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place in men of leisure and those who devote nearly all of their time to accial matters. The old type was giddy, talkative and more or less effeminate. He was a lady killer, masher and a swell, danced as often as the opportunity offered, and affected a spirited manner and great animation in telling small talk and gossip. He was not a being who commanded admiration from men of sense and importance, but he pleased the ladies, and that was considered quite enough.

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He drives heavy borses to ponderous English carts, seldom attends the theatres and does the opera only on important nights.

As a rule he does not dance unless the oc-

lute snob, in the sense that he will have absolutely nothing to do with them and refuses to recognize them under any circumstances, even though unavoidably subjected to an introduction. To those in his own set he is thoroughly natural, unaffected and enter-balning. There are very few such men in town—perhaps not over 200 at the outside—but they are invited everywhere, and the more important of them have it in their power to make or mar the success of any en tertainment to which they are invited, or make the reputation of a beautiful woman by a single word.—Blakely Hall.

Burmah's Forests of Teak.

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Actresses and Their Jewels.

It is strange that actresses have not learned It is strange that actresses have not learned to appreciate the risk of carrying their jewels with them on their professional toms. Another case of robbery of a distinguished artist's diamonds and pearls has been reported. In olden times, brass mounted bits of colored glass answered every purpose on the stage. But those were the days when salaries were more equitably apportioned than is now the rule at the theatre, and the idea of giving 90 per cent, of the receipts to a star or leader of a company had not been conceived.—Boston Transcript.

A CHAT WITH SKOBELEFF.

Idiomatic Use of the English Language. Why the Nobility Hated Him.

Every one knows that he spoke most fluently French, German and English. I once heard him speak very fair Italian; and he had already picked up a considerable knowl-edge of Turkish. I asked once how it was that he speke English so very idiomatically; and when he said that he had English nurses when a child, I suggested that they would not account for the fashionable and army slang he used so correctly. To this he only replied: "Oh, I once sailed a yacht at Cowes;" but, by the laugh which accompanied the answer, he evidently dil not intend it to be taken as conclusive. He told me he thought SEWING MACHINES. his family was not originally Russian, and had heard vaguely that it might have been "Scobell"; but not that, 1 think. Anyhow, I don't know who my great-grandfather was, and I don't

tion turned on more serious matters; and I recollect his asking me whether I really thought he was popular with the officers and men of his corps. "Of course my aids tell me so from morning till night; but then they would say the same to the first general who may supersede me." I replied that, having known many of his officers and scores belonging to the other corps, I had heard him very frequently spoken of, and invariably in in the most flattering manner. "As for the men of your command, I have several times been amused to find that, instead of swearing by the name of the Deity, they say, By Sko-beleff! it's true!" At this he seemed much pleased. But when I added that he must not think too much of his popularity among the brother generals, whose best words for him were that with three or four more Skobeleffs there would be no Russian army left, he ex-claimed, "Oh, generals! of course they are all jealous of me."

After a pause he continued, "And yet, if any one has cause to be discontented, it is I and not they. Just look at the men to whom they give their best civil and military ap-pointments. Look at that pompous ass D. only fit to be a shopkeeper's clerk. As for me, 'Oh, there's Skobeleff; fighting's his trade, let him fight.' So I do the hard work and the others get rewarded." Presently, the same subject evidently rankling in his mind, he want to be a subject of the same subject se went on, "And you don't know, you can't imagine, how all the imperial family hate me. All these grand dukes have their rank, their titles, and their wealth; while all the heauty of Russia is at their feet, if they choose to throw the haudkerchief; and they hate me because I have what they have not—a little military glory."—Amondjah Bey in St. James Gazette.

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