THE SOCIAL SWIM

Washington Outdoes New York in New Year Diamond Display.

BRITISH EMBASSY DECADENT

English Diplomat Disdains Society—Strange Story of the Devil, the Dancer and the Jealous Lover at Masked Ball.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—With the state dinner given at the White House on Thursday evening, when the President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained the plenipotentiaries of thirty-seven foreign powers, the official season reached its zenith, and there will be nothing in the next four weeks following to equal in interest and distinction the functions given in the early days of the year.

The diplomatic reception which took place in the first week of the New Year was one of the most brilliant affairs ever given at the White House. Never, it is said, in the history of its past triumph's has there been such a display of priceless jewels. They crowned fair heads, adorned beautiful necks, covered miladi's hands, and nestled among rich laces, and handsome brocades where they caught every passing gleam and rivaled the glow of the myriads of lights. And all, rumor whispers, because a number of the New York smart set came to witness the reception and to outshine the native "villagers." Washington women, as a rule, do not go forth to the semi-public receptions at the White House, adorned as show-windows for jewelry establishments, but when the magic word passed round that the New York women came to impress and out do fair Washingtonians, something had to be done, and, with one accord they rose to the occasion, and it is said that in the battle of the jewels, Washington was not worsted, and that the gay New Yorkers returned home with chastened spirits and enlightened minds in regard to the National gem exhibit.

Washington is bemoaning the waning of the social prestige of the British Embassy, for it is understood that the Bryces care nothing for what is now termed "society," and that their home will be the center of the intellectual rather than the butterfly life of the capital. Under the regime of the Pauncefotes the British Embassy was famous for its social life as Lord Pauncefote considered it his duty and pleasure to make it so and spared neither money nor brains in the undertaking. The Durands, although they entertained a great deal, were unable to keep up the pace set by their predecessor and now the smart set is bewildered and horrified to discover that the Bryces don't even mean to try. Could anything be more exasperating to a waiting and expectant guest than to learn that there is to be no party? And can the British Embassy afford to throw social prestige to the winds, and yet maintain the dignity and popularity necessary to diplomatic success? All this remains to be demonstrated to a disappointed and doubting coterie of Washington society.

Who was the mysterious man, who, disguised as Mephistopheles, attended the celebrated ball masque given by the Thomas F. Walshes, at their palatial home on Massachusets avenue? Was he a butler with social aspirations a burglar with gentlemanly instincts, or simply an adventurer upon excitement bent? Many question, but none can answer. The Walshes are reticent upon the subject, discomfited at the unfortunate interpolation which marred one of the most ambitious and brilliant entertainments ever given in Washington. The mysterious Mephistopheles gained admission without difficulty, and his disguise which set off the many physical attractions of his manly form, was striking even in that gorgeous peacock throng. His grace as a dancer, his ready repartee, and faultless bearing admitted of no question and his assiduous attention to a little Egyptian dancer seemed singularly appropriate. Spectators could not but notice how well they danced together, and strained eyes and ears to catch snatches of their merry conversation as they floated about in dreamy waltz or lively two-step. An Egyptian dancer and the devil! A happy combination to cause mischief. The Dancer's golden scarfs which were wound gracefully about her petite form, her golden bracelets and anklets, the tinkling of the coins adorning her gaudy costume seemed to invite attention and to irresistibly allure ephisto and as the Piper Heidswick flowed freely and the strains of dreamy waltzes were wafted on perfumed air he seemed ever at her side or seeking her amid the throng. And all the time the little lady wondered who he was and whom he thought she was? And interested spectators wondered who they both were! When lo, in an untoward moment when the merriment was at its height an irate young man approached Mephisto in a manner that could not be mistaken. Brief words were exchanged and poor Mephisto's mask fell, revealing a countenance, horrors! unknown to all in that assemblage of gaiety seekers. Quickly he made his exit while the onlookers gasped and whispered and the Egyptian maiden gladly availed herself of the protection and attention of her defender. The dance and music went on as before, and save for a murmured word here and there the untoward occurrence was forgotten. But when the time for unmasking came, the Egyptian masker turned out to be Princess Alice!!! Puzzle, Who was the irate young man?

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