

# RUINED BY BRIDGE.

HAS COST THE "DOUBLE DUCHESS" HER FORTUNE.

**England's Greatest Hostess, the Duchess of Devonshire, Has Lost \$2,000,000 in Cash and a Palace Within a Decade.**

Brought to the verge of ruin by bridge whist, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire would be obliged to forfeit their estates were it not for the money lenders of England. Her mania for this form of gambling has involved the venerable "Double Duchess" in no end of trouble and scandal and has cost her within the last decade no less than \$2,000,000 in cash and a palace, besides. Unless some lucky circumstance prevents (not improbable, since her granddaughter, Lady Mary Hamilton, is one of the richest girls in the world), Chatsworth House, the magnificent country home of the Devonshires, will become the prey of creditors and Devonshire House, the palace of Piccadilly, London, has already been sold to pay gambling debts, though possession will not be given until the death of the duke. For the sake of reputation some of the scandalous gambling transactions will be kept from publicity by generous relatives.

### Foremost Woman of Peerage.

The Duchess of Devonshire, called the "Double Duchess," because she has been the wife of a Duke of Manchester as well as of the Duke of Devonshire, is the foremost woman of the British peerage and ranks almost with royalty itself. She is a brilliant woman and has had a life of strenuous action, daring and passion. At 71 she is still a young woman, though she has upheld her place in the highest rank of nobility for half a century. She has been the foremost hostess of her time and her entertainments have been historical. She is mother-in-law or grandmother to a dozen of Britain's noblest families, and for years was the intimate friend and adviser of Queen Alexandra.

The "Double Duchess" is a German, one of the few foreign ladies who have attained the high and enviable rank of leader of English society. Here is her



DUCHESS OF DEVON

Manchester became Duchess of Devonshire. She was 57 then. This was the climax of a romance watched by the whole world.

### A Mania for Bridge.

When bridge whist was introduced in London, the Double Duchess became a strong supporter of the game. It became a mania with her and the stakes were heavy wherever she played. When it was discovered that at her parties a regular system of signaling to partners was practiced it caused a temporary scandal, but did not break up the game. The duchess finally went to the continent, her health broken by scandals and worries over her losses, but she played abroad and when she returned to London it was the signal for some of the highest bridge play known in the history of the game. Many ladies were reported to have lost their jewels and their fortunes. Again were there stories of the duchess's prodigious losses. Not long ago William Waldorf Astor bought Devonshire House for \$5,000,000. For some time there have been no social functions under the Devonshire auspices and if there are any in the near future they will be paid for by Lady Hamilton.

### Ancient Indian Writings.

A local newspaper man at Otanga, O. T., made a very lucky find the other day by accidentally learning about an old Indian history, says the Kansas City Journal. The details are written out on old parchment paper and proved to be an accurate history of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians. It gave an account of their religious rites and beliefs along with the traditions of the tribes. It deals freely with the tribal government for over 100 years and is very extensive in covering the relation with the United States government.

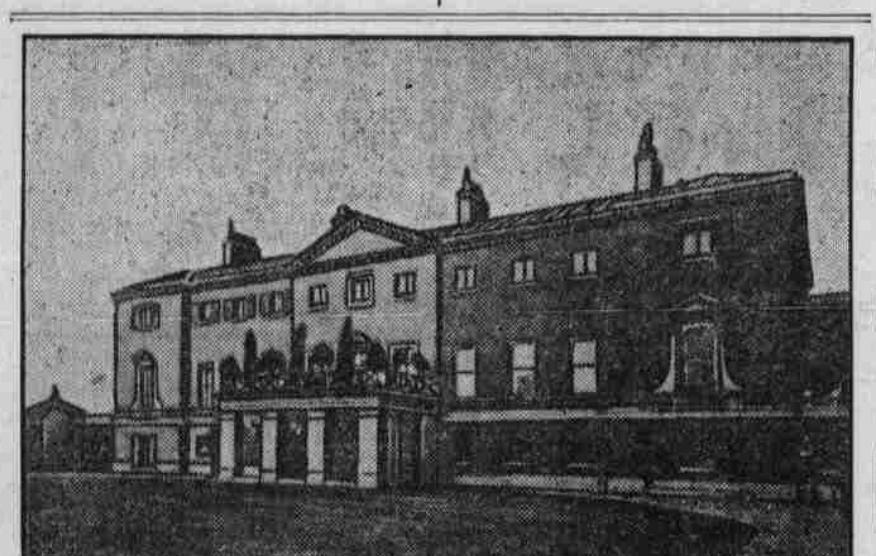
Many important fights with troops and a description of the burying ground, where some officers were interred are among the things. It was originally written in Indian language and was translated by George Bent, an old-time Indian scout and plainsman.

The affairs of several other Indian tribes who have been affiliated with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes are dealt with in the history.

Among other things dealt with is the history of the sacred arrows that were stolen by the Pawnee Indians and secured only recently by the Cheyennes by exchanging several hundred ponies.

### Emerald Dating Back to Solomon.

In an ancient cathedral of Genoa a vase of immense value has been preserved for 600 years. It is cut from a single emerald. Its principal diameter is 1 3/4 inches and its height is 5/8 inches. It is kept under several locks,



PALACE SACRIFICED TO A GAMBLING MANIA.

full name and titles: Her Grace the Right Honorable Louise Frederica Augusta D'Alton Cavendish, Duchess of Devonshire, Marchioness of Hartington, Countess of Burlington, Countess of Anhalt of Hanover, Lady Cavendish of Hartwicke, Lady Cavendish of Keighley, Lady of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem and seventh Duchess of Manchester. The latter title has lapsed. It was in the days of the Prince Consort that the Countess Louise d'Anhalt went to London. Her father, the Comte d'Alton of Hanover, was in the train of the German princeling who married Victoria the Good. When she reached the age of 17 she was presented at court and launched into society. She had been brought up in the strict German regime which also ruled the court of the period, and the giddy whirl of society opened her eyes. Within a year she wed Lord Mandeville, who three years later became His Grace of Manchester. He was an inveterate gambler, and wasted practically all his patrimony at the card table. A son born of this union married Consuelo Yanga, an American, and their son, the present Duke of Manchester, also married an American, Miss Helena Zimmerman, of Cincinnati. The other children of the Double Duchess have all married well.

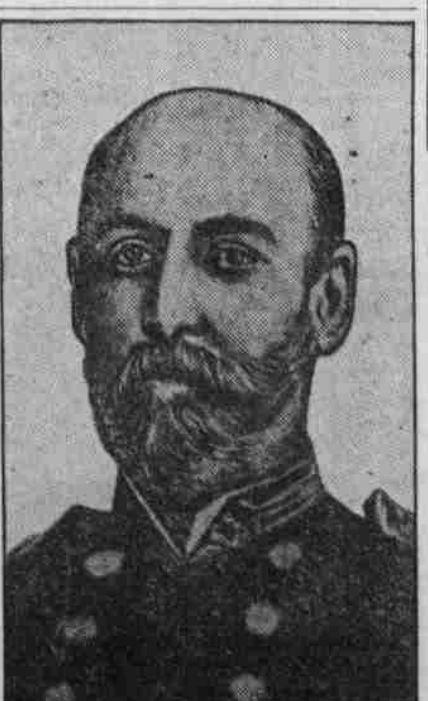
### Her Romance.

Early in her married life the "Double Duchess" found herself deserted by her husband. Manchester preferred the gambling table to his wife. She found consolation and companionship in society, where she met the Marquis of Hartington, who stood high in politics as a right-hand man of Gladstone and a member of the cabinet. He was not an orator but was a clever and fascinating man and had the right of succession to the dukedom of Devonshire. An amazing friendship grew up between the busy politician and the German beauty. As the years went on and he never married, but kept close to the hem of the duchess's gown, society pointed it out as the ideal platonic affection. In 1800 the Duke of Manchester died. The next year, by the death of the then duke, the Marquis of Hartington became Duke of Devonshire and the next year the widowed Duchess of

the keys of which are in different hands; it is rarely exhibited in public, and then only by an order of the Senate. When exhibited it is suspended around the neck of a priest by a cord, and no one else is allowed to touch it. It is asserted that this vase is one of the gifts which were made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

### AMERICAN OFFICER INSULTED BY KINGSTON GOVERNOR.

Rear Admiral Charles Henry Davis, who was practically ordered away from Kingston, Jamaica, by the British governor, won fame in the Spanish war as the man to whom the town of Ponce, Porto Rico, surrendered. He was then in command of the gunboat



REAR ADMIRAL DAVIS.

Dixie. He is a native of Massachusetts, and was graduated from the naval academy in 1864. He was connected with several expeditions to determine differences in longitude, was superintendent of the naval observatory for a short time and served on the Anglo-Russian North Sea commission at Paris.

# WOMEN AND FASHION

# SHEAR NONSENSE

### Work Should Be Systematized.

An inexperienced young housekeeper who for the first time tries to manage a home, doing much, if not all, of the work herself, will find no end of difficulties cleared away if she will systematize her daily tasks. The system is only regularity, doing in order all of the things that are necessary, so that before she realizes it everything is done, and there is leisure to read, sew or visit. Much less time is consumed in the work, far less nervous energy, and one's temper is saved no end.

To begin with, if a woman does not keep a maid, she should so arrange her work that by noon certainly, if not before, it is all done, and the rest of the day she has to herself.

Of course, breakfast is the first away. Many housekeepers bring the dishes from the table into the kitchen as soon as the meal is over, but I do not believe in this, because there is already confusion in the kitchen, and more dishes simply add to it.

Leave the breakfast table as it is and return to the kitchen. Begin there by washing the pots and kettles that have been used, and then wash whatever cups, spoons and the like that has been used in preparing the meal. They are, of course, kitchen utensils, and so may be put away as soon as cleared. Wipe up around the sink, that there may be a fresh place for the dining-room dishes, and then bring out those. Do not do this one at a time, or even several at once, but have a tin tray (it is the lightest) large enough for all or almost all of the dishes, fill this from the table and bring them all out in one trip. Take them from the tray, wipe that and place it near for the dishes when clean.

Wash the glasses first in water from which the soap has been taken out. Do three or four at once, and if the water is hot enough they will almost dry themselves. They may be lifted from the pan with a mop handle. Turn them upside down to drain, and then, with a fresh towel, wipe them. Put each on the tray as it is dry, so that it may be returned to the dining-room in one trip. After the glasses, wash the tea or coffee cups, proceeding as with the glasses. Then, there being no grease yet in the water, put in all the small silver. Let that stay in and over it put the plates, a few at a time. After several of those are washed it is well to turn out the water and put in fresh, letting it run on the soap to form a suds. Finish washing the plates, then wash the silver, and, lastly, do the vegetable dishes or platters.

I prefer getting out dining things, that it may not be necessary to return to the kitchen until lunch time. To go back constantly to the same kind of work is not only monotonous, but tiring.

### When a Girl Is of Age.

In Nebraska she is of age at 16. In the State of Washington she attains her majority at 18, but if her husband is of age, she also is, no matter how young she may be. This is a strange law, allowing the husband to control the majority of his wife. But marriage also brings our maid to her majority, no matter what her years may be, in Maryland, Oregon, Texas, Iowa and Louisiana, while 18 is the age prescribed in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Dakota, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa (unless married), Kansas, Maryland (unless married), Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska (unless married, when it is 16), Nevada, Ohio, Oregon (unless married), Vermont and Washington (unless married).



Hooded effects are in vogue on all sorts of garments, though on bodices these are more often simulated by trimmings than otherwise.

White leather with ornamental braiding is the touch of relief on many walking gowns. It is introduced in rather big patches, such as a vest, collar or facings, more than as lines of trimmings.

Dinner bodices finished with contours of a somewhat director description are very smart and becoming. In flowered silk overskirts of lace or other fluffy materials this mode is especially fetching.

Openwork stockings now take a second place beside those of gossamer mesh. A stocking cannot be too fine to-day to suit Dame Fashion and even in the street the finest mesh is worn. Embroidered silk hose are much in demand and if possible the embroidery should be of the same design as that of the gown.

For your light gowns this year there are belts woven of gold or silver threads. Some look like simple braids, some are woven in the most fanciful designs. One exquisite belt of this type is shown in the dull old gold. The girl who wants something to harmonize

with her new "antique" bracelet would do well to invest in one of these belts. She must be careful to have a buckle that is also in keeping, however.

Huge rosettes and bows of glossy ribbon, also of gold and silver ribbon or of panne velvet, are considered very smart for hat trimming, and many yards of material are used in this way. Larger flowers are favorites this winter and are placed at almost any spot on the hat. Grapes in every color are used extensively, sometimes in large bunches, to match the gown or the body of the hat or the ribbon.

Glacé kid continues the favorite for street wear, both suede and glacé being in demand for social functions. With the three-quarter-length sleeve, which many prefer to the elbow length and which is newer, twelve-button-length gloves are amply long and it is a waste of money to buy the longer ones, which cost more proportionately. The best colors for general wear are white, black, gray and all the very delicate shades of tan and suede. Self-stitching is considered in better taste than contrasts, even black not being very much in evidence.

### Gone Back to Good Old Names.

"I was looking over the society column of my newspaper," said a lady of the old school to the New York correspondent of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "and it did my heart good to see how people have returned to the good old habit of giving their girls names that stand for dignity, poetry and the traditions of our race."

"There was not a Sallie, a Mable, or a Nellie in the list. In one announcement of a reception given by a mother on the coming out of her daughter there was one Dorothy, one Alice and one Eleanor, two Helens, one Augusta, one Elizabeth, and, thank heaven for it! one plain, lovely and old-fashioned Mary. There was a Lucy, a Jane, an Agnes and three or four Ruths. It

### MUSHROOM HAT.

Among the smart hats which have made their appearance as early spring harbingers of what is to follow later on is this broad, low, scuttle-shaped hat, quaint in outline and trimming. It is an exaggerated mushroom shape in leghorn straw and one of the first of the new big hats, a summer vogue for which is confidently intimated. The natural-colored straw is used, with a native dotted chiffon scarf folded



MUSHROOM FOR SPRING.

around the crown and ending with two long looped bows in the back. A silver buckle identifies the front of the hat, while two big yellow roses each side of the front chiffon loops lend character to the ensemble.

### Would Have New Word.

A writer in a Philadelphia paper thinks that the time is ripe for a new word that will mean either man or woman, and he suggests "hu" as the word, the first syllable of the word human. Several years ago they tried to make such a word at the chautau-

### FUR SETS AND HATS.



seemed to me, almost, as if I were reading a social roster of the respectable days of forty years ago."

### Introduced Handkerchiefs.

Ladies who find the dainty mouchoir such an indispensable bit of finery are probably not aware of the fact that the handkerchief was not used in polite society until the Empress Josephine made it fashionable. She carried a handkerchief and held it before her mouth to hide her bad teeth. The Queen of Italy is said to have the handsomest handkerchief in existence, which is valued at \$30,000. It took three women more than five years to make it.

### What a Woman Can Do.

It takes a woman to find out a woman, is a homely adaptation of a well-known phrase, and Mrs. W. C. H. Keogh of the Chicago School Board has proved this by unveiling the secrets of some of the women connected with the schools who have been using the children to further their pet political schemes, and now the ladies will have to fight the matter out themselves.

### What Mothers May Do.

At a meeting of the Mothers' Club in Chicago the other day one of the members said that each mother should tell her child all about her own childhood and that in this way there would in a few generations be connecting links with the past. Happy is the child whose mother takes the time to tell such stories.

### Against Sympathetic Spelling.

Five girls in a fashionable boarding school have formed a society to protest earnestly against the new spelling. They sign themselves Alysse, Mayme, Grayce, Katherne and Carrye.—Smart Set.

pu, and the word decided upon was "thon." It even went so far that notices were given, in which the word was used, of entertainments and so on, and it was used in the periodical published. It died a natural death, however, as there is no necessity for any such word, as the man from Philadelphia seems to think.

### Good to Keep in Mind.

A lady fell over a brick pile in Indianapolis the other day and no damage resulted except in the loss of the lady's hat, which was ruined by the mud into which it fell. The brick pile was in position owing to negligence of a city workman, and the city attorney, hearing about it, called on the lady, and to avert a damage suit insisted on buying her a new hat. This is probably the first time a city ever bought a hat, and it is a good thing for ladies in other cities to remember that to fall over a city's brick pile may bring like results.

### Eat Carrots and Onions.

Some one suggests that if you want to have a good complexion a good beginning is to eat carrots and onions. In fact, it is very fashionable to eat onions nowadays, and the very plebeian vegetable appears in most unexpected places. If one eats them, however, it is just as well to go into retreat for some time afterward, as no specific has been discovered that will lessen the evil effects in the way of odor.

### Why It Failed.

Mrs. Tom L. Johnson, wife of the mayor of Cleveland, takes a great interest in the domestic science school which she helped found in that city, and tells the story of a young bride who wanted to have sponge cake for dinner, but informed her husband that the cake was a failure, as the druggist sent "the wrong kind of sponges."

"Ever try an automobile, Judge?" said a friend. "No," replied the judge; "but I've tried a lot of people who have."—Yonkers Statesman.

He—She married a worthless nobleman. She—How did that happen? He—Despondency. She was jilted by her father's coachman.—Puck.

"Sir!" exclaimed the pompous individual, "I am a self-made man." "I accept your apology," murmured by of the patrician countenance.—Philadelphia Record.

Guest (studying bill of fare)—Walter, I have fifty hellers (ten cents); tell me what you recommend. Walter—Try another restaurant.—Weiner Caricatures.

Mary—I hear that the duke's marriage to the rich Miss Passay has been postponed. Jane—Yes, I believe his creditors have granted him a little more time.—Life.

Tom (proudly)—Miss Pinklegh has promised to be my wife. Jack (consoling)—Oh, don't let that worry you. Women frequently break their promises.—Chicago Daily News.

He (bashfully)—May I—er—kiss your hand, Miss Dolly? She—Oh, I suppose so. But it would be so much easier for me to remove my veil than my glove.—Chicago Daily News.

Polly—Did you have a good time, Dolly? Dolly—Did I have a good time? Well, I should say I did. I got engaged seventeen times, and one of them is permanent.—Somerville Journal.

"So your servant girl has left you again," said Mrs. Nabor. "Yes," replied Mrs. Subbs. "What was the matter?" "She didn't like the way I did the work."—Philadelphia Press.

Bacon—The police are very considerate of a poor, homeless tramp in New York. Egbert—How so? Bacon—Why, when one goes to sleep on a park bench the policeman raps him up.—Evening Mail.

"Here's something about the Dutch stealing one of the Philippine Islands. I wonder what Uncle Sam will do about it?" "Well, it would serve them right if he refused to take it back."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Agent—This is the automobile you want. You never have to crawl under it to fix it. Sparker—You don't? Agent—No. If the slightest thing goes wrong with the mechanism, it instantly turns bottom-side up.—Puck.

De Mutt—I don't think I shall ever take part in amateur theatricals again. I always feel as though I were making a fool of myself. Miss Hitts—Oh, everybody knows it would be impossible for you to do that.—Chicago Daily News.

Flo (chatting with small stranger)—Your teacher is a charming young lady. I suppose you love her very much? Billy—Steady, steady! D'you think I am going to tell you all about my love affairs?—Ally Sloper's Half-Holiday.

Bess—I don't like that Mr. Cutting. Jess—That's unkind of you. I heard him say something awfully sweet about you yesterday. Bess—Oh, did he? What was it? Jess—He said he imagined you must have been perfectly charming as a girl.—Cleveland Leader.

"Well, he's a good man, an' I'm with him," said Mr. Hennessy. "Don't ye think he's right whin he wants to put a limit on how much money a man can have? 'I do,' said Mr. Dooley, 'but I'd rather put a limit on how little he can have.'—Dooley's Dissertations.

"I had such a beautiful dream last night," said Mrs. Getturich. "I dreamed that I had died and gone to heaven." "And was it anything like the poets and painters have pictured it?" "Not a bit. It was just like New York, with endless rows of theaters and restaurants."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Why," said the traveler, "do you attach so much attention to the dragon? Don't you know there is no such creature?" "My dear sir," answered Mr. Li Lo, the eminent Chinese philosopher, "I often find the Goddess of Liberty depicted on your public emblems. Yet I have found it impossible to meet the lady personally."—Washington Star.

Visitor to the West Indies (who has been warned against bathing in the river because of alligators, but has been told by the boatmen that there are none at the river's mouth)—By Jove, this is ripping! But, I say, how do you know there are no alligators here? Boatman—Well, you see, sah, de alligator am so turrible feared ob de shark.—Punch.

Taking a Roundabout Route. "What does this report mean by saying that 'the shorts were caught in a corner and squeezed?'"

"Why, it means that they sold what they didn't have to buyers whom they had to get it back from at a higher price in order to deliver it to them."—Judge.

Mahoney's Forethought. Dentist—I've filled all your teeth that have cavities, sir.

Mahoney—Well, thin, fill th' rist av thin, too—thin whin th' cavities come they'll be already filled, b'gobs.—Puck.

Unless a man knows when he has enough he's apt to get too much.