

# Britain's Richest Peer In Scandal

London, Nov. 30.—Smart society is looking eagerly forward to the most highly spiced feast of scandal which the law courts have spread before it for a long time. Mrs. Atherton's breach of promise suit against the Hon. John Reginald Yarde-Buller is scheduled for an early trial.

Both the plaintiff and defendant have reached that advanced stage of social decomposition when they no longer have any reputations left to lose. It is the fact that the young duke of Westminster, the richest peer in the United Kingdom, is to be brought into the case as a witness which imparts such a rare seasoning to the banquet. For the duke is to be put on the rack to draw from him the story of his relations with the beautiful woman who now claims \$100,000 for the damage done to her affections by the Hon. John.

Mrs. Atherton is the divorced wife of Col. Thomas James Atherton. He obtained a divorce from her last year. The evidence was brief and conclusive. There was no defense. The Hon. John, who is the son and heir of Lord Churston, was the correspondent. Not long ago, it will be remembered, public announcement was made of his marriage to Miss Denise Orme, a pretty actress. It had previously been kept secret for nearly six months. People wondered why. Mrs. Atherton's breach of promise suit furnishes the key to that mystery.

### Boy's Escapade.

The story of how the duke became mixed up with Mrs. Atherton goes back much further. In 1900 when he had barely attained his majority, the duke, with many other plucky scions of the aristocracy, went to South Africa to help fight the Boers. At that time Col. Atherton was there, with him was his wife. Her "affaires" were even then notorious and were much discussed in army circles. As soon as the richest peer in the United Kingdom came within range of her she set out to capture him. She was an experienced woman of the world, who, to rare personal charm, added extraordinary skill in the art of fascination. He was—well what most lads are at one-and-twenty. He had a sweetheart at home, Miss Shelagh Cornwallis West, a pretty and charming girl. They had been playmates in childhood and lovers before they entered their teens.

Had Shelagh been there she might have saved him from the older woman. Mrs. Atherton knew of the engagement. That knowledge merely prompted her to take the fullest possible advantage of the clear field which the girl's absence afforded her. She broke with all her other admirers and devoted herself exclusively to the young duke. He lost his head completely and threw discretion to the winds. One night they eloped, notwithstanding that there was a battle to be fought the next day. Had he not been a duke his neglect to obtain leave of absence might have entailed serious consequences.

"The Girl He Left Behind Him." Meanwhile Shelagh, at home, was having a bad time of it, for of course there were kind friends who told her all about the duke's entanglement with Mrs. Atherton. She declared she would never speak to him again; and as for ever marrying him, that was impossible. He had broken her heart and she would never marry anybody. Her mother took a different view of the matter. Dukes, especially rich dukes, were not to be picked up every day. She set herself to spoil Mrs. Atherton's game.

Her first move was to seek an interview with the king, who at that time was still Prince of Wales. As a result the duke was summoned from South Africa. As soon as his ship reached Southampton one of the

prince's equerries seized upon him and escorted him to Marlborough house, London, the residence of the Prince of Wales. There the prince talked to him as an elderly man of the world, wise and kindly, and not without experience in the ways of the Mrs. Atherton type of sirens might be expected to talk to a foolish youth who had got himself into a mess with a married woman. The gist of what he told the duke was that he should break with Mrs. Atherton, pay her whatever price she demanded to keep quiet, and marry Shelagh speedily.

### Determined American Mother.

When the duke reached his hotel after his interview with the Prince of Wales, he found Mrs. Cornwallis West waiting for him. That clever woman did not intend that he should have any time to recover from the dressing down given him by the Prince of Wales before she tackled him. There was a scene, but the upshot of it was the duke promised her if Shelagh would forgive him he would marry her within three weeks.

The next thing to be accomplished "was the squaring" of Mrs. Atherton. That wily woman had no intention of letting such a rich prize slip through her fingers without making a fight for her share of the prize money at least. She had followed the duke home in the next ship that sailed from South Africa.

The duke refused to see her and referred her to his solicitors for the ENGLISH PEER 2 settlement of any question of damages she might raise. She saw the solicitors and assessed her damages at \$250,000. The money was paid without a quibble, a fact which afterwards caused her bitterly to regret that she had not asked for more. Back to Husband With \$250,000. With her \$250,000 Mrs. Atherton returned to her husband's "protection." It is said, and it is probably true, that he knew nothing of the bargain she had driven with the duke.

Mrs. Atherton, fascinating as ever, soon had hosts of admirers. But she had learned the value of discretion and discrimination. At last, the Hon. John came her way. As a prize he didn't rank in the duke of Westminster's class. But time was fleeting, and Mrs. Atherton realized that her charm would soon be waning. So Mrs. Atherton decided that as the future Lord Churston the Hon. John was worth while. In a short time she had him fast snared. He was a trifle over 30—at age at which a man is supposed to have arrived at years of discretion—and is entitled to no such lenient view of his conduct as the young duke may have deserved. The "goings on" between the Hon. John and Mrs. Atherton were so flagrant that Col. Atherton soon became the laughing stock of his friends and acquaintances. They began to speak of him as "shady," and to hint that he was partaking of his wife's spoils. Incensed at such remarks, he was at last driven to seek a vindication of his character in the divorce courts with the result already told.

Unfortunately for the Duke of Westminster he is the Hon. John's trump card in the game that is to be played in the law courts. His story is to be wrung from him to prove that Mrs. Atherton is a sordid adventuress and not entitled to any damages at all. It is rough on the duke that after paying \$250,000 to get the scandal hushed up he should be forced to make it public himself. But the stern moralist and his ally, Mrs. Grundy, will say it serves him just right. He and Shelagh have been happy since their marriage, and have two lovely children—a boy and a girl.

of Oregon with an outlet at Coos Bay.

Mrs. Yoakam's address was to the point, touching upon conditions as they exist among the dairymen, and gave some interesting statistics.

Judge Schlabre took occasion in his address to mention the miserable mail service Coos Bay people are putting up with and the urgent necessity of carrying to completion the project of an electric line outlet to the Southern Pacific. He also endorsed the plan of Mr. Davey to have the state bisected east and west by a railroad built by the state.

Mrs. Yoakam's address on "Dairy Interests of Coos County" and Mr. Davey's letter on a "State Railroad from Idaho to Deep Water at Coos Bay," will appear in Sunday's issue of the Times.

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A very pretty Thanksgiving entertainment was given by the pupils of the Myrtle Bank school on Wednesday, Nov. 27th.

The school house was artistically decorated with evergreens, and large vases filled with beautiful ferns.

Miss Florence Rooke and Miss Joan Fitzgerald acted as ushers and programmes done in water colors, and representing miniature pumpkins were handed to the visitors. The programme rendered was as follows:

- Song: "Hurrah for Thanksgiving"—School.
- Recitation: "A Squirrel's Thanksgiving"—Florence Simmons.
- Action Song: "Morning"—Russell Church, Hannah and Kathleen Fitzgerald.
- Reading of first half of school paper: "Myrtle Bank Progress"—Lawrence Russell.
- Song: "Hail the Glad Thanksgiving"—Eighth Grade.
- Recitation: "A Thankful Girl"—Emma Fitzgerald.
- Reading of last half "Myrtle Bank Progress"—By Florence Rooke.
- Song: "Thanksgiving Hymn"—Eighth Grade.
- Drama: "A Merry Thanksgiving"—School.
- Song: "Thanksgiving Dinner"—School.

After the entertainment dainty refreshments prepared by the teacher Miss Landrith, were served by two of the girls, one representing a Puritan Maid and the other an Indian Girl.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all and the programme rendered reflects credit on both the teacher and pupils.

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There is a satisfaction in buying shoes, to know that they are going to give you value received. We don't believe there are many who expect more than this in shoes. But when you go into a store and pay a man \$2.50 or \$3.50 or \$4.00 for a pair of shoes, you expect him to give you a pair that will give you \$2.50 or \$3.50 or \$4.00 worth of wear. And you are right in doing so.

Now, once in a while, even in a good reliable make of shoe, a poor piece of leather will slip through the inspector's hands, and will result in a pair of shoes that will not give satisfaction,—but this is very seldom.

Our shoe sales for October this year, were more than 100 per cent greater than for the same month last year. The reason for this we believe is the service we have given. Our customers have found that at this store they can depend on getting their money's worth in shoes.

- In buying from us you can be properly fitted in any grade of shoe, because we carry large stocks. You get the best materials, the best workmanship, and the best of our buying judgment.
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## Children's Shoes that Wear.

In children's shoes, we can interest every father and mother in the Coos Bay country. In fact, we believe we have already interested fully one-half of the heads of the homes in this district, to the extent that we sell as many children's shoes as all other stores on Coos Bay combined.

Almost every steamer into Coos Bay brings us from five to twenty-five cases of children's shoes, which will give a partial idea of the immense quantity we sell. But if our quality and prices were not right, we certainly could not do this great amount of business. Parents want shoes that give service, and they want them at a price that is within their reach. It is our constant aim to comply fully in both of these respects, and that we are "getting the business," is the best attestation that we do. If you have not been buying children's shoes of us heretofore, we can save you money and extra worry, if you will do so from now on.

## Men's Hosiery

- In hosiery for men, we have several very special numbers we would like to have you give a trial. The qualities are decidedly convincing. If you buy any of the following numbers once, we are satisfied you will buy your shoes of us hereafter, so extraordinary are the wearing qualities.
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- Men's black and tan wool hose. Natural color toes and heels. Excellent wearers. A great value at our price of, pair..... **35c**

## Boys' Knee Pants

This week we have received that consignment of boys' pants for which we have been looking. They are indeed splendid values,—well made in every respect. All are double sewed with reinforced linen tape seams, and strong elastic waist bands. The materials are dark brown corduroy, finished and unfinished worsteds and fine serges. They come in good patterns and are resanably priced at from 35c the pair, to..... **\$1.00**

## Ladies' Kimonos

Our kimono department has been enlarged and beautified this week by the arrival of a new shipment. It now shows the most exquisite assortment of housewear we have ever offered. Among the more elaborate designs are liberty silks in dainty shades, accordion pleated, and handsomely trimmed with valenciennes insertion and lace; and the dainty Jap silks, in dainty floral and other Japanese designs.

For the more particular wearer there are dainty long and short kimonos of cashmere, batiste, creponne and flannelette. Some of these are made up in Empire effect; others with shirring around yoke and at waist, while satin ribbon of harmonious shade forms part of the decoration of many of the more dressy ones.

As stated before the line is most complete, and a wide range of designs, and colors is at your command. Come in and see them. The prices range from \$35.00 to **\$1.00**

## Silk Petticoats

The expected shipment of silk petticoats for women has been received. Among the lot are pinks, light and dark blues, reds, greens, tans, grays, lavenders, browns, black and assorted stripes and plaids. They have deep accordion pleated bounces with ruffles. The best grade of silk..... **\$6.50**

## Rubberized Satin Raincoats

These rubberized satin raincoats are also new arrivals. They were sent to us by our Mr. Morton in New York, with advice that they are just being shown by stores that cater to exclusive trade, and promise to be very popular. Rubberized coats, of course, were shown a year ago, but not in these styles. The ones we are showing represent something entirely new in this line, and if you are at all interested, we wish you would ask to see the new rubberized raincoats. Prices range from \$36.00 to..... **\$20.00**

## SORE THROAT TO COST SINGER HIGH

Emma Eames Will Lose \$1500 Through Illness Preventing Her Concerts.

New York, Nov. 29.—Sore throat, or laryngitis, will cost Emma Eames, Heinrich Conried's prima donna, just \$1500. Because of this illness she will be unable to appear at two concerts of the New York Symphony Orchestra tomorrow evening and Sunday afternoon in Carnegie Hall.

These appearances were to have been among the very few which the recent wife of Julian Story had consented to grant the American public. In her place will appear Josef Hofmann, who is admitted to be one of the world's greatest piano players.

—Daily news at Miller's.

## DAIRYING WAS THE PRINCIPAL THEME

Other Important Matters Discussed Last Night at Regular Meeting of Chamber of Commerce.

At the Chamber of Commerce last night Mrs. Yoakam convinced the people of Marshfield that she will creditably represent Coos Bay at the meeting of the State Dairymen's Association in Portland next month. Judge Schlabre also convinced the meeting that it is within the power of the people of Coos County to bring about the consolidation of an electric line between Coos Bay and the Southern Pacific at Roseburg. A letter from Hon. Frank Davey, of Burns, Harney county, who was speaker of the lower house of the legislature revealed the fact that the great inland empire of eastern Oregon is ripe for the state to take the bull by the horns and build a railroad through the neglected district

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