

olumnas,"-Hall of the Columns-hough why that name should be be Howed upon it, seeing that the cal-umns are only half columns, and by means remarkable at that, is one the many puzzles in which Spain abounds. As the ceremony down to its muliest details is prearranged, and conducted in accordance with hideconducted in accordance with hidenessed this year. apply to what was

It was they who were doing penance while the agaie royal waiter displayed to the admiring throng his meckness and humility. It was rough on the mendicants. One wondered what ter-rible thing would have happened had one of them actually swallowed some-thing. But no such catastrophe oc-curred. Perhaps the poor follows had been fortified against temptation by On the moreen bench were seated the 12 male mendicants who were sup-posed to symbolize the 12 disciples. One been fortified against temptation by a square meal. No item of a truly ince at them, and the apotheosis of mility which I had come to witness regal feast was omitted and no one snickered. A sense of humor is not a Spanish gift. By the king's hands alone everything was placed on the table and by him removed. The tanfor me a farce which seemed funnier as it proceeded. In of their accustomed picturesque habiliments of poverty and woe the beggars were all dressed up for the oc-tasion in elegant black coats, with furndown white collars, white ties and talizing, hunger-provoking meal last-ed a full hour. With much ed a full hour. With much bowing and curtesying the noble com-pany dispersed. And the mendicants having played their part in the royal show, retired to be stripped of their property garments and resuming their the neatest of shoes and socks on the set to be washed by royalty. On the nees of each of them rested that most monored symbol of prosperity and re-pectability, a stove pipe silk hat. Tobably these same property clothes a dub rags and tatters, returned to beggardem. The Vienna ceremony follows much to duty year after year, even to the bre-legged pants provided for the sin-ke specimen of the one-legged sup-plant for public charity present. Madrid possesses such a number and farlety of medicants that it is far easthe same lines, but it is better managed and the farcical element is less pre-dominant. The personality of the aged emperor whom everybody knows to be a good and genuinely devout man and a good and genuinely devout man and sufficied with many sorrows during his long life, imparts a dignity to the func-tion which is entirely lacking in the Spanish one. The 12 poor old men who symbolize the 12 disciples are not proer to pick out beggars to fit the clothes

SILENT AND OBSERVANT.

Sober visaged, a's immovable as staies, they blinked owl-like at the specfessional mendicants. Instead of ele-gant black cloaks and high hats, they are attired in quaint old German cos-tumes. The barmecidal feast preceded ors. No levity on their part, it was lent, would mar the solemnity of the 26. Two of them had crutches beside hem. On had a patch over his left ye: another had a patch over his right. the perfunctory foot-washing. At the conclusion of the latter the emperor fastens around the neck of each of his one of them was old enough to be af-eted with the infirmities of age, Needas to say they had all been well scoured and fumigated beforehand. A genu-ne washing had preceded the public, make believe washing. Never did begf sonp and water to their feet or lisewhere

tapestry depicting the last suppor Taped the altar, and on either side of stood bareheaded halberdiers. Before burned six tall candles in massive er candleticks. er candleticks. A silver basin, gold silver ewers and lace fringed towels ere disposed close at hand. Below b a carpeted dais stood a long table overed with a snowy cloth and laid with a dozen covers. Opposite the gal-ery apportioned to the spectators was nother gallery devoted for the occasion to royalty, and its satcliftes, and the imbassadors and ministers of foreign powers with their attendant suites. For poyalty gold chairs were provided, Diroyalty gold chairs were provided. Dip-omacy had to be content with plush.

GORGEOUS FLUNKEYS.

Through a door around which gorlives of the mighty made their First came the Chinese ambas-a priest like robes, followed by ilte. Much one would have liked ve known what the celestial digthough of it all, but his face was scrutable as that of the Sphinx. ambassadors and members of the Tanbass dors and members of the hish cabinet followed, all arrayed heir showlest uniforms and glitter-with decorations. There was a wait before royally made its en-tice and the plebian crowd in the presence of the second second second gallery who had no seats cast en-is glances at the vacant gilded life. Royalty swept in at last, ar-ed as for a court function, men in I as for s for a court function, men in with gold trimmings and med-re, women in sliks and bro-th dainty little pages bearing Rainre: trains and a-glitter with diands and precious gems. The queen ther came in by a special door, her in berne by a stately major-domo.

MONKS IN RED. church added its contribution to

former coins are specially minted for the purpose, and the recipients, who acknowledge the gifts with trembling curtaies and rheumatic bobs, can sell ded by acolytes bearing big can-cks came a procession of monks in High priests stalked in clad in tuous gold vestments. The papal o was conspicuous in mauve and

penny for each year-but he would be a stingy monarch who would restrict himself to such a meagre measure. The great alons dish containing the purses is carded by a stalwart yeoman of the guard, escorted by a number of other "beef-ceaters" in their picturesque me-diaeval scarlet uniforms. Two distributions of alms take place in the course of the observator. in the course of the observance. In the first each eld man is presented with the purse containing the equivalent of \$11.25; the women receiving \$5.75 each. This is in ficu of clothing which used to be distributed among them. On the second round they each receive a red purse containing 35 in gold and a white purse holding \$7.50. This latter takes the place of the provisions which were formerly given. It contains as many pence as the king is years of age, in the form of silver pannies, twopences, threepences and fourpennies. The two

their intrinsic value. SIDNEY PRITCHARD.

among the poor at Westminster Abbey to the accompaniment of an imposing religious ceremonial, flis majesty takes no part in it. James I was the last English sovereign who personally gave away the royal dolss. That part of the function is performed by the king's lord high almoner assisted by the sec-retary of his majesty's almonry and various sub-almoters. The receptents of the bounty consist of as many old n.en and as many old women as the king numbers years. Last year there king numbers years. Last year there were 63; this year there will be 64. They are specially selected with reference o their worthiness and respectability The monetary gift is supposed to be etermined by the king's age-one enny for each year-but he would be a

pelled to dine in public KING EDWARD'S MAUNDY,

which he was not permitted to eat in the royal presence. In this way they get much more enjoyment out of the feast than if they had been com-

King Edward's Maundy is distributed among the poor at Westminster Abbey

MUST NOT TASTE. Then I 'tumbled." They were not allowed to eat. It was a barmocidal feast to which they had been invited. It was they who were doing penance

ket containing his share of the banquet

aged guests a purse containing 30 pieces of silver. They are conveyed back to their humble homes in imperial car-riages and each takes with him a bas-

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to submit to being interviewed with a good grace.

of these the county council—which is, of course, the governing body of the metropolis—has purchased 155 nfiles. It operates 137 miles. The other 45 miles were leased to the original company from whom they had been bought be-cause the less enterprising of the locat public portion than in control in

political parties then in control im-agined that the county council had "bit-

ten off more than it could chew." It has been proved that that was a mis-taken notion and the council is now con-

sidering a measure to buy out the un-expired four years of the lease for some-

thing like \$500,000. In any event, ac-cording to the terms of the charters granted private companies still operat-

ing street railways in London, all these

lines will have to be turned over to the city before the end of 1911. London will then own and operate all its trans

ways. It is the intention, by the addi-tion of new lines, to link them to-

gether in one comprehensive system and introduce electric traction throughout.

At present the city has only some 36 miles of double track lines operated by electricity, and that has been open for less than two years. The highways committee, of which

J. Allen Baker is chairman, has charge of the Lendon county council's tram-ways. Mr. Baker is an experienced en-

"London's experience," he said, "Is some things. If we can teach you how full of encouragement for Chicago or to municipalize to advantage you can

"I know London is still 'dead slow' in

portunities for boodle and jobbery un

anything else only means increased

that has any car lines where horses are still used."

on and has made a study of the street railway system of its leading cities. Among other things he has learned

gineer, has paid several visits to Amerby electricity does not seem to be any-thing to be proud of in these days. There is hardly a big American city

COUNTING COPPERS RECEIVED ON LONDON'S MUNICIPAL STREET RAILWAYS.

The Copper Coins Taken by London's "Tramways" Alone Amount to \$17,500 a week and Their Weight is Over Seven Tons. To Count the Coppers Received Each Day Takes 50 Women From ? o'clock in the morning until 6 at night,

purchase from various electrical com-panies, we should have had an extra profit of about \$225,000 for the present

year from our electrified trams. At the end of next year the county council's

one of heat year the county councils one of the largest in the kingdom—will be completed. Then we shall begin to reap the full benefit of economical op-eration. When the entire system is

reap the full benefit of economical op-eration. When the entire system is electrified it will be a source of enor-mous profit to the city and of incalcu-lable benefit to the traveling public. "Under the county council's manage-ment nat only has the service been greatly improved, but conditions have been made much easier for the em-ployed. Their worklos used more con-

been made much easier for the em-ployes. Their working week now con-sists of six days instead of seven, as was the case when they worked for pri-vate companies. Now they are all as-sured of one day's rest a week without getting 'docked' for it. Under the old fegime they had to pay for their own uniforms. These are now provided for them, They used to have to work all sorts of hours a day. Municipaliza-tion has proved a benefit all round." "Still." I ventured to suggest, "you have not gone ahead very fast. Only 54 out of 185 single t tek miles operated by electricity does not seem to be anyserve.

that success at the polls which they de-

"And you think they are not to be found in America?"

willing to devote themselves disinter-estedly to the public service."

cities as it has to London and the great English cities?" "It ought to," answered Mr. Baker, "As street cars occupy the public high-ways and encroach so much on public rights I am convinced they ought to be rights I am convinced they ought to be run for the benefit of the public and not merely to enrich private cor-porations. But to secure the taxpayers being as well carted as the compose

"Do you think the municipalization of street car lines would prove as profit-able to Chicago and other big American cities as it has to London and the great a country house.

say in America, we are 'getting there' all the same. And meanwhile we are profiting by what you have taught us style and fitted up with everything that taste and wealth combined can do for

mous bungalow in the most moderh

England. Mr. Astor is building an enor-

swift, cleanly, convenient electric car rigidly excluded. But, as you wou

a great force of bricklayers and car penters and plasterers is hard at work in a pretty corner in the county of Kent

Williom Waldorf Astor

The Dysart, which is managed by an American woman, promises to become quite a resort for fashionable Ameri-cans. I have just heard that Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ewen Cameron have en-gaged quarters there, and will have with them Mrs. Cameron's aunt, Mrs. George Evenue of Albaux, who came George Evans of Albany, who came over because of the former's liness. I am pleased to note a steady improve-ment in the health of Mrs. Cameron, who was one of the beautiful Turnure girls. Mr. Cameron is the son of Sir Boderick Cameron, who resided at the Roderick Cameron, who resided at the Towers on Staten Island for so long. Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. Mallory and her husband, Maj. J. C. Mallory, will also make their home at the Dy-sart early in May as will Mrs. George Meyers, who was Miss Mabel Shaw of Staten Island. Mr. Meyers is a nephew

of Theodore Meyers, ex-comptroller of the city of New York.

HAS NOT BEEN "LET."

railways will this year partici-pate to a larger extent than heretofore in the International Electric Tramway & Railway exhibition to be held in the Royal Agricultural hall, London, July 3 to 14. The establishment of these ex-habitions was the direct outcome of the success of the annual ex-bit been "let" to the duchess as has been asserted. No man holding the posi-tion of an Irish viceroy could dream of "letting" his London residence during the London season because it would be beneath the dignity of his office to do beneath the dignity of his office to do so. Lady Dudley is in delicate health and not fit to endure the strain of a London season. She is an intimate friend of the Downger Duchess of Roxway resociation. The two previous exhibiting have been uncommonly succeseful and the managers intimate that burshe. When she heard from the lat-ter how much the family were put out because they had been unable to find the coming one will be the best yet. Nearly all the American firms which a suitable town house she and the earl decided to let them occupy their Lon-don residence. The Roxburghes will now be able to entertain in one of the participated in the last exhibition will take part this year as well as severill new ones. Two prominent exceptions, however, will be the British Westingnow be able to entertain in one of the finest and most luxoriously furnished houses in London. The duchess has not yet succeeded in finding a suitable lrish residence. A short time ago she had practically made up her mind to take Mount Merrion, a handsome man-sion clore to Dublin. Now it is an-nounced that the owner, the Earl of Pembroke, has decided not to let the place and intends to live there him-helf for a portion of each year. house Manufacturing company, which invested \$25,000 in the enterprise, and

helt for a portion of each year

A KENTUCKY GIRL.

lady Newborough, who was a Miss are of Kentucky and who has hither-o been little heard of in society, hos

decided to follow the example of the majority of her countrywomen in Lon-

don and to entertain on a big scale this reason. She will, however, he obliged to do most of her entertaining at one of the hotels because her that in Jadgravia does not provide sufficient accommoda-

tion for that purpose. Although sh notors, cycles and rides she is regard ed its society as one of the most un assuming of the American continger

approximity of the American contingent of wealthy women who have married into the British aristocracy. At their country residence in Denbighshire she and her husband lead a kappy life, hunting, fishing, and taking an interest in all the outdoor sports of the locality. Occasionally a party of American friends is invited down to enjoy their headfally, and no are know better

hospitality, and no one knows better than Lady Newborough how to be an

than Lady Newberough how to be an agreeable hostess without the slightest appearance of ostentation. She la not at all conventional, When she ridos in Hyde Park she is nover followed by a groom-an omission which is considered by society to be bad form. It is a com-mon thing to hear on such occasions such caustic remarks as "Poor thing, I suppose she cannot afford a servant." Eut Lady Newborough does not care a ran for what people pay, the retains

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ONDON, May 3.--American manu-lacturers of electrical apparatus and supplies for electric and steam railways will this year partici-

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the British Thomson-Houston company which expended \$7,590 in their display

It is understood that the reason for th withdrawal of these two firms is the rather poor condition of the trade for their particular products. Although the

their particular products. Although the demand is larger in volume than ever before, keen compatitudo has cut the profits down to practically nothing. The British Thomson-Houston company

is the English end of the General Flee tric company. It is stated that there i

Incounderstanding between these two English companies similar to that in forme between them in the United Status. Representatives of both Eng-

states. Representatives of both Eng-ish companies beformed your corre-spondent that their product (s so well known that the necessity for exhibition

known that the necessity for exhibition in London no longer exists. Most of the space at the Royal Agri-cultural half has already been spaken for, and it will all be taken, so I am told by those in charge. Among the American firms which have engaged space are J. A. Rooblings Sons com-pany: United States Metallic Supply company: Western Electric company? Babeock & Wilcox: Blackweit & Com-pany: Orifin Car Wheel company; W. H. Coe Manufacturing company; W. S. Laycock; Lorain Steel company; Woth-tain & Gibsen; Peckham Manufacturin; company; G. D. Peters & Company; Btandard Varnish company; Startovant

ndard Varnish company; Sturteyan

Engineering company; and the Wallace

CONTRACTOR OF TAXABLE PARTY.

GOD AND IMMORTALITY.

After you have assumed God you

cannot without doing violence to your reason fail to assume immortality-

Supply company.

Washington Gladden.

"By no means; by no means;" ans-wered Mr. Baker, warmly, "I think only that they do not offer themselves for election as often as would be de-sirable. Nor do they always meet with

That was all Mr. Baker would say on the subject, but he had indicated where lies the crux of the question, Municipilization of street railways or hibitions of the American Street Rail-

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American Electrical Firms To Exhibit in London. being as well served as the corpora-tions men must be forthcoming who are Special Correspondence. ONDON, May 3 .-- American manu-

Carlton. Mrs. Poultney Bigelow has given up her house at 10 Elm Park Gardens. London, and after the first of May will make her home at the Dysart, Caven-dish Square. Mrs. Bigelow's daughter, Miss Evelyn, is with her at present, and Miss Mildred, who is being chaperoned in New York by Mrs. J. Borden Harri-man, will shortly toin her for the san man, will shortly join her for the sea-

AMERICAN WOMAN DOES IT.