

AMERICAN PRINCESSES IN POLAND WINS HOMAGE FROM PROUD POLES

New Yorker's Charm Gains Adhesion of All Men and Most Women in European Society—Even Princess Bichette, Prince Albert's Mother, Who Planned a Royal Match for Her Son, Says "She's Bewitching"—Long Honeymoon Continues After Romantic Courtship.

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WARSAW, Sept. 30.—Poland has surrendered to its American Princess. Dorothy Deacon that was broken down almost all the prejudice that reared itself against her when she became the bride of Prince Albert Radziwill. Even her mother-in-law will presently have to give in and declare the match a good one, for she has to confess the American girl is bewitching.

So many tales have been told of this wedding that it will be well to give the true version at the outset. It reads like a chapter from a novel, with a beautiful maiden and a fairy prince and all the rest of it.

Never has a fair American made a more brilliant European match than this New Yorker, for Prince Albert Radziwill is a Polish magnate and owner of huge estates, including the historic castle of Nieszwiez, in Lithuania. The Radziwills are not only one of the most aristocratic families in Europe, but their connections are as strong as their rank in Lithuania. Prince Albert is closely allied by marriage to no less than three reigning houses—the Romanoffs, Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs. This means that by blood relationships, the Radziwills have entry to the most intimate circles at the Courts of St. Petersburg, Berlin and Vienna.

His mother, Princess Bichette Radziwill, famous for her striking likeness to Catherine the Great, spends her winters in Rome, where she entertains a great deal. A couple of winters ago she met the Deacon family, who also pass many winters at Rome. Miss Dorothy Deacon attracted the princess's attention, and she was so impressed with her that she insisted upon having the girl as near her as possible and taking her about, an offer which Mrs. Deacon, who does not like to see her daughter married, refused. Princess Bichette was constantly seen with the princess, with whom she visited the Quirinal, the Italian royal palace and all the best houses in Rome.

Albert Called the Hermit.
Every day, the princess became fond of the girl—until the crisis came. One fine day, Prince Albert arrived to see his mother. He had been nicknamed, "Albert the Hermit," in the family circle because of his distaste for society. No sooner, however, did he know Miss Deacon than he was astonished everybody by going to all the entertainments she attended. This lasted all winter and all but his own mother could see that he was head over ears in love with the American girl.

One day he went to Princess Bichette's boudoir and told her he had made up his mind to marry Miss Deacon. She was too incredulous to be angry. She had already planned for him a match with an Austrian Arch-Duchess, a grand-daughter of the Emperor Franz-Josef, and looked upon his declaration as a joke. When she realized that he meant what he said, she promptly telegraphed for her relatives on both sides of the house to hold a family council. Her own daughter, Princess Czartoriska, had a few years before, been chosen a companion for a husband. But the family council—a favorite institution with Polish magnates—had brought the girl to her senses and induced her to take her present aristocratic husband. But, though this family council consisted of some of the greatest magnates in Poland, Prince Albert defied them all and said his intention was to marry Dorothy Deacon, and nobody else.

All the arguments, reasonable and unreasonable, in favor of a Grand Duchess of royal blood, were in vain. Then the family council appealed to Miss Deacon herself, who said she would give Prince Albert up if he said

he wished to have it so. Prince Albert said he did not wish anything of the kind, so the strained situation remained unaltered.

All Rome Is Agog.
All Rome was agog with this "aristocratic international love affair," as it was called. Queen Helene used encouragingly to ask the two young people how they were bearing up against the "family" and His Holiness the Pope sent a discreet message to Prince Albert, in which the word "heretic" was prominent. True, there was no special need to worry about the family, all the Newswies estates are entailed and Prince Albert must get them, no matter what he does. He is the eldest son and will one day be worth anything up to \$50,000,000. His father, Prince George, who is a confirmed invalid, cannot leave one cent of this away from the lawful heir. But Princess Bichette, who knows more about business than most Princesses, has always kept her children under the control of allowances and told Prince Albert that he would not increase his income by \$1 if he persisted in marrying Dorothy Deacon.

Then Princess Strozi stepped in. This Princess inhabited when in Rome that beautiful Strozi palace which is one of the city's greatest sights. She is Princess Bichette's sister; but the two have never been over friendly and encouraged the match just to annoy her family. Anyway, she told the young lovers they could count upon a generous allowance from her and that she would leave Albert her fortune—said to be worth \$10,000,000. This sent the family council into an explosion of rage, but their anger was useless for as all the world knows, Albert followed the Deacons to London and the couple were quietly married in Hanover. Prince George, who was among their well-wishers at the wedding and has been as good as her word about the allowance.

Mother's Grievance Against Son.
Princess Bichette has never been on first-class terms with her eldest son. Years ago her great grievance against Albert was that when she ordered him to be locked up in the Nieszwiez school-room as a punishment for sauntering about to such an extent that he jumped out of the window and hid in the forests which surround the park. On such occasions she was quite capable of having him shut out of the house for a night or two at a time.

Strange to say, she was not annoyed with Miss Deacon, but with him over the marriage.

"It's not your fault, because you are so bewitching," she frankly told her prospective daughter-in-law. "He ought to have known better than to fall in love with any but the girl I chose for him."

She cannot understand Radziwill marrying anybody under a Princess. So far, her children have thought so, too, but Prince Albert's revolt was an awful shock, especially as he will be the head of the house when his father dies, and must be so.

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American Girl Creates Sensation.
When he took his wife home to Poland, she created a tremendous sensation. All the men crowded round at once and paid her homage in ballrooms and theaters. Even the task of winning over the women, who had brought her to her senses, was made easy by Princess Bichette, turned out unexpectedly easy. As a

ment House, whose Announcement will be found in another Column.

He packed up his Banjo and the Military Brushes and left Number two marooned in the Rat Pit with the Oak Dresser and the Pictures of Lillian Russell on the Wall.

Number Two said he would swim the River and join him in the Promised Land as soon as he was Two Thousand to the Good.

Soon after the break-up of the Damon and Pythias Combination, one of them was transferred to the Detroit Branch. They did not meet again until 18 years later.

One day the Benedict had little Marjorie and the Baby out at the Public Zoo, so they could hear the Sea Lion bark, when Number Two came along in a Sight-Seeing Automobile with other Delegates to the National Conclave of the Knights of Neostrophs.

It was a Happy Meeting between the two Old Friends.

Number One reported that his Little Girl could recite long Poems by Heart and was about to take Music Lessons. He was living in a Flat but was about to move.

Number Two said he was finer than Silk except that Hotel Cooking had got to him at last and he had to stop in and see an Osteopath every Morning.

"You are still Unmarried?" asked Number One, the reply, "I am still \$1220 Gay of what a Guy needs before tackling such a risky Game. How are you making it?"

"Am Broke, thank you," replied Number One.

With the utmost Good Feeling re-established between them, they took Marjorie and the Baby over to see the Lions and the other Dumb Animals.

MORAL: Opportunists knock once at Every Man's Door and then keep on Knocking.

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AMERICAN PRINCESS IN POLAND.
AS SHE APPEARED AT A BECAUSE DRESS BALL IN THE GUILD OF A RADZIWILL ANCESTRESS.

matter of fact, they also have fallen in love with her. "This American girl is different from any of us," they said. So now they are paying homage, too.

Princess Czartoriska, Prince Albert's sister, left her town house in Warsaw and went about everywhere with the bride, shopping and racing. It was she who persuaded Princess Dorothy to appear at a fancy dress ball as one of her husband's ancestresses, a lady of great beauty, who had a most romantic history, having come to Poland from Turkey, where a Polish Prince found she had been sold as a Greek slave. She died over a hundred years ago, but so perfect was the fair American's make up that all who saw her enter the ballroom drew a quick breath of surprise. The secret had been so well kept that none there but

her husband and sister thought anybody was to impersonate the beautiful Greek.

In Nieszwiez, the young couple are surrounded by the historic associations of centuries. The estate is so enormous that the administrators and clerks employed in its management fill a township, named after the castle. The customs in the families of Polish magnates are still patriarchal. So the American bride, on going there this year, found several brothers and sisters of her husband installed for the Summer. Each has a separate apartment and all meet together for lunch and dinner, at which 20 is considered a small family party. All the Radziwills speak English perfectly, so that Princess Dorothy felt at home in Nieszwiez at once.

The days are passed as much out of doors as possible, but she spends a couple of hours a day learning English. She says her husband's position makes it imperative that she should learn his language. Being the biggest landlord in Lithuania he has duties to fulfill which she means to help him with.

Princess Bichette's stubbornness finds less and less sympathy as Princess Dorothy wins her way with all comers near her. The general verdict of the magnates who see how splendidly she fills her new position is—"Albert did the best thing in his life when he married her. She will be the making of him."

Radziwills Great and Powerful.
The Radziwills have been great and powerful for over 800 years; indeed,

thought that Sierra Leone might be best, and turned her head in that direction, the bark being at that time nearly hull down on our starboard quarter. Suddenly as we looked at her we saw a dense black cloud of smoke shoot up from her, which hung like a monstrous tree upon the sky.

A few seconds later a roar like thunder burst upon our ears, and as the smoke thinned away there was an instant left of the Gloria Scott. In an instant we went the boat's head round again and pulled with all our strength for the place where the haze still trailing over the water marked the scene of this catastrophe.

"It was a long hour before we reached it and at first we feared that we had come too late to save anyone. A splintered box and a number of crates and fragments of spars rising and falling on the waves showed us where the vessel had foundered; but there was no sign of life, and we had turned away in despair when we heard a cry for help and saw at some distance a piece of wreckage with a man lying stretched across it. When we pulled him aboard he proved to be a young seaman of the name of Hudson, who was so burned and exhausted that he could give us no account of what had happened until the following morning.

"It seemed that after we had left Prendergast and his crew had proceeded to put to death the five remain-

ing prisoners. The two warders had been shot and thrown overboard and so also had the third mate. Prendergast then descended into the 'tween-decks and with his own hands cut the throat of the unfortunate surgeon. There only remained the first mate, who was a bold and active man. When he saw the convict approaching him with the bloody knife in his hand, he kicked off his bonds, which he had somehow contrived to loosen, and, rushing down the deck, he plunged into the after-hold. A dozen convicts, who were armed with their pistols in search of him, found him with a match-box in his hand, seated beside an open powder barrel. A dozen convicts, who were armed on board, and swearing that he would blow all hands up if he were in any way molested. An instant later the explosion occurred, though Hudson thought it was caused by the misdirected bullet of one of the convicts rather than the mate's match. He the mate went it may be the end of the Gloria Scott and of the rabble who held command of her.

"Such, in a few words, my dear boy, is the story of my adventures. Next day we were picked up by the brig Hotspur, bound for Australia, whose captain found no difficulty in believing that we were the survivors of a passenger ship which had foundered. The transport ship Gloria Scott was set down by the Admiral as being lost at sea, and no word has ever leaked out as to her true fate. After an excellent voyage the Hotspur landed us at Sydney, where Evans and I changed our names and made our way to the diggings, where, among the crowds who were gathered from all nations, we had no difficulty in losing our former identities. The rest I need not relate. We prospered, we traveled, we came back as rich colonials to England and we bought country estates.

At the Viennese court, etiquette is stricter even than in Berlin. Princess

Bichette, who has already married one son to a Hapsburg Grand Duchess, is given full freedom of expression by the Austrian Emperor, who is exceedingly fond of her. It is not overlooked by these royal believers in ancestral and close connections that the Radziwill lineage has few equals and a Prince or Princess of so rich a house is a very good match for any of the Grand Dukes and Duchesses who are not likely to come to the throne.

Story of the Princess Bichette.
All sorts of stories about Princess Bichette go the round of aristocratic tea-tables. One of them may be given as characteristic of her. One hot day when she was sitting in her boudoir in a very thin tea gown, without even shoes and stockings, a certain Canon saw a bishop, was announced. "Show him in here," she said to the servant, and received the Canon in this light attire without the slightest embarrassment. When he had gone her sister, who had called in the meantime with a lady friend, said, "How can you receive a man in that negligee?" The Princess retorted, "My dear, you surely don't consider the Canon is an ordinary man, do you? If he is he ought not to be, so it amounts to the same thing."

So, taken all round, it is a strong-minded and original as well as a wealthy and powerful, family that Dorothy Deacon married into when she became an American Princess.

For more than 20 years we have led peaceful and useful lives and we hoped that our past was forever buried. Imagine, then, my feelings when in the seaman who came to me I recognized instantly the man who had been picked off the wreck. He had tracked us down somehow and had set himself to look upon our fears. You will understand now how it was that I strove to keep the peace with him and you will in some measure sympathize with me in the fears which fill me now that he has gone from me to his other victim with threats upon his tongue."

Underneath is written in a hand so shaky as to be hardly legible, "Beddoes writes in cipher to say H. has killed all. Sweet Lord, have mercy on our souls."

"That was the narrative which I read that night to young Trevor, and, think, Watson, the circumstances it was dramatic one. The good fellow was heartbroken at it and went out to the tereal tree planting, where I hear that he is still at it as to the sailor and Beddoes, neither of them was ever heard of again after that day on which the letter of warning was written."

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NEW FABLES IN SLANG.

LATEST SERIES BY GEORGE ADE.

ONCE upon a Time two Mavericks lived together in a Cubby-Hole in a European Hotel in a surging Metropolis.

They worked for a grinding Corporations, each pulling down a Stipend that enabled him to Indulge in Musical Comedies, Rotation Pool, Turkish Clarinettes, Link Buttons and other Necessities of Life.

Often they would put their Feet on the Radiator and talk about the Future.

They said that every Man should have a Home of his Own. To the Beauty thrice a Day and then back to the Kennel was no Life for a refined Caucasian.

Number One had a Theory that Two could get along as cheaply as One, if the Wife would practice Rigid Economy. Rents were lower in the Suburbs. He looked up into the Pipe-Smoke and caught a Vision of a Bungalow with Hollyhocks in front and a Hammock swinging in the Breezes. Somehow he felt that he never would save any Money until he took the High Jump and became a Family Man.

Number Two had a vague Yearning to experiment with Matrimony but he said he would wait until he was Fixed. When he could open up the little old Bank-Book and see in plain sight the Ice Box and the Talking Machine and the Dining-Room Chairs, then, and not until then, would he ask a Nice Girl to leave a Comfortable Home and take a Gamble.

Number One picked out a Stenographer who was ready to retire, on account of her Spelling, and then he called on the License Clerk, a Presbyterian Minister and the Weekly Pay-

THE 1911 FABLE OF THE UNDECIDED BACHELORS AND THE PARTING OF THE WAYS



IT WAS A HAPPY MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO OLD FRIENDS.

The American Woman in Politics

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and she presently came to the conclusion that there would be money enough if the public utility corporations were compelled to pay all they ought to in franchise taxes. She went to the courts and obtained a mandamus to compel the proper authorities to act, with the result that the revenues were increased by some millions of dollars.

Miss Haley's experiences in that fight led her to study the question of municipal ownership, and she became an ardent supporter of that doctrine. She had also learned something about politics and in the Spring of 1906 she took an active part in the Aldermanic campaign, as a member of the committee which managed the canvass for municipal ownership.

Miss Haley has been continued active in matters relating to labor and political and social questions.

Miss Julia Lathrop gained distinction as a reformer of the management of state charities in Illinois, and she has served as a member of the State Board of Charities in that state. Dr. Cornelia Delaney, who is a practicing physician, is another woman whose influence has been felt in public affairs in Illinois. Her special field of interest is education, and she has served as a member of the Board of Education in Chicago. She was influential in securing the settlement of the great stockyards strike in 1904.

Another woman who helped to settle that strike is Miss Mary McDowell, who is well known as an organizer of labor and a worker for the betterment of industrial, social and political conditions. Here is an influence that is felt in many directions.

Perhaps mention should be made of

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, in this connection, although her work has been strictly in the field of education. Her elevation to the position of superintendent of the schools in Chicago ten years ago attracted National attention, as she was the first woman to be chosen for such a position in the United States. Her relation to politics might be called a negative one, inasmuch as she has fought consistently to keep politics out of the schools.

Woman Who Elected a Democrat in Colonel Roosevelt's District.

Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, wife of Congressman Littleton, who represents the Oyster Bay (New York) district, gained prominence as a political campaigner last year when she contributed to the success of her husband's candidacy. It was not believed at first that Littleton, a Democrat, had much chance of winning in Colonel Roosevelt's own congressional district, but after Mrs. Littleton had taken the stump for her husband, his prospects began to brighten. Mrs. Littleton made a thorough canvass of the district, appealing to the voters individually, and making short but effective speeches in her husband's behalf. Her campaign was regarded by seasoned politicians as very clever and brilliant.

The Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, who is a Unitarian minister, has done much work of a semi-political nature during the past few years. While a pastor in Kalamazoo, Mich., she initiated a number of successful reforms in municipal administration, especially in relation to street cleaning, and she has been retained by many municipalities since as an expert in "municipal housecleaning."

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