

The Saturday "News" Special Foreign Service.



Artist Paints Grease Spots On Weak Soup for a Living

(Special Correspondence.)
WARSAW, Poland, Nov. 1.—There are more ways of making a living than appear in solemn government reports that the writer, in various journeys on the continent has run across some of them, and made personal investigations, and therefore, it must be admitted, more for the humor of the matter than from any profound taste in art.

The result proved diverting, and, put at their lowest value, they represent original ideas. For instance, it would nearly seem worth a restaurant-keeper's while to pay a man to make his soup look greasy, even when the service only costs a few cents a day. But at any rate, one Paris cook-shop, in the neighborhood of Montmartre, employs a man for this purpose, and, possibly, not even as a cook, as in question last Friday. He has the grand look of the north Briton and a foreign accent. He is miserably clad and wears the furtive look of those who have come down in the world and fear that others will notice it. He passes the day in the restaurant—a dirty establishment frequented by the poorest of Paris poor—beggars of both sexes, waiters who have long since given up hope to seek for employment, and such who are too timorous or too stupid to rise above the dead level of idleness.

He must sleep in the restaurant, for when he comes in the morning you will find his head on one of the mud-stained windowsills on the table and his legs stretched under it. At noon, when the "clients," as they are called in France, begin to come in, the restaurant-keepers beckon to him with an affirmative gesture, whereat he rises sullenly and shuffles into the kitchen behind the bar, whence he comes only when the last supper has been eaten.

Later on I heard him plead in a Bergereau-court just as ugly, shock-headed and unproprietary as ever. But he pleaded well and won his case. His counsel for the other side was furious.

"The man always was a fraud," he exclaimed afterwards. "He has been my bad star all my life. We were at the same university. The first term I did nothing but drink. Just before I had to go up for my exams he called and said that, if I paid him \$400 he would go up and be examined for me, kicked him out; I found out later that everybody knew where I came from about exams, out of Germany—therefore he was from \$300 to \$500 per examination." Sometimes he had thirteen men's exams in a term, sometimes only one. The last year I was up he had to take his half-and-beard lest the examiners should recognize him.

He kept himself and a lot of little brothers and sisters on the fraud, and got his degree with honors. He worked all night, for it is drinking with us sailors and he is not a brilliant man. We all know him but don't like him because he grew so powerful. He never failed in an exam and there are men here in Berlin who shake in their shoes whenever he comes because he went up for them and may let it out now. He saved enough to buy a practice, and is now "g' it up now."

The ugly, red-haired student is now a lawyer with a European reputation. Men like him manage to eke out a living, even though he has never really managed on the new system by which students read through the course at home and present themselves for examination when they think fit. The professors, who, therefore, do not see the men in the lecture rooms, cannot possibly tell the difference between Smith and Jones. The system has its advantages, especially for beer-housekeepers and men like "Carrots-head."

FORGED DIPLOMAS.

Education affords another strange way of making both ends meet. In countries where the finishing certificate of a "middle school" or gymnasium, as it is called in Europe, is enough to admit a boy to a university, it often happens that the "diplomacy master" provides schools in England and America, adds to the money purse in a criminal way. His legitimate trade is a thing of the past even in Europe, and he must earn a living the best way he can. As he writes a beautiful hand he is employed, for a mere song, to write out diplomas for the middle schools. This gives him access to the diploma forms and he can practise the professor's signature at leisure.

It therefore often happens that he calls on a boy pupil's father and, upon the boy pupil having to leave school without a diploma, furnishes him with one which, even to an expert's eyes, cannot be distinguished from the genuine article. A few hundred dollars have passed from pupil's pocket to that of the handwriting master, and the pupil goes to some foreign university. Now, as far as both parties can get away with it, the father will throw the boy into a hotel, not far and opposite to the school, with such dexterity that little grease spots will remain on the surface. Nobody who looks hard at it, needs a light and you find hand, mouth and fingers are too large and the "clients" are pleased. This specialist in forged diplomas gets \$100 a day and his grease spots.

A visit to his kitchen next morning will tell the tale right. The soup, made with water in which odds and ends of vegetables and crusts of bread had been boiled, was poured into bowls as the "clients" ordered it. Then, with the air of a master, the artist dipped his brush into a lump of hot fat and applied it to the soup, with such dexterity that little grease spots will remain on the surface.

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Even venerable seats of learning offer

Big Land Owners of England Are Now on the Anxious Seat.

Lloyd George's Attempt to Tax Unearned Increment and Undeveloped Land Has Roused the English Tories as Nothing Else Has Since the Days of Cromwell.

(Special Correspondence.)

ONDON, Nov. 4.—"Socialism" and "revolution" are words that are becoming familiar in English politics since the introduction of the present budget and they are almost entirely directed against the "increment" and "land tax" features of that measure. It is true they have been accepted by some of the advocates of these clauses, but these are the more extreme politicians who are not afraid to call themselves Socialists, or at least to admit that there is much that needs to be reformed in the present system of land tenure in this country.

To the unprejudiced observer it is evident that the man who is Henry George, the American land reformer, fallen into the nameless Lloyd George, the British chancellor of the exchequer. No one who examines the present measure, dispassionately, can deny that most of the principles which are contained in it are sound and serious. English politics, and has even a frenzy of excitement and has caused a great deal of language about the like of which probably has not been heard since Cromwell abolished the king and the lords and set up the commonwealth.

On the face of it, they appear ridiculous, trifling, to have no weight.

In fact, this very newest form of the strongest part of the position of the opponents of the measure, and has induced many moderate men on the Liberal side to throw in their lot with the Tories who are fighting the proposals tooth and nail. Many of these moderate men are not opposed to the principles but they oppose them.

Lloyd George has a very new way of bringing them before the country.

The main point of the budget bill is that it should be confined to the production of revenue.

Now the revenue which Lloyd George expects to gain from his new proposals is altogether inadequate when considered in the light of their importance and his opponents declare that he is trying, under the cover of a revenue measure, to smuggle through a political legislation which will change the whole face of English life.

Mr. George admits this to a certain degree, when he says that he does not expect these clauses to produce much in the first year, but declares that they are capable of great expansion.

Taking them seriously these changes are as follows:

UNEARNED INCREMENT.

The increment value duty provides that under certain specified conditions the state shall take from the holder 20 per cent of the unearned increment of all real estate. The "unearned increment" is defined as that part of the value which is created by the action of the community and not by the unaided efforts of the owner. The tax would fall almost entirely on urban land and on land adjacent to cities, where value has been created by the growth of population and it is admittedly very difficult to decide what part of the value has been created by the efforts of the community and what by those of the owner.

If the Tory party believes it can win in the face of a red hot agitation for the limitation of the power of the lords, such as is sure to follow the defeat of the budget, the lords will throw out the bill if it believes that it would not be wise to risk its future.

PRUNING THE VALUES.

Like the rest of the budget this feature will not be retroactive. The value of the land at the passing of the bill will be estimated and when it is sold the state will step in and take its share of the increased price obtained at the first sale. At each successive sale the state will take its proportion of the increase until the price attained at the last sale, and in the case of land held by corporations the value will be estimated periodically for taxation purposes. Every twenty years is the period suggested.

The "reversion duty" clause would do for leases what the "increment" clause did for undeveloped land. Most of the land in England is held on long leases from ground landlords, who have never done anything to improve the land.

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but they will have the effect of inundating every town in either Mass. houses in the suburbs of great cities have

yards and gardens which are worth more than \$250 an acre and will be taxed.

It is argued that rather than pay the tax people who afford to have beautiful garde

will move farther out into the country where land is cheaper, and will cut up their old gardens into building plots for small houses.

On the other hand, great tracts of pi-

ous woods like the northern woods and Scotch deer woods, which are worth less than \$100 an acre, but where whole plantations have been cleared off to make room for game, will not be taxed at all.

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Politics Taboo at Present In Select English Society

(Special Correspondence.)

ONDON, Nov. 2.—For five months nothing has been discussed in London but politics. It is the all-absorbing topic, but at last it is to be banned. American society leaders have put their feet down and declared that if any man, woman or child dares to say the word "Budget" there will be trouble.

Mrs. Luis Harcourt has been the first to insist that her jaded "Luis" shall have a respite from this topic. She has written to friends:—Remember if you come to us for the week end you must forget such a place as the house of commons exist. Any one who is caught saying "Budget" will have to pay a fine to every woman among my friends.

Lady Granage who is pronounced "mad" on politics by her friends is also asking her guests to refrain from discussing the subject during the next six weeks and so is Lady Willoughby de' Eresby, who very keenly enthusiast whose interests

are for the opposition.

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It is amusing to observe the knowledge American women have of this vexed question. They can tell you far more accurately than most of us everything that is happening in the commons. At considerable length they quote ministers' speeches, give statistics and really understand what they are reading in the paper. For the remainder of the time, as far as the newspaper press is concerned, there is a particularly knotty point which is not easily explained in the newspapers these enthusiasts get some hood-wink barrister who is probably a B. A. or an M. A. of one of the universities and make him explain the meaning of what is being said.

It is said that Miss Marie Corelli will be of the house party Sir Thomas will entertain to meet the Americans. Around this fact the fantastic-minded and weird of Ireland have come to the court of St. James. Victoria was alive in those days and she had her say. She pleased everybody at the time except Lord Crewe's boy-servants by telling all the "colonels" and their mistresses to hurry home as fast as they came and make their bow to her representative who was in Dublin for that purpose.

SIR THOMAS'S HOUSE PARTY.

Sir Thomas Lipton has invited Commodore and Mrs. Arthur Curries James to stay with him at his magnificent seat at Southgate, his fine place in North London which is within half an hour's drive of Phoenix Park, through the neighborhood of his half-mad son-in-law, the Duke of Connaught's villa. Sir Thomas's place is surrounded by a great wall and in the splendid park flourish some of the finest trees in England.

Once before the castle was boycotted under a Liberal government and this notwithstanding the fact that a widower, Lord Crewe, who was one of the handsomest men in the kingdom, was a strong Liberal.

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