed in and waiting for orders, and you will have to get 'em out. I am going to blow this job." It took the chief and his force nearly all day to get the trains straightened out and traffic resumed on the road.—Indianapolis News.

False Tails For Horses.

False tails are extensively made for horses, old favorites especially, whose caudal appendages present a worn-out and moth-eaten appearance, like Petruchio's "old moth-eaten saddle," and his prodigiously moth-eaten get-up ("Taming of the Shrew," III, 2). They are also worn by funeral horses, and by other horses of exquisite outline selected for a particular kind of work, but which are somewhat spoiled in appearance by the possession of a rat tail (bald, like a rat's). These useful appliances, however, are not constructed exclusively for funeral horses. I have seen rows of bogus tails, artistically joined on to the crupper, hanging up in a cavalry barracks ready for instant service, being slipped on just like a finger stall. The "fine ends" or false tails used by nobody but "horse copers" or low swindlers are most ingeniously fastened on the animal's bare back by invisible means. A dealer in horses never looks at a horse with a bad tail, and he always goes to the best market only.—Chambers' Journal.

Robins Play at Being Dead.

One morning a well known naturalist was greatly surprised to see a robin lying on his back evidently dead, being rapidly pulled round and round by another bird of the same species.

The naturalist at once came to the conclusion that he had come in time to witness the end of a deadly encounter, and that the live robin was indulging in the cruel triumph of dragging his victim's lifeless body over the stones.

But he was mistaken, for suddenly the live bird went down upon his back, his wings and legs were stiffened, and he gave every appearance of being dead, while the other robin who had been shamming death hopped on his legs and proceeded to serve his companion in the same way as he had done him. Finally the two birds flew away together to a neighboring tree.

Save the People of Bangor Time.

The people of Bangor, an island of the Hebrides archipelago, keep time by the aid of an hourglass formed by arranging two bottles neck to neck. The sand runs out in half an hour, when the bottles are reversed. Close by them a line is stretched, on which hang twelve sticks marked with notches from one to twelve, with a hooked stick, which is placed between the hour last struck and the next one. One of these glasses keeps the time for each village, for which purpose the hours are sounded on a gong by a keeper.

Four Kinds of Poppin.

The trained says there are four kinds of poppin—the sponge and the funnel, the strainer and the sieve. The sponge is the one who takes up everything, and the funnel is the one who takes it in at this ear and let it out at that; the strainer

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Few housekeepers remember, as they should, that when it is necessary to dilute strong tea it should be done with water at the boiling point. The poor flavor of tea, made strong at first and then reduced, such as is too often served at receptions and in the dining room, usually caused by the addition of hot, not boiling, water to the first infusion. A lesson in this matter may be had from the Russians, who serve the most delicious tea in the world, and who prepare it first very strong, making it at most an essence of tea. This is diluted to the strength wished, with water kept boiling in the samovar. This water is not allowed to boil and reboil, but is renewed as needed. Freshly boiled water is insisted upon by all connoisseurs in teamaking.

Ceilings and Ventilation.

Rooms with low ceilings or with ceilings even with the window tops are susceptible of more perfect ventilation than those with high ceilings. In such rooms the leakage at the windows, which is constantly going on, keeps the air in motion throughout the room, whereas if the ceiling is higher only the lower part of the air is moved, and an inverted lake of foul and hot air is left floating in the space above the window tops. This lake, under the law of diffusion of gases, keeps actively at work, fanning the fresh currents circulating beneath it.

Longevity of Irish Peasants.

It is curious to notice the great number of centenarians whose deaths are recorded in the official returns of Irish rural districts. As an instance of the longevity of the Irish peasant it may be pointed out that the death of persons upward of sixty years of age registered in Connought last year amounted to over 50 per cent of the entire deaths of the province.

He Knew Wall Street.

Upson Downes—There's a man over there who owes all his wealth to his deep knowledge of the ways of Wall Street.

Winan Luce—Went in and won his pile, eh?

Upson Downes—No; stayed out and kept what he had.—New York Times.

Pineapples come into bearing in Hawaii when the plants are four months old and bear in abundance for years.

Lettuce can be planted at any time, and it develops quickly. The same is true of celery.

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