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THE SIEGE OF PARIS.

HOW LONDON FIRST LEARNED THAT IT HAD ENDED.

Story of the Reporter Who Got the "Scoop" and Who Then Induced Bismarck to Allow Him to Send Out the News Over His Private Wire.

During the Franco-German war, from Oct. 18, 1870, to March 1, 1871, I was attached to the headquarters of the crown prince, who occupied an unassuming little villa called Les Ombrages, in an outskirt of Versailles, his august father residing throughout the investment and siege of Paris in the prefecture of the whilom "royal burgh," and Count Bismarck, with his staff of councilors and secretaries, in a detached house of the Rue de Provence. I often met the chancellor out of doors, walking or riding, during that long and bitter winter, but sedulously refrained from soliciting audiences, being well aware that the visits of a war correspondent, who had everything to ask and nothing to tell, could not possibly be welcome to so desperately overworked a statesman as Bismarck.

By what means I need not explain in this place, I had been made acquainted with the precise terms of the capitulation of Paris at an early hour of the morning after the conclusion of the armistice, and had, moreover, good reason to believe that the conditions of the surrender had not been communicated to any other correspondent of an English or even a German newspaper at headquarters. Having obtained the supremely important item of news, what was I to do with it? Unless it could be forthwith transmitted to The Daily Telegraph office by telegraph, my chances of forestalling my fellow correspondents would be annihilated, and there was no wire at my disposal—or, for that matter, at that of any foreign journalist—within the vast radius of the lines of investment.

The situation appeared an utterly hopeless one, until suddenly the happiest of "happy thoughts" flashed through my mind. Perhaps the all powerful chancellor, newly created a prince of the young German empire, would authorize the transmission to London of my dispatch over his own official wire, by means of which he was "en rapport" with every European capital except beleaguered Paris. There was no time to lose. Before 8 a. m. I had taken down the articles of capitulation from the lips of my informant, within half an hour I had copied them out, "large, bold and handsome," on two pages of foolscap and had made myself presentable.

At 9 o'clock I presented myself at the street door of the house in the Rue de Provence and sent up my card to Councilor Lothar Bucher, with a penciled request that he would allow me to speak to him in private. Almost immediately he came down to the waiting room on the ground floor, into which I had been shown, and asked me what he could do for me. "Can you procure me a five minutes' audience of the prince?" I replied. "I don't know," was the rejoinder, "but I'll try. The chancellor is extremely busy, but perhaps he'll see you if you can assure me that the matter is really urgent." I declared that for me it could not possibly be more so, whereupon Bucher left me—I confess, in a fever of anxiety—and was absent for about a quarter of an hour, at the expiration of which he reappeared and beckoned to me to follow him up stairs.

In an ex-boudoir on the first floor converted into a sort of office I found the chancellor awaiting me. After the briefest of greetings he said, "Pray, tell me what you want in the fewest possible words, for I have not a moment to lose." I produced my dispatch, handed it to him and asked him if it was substantially correct.

After looking through it he answered: "Yes, it is. I don't know how you got your information, and I don't intend to ask, but these are the terms on which Paris surrenders. What then?" When I besought his permission to forward the message over his wire, he laughed rather grimly, saying, "You must be mad to ask such a thing!"

I urged upon him that the tension of public feeling in England with respect to the fate of Paris was very painful—many people's sympathy being temporarily averted from Germany by harrowing accounts of the sufferings undergone by the population of the French capital. "That tension would be considerably relieved, sir," I replied, "by the knowledge that the siege of Paris is come to an end and that the victors have accorded merciful terms to the vanquished." Prince Bismarck held out against my importunity for about a couple of minutes, but he yielded at last, only stipulating that I should efface my name at the end of the dispatch.

"On no account can I allow you to sign a message sent over my wire. If your people in London do not believe it to be authentic when it reaches them, that is their affair. But it must go unsigned or not at all." It did go unsigned; it was accepted as authentic, and its publication that very afternoon in a special edition of The Daily Telegraph proved to be one of the greatest journalistic coups effected by any London newspaper during the Franco-German war.—London Telegraph.

Bagpipe Music.

A Glasgow paper thus analyzes the music of the bagpipe: "Big flies on window, 72 per cent; cats on midnight tiles, 11½ per cent; voices of infant puppies, 6 per cent; grunting hungry pigs in the morning, 5½ per cent; steam whistles, 3 per cent; chant of cricket, 2 per cent."

In Japan a very useful accomplishment taught children is the use of both hands in writing and other work; hence there are no right or left handed people, as a rule, but both hands are used indiscriminately.

Gravity or Dilution Separators.

A recent bulletin by Professor Wing of Cornell university gives the results of some trials with what are sold under the names of dilution or gravity separators. The plan of the companies making these so called dilution or gravity separators is to keep all references to their system out of the daily papers and depend upon traveling agents to sell the apparatus to the farmers. The plan of dilution was proposed some years ago and shown, according to Professor Wing, to be considerable of an advantage when the milk is set at 60 degrees F., but that it does not take the place of ice water. The claims made by these companies for their apparatus are extravagant and were not borne out by careful experiments. Although the machines were called separators, there was nothing about them entitling them to such a name, as they were simply tin cans with a few fixtures. When tried according to directions, it was found the results were not equal to those obtained by the Cooley creamer or other deep setting systems and were no better than the results from the old fashioned shallow pan system. Several tests were also made of skimmilk from farmers using these cans, with an average result of 1 per cent of fat remaining unseparated.—New York Produce Review.

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WEDDING ETIQUETTE.

The Swell Place and Hour For the Ceremony.

Unless there is a difference in the religious faith of the bride and her fiance or the family is in mourning it is quite impossible for the fashionable young woman of the day to take into consideration anything other than a church wedding—a large one at that, according to the New York Herald, from which the further interesting facts are learned:

To be very exact the swell hour for a wedding is 12 o'clock, with a breakfast to follow at the bride's home. Next to that half past 3, 4 or half past 4 o'clock are the preferred hours, with an evening reception or "at home." Fashion still frowns on the evening wedding and will have none of it.

Seven bridesmaids—the lucky number again—is to be the most fashionable quota this winter, besides a maid of honor. The seventh, or head bridesmaid, as she is called, leads the procession of girls, followed by the other six walking in pairs, the maid of honor coming next in line and immediately in front of the bride—a most charming grouping, suggestive of anything rather than thoughtful planning, deliberate and hard work in arranging the bridal procession.

A matron of honor—a very recently married girl—in place of a maid of honor is a latter day development of the fashionable wedding, which is in high favor just now. It is said that the brides took their cue from the bridegrooms, who several years ago started in selecting a best man from the ranks of benedicts.

A very important item of the fin de siecle wedding is the invitation, and this telltale little bit of paper often speaks most eloquently of the sender's knowledge of fashion's changes in style and form.

For example, Gladys will be sure to know very soon, if she has not already found it out, that the latest wrinkle this autumn in wedding stationery shows the invitation printed on gray white paper instead of cream white or dead white, the sheet a trifle more square than that in vogue last season, the measurements being about 6⅛ by 7¼ inches.

Then again, not only the church invitation, but the card of admission to the church and the invitation card to the house, have a blank line, on which is to be written the name of the guest. Of course this means lots more work for those sending out the invitations, but, after all, think how much more elegant and personally gratifying such an invitation is and what a compliment is paid to each person who receives one.

A separate invitation should be sent to each guest invited, even if several are invited from one family, except of course in the case where a married couple are invited, when one card covers the invitation to both.

Best Way to Preserve Quinces.

Wipe the quinces, cut them in quarters and remove the skins and cores. Weigh them and allow an equal weight of sugar. Cover with cold water, and as soon as it begins to boil put in a little of the sugar. Do not stir them, but press them down under the sirup and remove the scum. Add the sugar by degrees until it is all in the kettle. Let them boil slowly until perfectly tender and of good color. Drain them well as you take them out and pack in the jars, then fill up with boiling sirup and seal. The sirup that is left may be boiled longer, then strained into glasses, and you will have jelly. This is thought by many to be the very best way of preserving quinces, says The American Kitchen.

Autumn and Winter Fabrics.

Corduroy is a leading class of fashionable stuff for autumn and winter gowns. Some have narrow stripes in two or three colorings, but the larger number are plain and ribbed, and there are plenty speckled in different tones.

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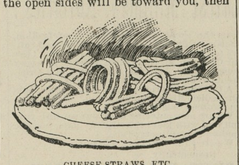
There are the zibeline stripes often thrown on a check ground in black and color, and there are many zibeline checks—green on blue, brown on green, violet on green, black on blue and black on brown.

Cheese Straws and Rings.

Sift into a wooden tray one cup of pastry flour and one-fourth teaspoonful each of salt, pepper and baking powder. Add one-third of a cup of butter, and chop the ingredients together until the mixture looks like meal, keeping the flour between the knife and the butter. Mix to a paste with as little ice water as possible. Turn on to a slightly floured board, pat into shape, then roll out into a rectangular piece. Sprinkle with grated cheese.

Commencing at one end fold the paste so as to form three distinct layers. Turn the pastry round, so that one of the open sides will be toward you, then



CHEESE STRAWS, ETC.

roll out into a long strip. Sprinkle with cheese again. Fold, turn and roll out as before. Continue in the same order until all the cheese has been used—one-half to an even cup, according to one's taste. When all the cheese has been added, roll out into a sheet a scant fourth of an inch thick. Cut into rings and straws and bake. Put several straws through the rings in pairs and arrange on a doily covered plate, or cut the pastry into bands, half an inch wide and five or six inches long, and arrange them on the plate like a cobhouse, says the Boston Cooking School Magazine in illustrating these appetizing trifles.

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Inside Information.

Yeast—This discussion about the size of a whale's throat, I notice, is still going on.

Crimsonbeak—Yes. It's too bad Jonah didn't leave some report on the subject. He must have had some inside information.—Yonkers Statesman.

As the Honeymoon Dwindles.

She—I really ought to have a new hat.

He—How would it do to stick a few feathers in the top crust of one of those pies you baked last week? You would have something that would last then.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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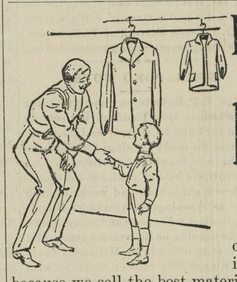

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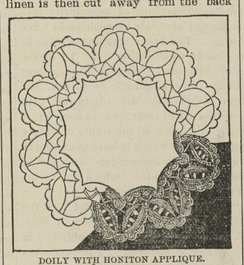
STARRY BRAID WORK.

Each flower is fashioned with 16 vandykes of the braid, neatly sewed into a ring and gathered close together in the center with a few stitches, to allow each vandyked petal to stand in good relief, being to some extent nearly folded in two or goffered so as to radiate in a sloping peak or spoke. In the center, where are mustered together the slits, shines a boss or button, displaying a compact mass of French knots in glowing yellow silk, which, for the sake of rapidity, is sometimes replaced by a crochet chain, well coiled round to shape and secured down with slip stitches describing a circle at the back. Along the pointed part of each petal are stretched two, three or four long regular stitches of split filoselle, producing a monochrome or multicolor effect. In the happy choice of the coloring lies the beauty of the work, which, moreover, can be executed by a skilled colorist with odds and ends of silks and tinsel threads, and even a few overlapping spangles for the showy hearts.

The following is a description of the intermingling of shades of the ten starry wheels: Lichen green, salmon pink, navy blue relieved with pale pink, faint pink and green, emerald green, deep garnet red, mauve and lemon, ruby and pink (two threads of each), nile green and geranium red. Sometimes, too, the colors alternate in this wise: On one vandyke gleams a group of three green and glossy threads, toned down by the opposite group of violet strands. Similar blendings may mark the other rows, provided they are dispersed with such consummate taste as to allow the repeat to pass almost unnoticed.

The marguerites are first joined together on either side in a line by two of the points, with a few stitches taken at the back. Then the two uppermost peaks are fastened likewise to the border of the ribbon insertion, and afterward two of the lower ones to the frame of the fancy galon in subdued mixed tones, half an inch wide, making in all eight spokes secured in place. Carried all round the work and carefully mitered at each corner, the galon is finished with scallops of loose faded green wool loops, divided by festoons of three graduated brushlike tassels in wool, tied with silk in soft art colors.

In different and more delicate style is the dainty little doily sketched, its fabric being a fine linen or cambric of snowy whiteness, ornamented with motifs of honiton lace applique. The honiton braid is simply laid on to the linen and lightly fastened down. The linen is then cut away from the back



DOILY WITH HONITON APPLIQUE.

and the edges buttonholed over in white or colored silk, the work being further beautified if desired by the addition of bars and lace stitches. Many possibilities are offered by this honiton applique. For instance, it may be employed in a novel and charming design for a table center, shaped like a Maltese cross, the edges outlined in the lace work and sprays of honiton inserted in the corners. Laid on the table, with flowers and silver arranged between the arms of the cross, the effect is particularly good.

Silver and China.

Indications are that the combination of silver with china may attain to as great popularity as that of silver with glass. A complete china tea service of creamy yellow tint, the teapot, sugar bowl, cream jug and cups having chased solid silver mounts with handles of the same, affords an excellent example of its effect. Sets like this are arranged in handsome cases, and spoons are sometimes included.—Jewelers' Circular.

Manuring the Ground For Onions.

As to manuring the ground for an onion crop, it would probably be safe to haul manure on to fairly level ground at any time after the ground freezes. Onions, however, require fine and well rotted manure, and therefore The Rural New Yorker advises to compost the manure and work it over once or twice through the winter so as to get it thoroughly fine before applying in the spring.

Agricultural Brevities.

Orange hawkweed has been reported from New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. It is a serious pest, for which common salt, broadcasted, is said to be a remedy.

American Cultivator thinks it not best with winter grain to sow the grass seed until two to four weeks after the grain is put on the ground. In that way it will grow large enough and yet will not injure the grain crop the following season.

Lackey's Early sweet corn and Bonanza are both highly praised by C. S. Valentine in Country Gentleman.

The willowware industry and the growing of osiers are reported as on the increase in our eastern states. The best time for planting is said to be the late fall, generally the end of October.

According to a recent digest of Massachusetts statistics, dairy products, hothouse, hotbed and greenhouse products, nursery products and poultry products had all gained greatly in value at the taking of the last census, 1895.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." None should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at M. A. Toulson's drug store.

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SLIPPERS & SHOES

Our many styles of Shirts are just the attraction of this season. Many bargains among the lot. Straw Hats at one half price. To tobacco chewers and smokers, don't be deceived by wild boasting and false declarations of some of the blowers of this day. Remember that we were alert to the wants and needs of our customers, and we consider the greatest of all is good goods and at the lowest prices, and we would have you remember that we bought a full supply of Tobacco Cigars and Teas, all of which we will continue to sell at the lowest prices. We can defy the lowest competitor on

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Yours respt.,
WESTCOTT & DODD.

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We have the largest stock to select from that we have ever offered the public, and at prices never before heard of. Spindle Wagons, Buggies, Phaetons, Day tons, Surreys of high, medium and low grade.

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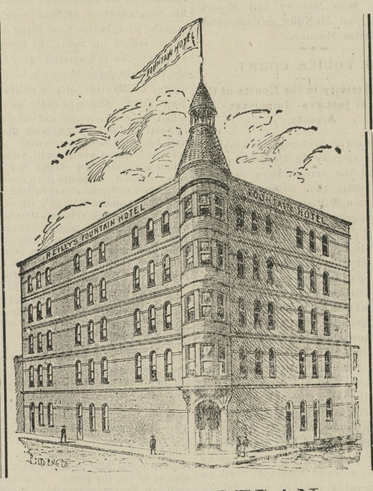

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ROOMS 50c, 75c. AND $1.00 PER DAY.
BERNARD REILLY, Proprietor

CHESTER RIVER
Steamboat Company.
Change of Schedule.

Beginning November 7, 1898, steamer
EMMA A. FORD.
Leave Chestertown Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m., stopping at Rolph's, Booker's, Quaker Neck, Bogles, Queenstown and Kent Island. leave Queenstown 9.30 a.m.; arrive Baltimore about 12.15 p. m.; leave Baltimore Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10.30 A. M.; arrive Queenstown about 1.30 p. m.; arrive at Chestertown about 3.30 p. m.

STEAMER B. S. FORD.
Leave Centreville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8.00 a. m., stopping at landings on Corsica River, Bogle's, Jackson Creek and Kent Island; Leave Queenstown 9.30 a. m.; arrive Baltimore about 12.15 p. m.; leave Baltimore Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.30 a. m.; arrive Queenstown about 1. 30 p. m.; arrive Centreville about 3.30 p. m.

Steamer Gratitude.
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.
Leave Rock Hall 9.00 a. m.; arrive Baltimore 11.00 a. m.; leave Baltimore 2.30 p. m.; arrive Rock Hall, 4.30 p. m.
GEORGE WARFIELD, President.
JAMES E. TAYLOR, General Agent.

FALL SCHEDULE.
NEW PORT DEPOSIT LINE.

STEAMER SUSQUEHANNA will leave Port Deposit daily (except Sunday) at 7.00 a. m.; Havre de Grace at 7.30 a. m.; Betterton at 8.30 a. m.; Tolchester (except Saturday and Sunday) at 9.45 a.m., arriving in Baltimore at 11.30 a. m.
Returning, will leave Baltimore, Pier 16 Light street, daily (except Sunday) at 2.45 p. m.; Tolchester, daily (except Saturday and Sunday) at 4.45 p. m.; Betterton, daily (except Saturday and Sunday) at 5.50 p. m.; Betterton, Saturday at 5.20 p. m.; Havre de Grace, daily (except Sunday) at 7.10, arriving in Port Deposit about 7.45 p. m
Freight of all kinds carried at low rates and received at different landings, and at Pier 14 Light St. Wharf, Baltimore, daily until 6 p. m.
For further information, apply to Agents at different landings, or W. C. Eliason, General Manager, Pier 16 Light St., Baltimore.
THE PORT DEPOSIT & HAVRE DE GRACE STEAMBOAT CO.

FALL Schedule, 1898.
TOLCHESTER LINE.
The Popular Steamer Emma Giles
From Tolchester Saturdays.
Leave Tolchester.....9.00 a. m. and 4.30 p. m.
Leave Baltimore.....7.00 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.
Russell's stage connects with boat from Chestertown.
The Shortest, Cheapest and Most Popular Route to Baltimore.
Tickets good on either the Louise or Susquehanna.
TOLCHESTER COMPANY,
Pier 16 Light St., Balto.
G. E. Noland, Agent, Tolchester Beach, Md.

SASSAFRAS RIVER STEAMBOAT CO
Change of Schedule.
Steamer Sassafras on and after Monday, October 17th, 1898, will leave Georgetown on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 A. M.; Shallcross', 7.15 A. M.; Cassidy's, 7.30 A. M.; Turner's Creek, 8 A. M.; Betterton, 8.30 A. M.; Buck Neck, 10 A. M.; Gale's Wharf, 10.15 A. M.
Returning, will leave Baltimore, Pier 6, Light street, at 10.30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for the above landings.
M. CUNDIFF, Superintendent.

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