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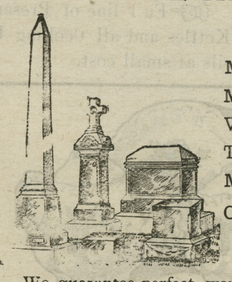

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The news of the surrender of the French army and of the Emperor Napoleon at Sedan had spread about Paris. The city was excited, and there was talk of a revolution and the banishment of the imperial family. At this juncture Emile de Girardin, a man who was trusted by the empress and who had had no little experience during the previous changes of government, arrived at the palace of the Tuileries. "If your majesty were to appear on horseback in the midst of the people," Girardin said, "and announce the abdication of the emperor in favor of the prince imperial, your own assumption of the title of empress regent and the appointment of Thiers as prime minister, the empire might be saved. Something must be done to turn the tide."

The empress accepted the advice. But when this leader of the world's fashion sought for a proper costume for her performance it could not be found. The only riding habit in the Tuileries was a fantastic one of green, embroidered with gold and silver, made for a festal hunting occasion, and the hat was a not less fantastic three cornered affair of the epoch of Louis Quinze. The empress felt that it would not do to appear in this garb on such an occasion. Her appearance in it might have the opposite effect upon the people from that which she intended. The plan had to be given up, the empress and the prince imperial were banished and the Napoleonic empire was at an end.

A NOSE FOR NEWS.

The Genuine Newspaper Reporter Is Born, Not Made.

"Poets are born, not made," said the retired newspaper man to the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "and I might add that reporters come into this world in much the same way. For instance, the 'born' reporter will get a story if there is one in sight, while he who only has what I would call a mechanical sort of training will skim over the same ground without ever discovering that anything out of the ordinary has happened. Not many years ago I was holding an important position on one of the principal journals of Chicago. I was one day put on the city editor's desk, and, wanting to test the ability of two new men on the staff, I assigned both of them to the same story. Of course neither knew the other was in the neighborhood, and you ought to have seen their respective reports. One of them had a two column story that created a sensation from one end of the city to the other, while the other turned in about two 'sticks' of the driest stuff I ever remember to have read. I am satisfied that both the men covered the story to the best of their respective abilities. One of them simply had a 'nose for news' and the other didn't. As I said, reporters are born, not made by studying 'journalism' in the abstract. The natural born reporter is at home in a newspaper office, he can live on ink and can sleep soundly on the imposing stone. He sees little news in a dog biting a man, but he is quick to grasp the importance of an item telling about a man biting a dog."

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