

# Attempted Assassination of the Young King of Spain

Born six months after his father's death from an hereditary disease, Alfonso XIII. of Spain has been a cause of infinite anxiety to his own nation, and to all the dynasties of Europe, since long before his birth.

Born under an unlucky star to the uncastiest crown in Europe, Alfonso has added the unluckiest of all numbers to his name in the records of Spain.

It was the will of his mother, the Queen Regent, that gave the boy the unlucky numeral in face of all the superstition of superstitious Spain. At his birth ministers and statesmen pleaded that his shadow should be withheld from the young king, but Maria Cristina was strong in her determination to prolong in the child the honourable name of his dead father, and to compliment

through the numeral, his godfather, Pope Leo XIII.

"Since His Holiness has so marvelously withstood its malignant influence, I have faith that my son will be able to withstand it."

And so the Boy King, in whose minority Spain lost what are practically her last colonies, stands forth to the world a challenge against fate. To those who

understand the Spaniard and his prejudices, the bravery of the queen mother must be apparent.

Since his first rising he has been in the hands of tutors. The wisest men of

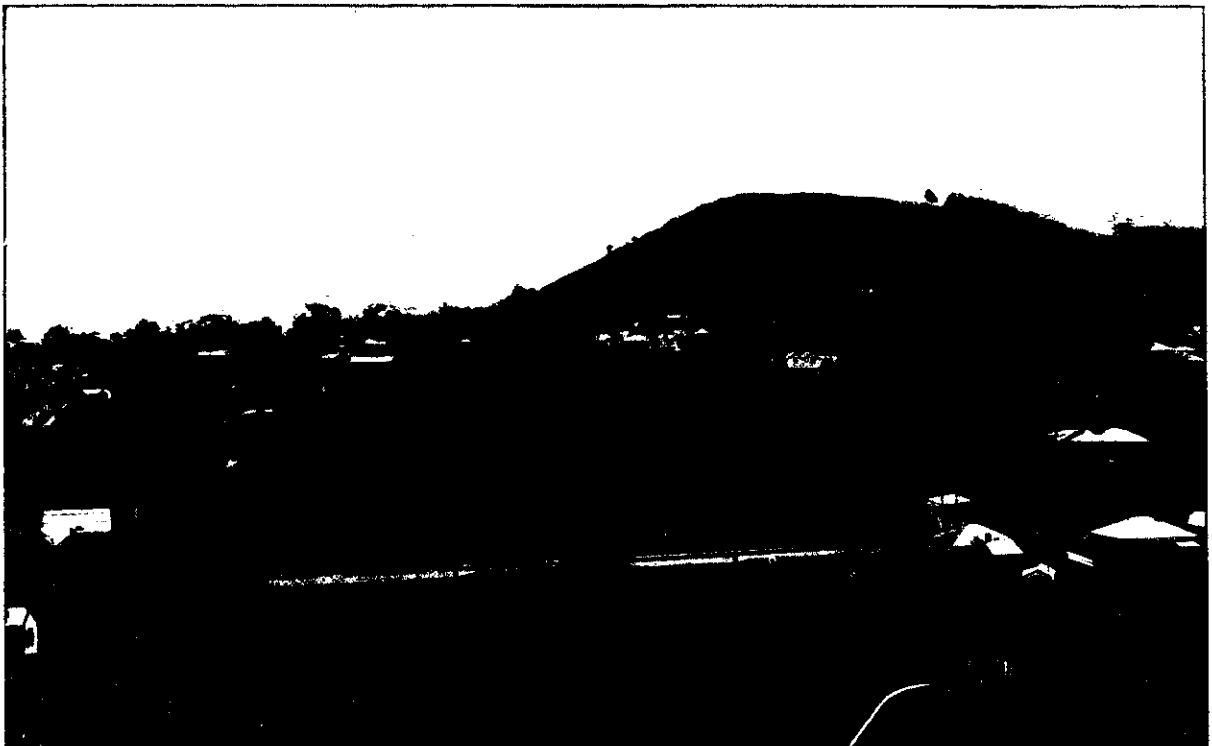


TELEPHOTOGRAPHIC VIEW OF "ROCKLANDS" FROM ST. JOHN'S HILL, EPSOM.

This illustrates very well the value of this invention in obtaining detailed views of distant objects, such as the fortifications of an enemy, etc.



ALFONSO XIII. AT THE ARMY MANOEUVRES.



LANDSCAPE FROM ST. JOHN'S HILL, EPSOM, AUCKLAND, TOWARDS MR. G. DUNNETT'S RESIDENCE, "ROCKLANDS," THE HOUSE WITH THE TOWER.

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