

An old recruiting sergeant tells the following: Well, mind now the fact that we were on the 11th May, 1870, I had a recruit in Dublin, and put the question to him, as is usual, and gave him the shilling and walked him to barracks as fine as a fiddle. Well, in a few days he was claimed as a 'prentice, and he was had up before the Mayor and he committed him for trial. Well, at the following 'sises' he was called as a witness, and the lawyer that defended him told me that I did not 'list him. 'I did,' says L. 'Did you put the question to him rightly?' says he. 'I did,' says I. 'By the virtue of your oath, now?' says he. 'Just ask me the question, for I don't believe you asked him.' 'How do you know?' says L. 'By this and by that you weren't by?' 'None of your business,' says he; and he held out his hand and accordingly I pulled out a shilling and clapped it in his fist, and I then asked him the questions, and he said 'Yes' to them all. 'Were these the same questions you put to the prisoner?' says he. 'Yes they were,' says L. 'Well, here's your shilling back for you,' says he. 'I can't take it, sir,' says I. 'Why not?' says he. 'Why?' says I. 'Why, sure I can't take it back till ye go before a magistrate and pay the 'smart money' (which every recruit must pay if he wants to be released from service). 'You be hanged,' says he; and he put the money in his pocket, and I called to his lordship on the bench for a witness. The I had 'listed him; and oh! but there was a roar in the court! Begorra, the judge laughed till the tears ran down his face. Well, the decision of the Court being in my favor, I axed the judge if I might take away my new recruit, and they all roared again, and the counselor got as red as a turkey cock and as mad as a bull with the color, at last he made the best he could of it, and says I to the counselor—says I, 'Don't list in the next time, sir.' 'What then?' says he soapingly. 'Oh, yer 'onor,' says I, 'at the next time; that's more in your way.' Well, begorra, when I told the major I thought he'd die, and when he'd done laughing he bid me keep the 'smart money' for myself. —*Rochdale (Eng.) Observer.*

The Queen of England is, says Mr. Jennings, at this moment the richest woman in the world, totally apart from the sum she annually receives from the country. When the Prince Consort chose South Kensington as the site for the great exhibition he invested a large amount of money, but this time increased 40 or 50 fold, and brings in a revenue adequate in itself to cover the expenses of a good-sized kingdom. The Queen herself is an excellent manager, and had she begun life with a capital of £500 she would by this time have made it £50,000, never loses a chance of increasing her shining store. It may be doubted whether she spends much, if any, more than £25,000 a year, for she rarely receives anybody even to dinner, and although she has to keep up a large class of servants £25,000 will go a long way even here to defray all expenses of this description. I mention this sum of £25,000 the other day to a friend of mine who knows a good deal more about the Court than I do, and he laughed at it as being absurdly high. However that be, the Queen receives £385,000 a year from the nation, about £40,000 more from the Duchy of Lancaster, and not less than £20,000 from her investments—£3,125,000 a year. The Prince of Wales receives £10,000 from the nation, about £60,000 from the Duchy of Cornwall, and his wife £10,000 from the nation—altogether £110,000, and upon this he has to keep a large family and to receive and entertain numerous visitors and guests, give garden parties, balls, dinners and incur a vast expense generally which ought properly to fall upon the monarch. No wonder that he is relatively a poor man. The prospect before him is not very bright, for the Queen may reign for twenty years to come yet. She is only fifty-eight, and as strong as a lion, in perfect health, and probably hopes to reign as long as an extraordinary ancestor George III, who was on the throne for sixty years—peace to his memory! And certainly no one wishes any evil to happen to the Queen, or to see the shortening of her days, for after all, it is by no means certain that a change, whenever it may come, will necessarily be for the better.

A peculiarity of the German military service is the large amount of military instruction which is given, not only to the officers, but also to the non-commissioned officers and men of the army. The "Revue Militaire de l'Etranger" gives an outline of the course of studies, which is as follows: General instruction is given in the school, which is held in the evening on five days of each week, by officers of the regiment or garrison, and sometimes also by civilian professors. Non-commissioned officers are required to have a good knowledge of arithmetic, including the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions, and to be conversant with the weights and measures lately adopted in Germany. They must be able to write an essay in a clear and concise style on a given subject, the handwriting to be flowing and legible. They must also be able to write a good letter, expressing their wants or their wishes in a plain and intelligible manner, and they must have a general knowledge both of history and geography. The soldiers must be instructed in the four rules of arithmetic, and be able to write a clear report of any occurrence. Theoretical instruction is also given four times a week, namely, twice by officers and twice by non-commissioned officers, on matters connected with garrison and field duties, and on military art generally. Instruction relating to the arms they carry is also given to the men once a week by the master armorer of the regiment, and in the mounted branches of the service the veterinary surgeon holds a class once a week.

It was the pungent and bitter saying of M. Provost-Paradol that Napoleon III had reduced liberty to "an article of exportation." This is what our protective tariff and depreciated currency have made of skilled industry in this country—an article of exportation. Last year we sent some Fall River prints to Manchester, England, but they came back from lack of a market. This year we are exporting skilled mechanics to Manchester—carpenters, bricklayers, plasterers—and they do not come back. There is no market for them at home, but they find a market abroad.

It is proposed to bore a tunnel under the Mediterranean from near Algiers, in Spain, to a point between Tangiers and Ceuta, in Africa, a distance of nine miles. The promoters are estimated at \$4,000,000, and the promoters are said to have already raised a considerable sum.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, in a sketch of the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Edinburgh, says it was a "scene of fraternalization which suggests the millennium," there being forty-nine kinds of Presbyterians represented. The most perfect order and dignity were maintained throughout; and he notes that the rapid despatch of business on the days when the Americans presided attracted the attention of the Europeans. Of the Lord Mayor's reception he says: "The Lord Provost and his family in court dress, however, scarcely harmonized with the plain Presbyterianism around them. The reception was a crowd, and almost a mob in some of its phases." After the close of the sessions the Americans rapidly scattered on hours of pleasure. Dr. Crosby adds: "Now, if you ask what has the Council done, I answer that it has (1) brought into actual contact all the Presbyterians of the world and thus created a true sympathy; (2) prepared the way of help for the weaker bodies from the stronger; (3) made Presbyterians to see that a letting-up in non-essentials will not harm their orthodoxy; (4) agitated among Presbyterians the idea of universal Christian unity; and (5) enlarged the outlook of all the members. If it has done these things (and I believe it has), it was well worth all the time, labor and expense that have been bestowed upon it."

The following confab' recently took place in a justice's office, and toward the close of the conversation the justice said: "Mr. Snickelitz, you will please come forward and be sworn." Mr. S. (who is an ex-justice himself and is "up to snuff")—"Chudge, I like not dot." Justice—"Why, what's the matter? You and Mr. Barstow, who will be here to testify to my satisfaction, are the only persons who saw the assault, and you are depending upon your evidence." Mr. S.—"Chudge, I would like dot Parstow to testify first." Justice—"Why do you wish him to testify first, Mr. Snickelitz?" Mr. S.—"Because, Chudge, dot Parstow ish a rashel, and if he testify after me he would make me out-a tam liar!"

A new use for dynamite has been found by the fishermen on the coasts of Cornwall and Devonshire. In a report recently presented to the House of Lords it is stated the practice of destroying fish by means of dynamite is so common that it is feared the pilchards, mackerel and herring will not stand such treatment, but will leave the coast forever. There is talk of a bill to make the use of dynamite for fish-killing purposes a criminal offense, punishable with imprisonment and hard labor. A difficulty in dealing with the matter arises from the fact that the dynamite is generally used beyond the three-mile boundary.

San Francisco has been agitated by noiseless-stray bullets, propelled by some invisible agency, and flying about the streets to the great inconvenience and danger of pedestrians. It has just been ascertained that small boys practising with "parlor rifles" are at the bottom of the mischief.

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