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## BRITISH PEERS SELL ESTATES

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### MUST SEEK SMALLER HOMES

One Big Landed Proprietor After 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 Leonfield, Lord Beauchamp, Earl Bradford, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lovat, Lord Harrington, Lord Harlech, the comtesse 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 Charta 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."

### NOW FILM SURGICAL WORK

German Schools Find Teaching of Medicine by Movies Excels 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.

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### 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 up 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.

### STORMY WEATHER

By PAULA PHILLIPS.

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Nanette, seated in the garden where fountains tinkled, and rare flowers bloomed, was very miserable, indeed. For the beautiful gift of happiness was to be found neither in her father's luxurious home or garden. Nanette, with her many conquests and care-free days of girlhood, had left unlearned the lesson of true love. Now that it was before her, it was a difficult lesson to understand. It had been very sweet before she had known that it was love at all. Knight Evers was such a companionable satisfying sort of friend.

She was usually busily engaged in her partnership of some game. But Knight would turn occasionally with his bright smile of comradeship toward her, and leaving her still undisturbed. So in their rides together, he always had time to pause for the viewing of the glorious scenery which held her spellbound, and seemed to know instinctively, when and where Nanette would wish to linger most. They were merry together, too, with little secret jokes concerning others, that were innocently their own; and also, Knight was unostentatiously careful of her.

When father Norton, millionaire Norton, he was called, noticed the growing friendliness between his only daughter and the young nobody, whom the Fallings had inconsiderately invited to the country club as their guest, he merely raised supercilious eyebrows.

Nanette seldom showed any admiration undivided attention, and he believed that this unusual acquaintance would be of short duration. But as time passed and Knight Evers, office employee of an insignificant business concern, continued to visit the country club, and later to visit Nanette herself, Mr. Norton became annoyed and chagrined; for his obedient daughter, for the first time in her life, ignored his request.

"It would be wise," her father advised her, "to cease encouraging young Evers. You know as well as I, that nothing can come of such an attachment. To put the case frankly, he is decidedly beneath you and your family, in position. Drop him. We have other views for you."

But Nanette did not at once drop Knight Evers. Though knowing her father, she knew that he would not relent in his judgment. She wondered, tearfully and vaguely, if Knight should ask her to marry him, and Nan was pretty certain that the question was trembling on his different lips, if Knight should ask her, would she be able, after the diffident manner of her raising, to make him a competent helpmeet.

Would Knight be unhappy in her failures? Would she be unhappy in her restrictions?

Nan pondered seriously, and it was Jim Brent who came to be her father's best aide. Capable Jim Brent, with his poise and assurance. Her father's friends called the man Jim naturally, to most of them he was their confidential banker. He was an officer in the country club, of which Nanette's father was president, and he was a bachelor. This latter state, however, he was quite willing to forsake at Nan's little yes. As yet, Nan had not quite whispered it. But when she compared her future wifely duties at the accomplished Jim's side, to those unacquainted duties which she must painstakingly learn as Knight's wife, Nanette was inclined to throw up even love and its sweetness for certainty and the approval of her own family.

So when Knight's question came, spoken all impulsively in the beautiful moon-lit garden, Nan was ready for him. Knight had scarcely time to regret what he called his own "selfish rashness" before Nanette uttered her no.

"It cannot be Knight, good old friend," she said firmly. "Love is all right for sunny weather, but when it comes to storms, the frightening storms of life—well, it really takes more than love, dear."

Knight had choked up at the little word dear, and had gone, blindly on his way. The days that followed were the hardest Nanette had ever known. She had expected to miss her understanding pal, but she had not counted upon the constant ache of a longing heart.

And when, one day, Nan fled to the woods, to be free from the chatter of guests that worried her, Jim Brent's talk seemed like idle chatter now, too. Nan walked farther in the woods than she knew. And there, a thunderstorm found her. A flashing, roaring thunderstorm in the cathedral of trees.

From childhood, electrical storms had been Nanette's terror. Wild-eyed, white-lipped, she waited. Before the last fearful reverberation, she closed her eyes. Then out of the threatening darkness, came miraculously, two strong protecting arms to enfold her. Nan glanced up quickly, gratefully, at the comforting sense of support.

Knight Evers stood looking down upon her tenderly, forgivingly. "Nan," he said, "my life has been all trouble and ripped to pieces—like the storm clouds since you left. I can't live without you, Nan, even if your dad is worth a million."

"A million dollars," said Nanette contemptuously. "What's it worth when you are out in the storm? A strong protecting arm like yours, Knight dear—"

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Mrs. O. A. Kreamer and daughters, the Misses Gretchen and Madeline, their house guest, Mrs. Beulah Bovington of Ashland and Mrs. Clyde Ecker attended the recital by Dr. Courson of Portland assisted by Miss Elizabeth Levy.

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