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To the ordinary man the Foreign Office is as much a mystery as the Temple of Isis. It has always been closed, as it were, to the public, and until the first "Foreign Office list" was published in 1852 no record was kept even in the office of the separate services, rendered by each individual. The publication of the list was strongly objected to in certain quarters as likely to afford information to the general public with regard to the office which they thought it advisable it should not possess. Sir Edward Hertslet, whose Recollections of the Old Foreign Office have just been published by Mr. John Murray, comes of a race of Foreign Office officials, for his father, Mr. Louis Hertslet was appointed Sub-Librarian in 1801, and did not retire from the office of Librarian until 1857, and there have been four generations of Hertslets in the Foreign Office since 1795.

The question is often asked: "Where was the Foreign Office before it was first situated in Downing street?" The answer is that the Foreign Office was first so-called on the discontinuance of the separate offices of the Secretary of State for the Northern and Southern Departments on March 27, 1872. Both these departments were at that time in Cleveland Row, St. James. There the Foreign Office remained until September, 1786, when it was removed to the Cockpit at Whitehall. It remained there until December, 1793, when it was transferred to some private houses in Downing street. It was next transferred in 1861 to Nos. 7 and 8 Whitehall Gardens, while the new building in Downing street was being erected, and on July 1, '98, it went back to its present and permanent quarters in Downing street. The old offices, as may be easily imagined, afforded more scope for practical jokes on the part of the younger clerks than the severe new building does. One of the rooms in the attic, facing Downing street, was set apart for some of the young gentlemen of the office. This was called the "Nursery" and here they used to pass away any spare time which they might have on their hands.

Certain pretty dressmakers occupied rooms in one of the houses in Fludyer street, just opposite the windows of the frivolous youths. A mutual recognition generally took place every morning between some of them. In one of these rooms there used to be one gentleman with a round head, and another with red hair, and should the former first open his window, the young ladies opposite, who generally worked with their windows open, would call out: "Good morning, Turnips; how's Carrots?" And should the latter be the first to appear the salutation would be: "Good morning, Carrots; how's Turnips?" But it has never been all play, not even so much play as some people suppose, at the Foreign Office. During the sitting of the Belgian and Greek conferences in London, which lasted from 1831 till 1839, many of the clerks in the office were always in attendance on Sundays, as was also either the librarian or the sub-librarian.

A story is told that one Sunday morning, during church time, Lord Palmerston entered one of the rooms of the office, accompanied by Lady Palmerston, and not finding the head of the department at his post, he inquired of one of the juniors where he was, and on being told that he was at church, His Lordship expressed much surprise at his not being at his desk, and was beginning to wax rather warm on the subject, when he was stopped by Lady Palmerston's remarking: "But, you see, my dear, some people go to church on Sundays." Lord Palmerston evidently felt that this was an awkward remark for her to make under the circumstances, but he said no more, and quietly left the room. Some of Lord Palmerston's minutes written on the margin of despatches were very amusing. For example, he wrote on a letter from a South American Consul complaining of the fleas in his Consulate: "Living with his fleas cannot hardly be worse than reading his handwriting, which I cannot do." On another occasion he had been pricked somewhat sharply with a pin when unfolding a paper, which caused him to write the following minute: "I desire that all the pins in this office be immediately made over to the female branch of the establishment."

Sir Edward Hertslet is thus entertaining as well as instructive, and, though he has plenty of anecdotes to tell of the Foreign Office and of Foreign Ministers and the clerks, he always gossips with the discretion and good taste inherent in the officials of that great public department.—London Globe.

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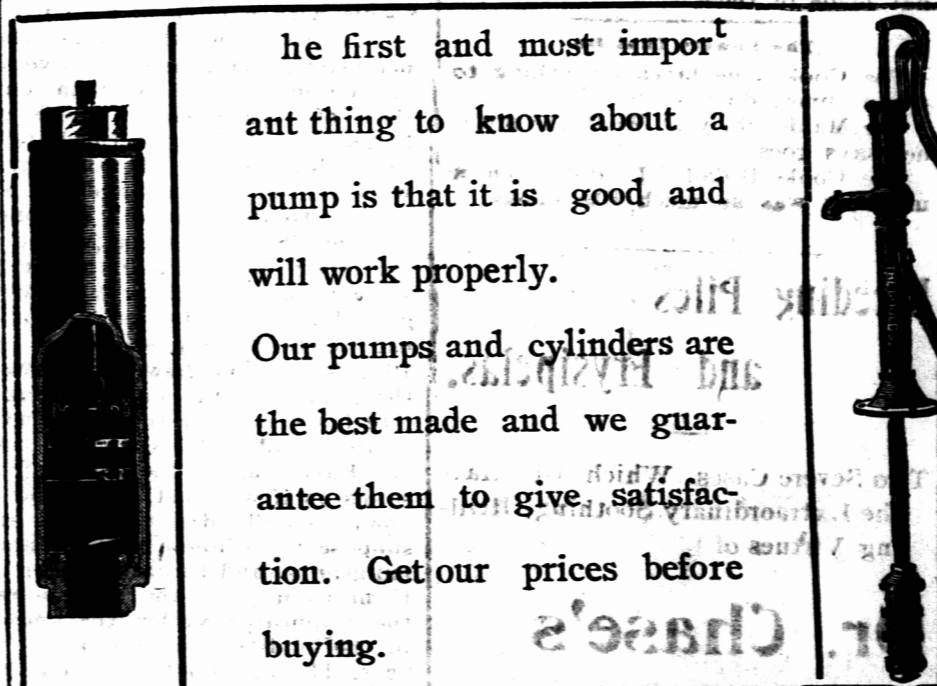
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