

# Interesting Persons, Scenes and Things

## FOURTH of JULY THOUGHTS

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### MORNING

Morn of the Fourth! The white and red of coming sunbeams pierce the shade  
That ripples through yon high flung flag, like wind chased shadows o'er a glade.  
Each snowy stripe by milky beam, each red by kindred red's caressed,  
While on its unnumbered field of stars blink sleepy starlets in the west.  
A musket shot, a pistol pop, anon the boom of ancient gun,  
Bid welcome to the day of days—and tell the tale of Lexington,  
Or of the earlier, feeble strife, since Godlike manhood first began,  
Through noble serf and kingly slave, to claim the equal rights of man.  
All hail, thou flag of all the flags, on this the patriots' whitest day!  
Let Rapture ring in prophet tune a psalm of grander, wider way!

### NOON

Noon of the Fourth! Oh, banner dear! A lovelight, ardent as the sun's  
Beams on thee from a nation's eyes, through incense from a million gun.  
The rapid crashing well recalls the sweeping charge of El Caney  
And Santiago's cannonade, and Glory's own Manila Bay.  
Today afar from homeland din, in solitudes of peace and calm,  
'Tis bone-spiked to the arctic pine, 'tis fiber-lashed to tropic palm:  
Each stripe of white and red a bar to guard the weaker from the strong,  
Each star a sleepless border watch to keep aloof the rule of wrong.

### NIGHT

Night of the Fourth! The triumph ends, with whiz and glare of rocket flight  
And flaming show of wizard skill, that rears in air cascades of light.  
Now Destiny unto mine eye unfolds, and whispers in mine ear,  
What even seems have not beheld, what statesmanship has yet to hear.  
See! Stars increase upon my flag! See nation after nation fold  
And kiss with proper parting pride her banner decked with honors old.  
No more my banner's widening folds the cunning of the looms can yield—  
Each morning's sun shall paint its stripes, star-studded night shall be its field.  
Then Justice shall the measure fill of ev'ry creature's due and dole,  
And human nature's efforts best be bent to culture of the soul.  
Be blest, thou birthday of the Right! Hail! Nation pet of Heaven's plan!  
Hurrah! The crescent flag of stars! All hail! The Parliament of man!

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### CANONIZED IN LIFETIME.

It is not often that people are virtually canonized in their lifetime, but such a fate has befallen Kaiser William and Lord Salisbury. The Kaiser's sculptured figure now stands out boldly among the prophets on the foremost pillars of the new entrance to the Metz cathedral. William II. occupies the



place that should be filled by Daniel, as is shown by the fact that the Kaiser's right forefinger is pointing to a scroll on which the Ten Commandments are written. The statue of Lord Salisbury is to be found in the chapel of All Souls' college at Oxford, a chapel which has long been noted for its peculiar statuary.

### A MUCH DECORATED MAN.

Sir William Soulesby, secretary to a generation of lord mayors of London, is entitled to wear a more cosmopolitan array of orders than, perhaps, any man in England. In addition to his British dignities he boasts the orders of the Redeemer of Greece, Francis Joseph of Austria, the Serbian orders of Takovo and St. Sava, the Leopold of Belgium, the Immaculate Conception of Portugal, the Humane Redemption of Liberia, as well as the Rising Sun of Japan.

### REV. CHARLES W. GORDON. "RALPH CONNOR." THE POPULAR CANADIAN PARSON AND NOVELIST.



A Canadian who is as widely and favorably known on this side of the line as in his own country is the Rev. Charles W. Gordon, who writes novels under the pen name of Ralph Connor. As a writer he is distinguished for ease and vivacity, and though his books are by no means of the "goody goody" type, they invariably convey lessons which may be taken to heart by any man or woman. He is the pastor of the young but flourishing Church of St. Stephen's in the Manitoba capital, Winnipeg, and his sermons and lectures are marked by an idealism which it is difficult to express in words. The most popular of Dr. Gordon's many books are "Black Rock," "The Sky Pilot" and "Glenarry School Days."

### ANOTHER FIANCEE FOR THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

Once more the rumor mongers have picked out a fiancée for Prince Frederick William of Germany and have on this occasion linked the name of the crown prince with that of no other than Princess Margaret of Connaught.



Princess Margaret of Connaught, eldest daughter of the Duke of Connaught and niece of King Edward. It is "positively stated" that formal announcement of the engagement will shortly be made. The princess is tall and graceful and extremely popular in England. She was an especial favorite of the late Queen Victoria.

### LATEST AUTOMATIC WONDER.

Americans will soon have an opportunity of paying a visit to "Motogirl," as a wonderful new automaton is called.



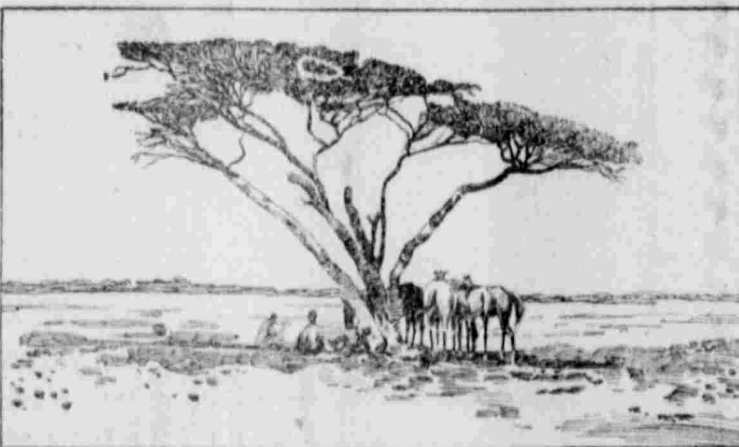
"Motogirl" walks, talks and runs in the most lifelike manner imaginable. The figure has been on exhibition for some time at the Palace theater in London.

### MRS. JOHN HAY, A LIBERAL WASHINGTON HOSTESS.



Washington society folk are felicitating themselves upon the fact that Mrs. John Hay has once more begun the entertainments which in past years have made the home of the secretary of state the scene of so much social enjoyment. For over a year, on account of deaths in the family, the house has been closed to society. Mrs. Hay is very popular in Washington and is by many regarded as the "grande dame par excellence" of the national capital. She possesses tact of a rare sort and can give many a man points on the niceties of social diplomatic usage and etiquette.

### LONE TREE IN THE SOMALI DESERT.



Many interesting photographs have come out of Somaliland since the British campaign in that country got under way, but few have possessed the unique characteristics of that shown in the accompanying illustration. The picture more than hints at one of the greatest difficulties confronting the troops. The tree which is its subject was the only one seen during the terrible march from Abidin to Galkayu, a distance of 125 miles. The photograph was taken by an officer, who reports that the heat experienced during the march was unbearable.

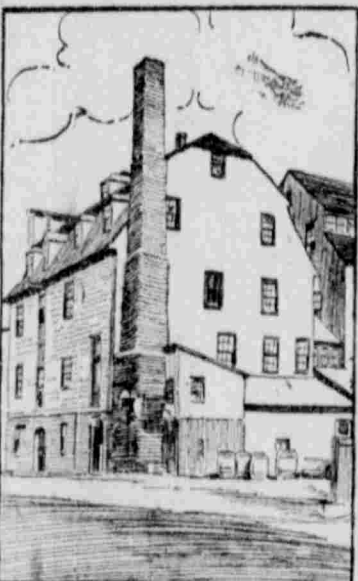
### LIVERPOOL'S NEW CATHEDRAL.



As the accompanying illustration shows, the completion of its new cathedral will give Liverpool a magnificent addition to her architectural possessions. The perspective view herewith shown was made from the plans of the architect, G. Gilbert Scott, whose design has been accepted by the authorities. Liverpool asserts that her new cathedral will be finer than any in the United States. Of course this isn't so, though Liverpool will have just cause to be proud of it.

### A QUAIN LANDMARK.

The famous Harmony society, which was organized just a century ago by George Rapp, has practically gone out of existence with the sale of its land at Economy, Pa. Of late years the society attained wide renown through the famous Economy band, which has been touring the country under the leadership



OLD MILL AT ECONOMY, PA.

of John Duss, who is also the head of the Economy community. When Duss started his band on its first concert tour the prediction was freely made that the ventures would be a very costly one, but, on the contrary, it has proved extremely profitable. It is difficult to say what will be the future of the town after which the band is named. Economy is a queer old place with low dwellings and tree lined streets. The mill which is shown in the accompanying illustration is one of the town's most notable landmarks.

### M. ROSTAND'S LATEST PHOTOGRAPH.



The photograph from which the accompanying illustration was made was taken the day after Edmond Rostand, the celebrated playwright, became a member of the French Academy of immortals. It is an excellent likeness of its distinguished subject. Among the plays which have made M. Rostand famous the world over are "Cyrano de Bergerac," "L'Aiglon," "Les Romanesques," "La Princesse Lothaire" and "La Samaritaine."

### THE REMAKING OF A FAMOUS COUNTERFEIT.



Israel Roukhomovsk, who came from Odessa, Russia, to Paris expressly to prove that he was the man who made the much talked of tiara of Saffaphoros, which the authorities of the Louvre had been hounded into buying in the belief that it was a genuine antique, only succeeded in establishing his claim after the most severe test to which it was possible to put him. M. Roukhomovsk was obliged to make a replica of the tiara, and in order that it would be impossible for him to obtain any assistance he was kept under surveillance while at work. To the amazement of those watching him he succeeded in his task. The illustration shows him hard at work on the tiara in the temporary workshop that was fitted up for him at the Paris mint. M. Roukhomovsk is a little, dark man, resembling the late George Du Maurier in appearance. He has a daughter and two sons of whom he expects great things in art.

### BREVITIES OF INTEREST.

The Salvation Army has been granted a monopoly of the street shoeblackening business in Copenhagen.  
Trained falcons, to carry dispatches in time of war, have been tested in the Russian army. Their speed is four times as rapid as that of carrier pigeons.  
The sultan of Turkey has a curious hobby in regard to carriages. He has been steadily engaged in making a collection of such vehicles for the past twenty years, and now has nearly 500 of all makes and kinds.  
A gigantic shoe-trust exists in Russia. Nearly all the shoes sold in that country are manufactured by one firm in St. Petersburg, which is one of the

most prosperous stock companies in the world.

Hairdressing is an elaborate study in Japan, where the style of the coiffure generally indicates the position and age of the lady.

It is said that "bullets fired at Paardeberg" are being made by the hundred thousand in German factories for sale in Europe.  
John Muir of Leith, Scotland, an-

nounces that he has invented a process whereby tanned pigskins are made available as a substitute for rubber for tires.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson has a large family, all of whom have adopted their father's faith as regards total abstinence.

A French alchemist claims that he has made gold out of some cheap material. But as he only got half an

ounce of gold after six months' work, there is not likely to be any rush to follow his example.

A well recently drilled in Canada produces sand instead of water. The sand comes up in a fine stream like a fountain. The force by which it is driven to the surface from a depth of 100 feet has not yet been discovered.

R. T. Daniel, who owns many blocks in Spokane, most of the town of Trail,

in British Columbia, and 10,000 acres of land in Cuba, left Glasgow, Ky., twenty-five years ago and arrived in Spokane with just a dollar in his pocket.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland as a hobby practices dairying, and is actually making money by selling milk and butter obtained from the royal farm.

Of the ministers of the second empire

in France there are still living M. Pinard and M. Emile Ollivier. The first named remains an ardent imperialist.

In New Zealand, where \$1,000,000 is spent yearly in old age pensions, every second person over sixty-five years of age receives a share.

In London females exceed males by 232,271, there being 1,113 to every 1,000 males.