

Why the Poor Duke of York MUST Marry Millions

Even a 50-50 Bachelor Flat Pinches the King's Second Son, Trying to Keep Up with 'Walesie' on a Mere \$50,000 a Year

His Royal Highness Has Been Reported Engaged to Rachel Cavendish, Daughter of the Rich Duke of Devonshire.

LONDON.

THE Prince of Wales may be able to struggle along—and stay single—on the allowance granted him by Parliament, plus the rich revenue he draws from his Duchy of Cornwall. But his little brother, the Duke of York, who isn't nearly so well off, is having difficulty in keeping up appearances on only \$50,000 a year.

That's why, according to his intimates, he's got to get married right away. When the London newspapers reported that his engagement to Lady Rachel Cavendish soon would be formally announced, they called it a "love match." Whereupon society smiled and remarked that the Duke is singularly fortunate in losing his heart exactly where he did.

For Lady Rachel Cavendish is the daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, former Governor-General of Canada, and the Duke of Devonshire is one of the richest men in the British Empire. He owns 150,000 acres of land, and when his daughter marries, she will present her husband with a beautiful dowry.

Londoners familiar with court gossip were not surprised by the news that the Duke of York will wed an heiress. They have been expecting such an announcement for the past two years, ever since the Duke went to live with the Prince of Wales in an extensive bachelor establishment, where the brothers share expenses "fifty-fifty."

Edward, the Prince, and Albert, the Duke, are twenty-eight and twenty-seven years old, respectively. The former went to Oxford, the latter to Cambridge. The Prince was in the army on the Western front, the Duke served in the navy at the battle of Jutland. Both are good-looking and charming, and each is a bit of a blade, with the average young man's desire to be a good spender in addition to the heavy financial obligations of royalty.

The Prince, however, is much better able to keep pace with the cost of living. His allowance from the government is larger than the Duke's, as befits the first-born. He is Earl of Chester, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick and Baron of Renfrew. From each of these estates he derives an income. Cornwall alone—the oldest earldom in England, first created for Edward the Black Prince—yields him something like \$100,000 a year.

The Duke, on the other hand, has nothing save his Parliamentary grant of 10,000 pounds a year. He is, as standards go in his set, something less than well to do. So long as he lived with his royal parents at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, this was ample for his needs. But Albert, like many another young man, chafed at sticking so close to the

family hearth. King's sons sometimes keep just as late hours as commoners. The latter have latchkeys. But when the Duke of York taxied home at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, it meant rousing the guard, rattling the gates, waking any number of people, causing entirely too much commotion.

"Come over and share my digs with me," suggested the Prince of Wales, who had found family life palling some time ago and had removed himself and his entourage to York House, St. James's Court. Here, in a rambling, old-fashioned mansion of many rooms, massive walls, convenient entrances and exits, he had installed himself and his secretaries, his business advisor, his valet, butlers, chauffeurs and other servants.

"Thanks," replied the Duke of York. "We'll go, as the Americans say, fifty-fifty."

It wasn't long before the bachelor retreat of the brothers became the scene of many elaborate formal functions and still more smaller—but gay—parties. Both the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York are extremely popular personally in court society. They are good dancers, good fellows, good spenders. Unlike some historic princes, they refuse to accept financial favors from sycophants. They "pay their own way," and the way they travel is rather expensive.

Fifty thousand a year does not go far when one must split the cost of a \$1,500 or \$2,000 reception; when the wine bill at a single dinner party for ten is \$200; when such little parties are being staged every week or so; when one goes for motors and yachts and hunts; when one's wardrobe must include, in addition to the usual civilian clothes, a variety of uniforms and court costumes donned perhaps only once a year.

Court gossip began to notice that the Duke of York absented himself frequently from his elder brother's entertainments. The Prince of Wales kept up his membership in five exclusive clubs; the Duke belonged to only one.

Then came the American tour of the Prince and, after that, his trip to the Orient. He still "stood his share" of the upkeep of the bachelor domain, but the brunt of entertaining fell fully on his younger brother's shoulders—and his bank account.

It was about that time the Duke of York began to pay assiduous attention to the American heiress, Grace Vanderbilt, daughter of General Cornelius Vanderbilt. A match was generally predicted. The English public looked not without favor on an American alliance, but all rumors came to nothing when Mrs. Vanderbilt called back to America with her daughter.

Marlborough.

Gossip next linked the Duke of York's name to two more heiresses—Lady Elizabeth Angela Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the very wealthy Earl of Strathmore and a bride's maid at Princess Mary's wedding to Viscount Lascelles; and Lady Mary Sibell Ashley, daughter of the Earl of Shaftesbury and one of the ladies-in-waiting to the Queen. His name then was linked with that of Princess Ilena of Roumania. But these courtships—if courtships they were—led to nothing more definite than chatter.

Last Summer the Duke of York paid open court to the richest heiress in all England, Miss Edwina Ashley. She is the granddaughter of Sir Edward Cassell, who was financial advisor to the late King Edward, and who lost her on his death last year one of the most gigantic fortunes in the world. Viscount Lascelles, Princess Mary's husband, has an income from \$10,000,000, but Edwina Ashley's riches are said to top that figure five times.

But, just as London had about decided the wooing of the Duke was to unite royalty and the Cassell millions, Miss Ashley's engagement was announced to young Lord Louis Mountbatten, the twenty-two-year-old son of the Marquis of Milford Haven, and, like the Duke of York, a great grandson of Queen Victoria. He had accompanied the Prince of Wales on his Indian trip, and there Miss Ashley was present at many of the glittering functions in honor of the Prince.

Since the Duke's choice of Lady Rachel Cavendish has been broadcast in the London press, the gossip has turned to another interesting speculation: What will the Prince of Wales do in the event his brother marries and thus disrupts their bachelor household? Will the end of their "fifty-fifty" arrangement prove embarrassing to the Prince? And will he follow his brother's example and seek another heiress bride?

York House, Where the Duke of York and His Elder Brother, the Prince of Wales, Go "Fifty-fifty" on Their Bachelor Housekeeping Expenses, and, at Right, Another Photo of the Duke of York.



Lady Elizabeth Angela Bowes-Lyon.
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Miss Grace Vanderbilt.

He Paid Open Court Last Summer to Miss Edwina Ashley, England's Richest Heiress, but Now She Is Reported Engaged to Young Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Some whispered that King George and Queen Mary desired both sons to choose English brides. Others hinted the Vanderbilts themselves trotted Grace away, remembering the vast fortune W. K. Vanderbilt lavished on Blenheim Castle after the marriage of his daughter, Consheld, to the Duke of

The Prince can go courting with far more assurance than his brother. Not only will the girl he marries some day be Queen of England, but, regardless of her own circumstances, she will come into a comfortable fortune. Parliament sets aside a grant of 10,000 pounds a year for the Princess of Wales—exactly the same amount given the Duke of York. And, in the event the Prince dies and she survives him, this sum is increased to 30,000 pounds a year; or, by normal exchange, approximately \$145,000.

Young Wales has been reported engaged, from time to time, to half the eligible of Europe since he reached his majority seven years ago. The latest potential fiancée named in the newspapers is Lady Mary Cambridge, his first cousin. If the rumor of an engagement is confirmed when the Prince returns to England, and the Duke of York does marry Lady Rachel Cavendish, Westminster Abbey may be the scene of a royal double wedding—the first in England's history.

Princess Ilena of Roumania, and Above, on Right, Another Photo of Miss Edwina Ashley.

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Prince Albert on Parade with His Father, King George.

