

SOME AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS PROVE TO BE SURPRISING TO MARGOT ASQUITH

Good Feeling Between America and Great Britain Declared to Be Vital to Peace of World, and, Though Some Things Are Strange, Victor Finds Much to Admire Here.



BY MARGOT ASQUITH.
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I F I were to finish this record of my impressions of America with out criticism, it might be said that these pages should not have been called "Impressions," but "Experiences," and against this I have not only been warned, but abjured. Nevertheless it is difficult, without appearing unfriendly, to write with candor upon matters that have moved me in my American tour.

It must be said that American architecture, regulations of street traffic, arrangement of flower shops, plumbers and telephone service are infinitely superior to our own. But these are not criticisms—they are statements of fact, and the American people are entitled to know that there is not a nation in the world that extends such a generous welcome to the stranger as that which goes there in the United States. But admiration for my husband and the publication of my autobiography, which aroused in America such favorable and unfavorable comment—prevented me at the outset from being a complete stranger.

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careful criticism upon art, music or international affairs. The papers are likely, too, to give their readers the wrong impression of one's attitude on various things. For instance, in Indianapolis I was surprised to see in the papers that I had said among other things that in Scotland we were not only highly educated, but able to study in our schools both the French and the Spanish languages, and "were I the queen of America I would restore drink!"

I began to fear that, though uncrowned, I must have in a fit of absence usurped some of the powers of the United States. But admiration for my husband and the publication of my autobiography, which aroused in America such favorable and unfavorable comment—prevented me at the outset from being a complete stranger.

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(although he had been by my other three in New York) because he feared the daughter of a friend of his was dying. She was a little girl, and he had been told that she had fainted some weeks before. Her mother had given her the only stimulant they had in the house; since she had been buried from blood-poisoning and was lying in a critical condition.

I told him I had heard the same complaint wherever I had been, and while sympathizing deeply with him, I could do no more, as I had dead freely and at length upon the subject.

I was advertised by the following card to make my last speech:

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Under the Auspices of
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MARGOT ASQUITH
Will close her brilliant and successful tour by delivering a lecture entitled "IMPRESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA."

I put on my best dress, and, armed with a bouquet of rare orchids given to me by my chairman, made my final public appearance in America.

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Waters for Home and Garden

BY A. GARDEN GROWER.

THE rose show at the armory was the big floral event of last week and while it was larger than last year's show it came a week too late to fit the majority of the gardens of the city. While there were many magnificent blooms exhibited the quality as a whole was not up to what Portland can produce. Among the prize winners were several new exhibitors, showing that if the people of Portland would only show their roses they would have an opportunity of winning prizes.

There were two big outstanding features of the show, aside from the fine displays made by the florists, and these features were the Seattle exhibit and the display made by the various library districts of the city. All kinds of credit is due Seattle for its remarkable effort. It is no small thing to stage an exhibit of the size and wide variety that Seattle did. Credit for it is due C. H. Collier, president of the Seattle Rose Society, for his energetic leadership.

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national forest and extensive experiments have been carried on for several years to determine what would be the best way to grow them. Horses and tractors have been used in the planting, and with a large force of men 1000 acres were planted in six weeks.

Problems of the Garden. Will you please tell me on what mountains rhododendrons grow, and are they the same color as are there different colors?

Can you tell me what makes my rose-buds, when about half out, seem to get hard lump in them and do not bloom like they should? They are very pretty rose when it blooms all right, but this spring has not had one nice bloom on it.

Answer. Rhododendrons grow at a great many places in both the Coast and Cascade ranges of mountains, there being quite extensive sections on the way to Government House. There is a slight variation in color in the wild, or native rhododendrons, while in the cultivated varieties you can get a wide variety in colors.

Camellias are not native flowers and due to the plant quarantine regulations now in force are very scarce. They are slow growing and the American nurserymen have not yet, by propagation, caught up with the demand and probably will not do so for several years.

It is difficult to answer your question regarding the rose unless I know the variety. There are quite a number of roses which very frequently come in with a hard center and due in the majority of cases to the fact that the ground is too damp and cold, the soil not having been sufficiently warmed when the buds set. There are now so many good roses that it is not worth while, except for a collector with a large garden, to waste time on roses which will not bloom properly.

I would like to know, if possible, what causes a tulip to wilt after they were in bud. They seemed healthy until the bud curled down and withered away. I have several especially selected, obtaining only four blooms out of a dozen.

Also, what causes early tulips (these were some tiny bulbs I had sent you) to wilt, apparently, after the bulb forming on the old bulb withering away. The new bulb is not as large as the original, which was too small to bloom.

To whom can I send a blossom for identification? I have a bushy plant and I cannot find anyone who has ever seen it before. It developed from a tiny seedling, evidently dropped by a bird, as it grew and developed in a tub buried in the earth where there had been nothing planted but the soil was rich. It has now five bulbs. The flower is short-stemmed, producing flowers as the hyacinth, but the petals are very attractive. It has a wealth of material and with little study could use it in a more attractive manner.

F. H. Wilson has a very fine rose garden that I promise myself some day to investigate further, for the glimpse one gets from the streets is very attractive. It is a very fine garden and I am sure that it will make future district displays just what the show committee seeks.

The terrace of the home of Kenneth Hauser is a riot of fine shrubs and contains many fine specimens. The garden is a most attractive one and with little study could use it in a more attractive manner.

Answer. Regarding your problem as to tulips, we would suggest that you write W. S. Dibble, Salem, Or., who can give you expert advice on the points you ask.

As to having your bloom identified, will say that if you send one to me I will have the florists of Portland examine it and see if they can identify it.

I, too, am interested in astilbes, and seeing your answer to E. R. C. yesterday, I am sure you would be glad to see the address of some growers in this country. Mr. R. B. H. is a most interesting person and his "Little Garden" is a most interesting one.

Answer. As you sent me a stamped envelope I have sent you the names of several producers of astilbes. I agree with you that the books you mentioned are well worth reading by every gardener, particularly Mrs. King's "Little Garden" for the person with the usual city lot. I will send you a stamped envelope I will give him your name and address.

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THE MARRIED LIFE OF HELEN AND WARREN

BY MABEL HERBERT URNER.

Helen's Strategic Efforts to Collect Debt From Her Sister-in-Law Lend Spice to Domestic Life—Telephone Charges Also Ruffle Temper.

"DEAR, I'm going to speak about it! It's been two months now—that's long enough."

"You can't do that! You're a couple of dollars," grumped Warren.

"It's seven ninety-eight!" persisted Helen, straightening the papers on the table.

"She's just forgotten—she'll think of it," he always defended his sister.

"I'm not so sure she's forgotten. Carrie has a very convenient memory."

"Huh, you've always got it in for her. Never miss a chance to—"

"She'll hear you," cautioned Helen.

"Do give me a clear wire, Central," shrilly from the library. "Hello? This is Lawrence. I'm staying in for dinner! I'll be home at the 5:45."

The next moment Carrie clattered into the room from with a fretful, "You can't hear a thing over that phone. Is it always like that?"

"Long distance is never so distinct," resented Helen.

"You don't call East Lynwood long distance."

The telephone company bills it as long distance," pointedly, for Carrie was always calling up her home and her mother's.

Another 30-cent call to the East Lynwood dentist!

"Dear, it's an imposition," flamed Helen, while Carrie hurried into the library.

"For the love of Lulu, don't be so blamed silly!" growled Warren.

"She's made three 30-cent calls this evening!"

"Well, what of it? Punch that bell, want some of that brown bread?"

"Isn't that provoking!" complained Carrie, coming back to the table. "She's just left—no five minutes ago. She'll charge out the time—she always does if you don't let her know the day before."

Helen acted to make some comment about Carrie's soliloquy for her own pocketbook. But a menacing scowl from Warren kept her silent.

"Mrs. Wesley wants to borrow half a dozen eggs for breakfast. Nora swung in from the pantry. 'The man that brings her butter and eggs, don't forget you owe me a dollar and a half for that matinee.'"

"Why, you didn't seem to mind it in the meat," Helen's thrust was effective, for Carrie had disposed of two generous slices of the lamb.

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"I like it very well as it is," flared Helen, who always fiercely resented her sister-in-law's criticism of her clothes.

"You needn't be so touchy! I like to be told when I don't look well in a dress. I've got an appointment in the morning, and I can't go. I'd bet the dinner before he goes out, throwing down her napkin."

"Here, don't you two start squabbling," cut in Warren. "When that seed catalogue came the other day? I said we'd save it for later."

Helen produced it from under a pile of magazines.

"Oh, we have that from every year," said Warren, frowning.

"It's your high heels!" Then indignantly, "Why don't you wear your high heels at Ardman's? They'd give you more support. I wish I'd bought a pair. They were bargain—only seven ninety-eight."

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Now is the time to start perennial seeds if you want blooming plants next year. It is not long enough in which to expect results, especially if you are sowing in the best conditions. If anyone desires seed of the Mrs. Bradshaw variety, it will be glad to furnish exchange for any perennial variety the grower may have, or exchange plants for seed. Write to Mrs. Bradshaw, 1115 Grand Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

Answer—Thank you for your offer to aid another grower, and if anyone wants to take advantage of it and will send me a stamped envelope I will give him your name and address.

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