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During a period extending over half a century the late Queen Victoria was in frequent intercourse with William E. Gladstone, who was called upon to visit her several times a year as Cabinet Minister, as Premier, and as leader of the Opposition. For in England the sovereign is held, not by law but by public opinion, to such strict impartiality between the rival political factions that the late Queen, while refraining from discussion of public affairs with the leaders of the Opposition, have always made a point of inviting them not merely to all State functions, but also to entertainments of a more private character, such as, for instance, to dinners and week end parties at Windsor, at Osborne, and at Sandringham. Yet during all that long period of fifty years or more the late Queen only once shook hands with the famous statesman, who during the latter portion of his life was known as the "Grand Old Man," and in the "Life of Gladstone," just published by the Rt. Hon. John Morley, who had access to all the papers and correspondence of his illustrious friend and colleague, there is a brief and pathetic little note of the latter, mentioning the fact that the first and only time that Queen Victoria had shaken hands with him was in the last year of his life, a few months before his death; after he had finally retired from politics, and was making a vain attempt to recover health and strength in the south of France, where his sovereign was then staying with the same object in view.

Rarity of Sovereign's Handshake. It would be a great mistake to construe this remark as a manifestation by her late Majesty of the unfriendly feelings which she is generally believed to have entertained towards one of the oldest and most tried of her public servants—a mistake, which, according to Lord Beaconsfield, originated with the fact that whereas he, Beaconsfield, invariably treated her Majesty like a woman, Gladstone always treated her as if she were a public meeting. If she refrained from shaking hands with him it was because the members of the reigning houses of the old world, and in particular those who wield the sceptre, are exceedingly chary in offering their hands by way of greeting.

Superstition of "Royal Touch." The chariness which Royal personages manifest in giving their hand and the importance which they seem to attach to the honor which they consider that they confer thereby is attributable in a great measure to the fact that their touch was even down to the middle of the last century believed to have been endowed with those miraculous powers of healing the sick which we read of in the Bible as having belonged to the Founder of Christianity and to his apostolic contemporaries. King Char-

les X., who ascended the throne of France in 1825, was the last monarch to claim these powers in that country. On the day of his coronation in the ancient cathedral of Rheims he paid a State visit to the hospital of St. Marcoul, where he extended his royal hand to 126 patients suffering from scrofula and other kindred maladies. Every year afterward until his abdication in 1830 he went through a similar performance on the day of St. Louis.

Neither Napoleon I. nor Napoleon III. ventured to put forth any claim to this peculiar royal prerogative; nor yet did King Louis Philippe, nor King Louis XVIII. not one or the other of whom had undergone the ceremony of coronation and anointment with the sacred oils, which seems to have been considered as indispensable to the possession of the healing virtues. King Louis XVIII. himself suffered terribly from various maladies, and had he ventured to exercise the privilege it would naturally have been remarked that, being unable to cure himself, it was improbable that his touch would cure others, but, on the contrary, he more likely to do harm than good.

The Power of Healing. In Spain and Portugal the touch of the monarch's hand is still credited to this day by the masses of the people with possessing the power of healing sickness, and nothing is more strange at Lisbon than to watch the appalling looking crowd of cripples and victims of every species of human ill, thronging the steps leading up to the main entrance of the church where the sovereign happens to be worshipping awaiting his departure in the hope that when passing he may lay his royal hand upon them and thereby heal them. In Germany, Scandinavia, Russia, and Austria the popular belief in this virtue of the sovereign has come to an end. The same may be said of Italy; the last king to put forward any pretensions to miraculous curative powers having been the late King Francis II. of Naples, who lost his throne in 1862, and who will be remembered by the readers of Alphonse Daudet's novels as "The King of Illyria," in the "King in Exile." In Great Britain the latest instance on record of imposition of the sovereign's hands occurred towards the close of the reign of good Queen Anne, who touched little Samuel Johnson for the so-called "King's Evil" at St. James' Palace, a peculiarly appropriate place for the purpose, since in olden days it was a hospital for lepers before becoming a Royal abode.

Honor in Royal Handshake. While modern rulers, therefore, no longer lay any claim to the curative character of their touch, there is no doubt that the fact of the latter's having been formerly endowed with sacred attributes has contributed to the reserve which monarchs manifest nowadays about shaking hands. The two European sovereigns who display the greatest freedom and liberality in this respect are the German Kaiser and King Edward, probably because they are so thoroughly up to date. And yet at State functions and ceremonious occasions they for the most part respond to the obeisances of those presented to them, or who pass before them, by a slight inclination of the head. In cases where King Edward does honor some stranger with a handshake, the latter, if he be an Englishman, is wont to look back upon the act as one of the notable events of his life, while, if it be the Kaiser who extends his hand to one of his subjects as a token of marked favors, the person thus honored bows low to kiss it. Emperor William, on the occasion of the first speech from the throne after his accession to the crown in 1888—a ceremony at which most of the minor sovereigns of the Empire were present, extended as he stepped down from the throne his hand to the late Prince Bismarck as a mark of special regard. The old prince, who had known the Kaiser from his babyhood, immediately bent down and raised his young master's

hands to his lips, as did also old Field Marshal Moltke. Emperor Franz Josef, although the kindest of monarchs, rarely extends his hand, save to the members of his family.

Shake Laborer's Hand. The sovereign most democratic of all in this respect was the late King Humbert of Italy, who, while he would readily grasp the grimy hand of any laboring man or peasant, only manifested reserve in this respect when dealing with the patrician houses of Italy.

In Oriental countries the touch of the sovereign is regarded as so great an honor that none of the natives would dream of seizing the Royal hand even when extended to them, and when in Egypt I used often to watch with mingled amusement and disgust old Nubar Pasha, the most imposing and majestic looking Oriental statesman, humbly bending to kiss the hem of the frock coat or stambulino of the squat, fat, and vulgar looking little Khedive Ismail. In Japan the Mikado never offers his hand.

Only one sovereign in Europe—and his Empire is of a spiritual character—has retained the old Roman form of homage in extending not his hand but his foot to be kissed. That is the Pope, who continues to accept the same species of salutation as that exacted by the Caesars.

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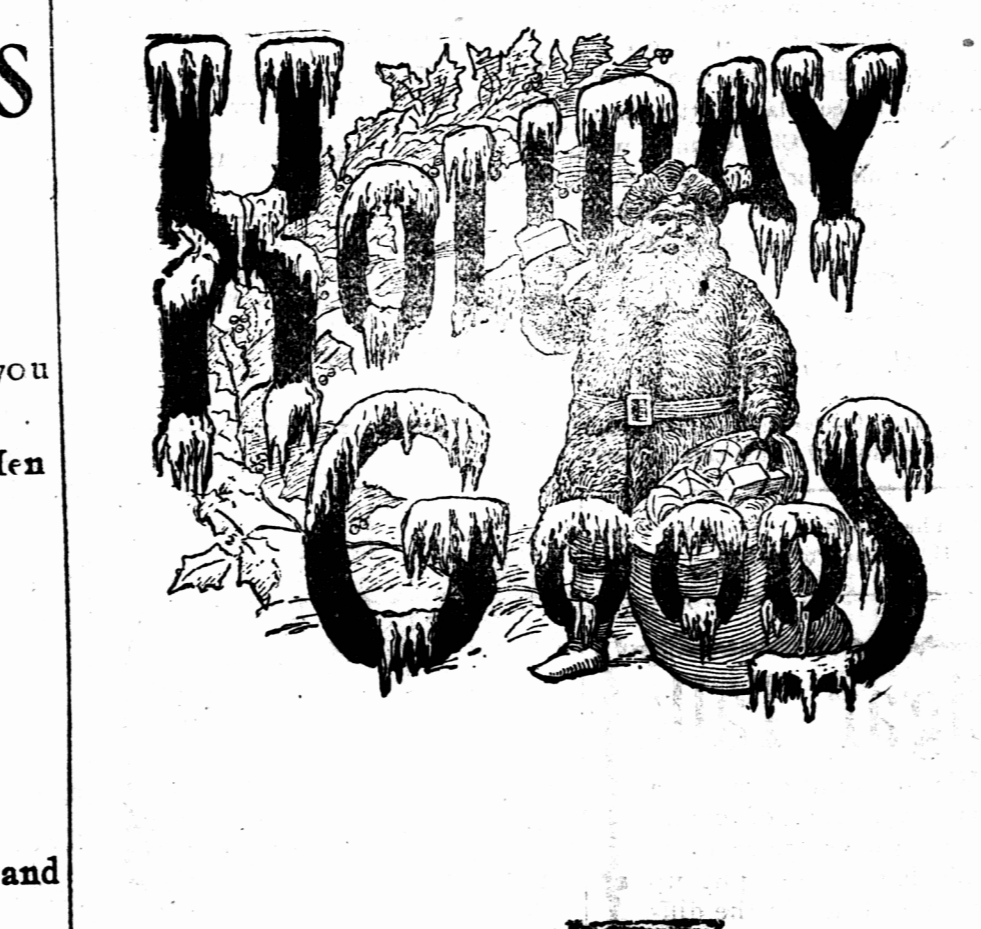
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