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## BRITISH PEERS SELL ESTATES

Claim Action Is Forced Upon Them by Taxation and Death Duties.

### MUST SEEK SMALLER HOMES

One Big Landed Proprietor Another Is Dividing and Selling His Holdings—in Same Families for Many Centuries.

London.—England's great estates are crumbling under the weight of taxation and death duties and one big landed proprietor after another among the nobility is dividing and selling his holdings, many of which have been in the hands of single families for centuries.

The latest indication that peers are finding it necessary to seek smaller homes comes in the announcement of the duke of Portland that he may have to abandon his palatial mansion, Welbeck Abbey, in Nottinghamshire. This is only one of the residences of the duke, who owns some 200,000 acres in England.

**Duke Expresses Fears.**

"For centuries past landed estates have been handed down from generation to generation," said the duke, addressing his tenants on the occasion of the coming of age of his son Lord Francis Cavendish. "Landlords and tenants have lived on terms of mutual trust and affection. I fear, however, that the state of things is passing away, for with the present weight of taxation and the extremely onerous death duties, the future may become very uncertain for all landed proprietors. If this is good for the country, I certainly do not complain. With regard to my own case, it may not be possible for me and my family to continue to reside at Welbeck, but I fear that there can be little doubt that those who come after me will not be able to do so."

**Many Connections Severed.**

On all sides historic houses are finding new tenants and ancient families are severing their connection with the soil. The duke of Devonshire sold Devonshire house in 1919 and Stowe house, the property of Baroness Kinloss, was disposed of recently.

Others who have sold their properties recently include the duke of Bedford, the duke of Westminster, the duke of Rutland, the duke of Grafton, the duke of Marlborough, Lord Leconfield, Lord Beauchamp, Earl Bradford, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lovat, Lord Harrington, Lord Harlech, the countess of Warwick and Sir Richard Bulkeley.

Runnymede, a meadow on the bank of the Thames river, in Surrey, site of the historic battle where the barons wrested from King John the Magna Carta in 1215, was up for sale but aroused sentiment compelled its withdrawal. Attacking the government in the debate on the corn production acts repeal bill, Lord Lincolnshire in the house of lords declared the present ministry was preparing to sell the crown lands and said nothing remained but "to pawn the crown jewels."

## STIRRED HER TO INDIGNATION

Mother Simply Could Not Stand for Repetition of Odious Word by Her Small Boy.

She was apparently a lady of refinement. She had all the hall-marks of the elect. Her clothing was faultless and there was a look of keen intellectuality in her face. With her, says the New York Mail, was a beautiful little boy—not exactly a Little Lord Fauntleroy, but a little chap with big eyes and a wealth of tousled hair.

I noticed them, the lady for her dignified bearing and the boy for his bright face, as I sat down just in front of them on the suburban train. Pretty soon I heard the little boy say, evidently referring to me:

"Ain't that a funny hat that man has got on? Ain't it an old hat, mom?"

No reply.

"Ain't he a funny looking man, mom? Ain't he?"

No reply.

"Ain't it funny when a man has got a boll on the back of his neck, mom? Ain't it?" (We happened to have one that morning.)

No reply.

"Ain't there nothing to do about bolle on the back of the neck, mom, ain't there?"

"Shut up!" came the voice of the lady. "If you use that word 'ain't' again, I am going to soak you on the bugle, now take it from me. How often have I got to tell you not to use that word 'ain't'?"

## HAVE APPRECIATION OF LIGHT

Citizens of Colorado Town Realize What It Means to Secure the Needed Power.

You who live in cities where the electricity is a thing to be taken for granted, requiring only the pressing of a button, would appreciate it more if you could see what has to be done in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., before we have any light.

In the first place, we don't have any electric light at all until 6 or 6:30 o'clock in the evening. And the only reason that we have that, is because the men who manage the power plant, which is situated almost at the very top of a mountain, start their long and far-from-easy climb every night about 5:30 and turn on the lights for us.

It may sound very simple and all that, but if you could see the speck that is the power house, way, way up there against the side of an exceedingly steep and rocky mountain, you would change your mind about it. They say the climb is about a mile. And sometimes in the midst of a se-

## NOW FILM SURGICAL WORK

German Schools Find Teaching of Medicine by Movies Exceeds Former Methods.

Berlin.—An invention by which detailed, enlarged moving pictures of intricate surgical operations are taken without interfering with the operating physicians and without the presence of a camera operator has been perfected by Dr. A. Rothe of Berlin, and now is being used in a number of German medical universities, for the benefit of students. It is claimed that the students obtain better instruction from a study of the movie picture of the operation than from witnessing the operation itself.

The "operation camera" is designed to hang directly above the operating physician's hands. The cinematographical lamps are in a room above, separated from the operating room by a glass roof.

After the machine has been placed in position an operating physician or a nurse can start it by pressing an electrical foot device, which is all the attention necessary on the part of the doctor or the attendants.

## Three-Year-Old Girl Walks Up Pike's Peak

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Miss Helen M. Riordan, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Riordan of New York city, holds the world's record for the ascent on foot of Pike's Peak.

She and her mother walked up to the burro stand, where they stayed all night. Early next morning they started afoot on the last lap of the ascent, where all the difficult climbing comes in, because of the altitude and cold and winds. The child walked the entire distance unaided.

At the summit, which was reached about noon, she appeared less fatigued than her mother.

## Weather Affects Watch Springs.

Did you ever have the mainspring of a watch break? If you did, the chances are that this occurred in thunderstorm weather, writes C. A. Briggs in Popular Mechanics Magazine. It has been the experience of many jewelers that in thunderstorm seasons the number of broken watch mainsprings increases greatly. This has been erroneously ascribed, though somewhat vaguely, to the effect of electricity, magnetism, and of the noise from the thunder, but an analysis of the explanations attempted fails to develop any reasonable relation in accord with these ideas.

This matter has recently been made the subject of scientific study. It was finally found to arise from the fact that at this time of the year the air was both warm and moist, and that both of these conditions facilitated rusting. A small spot of rust often starts on the spring or in a crack, and the spring soon weakens and lets go.

## '61 VET FINDS MAN HE SHOT

Union Soldier Traces His Bullet Fired in Battle of Vicksburg Fifty-Eight Years Ago.


Keiso, Wash.—P. J. Knapp, a Civil war veteran, after 58 years has traced the course of a bullet he fired at the siege of Vicksburg.

Some time ago Mr. Knapp read a news dispatch saying that W. B. Meadows, a Confederate veteran of Lanett, Ala., had coughed up a bullet which was shot into his eye at Vicksburg. Mr. Meadows, the account said, was a member of the Thirty-seventh Alabama regiment, and Mr. Knapp recalled an incident at the siege, when he and three other members of the Fifth Iowa volunteers silenced a Confederate sharpshooter who was firing through a small hole in a sheet of boiler plate.

When Mr. Knapp wrote to Mr. Meadows, the latter said that he was the man behind the boiler plate, and that the bullet entered his right eye.

## British Take German Wives.

London.—Seven British officers with the army on the Rhine have married German women since the occupation, it was stated in the house of commons by a government spokesman in reply to a question.



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