

An Unadvisable Connection

A Story of Heredity Told in 1910. By Martha V. Monroe

Prior to the beginning of the present century we Americans seldomly saw one of our brides married to a member of the British aristocracy.

Miss Mildred Strang, an American orphan and a prospective heiress, was introduced into the first circles of London society.

She was so beautiful, so accomplished and so much to the manner born that she soon became a favorite. The gambling habit which prevailed among women during the nineteenth century and which was revived by the introduction of a game called "bridge" at the beginning of the present century, was full blast in England during Miss Strang's advent.

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In addition to her marriage. There would be an evening why the name should appear in the paper.

The transports over the two settled down to business, or rather, what they called business.

Two weeks later they were at the altar. The ceremony was performed at the usual place for getting their names out of the way.

The draft having been sent out on its first journey, Tweezerdale went to his uncle and announced his proposed marriage with an American heiress.

The preliminary to this marriage in high life led to an attorney traveling from America to London.

Before you mention the contents of the will," said Mr. Foster, "I will state my nephew's case, which I admit is somewhat peculiar.

"Miss Strang's father, George Chester, like that of her proposed husband, comes from the British aristocracy.

When the result of this interview was communicated to the couple interested neither rejoiced, nor did they bid adieu to each other.

The fortune that he had in his hand was not a very large one. He possessed more disposed to pay his way in society by singing a comic song or dancing a highland fling than by maintaining a steady game and rehabilitating the family name.



Bridal Etiquette.

Smart brides who have stepped off the carpet in recent weeks have set the pace for a number of bridemaids, from four to eight being chosen.

The bride to be selects her bridesmaids from her intimate friends and relatives, but if the bridegroom has sisters it is etiquette to include one or more of these.

About a week before the marriage the bride elect gives a pretty luncheon or dinner to her bridesmaids, and it is not uncommon for the affair to be a dinner party at which the future groom, the best man and the others are present.

Settlements made for a little affair sacred to girlhood, as the bride to be is generally much occupied in the evening, she gives what is called her maiden luncheon.

If a man is already seated at the table he should rise when women come to the table. Men who are very careful of their manners do this even at hotels and restaurants if strangers are not at their table.

Even conservative women are carrying cards measuring less than two by three inches, so that in the case of a deep mourning card there is only a scant blank space for the name.

This year preference is given to the shaded old English lettering and the black and shaded French script, the latter being the very latest style.

Unexpected Guests. One reason why hospitality is exercised with little freedom in these days is that we are so fettered by conventionalities and so resolute in a determination to keep everything at concert pitch that we are beside ourselves if people pay us surprise visits.

Enthusiasm is a lubricant that makes the wheels of trade go round. A growth is said in the bearings. Enthusiasm, like factory melancholia, is contagious.

THE PRINCE'S AMBASSADOR

By CORA HAWTHORNE SYKE

"John," said Prince Frederick to his bosom friend, Count Ernest, "I wish your advice. My betrothed is going to make a visit to her aunt, the queen of Sweden.

The next court circular announced that his royal highness Prince Frederick had gone to hunt wild game in South Africa. Another item spoke of an ambassador the prince had sent to Russia to accompany the Princess Alexia on her forthcoming journey to Sweden.

What did Count Ernest do that claim precedence as his royal master's representative over all others, settle himself down in the princess's company and monopolize her completely.

He desired me to deliver a private message to his betrothed, the Princess Alexia.

"Not much," replied the count. "The prince has intrusted me with all messages to his betrothed in order that no sordid one may reach her. To give you an idea of the importance of this royal highness's confidence."

"The prince's signature by telegraph! You go away from here and don't try to impose any spurious telegrams on me or I'll have you put off the train."

"I decline to receive any such communication. I know his royal highness well, he would not send me an errand of supreme importance and at the same time show his distrust of me by charging my secretary with instructions to me. If you come back here again with any more of this nonsense I shall telegraph to the emperor of Germany, in whose dominions we now are, that I desire the services of the police to remove an impudent underling."

BATTING HEROES ALWAYS POPULAR

Hard Hitters Make Themselves Solid With Baseball Fans. PITCHERS ARE AN EXCEPTION.

Their Twirling Ability Is of More Value to the Team Than Their Stick Work. Hitting of Wagner, Cobb and Lajoie Make Them Heroes.

Speaking of baseball heroes, it is generally the pitcher who gathers in the largest number of laurels of any individual member of a team.

A player must not only have the ability to cover his position well, but must have a batting eye as well. Both qualities come in for an equal share of consideration.

On the other hand, we find a man, like Hal Chase of the Yankees, whose work at the bat has been responsible for his success on the diamond.

There are scores of such cases in the infield, where a man's reputation as a ball player is based on either his fielding or batting ability.

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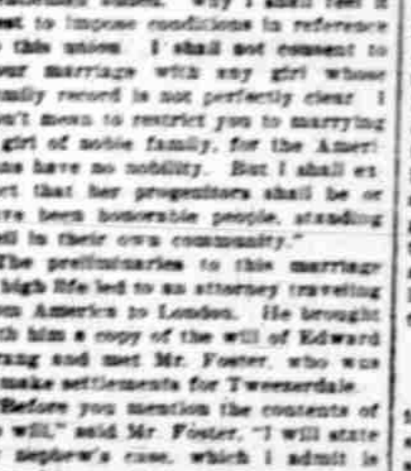


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STARS WHOSE STICK WORK MAKES THEM HEROES.