

of the Sun by telling him to his face that he was a "mere man," and that he wasn't going to kneel to him any longer.

Chulalongkorn acted with decision. He started a vigorous investigation and weeded out the wives who had been associated with the domestic peace destroying notions. The discarded ones were by a special favor permitted to marry court officials. They were readily appropriated, for it is regarded in Siam as a great privilege to wed any one who has been an inmate of the king's harem. Some of the officials subsequently had cause to repent of their capriciousness, but that did not bother the king a bit, for he was the undisputed boss of his own harem once more.

#### SUPREME QUEEN.

His No. 1 wife, Sowsay Tongsi, who is designated the Supreme Queen of Siam, was not among those who espoused the permissive doctrine of feminine equality. Great hopes were entertained at one time that Chulalongkorn would bring her along with him, but it seems that he hasn't done so. She would make a far greater sensation than the King. Members of the Women's National Dress Association would hail her advent with rapturous delight. They would banquet her and make her a life member and honorary president of their league. For she wears the garments they have long been trying in vain to popularize—bloomers. Her costume, roughly described, consists of tunic, knickerbockers, stockings and shoes. The tunic is closely fitting with fluffy frills and laces, and across her breast and shoulders is a bright blue sash, with a glittering order in diamonds. The shoes are of black patent leather with gold buckles; the stockings are of white silk, and the moderately tight bloomers, fastened at the knee, are also of silk. She is a petite creature with features of the Japanese type, oval, and olive-complexioned, flashing black eyes and pearl white teeth. Very fetching she looks in her national dress, for, not to speak irreverently of Her Majesty, she possesses—ahem!—rather limbs that would make the fortune of a ballet girl. At Lord Mayor's reception at the Guild hall none of the grand ladies in the land would attract half as much attention as she would always accompanied by a bodyguard of a dozen ladies in waiting, similarly attired. An enterprising Bangkok photographer once obtained a photograph of her in her "rationals," but some comments that were attached to reproductions of it which appeared in some London journals gave such offense to the bewitching Sowsay Tongsi that she ordered the negative destroyed and the photographer was told that he would lose his head if ever he sold another copy.

#### HER COSTLY JEWELS.

No European queen, probably, is so rich in jewelry as the Supreme Queen of Siam. She has a huge safe or cabinet, the hardware of which is a firm, in which repose marvelous necklaces, pendants, bracelets, anklets of diamonds, rubies, emeralds and pearls galore. The second queen, however, a scarcely inferior casket, and each of the other wives has her own special hoard. The national jeweler has a standing order for a ton of jewelry to be delivered to the king every year, much of which is distributed among the favorites of his harem. But his own collection of jewels and bijouterie far surpasses that of any of his consorts. Within the last few years it has been enriched by the purchase of many of the rarest and most costly gems that have appeared in the European market. His jewel repository is said to occupy the entire wall space of the royal bedchamber, which is itself in many respects a work of art.

This throne of state is second in magnificence only to the marvelous peacock throne of Siam. It is a large, composed of gold and studded with precious stones. His mantle of state is without doubt the most costly garment in the world. It is of great antiquity and is handed on from king to king, each one adding to it some bejeweled embellishment. It is literally covered with gems. So valuable is it that six armed soldiers mount guard over it day and night. It is supposed to be donned only once a year, when His Majesty pays his respects to the portraits of his ancestors.

#### HER STATE RELIGION.

How far contact with western civilization has modified Chulalongkorn's religious views nobody knows, but nominally, at least, he adheres to the state religion, which is a combination of Buddhism on which many superstitions have been grafted. The huge palace is girded by a holy rope which has been blessed by the priests and is therefore supposed to form an effective barrier against the fiendish host whose special prey is royalty and the multitudinous offspring. In the Siamese custom to scare demons by demons, somewhat on the principle of setting a thief to catch a thief. The demons employed are huge and hideous effigies. The priests stand along with him when he ascended the throne to permit the erection of two of these monstrous effigies outside the palace gates. But they compromised on the holy rope. Opposite the palace, on the western bank of the river,



FAMOUS FINANCIER INJURED BY A FALL.

Giovanni Morosini, one-time partner of Jay Gould and one of the best known financiers in the world, is very ill at his splendid estate near Yonkers, New York, as the result of a fall and his advanced age. Mr. Morosini has had more than the average share of trouble. His eldest daughter, Victoria, years ago eloped with the family coachman and later fell into dire straits. This broke her father's heart, yet he bore up under the care of his baby daughter, Giulia, who is now one of the most attractive young women of New York, and a great horsewoman. The Morosini place is one of the handsomest country residences on the Hudson and Giulia is sole heiress to its broad acres as well as to the millions of her father. She is at his bedside day and night while he is confined.

stands a temple known as Wat Chang or the Temple of Dawn, which the king attends for public worship. The wardens are two gigantic stone figures, male and female, wearing night-mare masks. And the king, skeptical though he may be as to their efficacy, deems it prudent to make an obeisance when he passes between them.

He has visited England once before. That was in 1897. He wasn't feeling particularly comfortable at that time, for France was threatening to gobble up the biggest portion of his kingdom, and he didn't show himself much in public. It was supposed then that the chief purpose of his visit was to get England to block the French game. On that occasion he paid a visit to the queen at Windsor Castle. He was assigned to a magnificent suite of rooms on the first floor, which corresponds to what Americans would call the second floor. But, despite their sumptuous furnishings, it became apparent that his dusky majesty was far from comfortable in them. Then the truth leaked out. It is customary in Siam that the monarch should sleep at the top of the house, "nearest heaven," and that anybody should occupy apartments nearer the realms of the blessed than himself is not accounted a mark of honor, but of what was due to his rank and dignity. So he was shifted to an attic room, and though of necessity it was a far meaner apartment, was more than pleased to make the change.

During his absence from Bangkok the crown prince, Sondech Chulawajiravudh, will officiate as regent. He was educated in England and is supposed to be a highly cultured young man. It may be regarded, perhaps, as a curious coincidence that he fell violently in love, a few years ago, with Mabelle Gilman, the American actress, who then appeared in the play "Queen of Hearts" in London. He wanted to marry her and make her his "No. 1 Queen" when he ascended the throne. She didn't fancy the position and subjected the crown prince to a deal of ridicule by publishing his love letters. As everybody knows, she is soon to marry Mr. Corey, the multimillionaire president of the United States Steel Trust. As his wife she will have a far better time, no doubt, than she would get as head of the crown prince's household. But she won't be able to wear bloomers.

#### A Unique Living Spring.

An extraordinary curiosity is to be seen in the village of Gunten, on the Thur lake, which takes the form of a natural tree fountain, the water flowing continuously from the trunk of the living tree and shows the wonderful tale of cut wood. About 20 years ago the water of the spring was conducted through a hole in the trunk of a young poplar tree, which was rammed in the ground. After a short time it became known that the trunk had struck root and branches were pushing themselves well forward at the present time a splendid growth is to be seen. The pipe and sphere tree have become inseparable.

## ALL WOMEN SUFFER

from the same physical disturbances, and the nature of their duties, in many cases, quickly drift them into the horrors of all kinds of female complaints, organic troubles, ulceration, falling and displacements, or perhaps irregularity or suppression causing backache, nervousness, irritability, and sleeplessness.

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tion, yet it is useful as a scientific observatory and for reconnaissance in war. Great improvement has resulted from engines and propellers. The French government made the first dirigible airship 25 years ago, and now it has one at least that seems a practical air vessel of war. In Germany Count Zeppelin has produced a machine that beats all records in size and speed. At the other extreme in size are tiny balloons carrying only self-recording instruments and these have ascended to 32,000 feet, nearly 16 miles. Kites also have proven useful to the meteorologist. Improved models, retained by wires, now lift instruments four miles, and in large size have been regularly introduced into military service. Men were first raised from the ground at Aldershot in 1895, while in late experiments a height of 3,000 feet has been reached, the kite-rider virtually disappearing from view. The flying machine was an impossibility not long ago, but

within two or three years has been so developed that experimenters have sustained themselves in air for half an hour at a time. Little remains to do ere man will have conquered the air.

For his curious theory that baldness is due to lack of upper chest breathing, Dr. Devo M. Parker, of the Detroit College of Medicine, claims verification by thousands of observations during many years. No victim of common baldness was found who breathed properly. The lungs being imperfectly filled and emptied, it is supposed that residual air is left in the upper passages and develops a soluble poison. This poison specially affects the scalp, where the skin is practically bloodless and therefore of low vitality. Persistent return to correct breathing has been followed by disappearance of dandruff in one week and beginning of a new growth of hair in six weeks, and a fresh covering has been developed on a head that had been bald 20 years.

The Warwick air-purifiers, a new device for sterilizing the atmosphere, has been tried with such success in the refrigerating room of an English brewery that 99.5 per cent of the organisms in the outside air were filtered out. Only a few months passed, all yeasts and bacteria being removed. The apparatus tested was about four feet high and three feet square in section, and 20,000 cubic feet of air per hour was passed through its trays. The trays—eleven in number—are of metal, as wide as the box containing them but not so deep. The first tray is pushed to the back, leaving a small space in front leading to the tray below, the next is placed forward, leaving the vacant space at the back, and so on through the series. Acting as baffles, the trays compel the air to flow over a relatively large surface. The inlet has a skeleton drawer fitted with

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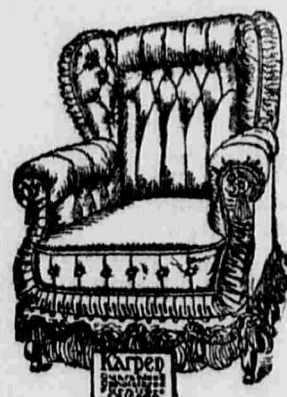
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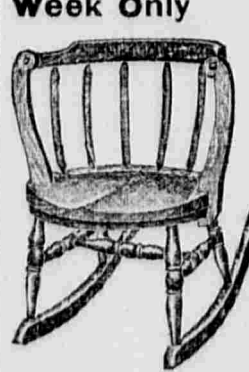


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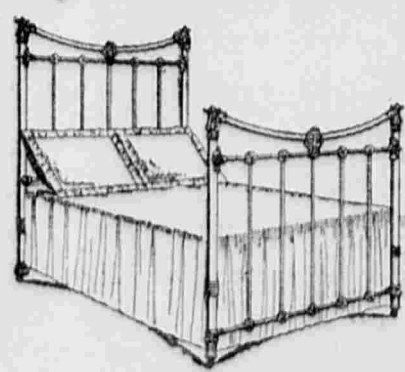
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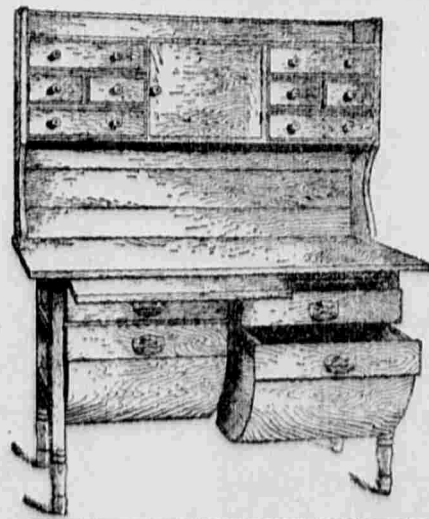


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