

Sultan in a sort of gilded captivity until his death, in 1895.

Nicholas, ruler of the Black Mountains, father-in-law of the present King of Italy, of King Peter of Serbia, and of a couple of Russian grand dukes, has never been out of debt for the last thirty years or more, his liabilities arising partly from his anxiety to maintain a royal court on a scale similar to that of other European sovereigns without having the means to do so, and partly from his mania for gambling. King Victor Emmanuel, the

funds from the Montenegrin postal department. It was not until the prince had obtained a very large sum of money in this fashion that the Austrian postal authorities discovered the trick, which his absolute control of every branch of the government at Cetinje had enabled him to play at their expense, and thereupon a suspension of all intercourse by mail with Montenegro was decreed from Vienna, which lasted until the prince made a personal appeal to the emperor, who paid the amount due to the Austrian

within the last hundred years have been bestowed in recognition and perhaps as part repayment of personal loans to the anointed of the Lord. There are few of them who have not at one time or another been in debt, or who are in a position to show the same spirit of independence that was manifested by the late Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe at the Congress of German sovereigns at Frankfort, in 1863. At one of the great entertainments given by the Senate of the then Free City of Frankfort, all the rulers present were assembled in a reserved saloon, engaged in animated conversation. Suddenly they all, with one exception, rose to their feet, and advanced to meet a small and insignificant-looking man who had just entered the room. The prince who had remained seated was Adolph of Schaumburg-Lippe.

"Who is the fellow about whom you are making all this fuss?" he growled to the sovereign Elector of Hesse.

"Why, don't you know him?" replied the latter. "It is Baron Rothschild. Let me make you acquainted with him. Surely you do not want to be the only

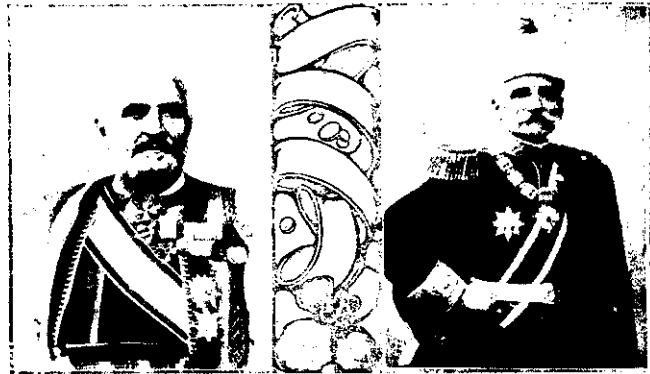
bald crown, it is not because they do not want to, or because they do not fully understand what a capital target it would make; and when the giggling young lady in the first circle drops her programme on his head, it is hard for him to believe it was purely accidental on her part.

And as he sits and revolves the matter over, how indignant he feels against the fashion which compels a man to sit bare-headed in a crowd, while it allows a woman to invest her money in two pounds of false-hair and an ounce of lace feathers, by which all defects in her upper story are concealed.

For if a woman be bald-headed nobody is the wiser for it, and so long as the present style of female hair-dressing continues, it is just as unlikely to be discovered as the source of the Nile, or the precise location of the poles.

Your bald-headed man especially dreads to make calls where there are children. He does not like to be asked "if he varnishes his head like ma does her boots," and "if he is not afraid his brains will freeze," and "if he won't please let me and Tommy draw the map of Europe on it? 'cause he's just beginning to draw maps, and this will be so jolly."

The bald-headed man of old had trouble with the boys, you will remember, but the young rascals met with summary punishment, and we have no doubt but that the bald-headed man of the twentieth century would rejoice if there were bears provided to eat up all the boys who jeer at their affliction! We are sure we should, if we were a bald-headed man!—By KATE THORN.



PRINCE NICHOLAS I. OF MONTE-NEGRO.

KING PETER I. OF SERBIA.

late Czar, Nicholas II., and Francis Joseph of Austria, have all enjoyed in turn the privilege of paying his most pressing liabilities, not once but several times, until he has exhausted their patience and their generosity, and among the many extraordinary devices to which he has had recourse in order to raise the financial wind, has been that of sending large money-orders to various points in Austria and Hungary, where they were cashed through his agents by the Austrian and Magyar post offices, which were subsequently unable to recover the

and Hungarian post offices out of his own pocket.

KING ALFONSO XII,

at the time of his restoration to the throne of Spain, was deeply in the debt of the late Duke of Santona, who had started life as a hatter in Madrid, and subsequently made an immense fortune in Cuba. Indeed, his financial assistance contributed in no small measure to King Alfonso's recovery of the throne of his mother.

Many of the titles of nobility granted



THE LATE KING CARLOS I. OF PORTUGAL.

one here who does not extend a gracious welcome to him?"

"And why not?" retorted Prince Adolph. "What do I care about the fellow? I do not owe him anything."

Prince Adolph was the only one of all the kings, grand dukes, and sovereign electors and princes present, who could afford thus to show his independence, every one of the others having been at one time or another indebted to the house of Rothschild.

A Bald-headed Man.

The man who has a bald head is to be commiserated.

Every change of seasons brings him to grief, in cold weather he has to seek refuge by night in a nightcap; in warm weather his bald spot is the chosen playground and gymnasium for flies.

They hold high carnivals on its polished convexity, and turn somersaults, and execute trapeze movements, and stand on their heads, and buzz in a self-satisfied, secure sort of tone as if they were saying to their victim, "Slap away old fellow! you can't hit us! you haven't got eyes in the top of your head like us."

The bald-headed man is a prominent object in church, or in a crowd of any kind, where custom decrees the removal of the hat. One can no more avoid seeing his shining cranium than he can avoid seeing a bright light on a dark night, even when he is not looking at it, on it.

He is always described as bald-headed. Inquire about him of a stranger, and he will tell you that you cannot miss finding Jones—he is very bald!

A young man with a bald head, if he be sensitive, is continually in hot water. When he meets a young lady who takes his fancy captive, how careful he is always to keep his face towards her, and how the cold sweat of apprehension starts out on his forehead when she gets behind him, and he knows her "dove-like eyes of heaven's own azure" are engaged in studying his bald spot!

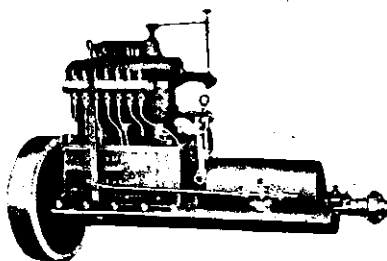
At lectures and concerts—particularly at theatres, where the elevation of dress-circle, family-circle and gallery afford such excellent opportunity for observation, the bald-headed man is always nervous and uncomfortable. He knows that if the impudent little urchins in the gallery do not throw peanut-shells at his



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