

good stead when I finally took up literature as the work of my life.

BABYLONIAN MARRIAGE MARKET.

"I had exhibited several times at that much maligned institution, the Royal Academy, encouraged as I was in those days by my dear old friend, Edwin Long, R. A., the creator of that wonderful picture, 'The Babylonian Marriage Market'.

HER FUTURE HUSBAND.

"Whilst studying art I met my husband, Mr. Montagu Barstow, already then a well known black and white and water color artist."

"It is less than six years ago that I first discovered—quite by accident—that I had my talent for writing. The story of how this happened is so commonplace, that it becomes quaint from its very simplicity."

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No more brilliant, theatrical scene was ever presented probably than that in St. George's hall, St. Petersburg, when the czar mounted the throne to read his speech to the duma. The hall was crowded with an assemblage glittering with gold lace and sparkling with orders. The workmen and peasant members of the house of representatives formed the only sordid group.

St. George's hall, which may yet be called the cradle of Russian liberty, is destined to echo often the sounds of strife among an unhappy people.

prophet of the romantic, the ideal in art.

"People now—kind indulgent people—serious, hardthinking men as well as more frivolous people—have told me that in the play of 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' as well as in the book and in all my later works, the love scenes have always seemed to them so real and convincing. Now I never tackle a love-scene (incidentally the most difficult, and often the most thankless scene in a book or play) without first steeping myself in some of my favorite poets—Swinburne pre-eminently, Tennyson or Heine, or that exquisite Persian poet, Mirza-Schaffy, I find have a most inspiring effect, whilst before writing a romantic scene, Victor Hugo is perfect manna in the wilderness."

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THE WEDDING OF SPAIN'S BOY KING

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practice of exercising them should not be kept up.

BRILLIANT MADRID.

On the night of the marriage Madrid will be illuminated from performance will be given in the five principal theaters and in the houses of the nobility all over the land there will be feasting and merry-making. Of course, no occasion of national rejoicing is ever held to be complete without a bullfight, and the royal nuptials will be celebrated by the biggest thing in that line Madrid has ever witnessed, in which all the crackjacks toradors of the country will participate. Princess Ena does not like bull-fights, but she will have to conceal her aversion to them or she will never be popular in Spain. The celebrations following the marriage will include a state banquet, at which all of the great people of Spain will be present, and a grand ball at the palace, at which no less than 5,000 will attend.

WILL TAKE BACK SEAT.

After the marriage the Queen Mother, who heretofore has enjoyed (?) all the honors and prerogatives of a queen consort, takes a back seat in the royal household. It ought to be a most welcome change to her. She will be able to take things easy and live her life without having a host of attendants trailing after her wherever she goes. She will no longer be required to attend the grand functions and pretend that they do not bore her a bit. She will be relieved of all participation in the affairs of state, and will have time to cultivate hobbies like other elderly women, if she cares for them.

walking life will be hedged about with conventions and regulations and ceremonial absurdities. She will have half a dozen magnificent palaces and all kinds of exalted privileges, but no woman in the land will be less free to do as she pleases. The discipline of the British navy, in which her brother-in-law entered as a midshipman, is nothing to that to which she will be subjected. The minutest detail of each day's proceedings is mapped out for her in advance.

The king himself is almost as much a slave of the punctilious court etiquette that for over two centuries has undergone no change. For example, should he wish to visit the queen's private apartments after dark he must wear slippers over his shoes, a black mantle thrown over his shoulders and carry a shield on his arm. He must also carry an antique lantern and a long sword. As a woman he has been allowed considerable license, but as a husband he will have to conform to the despotic rules and regulations prescribed for his ancestors' generations ago.

AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AND HOW THEY LIVE NOW.

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, May 9.—Mark Twain probably would be pretty well satisfied if only he could come abroad now and see the various mansions which are being occupied by the official representatives of the American government at the different capitals of Europe; and incidentally get a glimpse of the style which some of these diplomatists are now engaged in putting on. Probably he would be a little gratified, too, for Mr. Clemens would discover that certain rather caustic advice which he tendered to the state department at Washington by means of a magazine article several years ago has apparently been taken to heart and that there is now nothing whatever to complain about either regarding the way in which the various American ambassadors abroad are housed or as to the capability of these gentlemen for keeping up in a worthy manner the dignity of their respective positions.

to take effective action in all cases where the anxiety of an American ambassador—or that of his lady-to hobnob with royalty and generally make a big splash in high society seems in danger of leading them to give the cold shoulder to folk of their own nationality, or to treat the latter's susceptibilities with lofty indifference.

At least that is the conclusion that one is disposed to draw from the recent recall of the former American ambassador to the court of Austria-Hungary. For although it undoubtedly was, as reported, the political wire-pulling carried on in Vienna, by Mrs. Bellamy Storer and the various diplomatic difficulties created by that lady that led to her husband being relieved of his duties, it is not unlikely that President Roosevelt was also influenced in taking his action by hearing of the rather excessive "state" that was indulged in by the ambassadorial pair and of the way they had of "turning down" their own countrymen whenever the opportunity presented itself.

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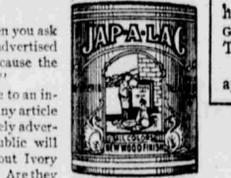
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