

OUR SHORT STORY.

UNMASKING AN IMPOSTOR.

By E. NEWTON-BUNGEY.

When Richard Foster came to London to take the newspaper world by storm, he had reckoned on doing many smart things because of his remarkable skill in making up and mimicry. Given anyone at all his own size and figure, Dick Foster, after a short study of that man, would appear as his absolute double in appearance, manners, speech, etc. Precisely how he was going to utilise this talent he did not know, but he expected to find it useful.

CLUB WINDOW.

IMPORTANT AT LAMB SALES.

TEA TABLE TALK.

South Country buyers always choose lambs by their appearance, and if they take the eye at first sight it goes a long way toward having a good sale for them. It is always advisable to show them in their best clothes. This is done by dipping them about seven days before the sale in McDougall's "BLOOM DIP." To get the best results it is most important to keep the bath as clean as possible, and if a higher or brighter colour is wanted, this can be obtained by using warm water instead of cold.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

OLD BAILEY STORY OF HEROISM.

THE TRUTH ABOUT AFGHANISTAN.

During their 300 years' rule of Russia the Romanoffs—the reigning family—have never been so popular as they are now. The Czar has always been allowed to take what he likes from the Imperial Treasury. At present the Civil List for the whole of the Imperial family stands at £1,000,000 a year, but this figure, having been fixed by the Czar himself, could be increased if he so desired without any formalities. He has, however, a ready-made source of revenue in the Siberian properties alone bringing in an annual revenue of £1,500,000.

THE KING AND METHODISM.

CAUTERISED BY CIGARETTE.

A BRILLIANT MADMAN.

A remarkable snake story comes from Pontypool, Monmouthshire. As Mr. A. J. Burgoyne, a contractor of Pontypool, said, he noticed a hyacinth in a pond which "appeared to be a tennis ball." When the mowing machine passed, however, the object uncurled and disclosed itself as a snake.

THE ORIGIN OF NAUGHTINESS.

FIRE-FIGHTING TOBY.

THE PASSING OF THE PIGTAL.

One of the acts of the Republic in China has been to put an edict among the Chinese men to cut off their pigtails, and adopt European methods of dressing their hair. It is a feature of Chinese fashion for some two and a half centuries. Previous to this the Chinese wore their hair in the same style as Western folk, but when, in the war with Tartary, the Chinese got the worst of it, and a Tartar emperor came to the throne, the conqueror resolved to humble the pride of the conquered by making them "dress their hair in the same manner as he himself did—viz. shave it all off, except for a single tuft on the crown. As time went by, the unpleasant way in which the fashion had been set was no more remembered; and the Chinese hairdresser came to the idea of a single tuft to grow into as long, and thick, black and glossy a tail as might be."

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