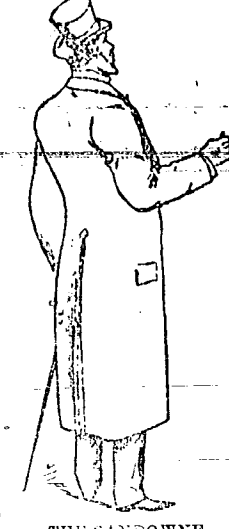




cars tingle if he was the least susceptible to criticism.

There is a new rain coat that is the most distinguished garment of this type that has yet been offered. It is called the Car-narvan. It comes in black, blue and dark green, but the black is by all odds the more effective coat. The material is most pleasingly deceptive, having no appearance or odor of rubber, as have the mackintoshes generally, and there is ventilation in plenty inasmuch as in the full cape, extending to the waist a la militaire, there are no sleeves, but armholes instead. The length is almost to the ankle, and the coat buttons single breasted down the front, as does also the cape when the storm is hard. There is a deep black velvet collar, giving a finish to the ensemble.

There are two recent English coats of that pronounced character in keeping with the formal garb that the fashionable man seems bent upon adopting. The Sand-down is a topcoat cut loose in front and shaped somewhat to the figure behind. It is made in a dual finish, fabrics and is of ample length, there being a wider range of coloring than in the regulation winter top-coats of a month or two. The front of the coat buttons single breasted to the waist line, showing four buttons, and falls close like any closely made fly front topcoat. The back view dis-closes more of a tendency to fit the figure, and has a decidedly frenchish appearance in the extension of long tails, extending from the waist line, which are only indicated in gowns and do not open. They are full enough in skirt, however, to afford adequate stage room.



THE SAND-DOWN.

WILLIAM ADISON CLARKE.

A WOMAN ABOUT WOMEN.

A woman's hopes are woven of sunbeams. A shadow annihilates them.

Each woman creates in her own likeness the love tokens that are offered her.

She is grace itself. That is what a woman ought to be. She ought to produce the effect of exquisite music.

Remember, full souls are double mirrors, making still an endless vista of things before, repeated things behind.

It's good to live only a moment at a time. It isn't for you and me to lay plans; we've nothing to do but to obey and trust.

We can only have the highest happiness by having wide thoughts and much feeling for the rest of the world as well as ourselves.

Half the sorrows of women would be averted if they could repress the speech they know to be useless—nay, the speech they have resolved not to utter.

Women devour many a disappointment between breakfast and dinner time, keep back the tears and look a little pale about the lips, and in answer to inquiries say, "Oh, nothing." Pride helps us, and pride is not a bad thing when it only urges us to outdo our own hurts, not to hurt others.—George Eliot.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Japan it is said, will soon have two railroads.

ness in my mine's eye American domination in Central America or English domination. It must be one or the other. And the very question which we are now approaching a solution of, though the final struggle may not come for some years, is, Which shall it be?

"I do not like to take a gloomy view of the future, but it looks to me as if the settlement of this question, unless we settle it by abandonment of the field, will result in conflict between the two nations. The most probable outcome of the Hawaiian matter, at least for the present, is a joint protectorate between England and the United States over those islands. But this will be only a makeshift. Neither nation will accept it as a final solution of the difficulty. During the whole period of the protectorate there will be no end of scheming and intriguing on the part of one or the other nation, probably both, for the upper hand. This will create a condition somewhat analogous to that of children playing with fire. It is only a question of time when the conflagration occurs.

"That England has set her heart on Hawaii is known of all men. The diplomacy of that nation is far-seeing, alert, strong and courageous, backed as it is by unvarying loyalty at home and the greatest navy the world ever saw. It is easy for diplomats to be courageous when they have 100 great ironclads to support them. The English character is such that it rarely turns from a purpose once entered upon, and conscious of their power they are not likely to abandon their pursuit of Hawaii, which is the key to the Pacific. They want Hawaii not so much for Hawaii itself as for its strategic advantage, just as they wanted and finally obtained Gibraltar, just as they took possession of Cyprus, the key to the other end of the Mediterranean, and just as they thrust their bayonets and their men of war into control of Egypt, the Suez canal and the gateway to the orient.

"English diplomacy and English aggressiveness were aptly illustrated by a Japanese official whom a friend of mine recently met in a trip around the world. Said the Jap: 'We like the Americans. They only want to trade with us. We are afraid of the English. They not only want to trade, but they want to take possession of lands which do not belong to them. The English get the right to establish a coaling station on some island for the supply of their ships. It is only a few acres, and no one thinks it will do any harm. But pretty soon some of the Englishmen leave the coaling station and go several miles into the interior and kick up a fuss with the natives. To protect their men the English send troops to the scene of the disturbance and there draw a line and proclaim all that part of the territory British soil. This satisfies them for a little time, and then we hear the English are in a quarrel with the natives still farther in the interior. More troops are sent out for their protection, and when the smoke has cleared away the British flag is seen flying over just so much more territory. It never comes down. Two or three more advances of this sort, and lo! the entire island has fallen into English hands, and there it remains forevermore.'

"This was the Japanese gentleman's description of England's methods, and it must be admitted that it is true to life. Two things I feel pretty sure of, and these are: England will never permit the United States to annex Hawaii, for Hawaii is the mistress—from a naval point of view—of the Pacific ocean, nor will she permit the United States to obtain control of the Nicaragua canal. This question of Hawaiian annexation and the control of the Nicaragua canal must be considered together. The feeling appears to be nearly universal in this country that the Nicaragua canal must be constructed. It is the last great link between the east and the west, the

will be craven for us to take the back track, no matter what dangers threaten or opposition appears. To do that would be national disgrace, humiliation. To maintain our position we may be compelled to fight. Our little navy may be destroyed, but we shall have to build another. If while we are endeavoring to strengthen ourselves on the seas the enemy becomes entrenched in the strongholds, we shall have to dislodge him.

"From what I know of the American people I am satisfied that if they conclude their national genius requires more self assertiveness in the region of the isthmus and the point of vantage on either side thereof, and opposition arises, it will not matter how formidable that opposition may be or how great may be the cost of maintaining our position—it will be done at all hazards.

"I will now give you my personal opinion of the future," concluded this official, speaking deliberately and carefully weighing his words. "Within five years this country will be at war with England. These two great nations, easily the leaders of the world, are to have a struggle for the mastery. Their manifest destiny bring them into conflict at many places at all places in this hemisphere. England is the same today as she was a century ago; but we are changing. We have passed through the chrysalis of isolation, of inferior development, and are now ready to turn our faces to the sea. We have conquered the vasts of our west and subjected the desert to civilization. Now we are ready for more worlds to conquer. The mighty forces of our national life are slowly but surely and irresistibly driving us to a policy of aggressiveness beyond our borders.

"In thus moving outwardly we at once come into contact and collision with Great Britain. She skirts our northern frontier with her possessions, where there is constant menace to the peace. From Halifax to the West Indies, along the line of the Bermudas and Bahamas, she has confronted us with naval stations and fortifications. Of late she is endeavoring to plant her feet in South and Central America, where already her merchants and financiers have entrenched themselves and are jealous of American competition or interference. For years she has had her eye upon Hawaii. In addition to these points of possible collision, there is the unsettled dispute over the Behring sea seal fisheries, and, lastly, the Nicaragua canal. These are the conditions which in my opinion lead inevitably to conflict."

ROBERT GRAVES.

The French Academicians.

Nearly all of the immortals are old or elderly men, and M. Pierre Loti, though over 40, is the baby of the academy. The following is a list of these famous men and their ages: M. Legouve, 85; M. F. de Lesseps, 83; V. Duruy, 81; C. Doucet, 80; J. Simon, 78; J. Lemoine, 77; M. Roussel, 76; Leconte de Lisle, 74; Duc d'Aumale, 71; De Mazade, 71; Duc de Broghe, 71; Bertrand, 70; M. du Camp, 70; J. Pasteur, 70; Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier, 69; G. Boissier, 69; A. Dumias, 68; E. Olivier, 67; M. Mezierce, 66; Leon Say, 66; De Freycinet, 64; Greard, 64; Cherbuliez, 64; Taine, 64; Peraud, 64; Bardou, 61; Meilbac, 60; Palleron, 58; Halévy, 58; E. Herve, 58; Sully-Prudhomme, 58; J. Claretie, 58; P. Coppes, 50; Lacombe, 50; Comte d'Haussonville, 48; Vicomte de Vogue, 44; Pierre Loti, 43.

Loyalty at the World's Fair.

It is exceedingly probable, despite the determination of the German government not to visit the World's Fair, that Christians may be repaid with a sight of royalty after all. Archbishop Francis Frederick, who will be emperor of Austria some day, is at present teaching a course of the globe and may go to the World's Fair. The Infanta Patricia of Spain, daughter of the late King Alfonso, is expected, but determined definitely to

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