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### Editorial.

THE CUSTOM OF THE CUCKOO.

A MORE pathetic story than that related in the *Daily Mail* of May 4th, concerning the death of Miss Arnold, the blind philanthropist, it would be difficult to find, or a more powerful evidence of the effect which persecution and incredible unkindness have upon the organisation of a sensitive and highly strung woman.

According to the *Daily Mail* the Lending Library for the Blind situated at 114, Belsize Road, South Hampstead, was founded sixteen years ago by a blind lady, Miss Arnold, as a private library for the use of a few afflicted people, and there rapidly grew up a demand for its benefits all over the country. When that lady founded the institution she vowed she would never get into debt, and up to the present, thanks to the assistance of charitable sympathisers, she has been enabled to keep her resolution.

According to Miss Armstrong-Williams, of the Clergy Ladies' Home, Paddington, an intimate friend of Miss Arnold, the ladies interested in the Lending Library at Hampstead greatly resented Miss Arnold being described in the *Daily Mail* as the "foundress" of the in-

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