

and disaster. The height she climbed was dizzy; the fall was terrible.

It is said that while the Empress Eugenie was in Egypt she wrote to the Emperor, urging him to inaugurate a more liberal regime. "I do not like surprises," she wrote, "and I am persuaded that a coup d'etat cannot be made twice in one reign." Seven months later she said good-bye to husband and son, as they left Paris for the frontier. A few more weeks and she was a fugitive hastily fleeing from Paris in a hackney coach, deserted by her friends and almost alone. It was the prelude to Chislehurst, Farnborough, the tragedy of Zululand—a succession of sorrows and shattered hopes.

Such were the circumstances in which the Empress of the French sailed, in her Imperial beauty and power, for the Orient. Now it is an aged lady who, all unobserved, takes passage like an ordinary traveller for Port Said. It is a brave journey, for it challenges memories as sad as ever oppressed a Queen dethroned. Times are changed, indeed, and the Empress with them, and Egypt, too—changed beyond all recognition save for the Pyramids and the Nile.

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A Mighty Hunter.

According to a statement issued in Berlin, based on the returns of the Royal Forestry Office, Emperor William II., since his accession to the throne, on June 18, 1888, has shot the following game: Two aurochs, 1 whale, 3 walrus, 17 bears, 1825 deer, 1055 wild boars, 822 stags and elks, 287 foxes, 156 wolves, 19 gazelles, 5 lynxes, 65 mountain sheep, 54 chamois, 6 ibexes, 12 seals, 17 herons, 3 eagles, 5 vultures, 35 hawks, 5560 hares, 173 squirrels, 6 marmots, 76 capercaillies, 18 polecats, 23 weasels, 3351 quail, 4223 partridges. This is a total of 4327 head of big game, and 13,590 head of small game.

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The World's Greatest Oculist.

Probably the greatest oculist in the world is r. Pagenstecher, of Wiesbaden, who regularly attended Queen Victoria, and who is consulted by almost every Royalty in Europe, and by the aristocracy and plutocracy all over the world. Wiesbaden and Pagenstecher are synonymous, and close to the famous Klinik in the Taunus Strasse runs Pagenstecher Strasse. "Der Herr Professor," as he is called with a sort of reverential affectionateness in Wiesbaden, lives a very quiet life, and one of absolute devotion to his work. By half-past nine every morning he is in his Klinik ready to receive the patients, new and old, crowded in his consulting-

room from all parts of the world. But before this he has already been round his private hospital, and has visited each resident patient in his or her room. Consultations last till noon, after which he devotes himself for two or three hours to the Charity Eye Hospital (Augenheilanstalt) close by. Here every patient is seen by him and every operation performed by him, whilst he deals personally with the cases as gent-

the power of this small, slight, old man, who, with grey hair and long beard, in which the brown of youth still lingers, looks so like an Englishman. Dr. Pagenstecher, by-the-way, speaks English perfectly, having spent several years in England. But when his hands touch one it is a revelation of the genius of the man. Beautiful hands they are: white and firm, with slim fingers and pink, filbert nails. And in each of those finger-

tips seems to live a separate brain; an independent, conscious visioning power; whilst with all their gentleness and delicacy of touch their strength is that of the finest tempered steel. Over the vine-covered door of his famous Klinik in the Taunus Strasse, hundreds of grateful men and women to whom Pagenstecher has given back the joy of life, might unite in inscribing, "He maketh the blind to see."



A FAMOUS ENGLISH RACER.

"Pretty Polly," with the well-known jockey, W. Lane up. This aristocratically-bred mare, by Gallinule, out of Admiration, the property of Major Eustace Loder, established a unique record. She won the St. Leger, the One Thousand Guineas and the Oaks, and twelve other races before experiencing a defeat. A short while ago she had to lower her colours to Presto II.

ing," one may not at first glance realise ly for the poorest peasant sent hither at the cost of his parish as he does for the aristocrat or millionaire who can pay the fees which the great oculist's genius and marvellous skill demand. In the afternoon he performs operations in his own Klinik.

Pagenstecher is a wonderful man. But though his eyes are keen and "see-



A PROMISING YOUNG ACTOR.

Mr. Henry Ludlow, who is leading man for Mr. Aug. Van Biene, who was last seen in Australia starring with Miss Jennie Mayward's Comedy Company. Since then Mr. Ludlow has been understudying Kyrle Bellew in America, also supporting Sir Charles Wyndham and Geo. Alexander, in London.



THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY AND HIS FIANCEE. THE DUCHESS CECILIE OF MECKLENBURG.

Whose forthcoming marriage will be a most brilliant affair, according to the lavish style of preparations being made for this interesting event.