## LUDWIG THE LUNATIC

Patti Once Threw Him Into a Frenzy of Madness.

A FREAK OF THE CRAZY KING.

He Frightened and Enraged the Great Diva by His Strange Whims, and When She Finally Sang For Him In Munich It Drove Him Wild.

When Patti was in the first heyday of her fame Ludwig II., the mad king of Bavaria, set his heart on having her sing for him at his private auditorium in Munich. He wrote letter after letter, begging, imploring, offering extravagant sums of money, but Patti resolutely refused to go. She had heard too many stories of Ludwig's freaks and was desperately afraid of him, but at last the king offered her a sum so enormous that it seemed ridiculous to refuse it. Then the singer plucked up courage and started for Munich. When she and her maid alighted at the station not even a carriage was there to meet them, and they had to inquire the name of the best hotel and call a cab. That was the first shock to the diva's nerves and temper. After luncheon she started out to see the town and incldentally to examine the posters announcing Europe's greatest singer. Not a mention of her name could she find. She rushed back to the hotel and told her maid to pack the trunks.

Just at that moment a resplendent officer delivered a letter from the king. The letter stated curtly that his majesty would wait for her at 7 o'clock precisely in the royal palace, where his singer in ordinary, Mme. Fischer, would give her further directions. Mme. Fischer would also sing with Mme. Patti the duets which his majesty wished to hear. A programme was inclosed. Patti wept with rage. "I have never been treated so bru-

tally," she said. "I shall leave at once. Tell the king so. I will not singnevel; never, never!" The officer pleaded with the irate prima donna. His sajesty had been wild with excitement ever since he knew she would come and had not slept for three nights, so great was his joy at the prospect of hearing her. "Besides," added the officer, "you

know your king is-is-is"-"Crozy," snapped Patti. "Yes, that's very comforting, isn't it? I don't know why I ever came." Just then she sight of this postser.

"The king commands Mme. Pattl to appear in pure white, without any color whatever, and not by any means to wear a satin gown, but soft wool. Silk is painful to his majesty." "His majesty will have to be pained.

I have no white woolen gown except my peignoir. I shall wear red velvet." "Red!" groaned the officer. "Oh, no, no! Red sends his majesty into fits. If you appear in red, he will scream and have convulsions. Oh, do be patient, madame! I will bring Mme. Fischer to you. She understands the king's nerves. She will explain."

He fied from the room, and shortly after Mme. Fischer appeared upon the scene. She soothed Patti into good humor and also attacked the white wool peignoir and transformed it into a most becoming Greek robe.

Before 7 the royal carriage arrived at the hotel and Patti went to the palace. She was led through dimly lighted rooms and corridors into Ludwig's private theater, which was in ntter darkness save for the moonlight that entered through the windows. Patti stood upon the dark stage, while an orchestra, somewhere out of sight, began a soft prelude. Through the gloom she could just make out a white face in the royal box opposite the stage. Not another auditor was in the

Patti felt the cold shivers creeping over her. She shook with nervousness and fear, and when she should have begun her aria not a sound could she make. She opened her mouth, but her throat was paralyzed from nervous terror. There was a pause. The king sprang up and leaned forward out of the box, his white face gleaming in the moonlight. The violins repeated the prelude. Patti gathered herself together and made one heroic effort. Her voice rang out into the great empty place, and the king sank back into the dark box.

Patti, though badly scared, made the effort of her life and finished the aria from "La Traviata" triumphantly and stood flushed with victory. Dead silence. Not a sound came from the gloom before her. She went off the stage in a temper. Mme. Fischer was behind the scenes, and Patti waited with her for the signal to sing the next number. A messenger appeared at the door. His majesty had had enough music and had gone to his apartments. For a moment Patti stood stunned. Then she laughed. The rudeness was so colossal that it was funny. Mme. Fischer took the diva to

supper and then home. The next morning Mme. Fischer called at the hotel once more, accompanied by the court chamberlain, who bore the promised check an autograph letter of thanks from the king and some jewels of great value. King Ludwig. Mme. Fischer said, was in one of his maddest moods, wild with regret, earsing himself and cursing Patti. He had walked the floor all night, groaning that he was a traitor, for Patti's voice had so ravished his senses that for one moment he had gone over to Italian music and had been false to Wagner, the one musician who alone

had satisfied his majesty's soul. "That was better than having bored him," added Patti, shrugging her shoul-

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One of the Strange Legends of the Yuma Indians.

CAUSE OF THE GREAT STORM.

Escape of the Chosen Few.

To this day the great deluge recorded In the Bible is a mystery to the North rometer from the supposition that cer-American Indian. He will not be led tain movements indicate particular to believe that the flood was brought changes that are about to occur in the about by the sins of man. He is weather. In Russia the dead body of equally unwilling to believe that it was Cottus gobio, the miller's thumb, is the work of an angry God, as he could used as a weathercock. Hung by a not see how the Almighty should be so single thread, it will point to the direcunjust as to punish the Indians of apolis Journal. America for the naughty things of a race of people across the ocean. Another reason which makes it still more difficult for the Indian to believe that the flood was a punishment to the world is the fact that with him there is no sin. In his language there is no such word, nor does he expect to be punished for any of his acts.

But though there is no equivalent to the word sin in the Indian language (nor in the Indian mind until the Christians came), the Indians bave their philosophy in regard to what is commonly so termed. Some of their teachers (most of whom claimed to have been taught the philosophy of life and its laws directly by disembodied spirits or by ethereal beings from other planets) taught that as man lives here so is his life hereafter. If he is quarrelsome or warlike here. so he will be in the more spiritual life. If he is serene and contented here, so

he will be there, etc. The deluge, as described by the few who were miraculously saved, was the more grandly terrible in that it came on suddenly. From the highlands occupied by the Indians they saw the waves of the sea sweep in upon the land and recede, only to advance with immensely increased volume and stupendously huge breakers. Then there came a terrific storm that seemed to blow from all and in all directions. The storm caused huge waterspouts which appeared over the wild ocean as far as the eye could see. The terrified people fled to the mountains, but these were all soon to be submerged, with the exception of one. This mountain which alone remained uncovered by the flood is called Avee-hellah (Mountain of the Moon), yet today it is

not a very high mountain. For awhile before the mountains became submerged there was a great calm, and a dense fog covered the earth. Then suddenly a mighty boat appeared to the awed view of the Indians. It approached and stopped at the several mountains still uncovered by the waters, and at each point where it touched, as if guided by invisible intelligence, the Indians, as if obeying an unspoken but potent command, entered the boat

The boat rested first at a place called Avee-qua-lul (mountain peak), now Pilot Knob, on the border of Mexico. There was a mesa on the top of this mountain, though at this day it does not exist, and on this mesa the Indians first celebrated their delivery. This they did by playing sacred games. chanting sacred songs, etc. On rocks at the foot of this peak there are hieroglyphics in an unknown language, which some of the Indians believe were made by mose who survived the flood. Petrified driftwood is still to be seen two-thirds the distance up the sides of Avee-heilah, which drift, the Indians say, was deposited by the waves of the great flood.

The Indians, having rested for a time on the mountain peak, again entered the boat and were carried eastward, eventually to a small valley. Here they again rested, and then, leaving the boat, they wandered from one place to another, after a time returning to the valley. To their surprise, the boat was gone. It could not have floated away, for the land was dry whereou they had left it, the flood having subsided after a great calm of its waters. The boat could not have crumbled to pieces, for there had not been time for its decay. They could only conclude that the mysterious boat, having fulfilled its mission of preserving a few of their race, had disappeared as mi-

raculously as it had appeared. The spot where the mysterious boat, or ark, had rested was marked by the Indians placing there a huge log. They called the place Qual-jo-para (boat's resting place). This spot is held sacred by the Indians, who will seldom point it out to strangers. Not many hundred years ago, it is said, some Indian warriors were passing the spot, and one of them to show his skepticism shot an arrow into the side of the great log. Immediately a stream of blood gushed from the spot pierced, and the skeptic fell dead. The story of the event was carried to all the near tribes, and since then Indians passing the place fear to even look leisurely at the log.

A reason given by the Indians as the probable cause of the flood was that there was a tribe of Indians who, like Columbus, believed that the earth was not flat, but round, and to prove whether this theory were true thousands from the different tribes banded together and started out on a journey to find the edge of the earth if it was flat. The flood occurred soon after the Indians started on this journey, so that they really believed that those adven- calls it 'bald nature's hair resbtoorer.' turers had reached the edge of the earth and their weight had tipped the earth to such an extent as to cause the | can't kape awake long enough to inj'y water to rush in on the land -Los An-

How to get Strong.

P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to become get offended? Though my words were He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so day that will promptly help the stom-ach. This is Kodol. Kodol digests all I feel it's my duty to tell those who need much benefit from Electric Bitters, that a tonic and strengthening medicine ly, so that the use of Kodol for a time about it. In my mother's case a mark-will without doubt help anyone who ed gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has stomach disorders or stomach trou- has been overcome, and she is steadily

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ODD USES FOR FISH.

One Makes a Good Barometer, Another

a Weathercock. Fishes have been put to many queer uses while still alive, but probably the strangest was that suggested to the war department by an inventor. The propulsion of submarine torpedoes was the subject under discussion, and he proposed that a shark be imprisoned in a tube at the rear end of the projectile, its movements to be controlled by the active application of electricity. In case the shark attempted to swim away it was to be given an electric shock and in this way kept on its course until the torpedo had reached its target.

Another remarkable use to which a fish has been put is as a barometer. The leach is very susceptible to atmospheric changes, and when retained in The Tipping Up of the Earth Caused an aquarium is likely to throw itself the Deluge Which Engulfed the out at the approach of or during any World-The Mysterious Ark and the remarkable change of wind or weather, or if in a pond or stream will sometimes jump on the bank. It has been kept alive in aquaria as a living ba-

### MULES OF MEXICO.

They Are Even More Knowing Than

Our Own Meek Brand. "Everybody knows that all mules are brainy, but the mules of old Mexthe neighboring republic. "A Mexican afternoon a man in a blue uniform mule will do just so much work and not a blamed bit more.

"The riding mule, for instance, is him to do a bit more than what he man who robbed you." knows to be the correct distance. The Mexicans have got a peculiar saying in connection with this characteristic of about it. The pretended official was, the Mexican mule. You ask a Mex- of course, the thief, who had adopted ican, for instance, how far it is by mule back to such and such a point. "'Two days' journey if you are not loined tail. rushed, but three days if you are in a

hurry,' the Mexican will reply. "His meaning is that if you don't ask more of your mule than you should ask of him, the mule will be able to make the trip in two days. But if you attempt to drive the brute be'll soldier on you, and to consequence the journey will take you three days "-Ex-

The Deceased Wife's Sister. The law against marrying a deceased wife's sister, which caused so much discussion in England, grew out of the ancient tribal law forbidding a father to sell more than one daughter to the same man when the Briton was emerging from polygamy and when lings of the present money a man might dismiss his wife or kill her if she would not go. As civil law it was to protect the living wife and knit tribes closer together by intermarriage. When ecclesiastical law became supreme a misreading of some Scripture text was used to put the sister of a man's wife among the prohibited degrees of relationship. This was the act of 1541 (32 Henry VIII): "A man may not marry his deceased wife's sister or her daughter, but he may marry his first cousin."-London

Standard. Brittle Lizards. Some kinds of lizards break in two when suddenly startled. In the bush in Australia the traveler often comes across a number of these little silvery reptiles basking on a log or piece of old bark. As soon as they perceive the invader there is a great commotion. They dart hither and thither so quickly that the eye can scarcely follow their movements. The effects of the shock are evident from the quantity of wriggling tails lying about which have been cast off in the burry, while the mutilated owners may be seen scurrying away to safety still wagging the

stumps that remain.

Density of City Population. Although there is a certain area of about three and a half acres on Manhattan Island where the density of population is at the rate of 630,000 to the square mile, yet the city of Paris shows a far greater average density of population than New York, the figures for Paris being 79,300 a square mile and for New York city proper 40,000 a square mile. The average density of London's population is 37,-000 a square mile and that of Berlin 67.600 .- Federation Review.

A Cheerful Soul. Creditor (determinedly)-I shall call at your house every week until you pay this account, sir. Debtor (in the blandest of tones)-Then, sir, there seems every probability of our acquaintanceship ripening into friendship. -London Tit-Bits.

The Famous Four. Each of the following named gentlemen, upon being out late with the boys, has concocted a famous excuse and, what is more wonderful, got away with it. They are: Jonah, Ulysses, Rip Van Winkle, Robinson Crusoe.-Judge.

A Quicker Way. Toung Minister (searching for mirror) -Have you a glass here? Beadle-Na, na, sir; we dispe need a glass. We fist tak' a sook oot o' th' boottle .- Losdon Tatler.

A Limited Luxury. Two Irishmen were discussing the phenomenon of sleep. Said one, "Oi hear as wan av thim poethry lads "Yis," assented the other: "shlape's a grand luxury. It's a pity a man it. Jist whin he's thinkin' phat a foine long shnooze he'll be hovin', begorra it's mornin'!"-Judge.

Gallant Lover. "Silly boy," she said, "why did you severe, you might have seen that I was

"Well." he replied magnanimously, "your mouth is so small I didn't notice it."-Philadelphia Press. Right overtrained turns to wrong .-

OUR TIME STANDARDS.

United States. Every nation has its own time standard, but the United States has four. These time sections, as they are called, were introduced in the year 1883, chiefly for the benefit of the railroads, it is safe to pin the anecdote to any and are known as the eastern, central, prominent American who may have mountain and Pacific. The eastern visited St. Petersburg. section extends from the Atlantic coast

to an irregular line drawn from De- the Grand Duke Constantine, younger troit to Charleston, S. C.; the central brother of the Czar Alexander I., and includes all between this line and an- the incident occurred about 1810. other extending from Bismarck, N. D., to the mouth of the Rio Grande river; March, when the snow was melting the mountain extends from here to the after sudden rain. The street was a western boundary of Montana, Idaho, maze of puddles, divided into sections Utah and Arizona, and the lighting in-cludes all the remainder of the coun-ings, over which pedestrians carefully try to the Pacific coast. The difference in time between ad-

Denver and 9 o'clock at San Francisco. slower.-Harper's Weekly.

### WINNING A COAT.

The Clever Scheme That Was Worked by a French Thief.

A Frenchman had been attending the Comedie Française, and after the per- deep formance he took a gloomy byway in order to make a short cut to the Boulevard Montmartre. He noticed as he hastened through the dark a slight tug | was invited to dine at the palace next on his coattail, but to this he paid no attention. When he reached the bright boulevard, however, he found, to his great mortification, that one tail of his clawhammer coat had been cut off. called on him.

"I come, monsieur," the man said, "from the bureau of police. We have fully aware of the distance, down to a captured a suspicious character who rod, he is supposed and required to had in his pocket a piece of fine black traverse in the progress of one travel- cloth. Let me have your mutilated ing day, and all the sharp sticks or | coat, sir. If the piece fits it, we will goads or dynamite on earth won't get know that we have apprehended the

The other surrendered his coat, and from that day to this he heard no more that aduacious means of getting the coat in order to atach to it the pur-

Who Knows? Alice toiled slowly up the stairs, paper and pencil in hand, ready to ask questions of the first person she encountered. Being just six, she was at the inquiring age and endeavored to make everybody's life a burden to

The first person she encountered was Bridget, the upstairs girl. -"Pwease, Bwidget," she piped, "gif me ve letters of ve alfabit." Slowly and impressively Bridget

complied. "An' now, Bwidget," proceeded Alice, "pwease gif me ve letters vat ain't in

ve afabit. Bridget thought. Then she thought gain. She was puzzled.

Finally she said: "I'll tell ye tomorrow," and went down to ask cook .- London Queen.

The Colonies-In English Eyes. The average Englishman, and it is surprising in what numbers he exists, has a vague conception of colonies generally. He has some hazy notions of Virginian plantations and transportation settlements and crown colonies where a peppery military man of the old school takes up the white man's burden by holding autocratic sway over unclad barbarians. The conceptions are more often than not fifty years behind the times.-Sydney Lone

The Oldest Jury. The oldest Greek poet has left us a picture of what the jury was in his The primitive court is sitting, and the question is "guilty" or "not guilty." The old men of the community give their opinions in turn. The adjudicating democracy, the commons, standing round about, applaud the opinions which strike them most, and the applause determines the decision. Such was probably the earliest form of

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> The Russian has been identified as The Yankee went out for a walk in

felt their way.

The Yankee was just in the middle joining sections is one hour, so that of such a snow bridge when he recogwhen it is 12 o'clock in New York city | nized the Grand Duke Constantine apit is 11 o'clock at Chicago, 10 o'clock at proaching in the opposite direction. The path being too narrow for two The true local time of any place is persons to pass, the grand duke being slower or faster than the standard accustomed to every one getting out of time, according as the place is west his way, the Yankee being too courteor east of the time meridian. Thus the ous to turn his back on a brother of local time at Boston is sixteen minutes the czar to return whence he came faster than eastern standard time, and too proud to step servilely into the while at Buffalo it is sixteen minutes slush for a mere prince of the royal blood-such was the contretemps. Quick as a flash our American

whipped out his purse, presented it to Constantine and asked, "Even or odd?" "Even," replied the astonished prince. "You win!" said the Yankee and

stepped off into a puddle half a leg Constantine, highly pleased by this peculiarly American proceeding, mentioned it to the czar, and our Yankee

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sain came to the door, "I am sell"-"Take off your hat! Never address a strange lady at her door without removing your hat" "Yes'm." And off went the hat. "Now, then, as I was saying"-

"Take your hands out of your pockets. No gentleman ever carries his hands thore." "Yes'm," and his bands clutched his coat lapels. "Now, ma'am, this work

on eti"-"Throw away your cigarette. If a gentleman uses tobacco he is careful not to disgust others by the habit." "Yes'm," and the tobacco disappeared. "Now, ma'am," as he wiped his brow, "in calling your attention to

this valuable"-"Wait. Put that dirty handkerchief I don't want your book I am only the hired girl. You can come in, however, and talk with the lady of the house. She called rae a liar this morning, and I think she needs something of the kind."-Sketch

### LITERARY HERESY?

Are Chaucer, Spenser, Milton, Eyron

and Shakespeare Bores? "We had the notion of doing something of the kind," the Easy Chair confessed when requested to furnish a list of the hundred best authors "but we could not think of more than ten or a dozen really first rate authors, and if we had begun to com- 3 pile a list of the best authors we should have had to leave out most of their works. Nearly all the classics would have gone by the board. What havoc we should have made with the British poets! The Elizabethan dramatists would mostly have fallen under the ban of our negation to a play if not to a man. Chaucer, but for a few poems, is impossible; Spenser's poetry is generally duller than presidential messages; Milton is a trial of the spirit in three-fourths of his verse; Wadsworth is only not so bad as Byron, who thought him so much worse; Shakespeare himself when he is reverently supposed not to be Shakespeare is reading the martyrs; Dante's science and politics outweigh his poetry a thousandfold, and so on through the whole catalogue."-William Dean Howells in Harper's Magazine.

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