

LITERATURE AT DANISH COURT

American Minister the Most Popular Man in Denmark Today.

RECALLS LIFE OF LOWELL.

Dr. Egan Sets the Pace for Diplomatic Corps—Loved by Royal Grandchildren.

(Special Correspondence.)

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 30.—One of the latest incidents in the career of the American minister in Copenhagen recalls the days when James Russell Lowell was at the court of St. James. Like Lowell, Dr. Maurice Francis Egan is an author.

A Danish monthly magazine recently conceived the idea of having an issue devoted to which the ministers of the foreign powers should contribute short articles giving their impressions of the country. It was a bold project, for kings are not more timid about signing their own names than are their representatives.

The editor approached first of all the author of the diplomatic corps, the American minister, Dr. Egan. He approved of the idea, and readily consented to give the magazine his impressions of Denmark. This was shortly after breakfast. An hour later, Mr. Egan received a call on the phone from the legation of one of the smaller powers.

"A Danish magazine has asked me to write a page about Denmark as a summer resort. What would you do if you were in my place?"

"I would write it," replied Dr. Egan.

"Thank you," and the minister rang off.

Before luncheon a handsome automobile drove up in front of the American legation. Out of it stepped the minister plenipotentiary of one of the great European powers. This diplomatist is a blue aristocrat, and noted for his aversion to printed publicity.

"Dr. Egan, what would you do about this magazine?" he asked.

"Do as you please," replied the American minister. "Of course the editors would not be surprised if you declined the invitation."

"What are you going to do?"

"I shall write," replied Dr. Egan.

"Are you serious?"

"Quite serious."

"What will H. do?" (the Norwegian minister).

"I have no doubt he will write."

"And K?" (the Russian minister).

"I don't suppose he will," replied Dr. Egan, and the subject of conversation changed.

MAGAZINE APPEARS.

The magazine is now out with a banner number, entitled "Denmark as a Tourist Land." After an introduction by Count Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, the minister of foreign affairs, it opened with an article by Dr. Egan, accompanied by his photograph. After this came eulogies of Denmark by the Belgian minister, Baron de Groot; the British minister, Sir Allan Johnston; the French minister, Count de Beaucaire; the Norwegian minister, Professor Hagerup; the Russian minister, Prince Koudacheff, and the German minister, Count von Denssmarck.

"We have a distinguished diplomatic corps in Copenhagen," a secretary in the foreign office remarked to me rather dryly. "You see, they are all authors."

Another Copenhagen magazine, The Illustrated Weekly, has been running as a serial for several months a Danish translation of Dr. Egan's novel, "The Disappearance of John Longworth." A recent issue of the Danish Spectator contained an article by the American minister on American schools. Some of his "Sexton Maginnis" stories are to appear in translation during the winter. Of Dr. Egan's works in their original English, one can see in the book store windows his "Scenes and Sonnets," "Hamlet and Other Essays," and his last book, "The Wives of Sexton Maginnis."

SONNETS AND BALLADS.

Dr. Egan has written several sonnets and ballads on Scandinavian themes. A sonnet by him on the Oresund came into the hands of the radical newspaper, Politiken. The editors offered "a dinner at the Dagmar, with lady," for the best translation of the sonnet by an amateur. There were fifty competitors. One of them the author, Baron Palle Rosenkrantz, was disqualified on the ground that he was a professional. When the result was announced, the journal published a photograph of the successful pair "eating oysters from the Oresund."

QUEEN CONGRATULATES.

Two of Dr. Egan's love songs recently have been set to music by the Icelandic composer, Sveinbjornson. One night last week he gave a recital in the great concert palace, and Dr. Egan's songs were sung in the presence of the queen. The queen, from her gallery, led a hearty applause, and afterward congratulated Dr. Egan in person.

The American minister's literary sympathies bring him into touch with people and institutions unknown to other diplomats. Every week the Copenhagen journals publish interviews with Dr. Egan, while other ministers figure only in the dinner columns.

THE "COOKIE" DAYS.

Dr. Egan rises at eight, and devotes the morning to his literary and official affairs. He lunches at 1 with a few guests. During a portion of the afternoon he usually studies the life of the streets, either driving with his wife and daughter, or walking alone, through the crowded "Artery," visiting the shops and talking with the shopmen. Even the small boys on the streets can point out "Den Amerikanerke Gesandt." He became a still more familiar figure to the Copenhageners when Dr. Cook came down from the pole, so often were they seen driving together. Postcards showing them together are displayed still in the shop windows, as souvenirs of what the Danes call "The Cookie Days."

The minister makes frequent expeditions into the country to study farming, schools, fisheries, co-operative dairies, towns, castles, and cathedrals. In Copenhagen he visits schools for the blind, paper mills, porcelain factories, art galleries, theaters, the opera, the races—even the biograph! On summer evenings he often takes his daughter to the great Copenhagen pleasure garden, "Tivoli," where they enjoy the gayer moods of the people, and Miss Carmel Egan shoots the chutes and rides the merry-go-round with one of the Danish princesses.

SALON DINNER.

If he is not out in the evening Dr. Egan invariably has guests to dinner. His dinner parties have a salon character. Princes, business men, and artists sit at the same table. The guests at the first small luncheon after Dr. Cook's arrival, were half-a-dozen journalists, the son of a prime minister

and the Prince and Princess Koudacheff. It is safe to say that the distinguished Russians had never met a journalist before. Yet the guests are placed at table with such tact, that even in the most aristocratic circles, Dr. Egan has the reputation of being a strict stickler for form.

LIKES DANISH SPEECHES.

Dr. Egan has delivered several orations at conventions and dedications in Denmark. It need not be said that he is the only diplomat in Copenhagen who appears thus in public. On such occasions Miss Carmel accompanies him, and shows her diplomatic tact by sitting without flinching through hours of Danish speeches, of which she understands not a word.

"I think your daughter is a heroine," said Princess Marie of Orleans to the American minister, after a recent congress.

"I have watched her for nine hours today. She has not yawned once. She has listened to all these Danish speeches with an expression bordering on rapture. It is so sweet of her."

As a story teller, Dr. Egan is a great favorite with the royal family. He is frequently asked to dine at one of the king's numerous castles, where he holds the table under the spell of his genial repartee. After dinner, the royal grandchildren capture him, and carry him off to a window-seat, where they compel him to tell American stories. It was a pretty picture, the other night, when little Princess Margrethe sat on a hassock at his feet, fingering the braids of her long yellow hair, and looking up at Dr. Egan's face, as she asked: "And what did Mr. Sexton Maginnis do then?"

Hamlin Paints Signs, Both Phones.

FEVER FOR KINGSHIP IN THE BALKANS

(Continued from page seventeen.)

The Montenegrins rather hope it will raise as big a stir in the world as did King Ferdinand's move, but so far they are disappointed. Though the event has been talked of in Vienna for some time nothing is known officially in diplomatic circles. What is more galling to the sturdy mountaineers themselves, the papers that come from Austria all say that no opposition will be raised as the country is so small and unimportant that her ruler's title concerns her alone and does not affect any other power.

Once, in 1905, Prince Nicholas decided that the time had come when the Montenegrins should have a consti-

tution. So he called his first national assembly in 1905. But things did not work well. The delegates quarreled amongst themselves and began to ask questions that irritated their prince. Besides, when there was hunting to be had, or a family feud to carry on, attendance at some fixed time of the year was most inconvenient, and very often half the delegates failed to come at all.

"You are not ripe for a constitution yet," he told them at one meeting where knives were freely used, and he dissolved the assembly, which has not met since. The prince rules alone and unassisted and it suits both him and his subjects.

B. C. BASKERVILLE.

IN SECTIONS.

In the spring of 1895 the distinguished Dutch novelist known by the pen name of Maarten Maartens was

elected an honorary member of the Authors' club of New York, says the Bookman. When the name Jost Maartens M. Van der Poorten-Schwartz came to the attention of the membership committee there was a gasp of astonishment. Finally the late Bill Nye came to the rescue with the suggestion that the first half of the name should be acted on at once, but that the last half should be held over until the autumn, when the weather would be cool.

CHOKED TO DEATH.

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THE GREAT POE.

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"He used to tell of a football game he once witnessed. Princeton had a splendid player in Poe—you will remember little Poe?—and Prof. Norton, thinking of 'The Raven' and 'Annabel Lee,' said to the young student at his side:

"He plays well, that Poe?"

"Doesn't he?" the youth cried.

"Is he," said Prof. Norton, "any relation to the great Poe?"

"Any relation?" cried the youth in surprise and indignation. "Why, man, he is the great Poe!"

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A complete line of sensible presents that will give satisfaction.

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Any hat trimmed with Furs, Plumes, or Aigrettes, at **Half Price**

Any shape in the department for \$3.00 less.

A nice line of Children's Felt Hats, your choice now at 75c each. Misses' and Children's hats specially priced from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

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rough weave cloths, vel-

vets, tweeds and home-

spuns. The colors are

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browns, grays and mix-

tures. Select now at—

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