

reserve of gold in a condition at all times uncertain, and which at any moment might become disastrous. If there should be a strong demand for gold its first effect would be felt by the Treasury.

FOREIGN.

MADRID, 23.—On Thursday, the King and Queen were taking their afternoon drive, when just at the entrance of the park they met a parish priest carrying the viaticum. Their majesties at once alighted and followed with their equestrian and servants, the whole party carrying lighted tapers, and the king walking bareheaded. The priest led them as far as an humble house in one of the poorer Madrid suburbs near the bull ring, where a man lay dying of smallpox. Their majesties waited patiently while the sacraments were being administered, and having left alms for the sorrow-stricken family of the deceased, walked back with the priest to the parish church, this time followed by hundreds of people of rank; whom they met on their way, and accompanied by the blessings of the bystanders.

I hear that a number of brilliant fetes, including bull fights and a review of 30,000 troops, will be given in May on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of Portugal.

LONDON, 23.—The Egyptian crisis is becoming daily more acute. A liberal paper defines it as really a struggle between the controller general, backed by England and France, and the National party, supported by the Sultan, with Germany and Austria in the back ground. If the Assembly establishes its claim to regulate the bridges, the existing European ascendancy will be overthrown, and the foreign bond holders will no longer govern the country. Everything points to the necessity of England and France speedily deciding whether to execute their implied pledge to maintain the existing arrangement by force. Englishmen are beginning to regret the entanglement with France.

VIENNA, 24.—The Presse says: The Prince of Montenegro informed a deputation of Herzegovinians who asked his support in their struggle against Austria, that they must not count on any Montenegrin support, and if they did not return home forthwith he should intern them at Podgertga.

LONDON, 24.—Jules Arbib, of Marseilles and Paris, failed; liabilities estimated at 250,000 francs transactions were chiefly with the Levant.

BERLIN, 24.—In the Reichstag during debate on the Budget to-day, discussion arose concerning the late imperial rescript. Bismarck said it did not aim at a new constitution. The maxim, "the King reigns, but does not govern," did not apply to Germany. The expression "ministerial responsibility," was equally absurd. He declared the rescript remained unshaken by the attacks upon it. He was fully aware of his responsibility in signing, and he was answerable for all the acts of the sovereign. "It was to the sovereign," he said, "and not to Parliament, that Germany owed the position she now enjoyed." Bismarck asked whether any one could reproach him with cowardice. There was great uproar on the left, and Bismarck stepped forward and repeated his inquiry, saying: "Is there one among you who dare bring such a charge."

LONDON, 24.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day, was £75,000, all of which was shipped to Paris. Business on the Stock Exchange closed very flat, because of the higher Bank of England rate of discount, and dearer money.

PESTH, 24.—In the Hungarian Diet, Tirza, President of the Council, positively stated that the Porte has taken no steps in support of the movement against recruiting in Herzegovina.

ST. PETERSBURG, 24.—Very serious disturbances and destruction of much property near Drinaburg, government of Vitebsk, owing to the objection of peasants to taking of census. They even, for a time, resisted troops.

PARIS, 24.—Urgency has been voted for debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the report of the committee on the bill for the revision of the constitution. Special correspondents agree in saying it is generally believed the fall of the ministry is certain. The report of the committee on the revision bill states that on the scrutin de liste question

the will of one person seemed to be substituted for that of the nation.

It is stated that the Union Generale has consented to pledge its Serbian railway concession in return for assistance from the syndicate.

Another syndicate under Rothschilds has been formed, and it will place a large sum of money on the market for paper, carrying over rents.

VIENNA, 24.—Leading financiers have averted a crash by assisting the Bourse.

A Woman's Story of Husbands.

We hear much about the art of winning a husband. Let us take a step further and make a study out of keeping a husband. If he is worth winning he is worth keeping.

This is a wicked world, and man is dreadfully mortal. Let us take him as he is, not as he ought to be. In the first place, he is very weak. The wife must spend the first two years in discovering all these weaknesses, count them on her fingers and learn them by heart. The fingers of both hands will not be too many. Then let her study up these weaknesses, a mesh for everyone, and the secret is hers. Is he fond of a good dinner? Let her tighten the mesh with good things generally, and reach his heart through his stomach. Is he fond of flattery about his looks? Let her study the dictionary for sweet words, if her supply gives out. Does he like to hear her talk about his brilliant intellect? Let her pore over the encyclopedia to give variety to the depth of her admiration. Flattery is a good thing to study up, at all hazards, in its delicate shades, but it must be skillfully done. The harpy who may try to coax him away will not do it absurdly.

Is he fond of beauty? Here's the rub—let her be bright and tidy; that is half the victory. Next, let her bang her hair (metaphorically) and keep up with the times. A husband who sees his wife look like other people is not going to consider her "broken down." Though it is a common sneer that a woman has admitted that her sex consider more in marrying the looks of her friends than her own, yet it must be considered ludicrous that a man looks at his wife with the same eyes that other people do. Is he fond of literary matters? Listen to him with wide open eyes when he talks of them. A man doesn't care so much for a literary wife, if she only be literary enough to appreciate him. If she has literary inclinations let her keep them to herself.

Men love to be big and great to their wives. That's the reason why a helpless little woman can marry three times to a sensible self-reliant woman's none. Is he curious? Oh, then, you have a treasure; you can always keep him if you have a secret and only keep it carefully. Is he jealous? Then, woman, this is not for you; cease reading; cease torturing that fretted heart which wants you for his own, and teach him confidence. Is he ugly in temper and fault-finding? Give him a dose of his own medicine, skillfully done. Is he deceitful? Pity him for his weakness, treat him as one who is born with a physical defect, but put your wits to work—it is a bad case. It is well not to be too tame. Men do not waste their powder and shot on hens and barnyard fowls; they like the pleasure of pursuing wild game—quail and grouse and deer.

A quail is a good model for a wife—neat and trim, with a pretty swift way about it, and just a little capricious. Never let yourself become an old story; be just a little uncertain. Another important fact is, don't be too good; it hurts his feelings and becomes monotonous. Cultivate a pleasant voice, so that this very mortal man may have his conscience prick him when he is in jeopardy; it's pleasant ring will haunt him much more than a shrill one. It is hard to do all this, besides taking care of the babies and looking after vexatious household cares, and smiling when he comes home, but it seems necessary.

"To be born a woman is to be born a martyr," says a husband who for the years has watched in amazement his wife treading the wine-press of her existence. It is a pitiful sight to some men. But if the wife does not make a study of these things the harpy will, to steal away the honor from his gray silver hairs when he is full of years, and the father of sons and daughters.

At the same time gudewife, keep from trying any of these things on

any other mortal man but your own. These rules are only evolved in order to "keep a husband," the poor weak creature would rather be good than bad, and it is every woman's duty to help him by every means in her power.—S. F. Argonaut.

He Used To Be a Boy Himself.

The other day a show came to Little Rock and was shamefully imposed upon by Uncle Isom. While standing near the tent he saw a crowd of low-spirited boys grieving on account of financial depression.

"Does yer youngsters wanten go to der show?" he asked.

The boys responded in noisy chorus.

"Well, come on, den, I uster be a chile myself, an' unlike the mos' of men, I hain't forgot it. Count dese boys," he added, addressing the doorkeeper. The man began counting, and by the time the boys had passed in Isom was walking around, talking to acquaintances from the plantations.

"Here," said the showman, "give me 20 tickets."

"What for? Does yer think me a lottery agent?"

"You passed in 20 boys, and I want the tickets or the money."

"I doan owe yer no tickets, and I doan owe yer no money. I didn't tell yer to pass de boys in. I said count 'em. I see always heard that showmen is good on rithmitic, an' I wanted ter satisfy myself. Yer say dat dar was 20 boys. I doan' spute yer word, case I ain't no mathertician. Sposen I take a lot of boys to the cashier of a bank an' axes him ter count 'em does dat signify dat the cashier is gwine to pass 'em into the money room? No, sah. Go back to yer tent; I sees a crowd goin' in."

The showman remembering that he had left the entrance unguarded, turned, and Isom walked away.—Little Rock Gazette.

A New Way of Playing It.

A man and woman both stylishly dressed, stepped into the Duckeye Novelty Store in the Arcade, yesterday, to make some purchases. They selected about \$15 worth of goods and placed them in a small box, which was in a satchel carried by the man. This done the man felt in his pocket for the money to pay for the articles. He was very much embarrassed (?) when when he ascertained that his funds had all been left at his hotel. "Have you enough money with you to pay for them?" he asked of his female companion. "No I have not, only some small change." "Well, then," said he, "I'll have to go back to the hotel. But here are the goods. I'll get them when I return with the money." So saying, he took the box out of his satchel, laid it on the counter and the pair departed, saying they would call back right away and take their purchases. The storekeeper not suspecting his good-looking customers, took the box and laid it away, awaiting their return. They never came. About three hours after the pair had left he opened the box and was greatly surprised upon finding it filled with stuff of no earthly value. It was another box exactly similar to the first one, and the change was made so quickly that he failed to discover it. Thus the store-keeper was swindled out of his goods by a clever trick.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A New York dispatch says: The foreign situation causes an unsettled feeling in London. The Times' financial special says: Government and private aid are going to Paris Bourse. All advices concur that difficulties are far from surmounted.

In Richmond, the Senate adjourned 21 to 19. When Riddleburger presented the name of Brown Allen, Readjuster, for Auditor, there was the greatest excitement. Four readjusters broke party and voted with the democrats.

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