

The Cost of Royalty.

A London letter says: From a recent parliamentary return it appears that there are fifteen royal palaces for which the taxpayers of England have to provide. Of these, however, only one, namely Windsor, can really be said to be inhabited. When the queen is not there she resides either at Osborne or Balmoral, which are both her private property, Buckingham palace, that huge pile of buildings in Hyde park, which cost over \$2,000,000 to build, is only used for a few days at a time for drawing-room concerts and other court gatherings. It is not inhabited by any of the royal princes, for whom special residences are provided at the public cost, in addition to their allowance of £25,000 a year. This year £8,000 has been expended on keeping up Windsor, £2,000 on that antiquated and perfectly useless old structure known as St. James palace, and nearly £1,000 on the stables of Hampton court palace. But besides these extra allowances the country is also asked to pay such items as £5,000 for the kitchen garden at Windsor, £150 for paving the royal cow-house, and £125 for the princes' of Wales gas bill. Then there is a salary to a functionary known as the "royal rat-catcher," and another to the "assistant keeper of the priory purse." The most flagrant job of all is, however, connected with the Marlborough house, the residence of the princes of Wales. This house belonged for many years to the Churchill family. It was presented by a grateful nation to the first duke of Marlborough, and was built at a cost of £4,000. When the first lease ran out it was let to another duke of Marlborough for £27 a year. A third lease was obtained in 1785 at a rental of £75, and then the family sublet the house at £3,000 annually. It was subsequently obtained for the prince of Wales, and last year cost the country for ordinary repairs and maintenance over £2,900. As houses go in London, such a sum seems incredibly extravagant.

It is items such as the above, which occurring every year in the estimate, give point to the attacks of advanced radicals like Bradlaugh and Labouchere. The working classes in England now read the paper to a man, and moreover every householder and lodger who pays £10 a year rent possesses a vote. Consequently there is a strong feeling gradually springing up among the people who are so sorely taxed, against the extravagant amount of the royal allowances. Whenever, for example, a royal princeling be he ever so unimportant, crosses from Dover to Calais, he requires a special steamer, at a cost to the country of £40, the ordinary fare being £2.50. Many persons are also not a little disgusted at the allowance of £4,000 to be made to the duke of Edinburgh for his visit to Russia. As a brother-in-law of the czar, he would have had to go at any rate, and at his own expense. As he goes to represent the queen, all expenses are paid, and that at a rate exactly tenfold what was thought sufficient by the French republic.

Growing Old Gracefully.

From the Boston Post.
Growing old gracefully is one of the fine arts but little understood by the majority of stage people. Those who play juvenile parts especially ladies, cling to them with the energy of despair. Having once played sweet sixteen, an actress wishes always to play sixteen, and will do nothing else until, finally, the public complain and she suffers the mortification of hearing people say that she is old and they wish she'd get out, and, presently she is forced to do so. Up to a certain point an actress ought to be older than the age which she assumes. A woman of twenty-five or even of thirty, especially if her figure is slight, can play sweet sixteen better than a girl of that age can, for, up to that period of her life, she ought to retain her beauty and youthfulness pretty well; the make-up box can add what little is needed and the experience of any actress of thirty must enable her to play more artistically than the novice of sixteen could. Of course there are exceptions to every rule, but in speaking of the average case. When, however, an actress knows, or is old enough to know, that she's getting a little beyond the very juvenile roles, she should devote herself to a grade more mature. Dashing widows of twenty-five are attractive to more people than budding damsels of sixteen, about whom seems to linger an odor of school-room lunch of bread and butter, sprinkled with sugar. If this change is made at the proper time, people won't notice that she has grown any older, because they won't see any signs of her lacking the youthfulness demanded for her roles, which they would observe if she still clung to the very juvenile ones. From the dashing widows she can, when time makes it necessary, glide into characters of the Odette order, or Mrs. Giffory type, and when she is at last comes to the real old woman stage of her career, she has got there gracefully and gradually and nobody has thought to remark that she has become old, until she is willing to acknowledge it herself, provided there is a time when a woman is willing to acknowledge herself old.

At the Bottom of the Ladder.

The story comes from Washington that a few days ago, when a \$1,200 employee of the senate died, Sergeant-at-Arms Bright received an application for the vacancy. Colonel Bright read the recommendation, and said at once: "Very well, you can have the place." The applicant was evidently astonished, and asked, "When can I take hold?" "You can begin to-day," began Colonel Bright; "but let me explain the situation. You see, when Mr. St. John was buried it left his \$1,200 place vacant. The next man under him, a very capable one, receiving \$900, was promoted. A laborer next below him at \$720, stepped into the \$900 place, and a man under him was then lifted a little, and so on through the whole list, until the place really left vacant by the death of Mr. St. John is the place in the stable to curry horses at \$1 a day. You can have that, and begin work at once." The applicant withdrew.

Lafayette's Ten Thousand 'Possums.

Judge Lawrenson of The Boston Traveller I first entered the service of the post office as a mail carrier in Baltimore under Postmaster Skinner in 1819, and when Lafayette came to this country I had especial charge of his mail. After Lafayette had finished his tour and was ready to start for France, the government tendered him the use of a ship of the line, which he accepted. Lafayette had a peculiar hobby, and that was to carry back to his native country two of every species of bird or beast peculiar to this continent which he thought could be propagated in France. He was supplied with about everything, but one day he saw an opossum, and he would not be satisfied until Postmaster Skinner had secured him a pair. Skinner was the publisher of the American Farmer, so he printed a notice of the desire of the marquis, and added, furthermore, that the contributor of the finest pair would have his name mentioned in a complimentary way when Lafayette returned to France. Skinner was gone about a week, and during his absence the farmers began to bring in opossums. Every wagon had a pair, and some fifteen pair. They came by steamers and in every shape and form you could imagine. I took them all and put them in the cellar of the post office, where they completely covered the floor, three and four deep. When Skinner came back I showed him the sight, and what to do with them he didn't know. Neither did I. Finally he told me to select the best pair that I could find, and box them up to be sent on board Lafayette's vessel, which I did. Then he told me to put the remainder out in the street. After the post-office had closed, I engaged some colored men, and we put the opossums in the large mail bags, and took them to the street, where we allowed the animals to escape. The next morning when I came down to work every niche and corner in the vicinity of the office was crowded with them. Then the boys began stoning them, and the colored people joined in, and for two weeks there was a regular "possum" hunt in the streets of Baltimore every night. I made a calculation as to the number which I received, and am convinced that there was not less than ten thousand five hundred of them.

Our Country and Other Countries.

Somebody has taken the trouble to collect the following figures, which will prove interesting as an exhibit of the growth and condition of the United States as compared with other leading nations of the earth:

Age—United States, dating from the Declaration of Independence, 100 years; United Kingdom, dating from William the Conqueror, 800; France, dating from Charlemagne, 1,100; Russia, dating from Peter the Great, 350; Austria, dating from Charlemagne, 1,100.
Population—United States, 50,150,000; Great Britain, 34,505,000; France, 37,168,000; Germany, 45,367,000; Russia, 82,400,000; Austria, 39,175,000.
Wealth—United States, \$55,000,000,000; Great Britain, \$45,000,000,000; France, \$40,000,000,000; Germany, \$25,000,000,000; Russia, \$15,000,000,000; Austria, \$14,000,000,000.
Debt—United States, \$1,800,000,000; Great Britain, \$3,800,000,000; France, \$4,000,000,000; Germany, \$30,000,000,000; Russia, \$2,000,000,000; Austria, \$2,000,000,000.
Expense—United States, \$257,000,000; Great Britain, \$415,000,000; France, \$650,000,000; Germany, \$150,000,000; Russia, \$600,000,000; Austria, \$370,000,000.
Production—United States: Agriculture, \$7,500,000,000; manufactures, \$5,000,000,000. Great Britain: Agriculture, \$1,200,000,000; manufactures, \$4,000,000,000. France: Agriculture, \$2,000,000,000; manufactures, \$2,500,000,000. Germany: Agriculture, \$1,800,000,000; manufactures, \$2,200,000,000. Russia: Agriculture, \$2,000,000,000; manufactures, \$1,300,000,000. Austria: Agriculture, \$1,000,000,000; manufactures, \$1,500,000,000.

The Inman steamships were the first to bring steerage passengers across the Atlantic—a trade far more profitable than the cabin passengers—and this line has always been a favorite with the Mormons and has brought more of this people to America than all the other lines combined. It also has had the calling clergymen; while the National line has been the favorite with theatrical people. The ships are large and are splendid sea-boats. The boats of this company also bring over expensive thoroughbred and blooded cattle and horses, and their build enables them to bring them more comfortably and with a less percentage of loss than its rival lines can. The Anchor line is a Scotch company, and, as the Scotch are the most clannish people in the world, of course the patrons of this line, both for freight and passage, have been Scotchmen.

Our Young Men.

Many of our young men are suffering from a mental exhaustion, which renders them unfit for business or study. Injurious habits that weaken their constitution are clung to with a pertinacity that is appalling. Young men, stop! let health and perfect manhood be at least one of your chief aims in life. If you already begin to suffer from disturbing dreams, etc., make haste to strengthen the weak portions of your body by using that friend of temperance and long life, that strengthener of every part of the body, Dr. Cassell's Yellow Dock and Sarsaparilla. It will quickly restore your health and keep you from falling into the rapacious clutches of some advertising quack doctor. Be wise in time.

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Potato Culture Profitable.

Mr. C. E. Rost of Ionia, Mich., at a late meeting of the Farmers' Institute of Ionia, stated that his lightest yield of potatoes during the last fifteen years was eighty bushels of good-sized potatoes per acre, and his largest 325 bushels. The largest profit was obtained from the lightest yield, with the exception of one year. In 1881 he planted eight acres and raised 900 bushels, for which he received \$1,200. Last year he planted the same number of acres, raised 1,300 bushels, but had to sell them for 50 cents per bushel, because potatoes were abundant and cheap. Big crops or large yields do not always pay the grower the greatest profit.

Rents are decreasing at New York, partly through the craze for flat buildings but more on account of the prospective opening of Brooklyn and Long Island homes to New Yorkers of moderate means. By means of the new bridge, unoccupied and healthful localities in Brooklyn are brought nearer to the business center of New York than Harlem and other outlying districts in Manhattan island, and a house which would cost a man at least \$12,000 in New York, can be secured for half the money in Brooklyn. Both cities will be greatly helped by the bridge, but Brooklyn will make the most money out of it.



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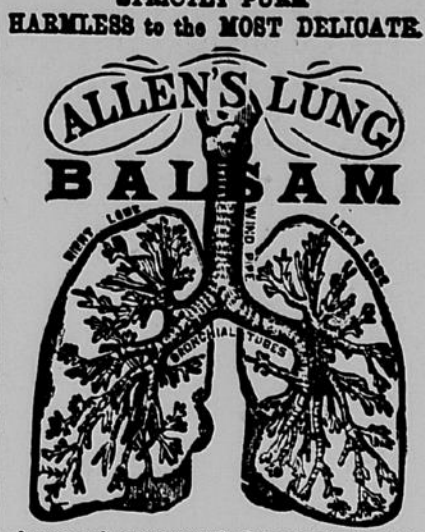
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