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KING TAXED A MILLION.

Under the Italian law establishing a tax on patrimony the king's tax has been calculated to amount to \$1,000,000. His estates were estimated at 92,000,000, lire, which at the present rate of exchange is approximately \$3,500,000. The value of the queen's estate was estimated at 1,000,000 lire.—*The Pathfinder*.

A TALKING CLOCK.

A Philadelphia man has a unique clock which instead of ringing a discordant alarm bell speaks right out in the morning and announces that it is "Time to get up." The clock also calls out: "Breakfast is ready," "Time to go to work," "Time to go to market" etc., at predetermined hours.—*Ibid*.

NEW USE FOR POISON-GAS.

At the close of the World war the question: "What shall we do with stocks of poison-gases?" proved a puzzling one in most belligerent countries. Industrial uses were found for some but large quantities, represent enormous outlays of money for raw materials, labor etc., were thrown away because no-one knew how to make them serve any useful purpose and they were too dangerous to be kept about.

The French have discovered a way to utilize such gases, particularly chlorine, for cleaning and disinfecting clothes. The garments to be treated are placed inside an air-tight steel chamber whose door is closed hermetically. Valves are then opened, permitting the poison gas

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.00. THIS EVENING 8.00.

"The Great Radium Mystery."

Featuring: EILEEN SEDGWICK."

Episode No. 11:

"Perils Of Doom".

Episode No. 12:

"Shackled".

Episode No 11 opens with the rescue of Gloria and Rob from the mine shaft by means of a rope ladder strung down the side of the mountain.

Nada, who has repeatedly assisted them, proves her loyalty by restoring the radium, the sheepskin and the deed.

Performance concludes with:

"A Lucky Dog's Day"

COMEDY.....2 REELS.

A DMISSION:

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General Entrance.....20c.
Children 20 and 10c.

and compressed air to flow into the tank in the proportions which experience has taught gives the best results. An electric heater installed beneath the chamber and so arranged that it is completely under the control of the operator raises the temperature of the gaseous mixture as high as possible without burning the clothes.

After the gas has acted on the garments for a few minutes an exhaust valve is opened, the gas valve is closed and compressed air blows the gas out through the exhaust pipe into a neutralizing tank a safe distance away. The garments, thoroughly disinfected and cleaned, may then be taken out.

The use of such gas in the new cleaning and disinfecting chamber is expected to prove highly advantageous in hospitals where patients suffering from communicable diseases are treated. Heretofore it has been the practice to burn dangerously infected linens because satisfactory sterilization was impracticable.—*Ibid*.

WOMAN FOR HOUSE OF LORDS.

Viscountess Rhondda, called the world's most famous business woman, has raised

a great deal of excitement in England by her appeal to the King to be allowed to take her seat in the house of lords as a "peeress of the realm." Following the sex disqualification act, and influenced by the election of Lady Astor to the House of Commons, Lady Rhondda, one of the 34 peeresses in her own right, is seeking to establish a momentous precedent. She has been told by the most expert legal talent in the country that there is nothing to prevent her sitting in the upper chamber, and she confidently expects to win her point. Violent opposition is expected and it is probable that the matter will be fought out on the floor of the House of Lords.—*Ibid*.

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