

The Saturday "News" Special Foreign Service.

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, March 24.—His Grace, the Duke of Marlborough, having become versed in the ways of diplomacy since he entered the colonial office, is reported to have said that there wasn't any truth in the statement recently published here that he had been selected to succeed Lord Dudley as "sub-king" of Ireland. I am informed, however, that the appointment has been definitely decided on and that it is likely to be officially announced in the latter part of April—thus gratifying the dearest ambition of the duchess, who being a Vanderbilt, never lets go till she gets what she wants.

There is plenty of reason for the duchess's desire to be First Lady of Ireland. The position gives her royal precedence, entitles her to be addressed as "Your excellency," gives her a crown on state occasions, and provides her with an actual throne in an actual throne room.

CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

It is no secret that at the coronation festivities in India, it came hard for the Vanderbilt Duchess of Marlborough—to bow the knee, literally, to the latter Princess Curzon—dukes being at the top of the peevage and barons being at the bottom—to say nothing of the fancied social superiority of a Vanderbilt over a Leiter. Yet the thing had to be done, for the erstwhile Miss Leiter was placed in queenly rank by her husband's position as vice-kind of India, and new duchesses had to bend low before her. Even prior to this difficult situation, it is said, the duchess of Marlborough had made up her mind that she, too, would acquire a viceregal crown, have her turn at playing queen, and so Lady Curzon one better—for the post of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is the highest in dignity and

emolument under the British crown. It is also one of the most expensive and it is only persons of unlimited incomes that can maintain it with the tone and dignity with which it is identified.

SCANT BREAD AND BUTTER.

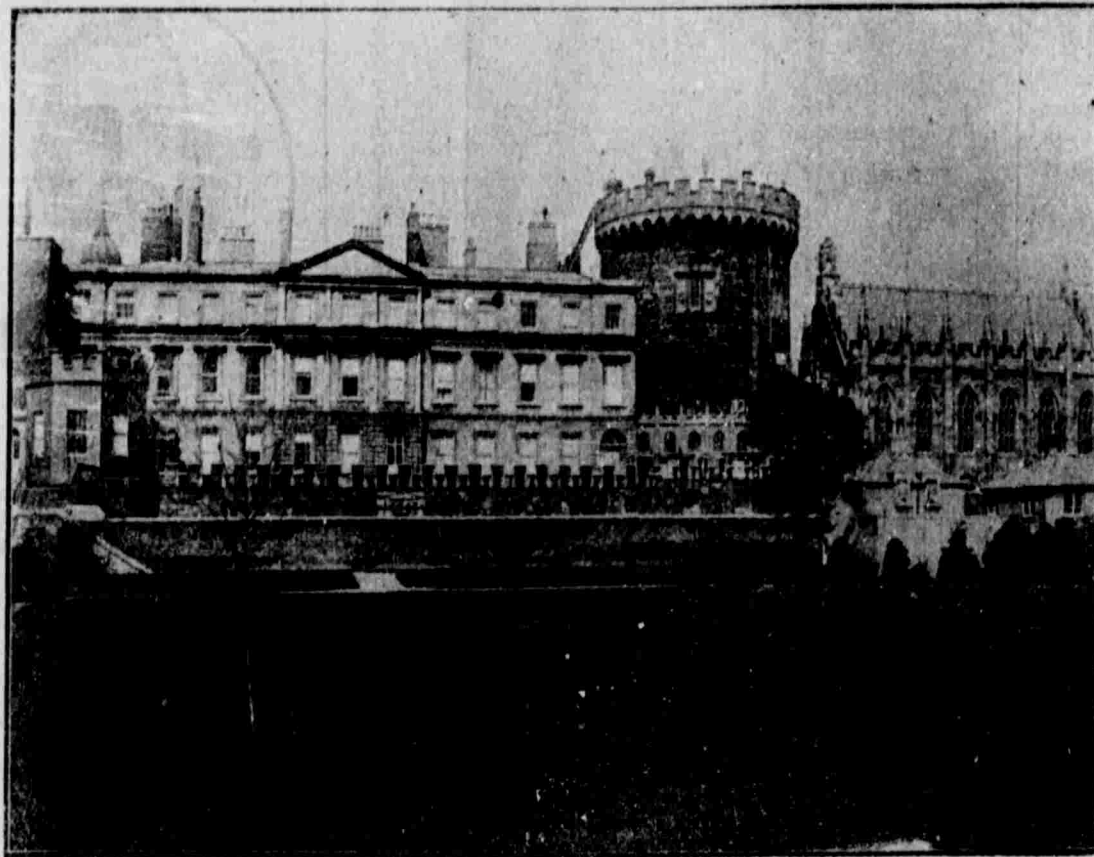
The \$100,000 salary would hardly keep the establishment in plain bread and butter. Charity makes a large demand on the resources of the viceregalty. The descendants of the old Irish and Anglo-Norman nobility are people of intense artistic tastes so that art, literature and music have also large claims upon the king's representatives in Ireland. Sport, too, has to be supported and in good times or had the magnificence of Dublin castle functions has to be maintained. Its balls, levees and receptions are on a par with Buckingham Palace, and her excellency the lady lieutenant is expected to comport herself with the dignity and gravity of a queen on state occasions.

On presentation days—that is when lady members of the Irish aristocracy are to be admitted to her excellency's presence—she sits on a richly furnished gold chair surmounted by a canopy and on her head a crown. She puts on her most dignified smile, while Miss, Mrs. or Lady So-and-So is introduced by her excellency's lady-in-waiting. Each passes in front of the Irish queen and as they do so kiss her richly jeweled hand. This performance entitles the person so honored to be admitted into the highest society in the kingdom. The names of such persons have to be submitted weeks before so that their characters and social station may be carefully investigated.

During the terms of office lord lieutenants of Ireland are supreme in all matters relating to government in Ireland, and nothing but an act of parliament can upset their judgments. They can pardon criminals, save a culprit from the scaffold, in fact, proceed very much as if they were real kings instead of sub-kings. Even the Duke

Here at Last is The Vanderbilt Throne.

Glories and Dignities That Will Come to the Duchess of Marlborough When She Achieves Her Greatest Ambition and Goes to Dublin as the Sub-Queen of Ireland—Will be "Her Excellency."



THE FAMOUS DUBLIN CASTLE.

The Seat of Government in Ireland.

of Connaught, the king's brother, is lower in the social scale than the lord and lady lieutenant. They have precedence even of the Prince and Princess of Wales as far as Ireland is concerned.

SERVANTS LIKE THE QUEEN.

Her excellency has a retinue of servants, ladies-in-waiting, ladies of the bedchamber, and so forth, just the same as Queen Alexandra, and they have exactly the same duties to perform. There is a chamberlain who performs the same functions as the lord chamberlain does for the king and queen, on state occasions the lord and lady lieutenant wear robes identical to those worn by the king and queen, the same attitudes are struck and the same performances gone through as if they were playing the part at Buckingham Palace.

The Irish aristocracy are a great deal more exacting in maintaining ancient rites and ceremonies than the English and this is the reason that society looks upon the job in Ireland as no sinecure. The Duke of Marlborough is said by those who know him familiarly to be

not much of a courtier, but what he lacks in that way will be more than made up for by the taste the duchess has lately manifested for that sort of thing. The duke, therefore, like his late father, may leave the administration of the Irish office to the duchess, and busy himself only with the signing of proclamations for the suppression of political agitation. The only thing is that there is hardly sufficient work in that capacity for him to do at present. The country is suffering from a dead calm.

In striking contrast to the brilliant surroundings of Dublin castle is the dingy little lodge in Phoenix park, where the duke and duchess will have to spend most of their time. It is an insult to the dignity of a king and queen of Ireland to be asked to live in such a place. Originally erected as a keeper's lodge, it has been added to and embellished at their own expense by successive lord lieutenants, including the renowned Lord Chesterfield.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

Dublin castle is merely the seat of

the government in Ireland and has no domestic accommodation except for funkies and castle gervants. It has an interesting history, for around it cling memories, good and bad, that are intimately associated with the history of Ireland and England, as well as some of the most famous men of the past and present generation. The military police, the detective department, and the secret service, have their headquarters here. The castle is the symbol of British rule in Ireland. It will be the duty of the detective department referred to to provide protection for the duke and duchess just as Scotland Yard in London does for the king and queen; even more so, because the government in Ireland is always doubtful of the loyalty of the Irish people and especially those of Dublin. The Dublin people, in striking contrast to other capitals of Europe, are the most rebellious against the government. The duke's father was unmercifully caricatured during his term of office. It was said that he was so parsimonious that he used to sell the fruit and vegetables which grew around

the viceregal lodge. He was depicted on one occasion wearing a ducal coronet, standing behind a counter selling a cent's worth of milk and cabbages. The poor man was at the time in a state of bankruptcy. It was 25 years ago that the present duke's father and mother were Lord and Lady Lieutenant of Ireland, and they had an exciting time of it altogether. The country was convulsed with political strife, while a devastating famine swept the land, but the late duchess was equal to the occasion. She worked hard to ameliorate the conditions of the people and by her personal aid many Irish families were kept from starving. She even enlisted the co-operation of music hall artists.

THE DUKE WAS SILENT.

The poor old duke stood silently by while the duchess worked; indeed, she practically administered the government of Ireland. At any rate, an enthusiastic member of parliament discussing with the writer yesterday the prospects of the duchess going to Ireland summed up his remarks thus: "Thank God the Irish people have an opportunity of placing the name of an American woman on its roll of queens," MARSHALL LORD.

QUEER HAT ETIQUETTE.

Absurd Custom That Compelled Gladstone to Borrow a Misfit. Special Correspondence.

ONDON, March 24.—Hats play an important part in the government of the British empire as carried on at the house of commons, and the member who disregards any of the unwritten rules that prescribe what he must do, and what he must not do, with his headgear, when engaged in legislation, is deemed guilty of an offense almost as serious as that committed by Mr. Dillon when he called Mr. Chamberlain "a d—llar."

For some reason—or more probably for no reason whatever—custom has or-

dained that when a member of parliament wishes to raise a point of order after a motion has been put, he must address the chairman with his hat on.

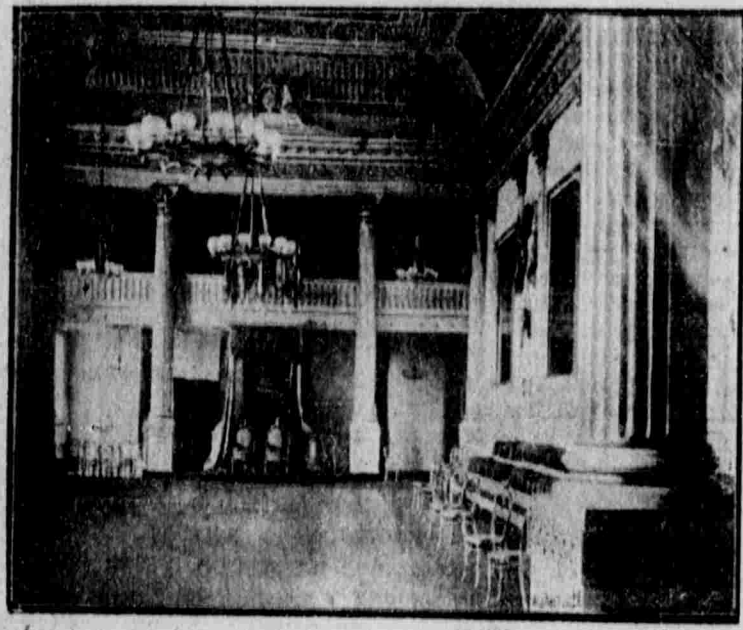
Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who, despite his name so famous, is a very capable man, afforded a ludicrous example of the other evening of the absurdity of parliamentary hat etiquette.

As chief opposition whip he was anxious to protest against some ruling of the chairman. He raised one hand, stretched forth the other to seek his hat, for, contrary to custom—though in this instance it is not a cast-iron custom with head uncovered.

To his consternation he could not find his hat and was struck dumb, not with horror exactly, but by the knowledge that without a hat on his head he himself would be out of order in rising to a point of order. Even if he had done something to say on which the fate of empire hung in the balance, he would not have been permitted to say it. He had to be silent. He would have been permitted to call to order, and if that had not sufficed to silence him, parliament would have shouted itself hoarse. If need be to drown his voice. And if he had still persisted in his efforts to make himself heard without the aid of a hat, the sergeant-at-arms would have been summoned to arrest him and where beyond the hallowed precincts of the chamber—up in the clock tower, maybe, where parliament has a secret little jail for special offenders.

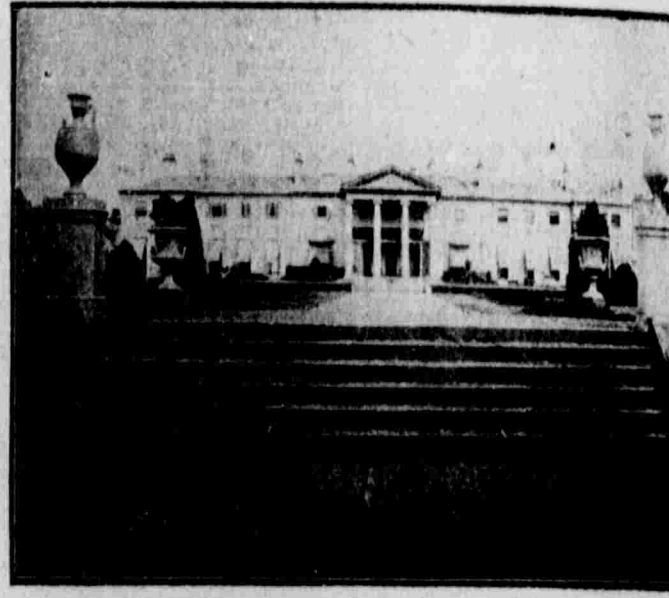
But, happily, no such dire fate befell Mr. Herbert Gladstone, son of the Grand Old Man. His friends at once perceived what it was that had suddenly sealed his lips, and half a dozen of them proffered him their hats, for the rule, left him a loophole of escape by that means, since it was only insisted

(Continued on page 23.)



THE VANDERBILT THRONE.

In the "Throne Room" of Dublin Castle.

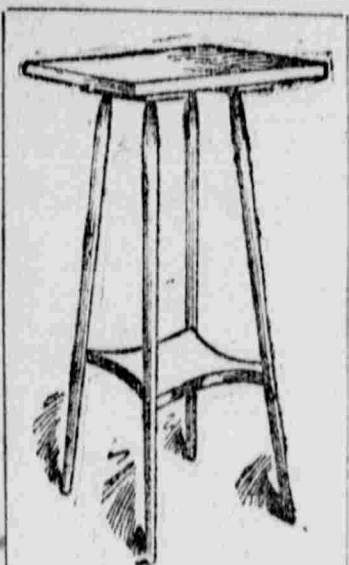


VICE-REGAL LODGE IN DUBLIN.

Cavendish and Burke Were Murdered Here.

FIRST BIG SALE OF 1904

The season for refurnishing the home is at hand. The time to brighten the house has arrived. The rush is on, all eyes are turned to Freed's. All footsteps turn to Freed's. Our store is the center of attraction. This week's offerings are brilliant examples of the bargains Freed's expect to give their customers this year.



A nice center table well made 24x24 in. top, oak finish. A good table for—

\$1.25



A good cane seat—chair for the dining room, oak finish and strong. The price—

95c



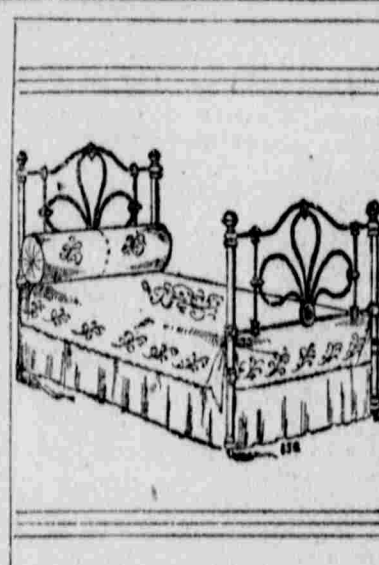
A large nicely finished rocker, oak finish, cane seat and sturdy made. One that will please you, for—

\$2.15



25 Per Cent Off

On our new line of Buggies and Go-Carts we give this discount making them the best line for the money that we have ever had.



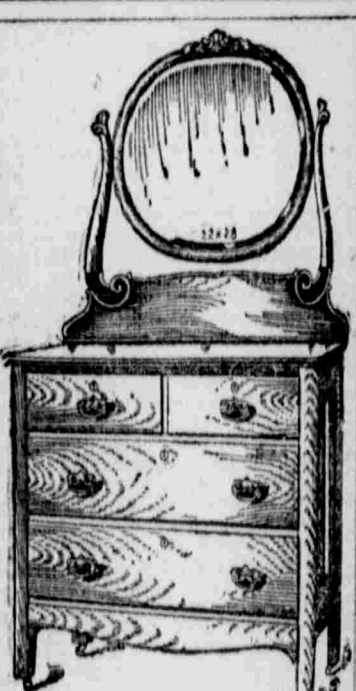
A full size iron bed. Best white enameled. Heavy post; a swell bed and the price only—

\$2.95



If you have a small hall, use one of our Costumer. Cheap too at—

95 cts



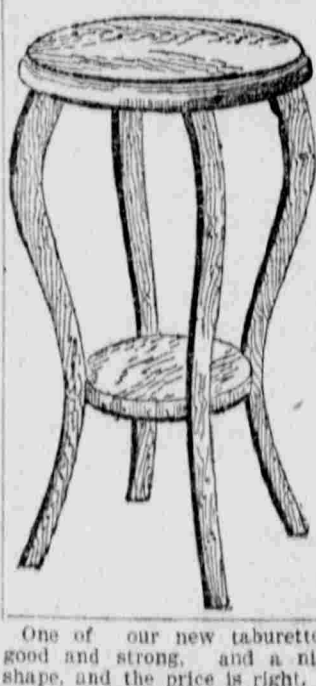
Of course it needs no argument to convince you that this pretty dresser is a bargain at—

\$11.25



RANGES

Remember we are still selling Buck Ranges for One Dollar a week.



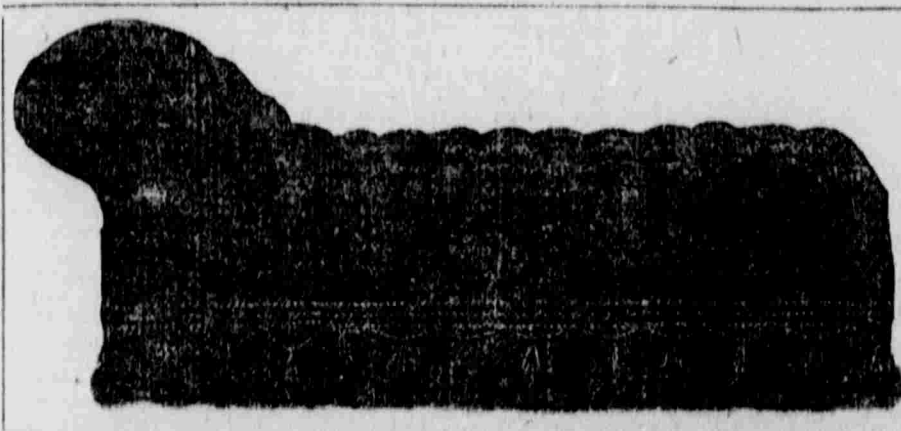
One of our new taborettes, good and strong, and a nice shape, and the price is right.

75c.



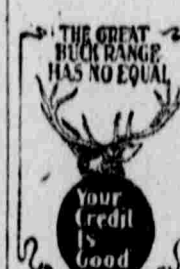
THE GREAT BUCK RANGE HAS NO EQUAL

Your Credit Is Good



This Velour Couch, \$7.75.

You could look all over town and not find a couch as good as this for the money. Well made and the springs are of the best kind.



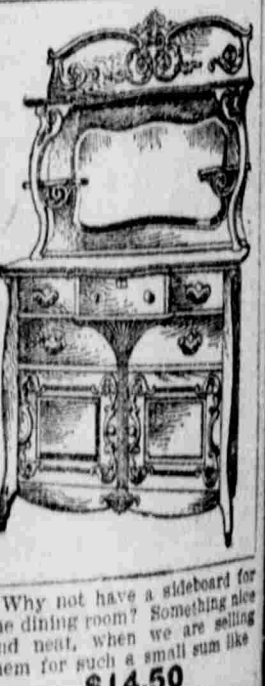
THE GREAT BUCK RANGE HAS NO EQUAL

Your Credit Is Good



Nice oak Cheffonier well made and one that you will want when you see the price is only—

\$6.75



Why not have a sideboard for the dining room? Something nice and neat, when we are selling them for such a small sum like

\$14.50

FREED FURNITURE AND CARPET CO.,

18 to 40 East Third South Street.