



POPULAR IN ENGLAND.

The New Marchioness of Dufferin, Who Was Miss Flora Davis, of New York.

This picture is the latest that has been taken of the new marchioness of Dufferin, the most recent addition to the ranks of the American girls who are peresses of the realm.

The marchioness was formerly Miss Florence Davis, of New York, and she was married in 1893 to the present marquis, who was Viscount Clarendon. He is just 36 and has been in the English diplomatic service for the past nine years, having served at Constantinople, Paris and Stockholm. He became a peer the other day, upon the death of his father, the gallant old marquis, who was one of the greatest diplomats, as well as one of the finest



MARCHIONESS OF DUFFERIN.

gentlemen, in England. There is probably little doubt that the old nobleman died of broken heart over the failure of Whitaker Wright's company, the London & Globe, of which Lord Dufferin had consented to be chairman without knowing much about the company's operations. He gave up most of his fortune to make good the other shareholders' losses. The new marchioness is a beautiful woman, a mistress of fact and of the art of entertaining, and will be abundantly able to sustain her high estate in the society of Europe. The young earl was the second son of his celebrated father, and came in the line of succession on the death of his elder brother in Africa two years ago. He is following in the footsteps of his father in the diplomatic service, and is now on assignment in the London foreign office.

THE NECK BEAUTIFUL.

How Every Woman May Present an Appearance Pleasing to Herself and Her Admirers.

Nothing is more aggravating to the average woman than the black, gray or brown streak that shows around the neck after the wearing of high dress collars. The mark is often the result of bad dye in the facing of the collar, and half an hour devoted to facing all of one's collars with white silk or even white cotton will be well worth the effort. Sometimes the rubbing of the stiff hand scars the neck, and scrubbing with hard soap only makes the skin more sensitive, and so still more darkly bruised.

Loosen the collars a little and have them finished at the top with a soft roll of the material. Such a finish is always becoming, and often removes the trouble in a little while.

If the mark must be taken off at short notice, perhaps because a dress cut a little low in the neck is to be worn, then moisten the neck with cold water till the skin is chilled. This should close the pores and leave the skin dry and smooth. Unless this is accomplished the open pores and greasy surface will only promptly attract the stain again.

When the skin is entirely dry, dust well with dry oatmeal. Rub off lightly, and when the natural color of the skin is regained, after all the manipulation, the neck will in nine cases out of ten, be pretty and white.

When you are not in quite so much hurry use warm soapsuds and sponge rubbing, rinse thoroughly and chill with cold water. In stubborn cases a paste of bread dough bound about the throat over night by a linen scarf will leave the skin smooth and pure when washed off with warm water in the morning.

Don't employ rough methods, don't use ammonia, and never scrub the neck if you desire to make the skin beautiful and white. Whatever bruises or enlarges the pores of the skin only prolongs the difficulty of removing stains.—Chicago American.

Washing Carpets with Soap.

If carpets be very dirty they will look better and brighter for being washed with soap. Beat the carpet to free it of dust, then beat it down on the floor and wash it with a lather made with yellow soap dissolved in hot water, with the addition of a little soda. Rub the mixture into the carpet with a house flannel, and then finish with clean water and rub with a dry cloth. Only attack a little piece of the carpet at a time and finish before going on to another part. If, after it is dry, the colors do not look bright, apply to the carpet a weak solution of alum in water.

Encouraging.

"My heart," he said, "is in this work."
"Good," she replied. "Now if somebody would put some brains in it we might look for results."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mutual.

Mr. Squashy. Do you know, Miss Dearing, at times I am fearfully tempted to end my life?
Miss Dearing (absently, as the clock strikes 11)—Are you, Mr. Squashy? So am I.—Harvard Lampoon.

Should He Good Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Calligan, of Piscataquis county, Maine, have seven children, four boys and three girls. The boys are called, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and the girls are named Faith Hope and Charity.

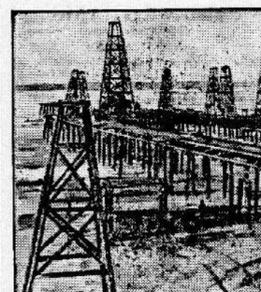
RICH IN PETROLEUM.

The Wells of Southern California Are Fair Producers.

Only Drawback is the Speculative Fever Which They Cause and Which Imperverishes Many Small Investors.

(Special Los Angeles (Cal.) Letter.)

IT WAS remarked recently that there is hardly a poor working woman in Los Angeles who has not lost more or less money by investing in oil wells. While facts are exaggerated in this statement, it remains true that the petroleum craze, in its seasons, more thoroughly than any other enterprise in southern California, drains the pockets of large numbers of citizens who can ill afford to lose their small savings. It is undoubtedly true that the poor people of this state are wretchedly, sordidly poor; and the remembrance of better days and a hope of adding to a depleted income causes many to listen with over-willing ears to smooth stories concerning the oil product. There are still unwary individuals who seem not to be content unless they are risking burning their fingers, but the petroleum industry is now reduced to a very safe working basis. A radical though gradual change has been taking place during the last six months in methods of conducting this business. Instead of the eagerness formerly displayed to secure the oil in tanks, care is now being directed toward arranging for better transportation to such market as existed and increasing that market. For, although there was an increase of 50 per cent. in the oil product of California last year over that of 1900, the decline of 37.7 cents per barrel, resulted in a loss of about \$2,960,000. This has caused a decline in the amount of development being made. In May, there were 122 rigs and 533 wells drilling, while in June there were 113 rigs and 529 wells drilling. This is a greater reduction than at first



OIL WELLS IN THE WATER AT SUMMERLAND, CAL.

appears, for of the 80 wells drilling in the Kern river field 56 were suspended, leaving 24 in operation. In the McKittrick-Sunset fields, of the 167 drilling 118 were suspended.

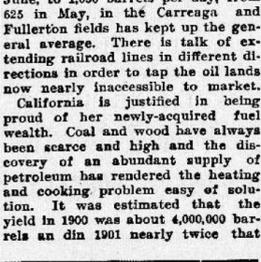
The same state of affairs exists more or less in other portions of the state. However, the increase, in June, to 1,030 barrels per day, from 625 in May, in the Carraga and Fullerton fields has kept up the general average. There is talk of extending railroad lines in different directions in order to tap the oil lands now nearly inaccessible to market.

California is justified in being proud of her newly-acquired fuel wealth. Coal and wood have always been scarce and high and the discovery of an abundant supply of petroleum has rendered the heating and cooking problem easy of solution. It was estimated that the yield in 1900 was about 4,000,000 barrels a day nearly twice that

that found in the east in that it contains, as a rule, asphalt instead of paraffin. Since the earliest times the Indians used it for various purposes, and the Catholic fathers employed asphalt in roofing the missions.

During the time of the early oil excitement in Pennsylvania there was a great deal of wildcat speculation in this state, large sums of money being sunk. Oil is found in different strata representing different ages of the world. The productive strata are of sandstone or sand underlying bodies of shale. The most productive wells are about 1,000 feet deep, or even deeper. Their "life" varies. At Summerland some run down only 125 feet. And this point is one of the most picturesque of all the oil fields. The town is a settlement of spiritists and is situated on a narrow strip of land between the ocean and the mountains, the latter approaching very near the shore line at this place. Nearly all the wells run through this field. A submarine belt extends along the entire Pacific coast from some point in Mexico to Alaska. In transmitting solid asphaltum from the mountain mines of Santa Barbara to the coast refinery, naphtha is used as a solvent. After reaching its destination the naphtha is pumped back through the pipe to the mine and is ready for another journey with another load of asphaltum. Oils in the state vary from eight to over 30 specific gravity. The cost of wells varies with depth and the formation of the ground. The cheapest are at Summerland, where \$300 will put down a well 150 feet deep and furnish the equipment. There are wells costing up to \$35,000. In Los Angeles the cost varies from \$500 to \$3,000, the price in iron work having increased the price, particularly of casing. Oil was first found in paying quantities in Ventura county. It has been produced and refined there for 25 years. Oil bearing sand is found, alternating with shale, in the latter be soft there is little annoyance from water. If hard shale, the water is not so easily shut off. A well in Tar creek is over 600 feet deep. It at first produced 300 barrels per day, now about 50 barrels. But the product of the white wells near Newhall is most valuable of all.

White Oil Gusher, Newhall.



WHITE OIL GUSHER, NEWHALL.

amount. Twelve oil refineries in the state are using at a rate of over 1,500,000 barrels of petroleum per year, the total amount of distillates being over 170,000 barrels, and the refining business is in its infancy. It has been practically proven that the supply is well-nigh inexhaustible, and manufacturers will no longer hesitate to make needed changes in their furnaces.

Until comparatively recent times, petroleum has been almost exclusively used for illuminating purposes, and the public has been slow to learning its value as a lubricant and fuel. Oil at one dollar per barrel is equivalent in cost to coal at \$4.50 per ton. Coal in California is worth from \$7.50 per ton, up. A large quantity of the output is not susceptible to refining to any

Anger in His Blood.

Wife (to her husband)—Arthur, love, I want you to give John a good scolding to-morrow morning.
Husband—What for? I am perfectly satisfied with the fellow.
Wife—Well, you see, he has to beat the carpets to-morrow, and he strikes ever so much arder when he's in a bad temper.—Pearson's Weekly.

Had Shows Good Sense.

Hewitt—That rich old fool wouldn't let me marry his daughter.
Jewett—Well, he may be rich, and old, but he's no fool.—N. Y. Times.

In Search of Information.

Old Gentleman—So you think my daughter loves you, sir; and you wish to marry her?
Dudelet—That's what I called to see you about. Is there any insanity in your family?
Old Gentleman—No, sir; and there's not going to be any.—Tit-Bits.

Naturally and Officially.

"Does the weather agree with you?"
"Sometimes, but more often not. You see, I'm the official weather prophet."—Judge.

SECRET OF SUCCESS.

It Was Brought from Heaven and Given to Men by Christ Himself.

Sermon by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher on a Theme Which Occupies the Attention of the World in Every Age.

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Text: But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. 6:33.

The Secret.—The Lord Jesus came all the way from Heaven to earth to give to the world the secret of true success. He not only gave to the world the secret, but like the true Leader He was and is, He wrought it out in His own life. I know the world will read with an incredulous smile the words of our text and glibly deny that they give the secret of true success. I know that many, many Christians fail to see in their inspiration the realization of the most successful career. But notwithstanding such unbelief we are going to stand squarely upon God's Word and try to throw such light on the true meaning of this wonderful text as will enable you, by the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, to understand a man's true adjustment of your life, and yet find that true success which God alone can give you.

Up in the Heavens, where God has His dwelling place, the angels know the secret of success, and understand that it cannot be found apart from God. Satan, before his fall from Heaven, was in line of success with the other angels, but when he undertook to set up an independent establishment contrary to the will of God, God cast him out, and he has been in the ever since deluding men into the belief that apart from God they can win success.

Yes, the secret of success is known in Heaven. In obedience to the will and righteousness of God, the stars maintain their positions and send forth their flashing light; the sun and moon hold their faithful attendance upon the earth, giving light and heat, and the earth continues to revolve, bringing day and night, and moves in its orbit, bringing the change of seasons. The universe is a success and a triumph because it obeys the supreme will of God. The angels know what success is because they seek God first and His righteousness. Gabriel is a success because in perfect obedience to the will of God he has repeatedly come to earth with messages from Heaven. Think of being the bearer of such a message as brought to the world the knowledge that it was to have the Son of God as its Saviour. The angels are a success because they are "all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" and are faithful in obeying the God-given commission.

The redeemed in Heaven know what true success is. Perhaps some of them did not know until they entered the pearly gates and saw their buildings of wood, hay, stubble burned up outside the gate and they escaped into Heaven "so as by fire," but they understood then that he who builds apart from God builds in vain. Success, then, was not measured by the amount of worldly wisdom, or culture, or riches, or power possessed, but by the fact that Heaven was gained and the soul saved for eternity. Lazarus, the miserable, sore-covered pauper, lying at the gate of the rich man, appeared to the world as a failure, while the gorgeously-robed man within the palace, sitting before his sumptuous table, was talked about as that successful business man. The gaze of the world would see the beggar at the gate and the rich man in his luxurious home, but, thank be to God! Jesus lifts the veil and gives us a glimpse into the eternal realities, where the final measuring as to failure or success is determined. There we see Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham with the peace of Heaven upon his brow, while below in hell, with a great impassable gulf between the two, we behold Dives in torment, pleading for the least degree of success which he had denied the beggar while they were in the world together, Lazarus as a failure and he a success.

The Great Exemplar.—The absolute truth and reliability of this secret is proven by the life Christ lived here on earth, by His death and His resurrection. It would have been strange indeed, would it not? If Jesus had not lived out to the utmost the command contained in our text, Scripture gives us a glimpse of Him at the age of twelve in the temple seeking God as He sits an eager learner at the feet of the rabbis there. The veil is again drawn around Him and Scripture is silent until Jesus comes to John to be baptized and is led of the Spirit into the wilderness to engage in the most magnificent battle of the ages with Satan. The kingdoms of the world, with all their glory and magnificence, are shown to Jesus, and He sees wealth and honor and power within His grasp if He would but fall down and worship Satan. He came into the world to be a sinner. Here was the opportunity at one master move to become possessed of kingdoms and power. Oh, how much hung in the balance before that awful temptation! If the eye of faith of Jesus had not reached into the eternities, and he had not understood that the success which Satan could give was but temporary, He might have yielded.

Satan to-day is offering the same kind of bribe to those who will fall down and worship and serve him. The Son of God has offered everything he had temporary power over, but to the sons of men he needs not to offer so much to win their allegiance and their service. Men are yielding every day before the power and attraction of Mammon. Present gain held up before the eyes obscures the larger reward to be found in serving God. A copper cent held before the eye is large enough to shut out the most beautiful landscape, and the world to-day lets Satan fit its eyes with glasses which reflect only the gilt and tinsel of the earth and shut out the magnificent riches and rewards of Heaven.

And when Satan came to Jesus with his splendid business proposition, as the world would call it, He met it by the declaration: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." And the words of our text

are but a condensed summary of these words, linked with a reassuring promise: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The promise of God which comes laden with His love, and reassures the soul for time and for eternity. Jesus sought "fi at the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," and it led down to the cross and the tomb, but on the other side as victor over death and Satan God gave into His hands the "all things" which Satan had offered Him and placed Him on the throne with Him in Heaven. And to-day Jesus is only waiting the fullness of time of the Gospel dispensation when He will come in the clouds with His saints during the millennial period. Then Satan will be put in chains and his power wrested from him. Then the kingdoms which he so proudly boasted of when he met Jesus in the wilderness will be found to belong to God, and he will be revealed in his true character as a liar and usurper. Don't you think it pays to serve God in the light of such facts? Facts which God has given to us in His Word for our encouragement and help.

A Present Reward.—But don't think for a moment that the promise of "all things" is only realized beyond the grave. Satan deals largely in promises to pay which are never realized, but God pays cash here for every investment the soul makes in His Kingdom and His righteousness, and beyond the grave makes it joint heir with Jesus Christ to the riches of Heaven and the Kingdoms of the world. God never equivocates. He never tries to get around one of His promises. Fulfill God's conditions and you can cash His promises here and now at one hundred cents on a dollar. And now I want to tell you that Jesus didn't have to wait until after He had risen from the dead and had ascended to His Father in Heaven before the "all these things" were added to Him, either. The "all these things" which the world was seeking after while it forgot all about God were given to Him daily. Who was it came to Him and ministered to Him after the temptation in the wilderness? Angels from Heaven! Think of it! And I tell you to-day, if we were seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first—if there were no human hands to minister unto us—we should have the very same experience which Jesus had. Jesus didn't turn stones into bread at the behest of Satan, but angels brought Him bread from Heaven to strengthen His weak and tired body. He did not fall down and worship Satan and obtain the kingdoms which he held out to Him, but He heard the angels whispering to Him a Heaven-sent message that God was going to give them to Him later.

Jesus was seeking God and His righteousness, and because His hands were safe hands into which to deliver the "all things." God gave Him food enough in the wilderness to feed five thousand men besides women and children. Do you know what God will do for you, "Oh ye of little faith," if you will really and truly first seek the righteousness of God? Why, He will place the riches of Heaven and earth at your disposal and permit you to minister to the needy as Jesus did. As a Mueller did to his hundreds of orphaned children. As a Moody did to the thousands and hundreds of thousands to whom he preached and raised money lavishly to use in the Lord's work. Look at the monuments in his schools which he has left behind him as a testimonial that God here and now will give the "all these things" if only you will "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Jesus didn't have where to lay His head. He didn't have a purse. Notice that Judas, the son of perdition, carried that. The rest trusted in the keeping care of the Lord, and when tribute money was needed Peter goes down to the water's edge and takes it out of the mouth of a fish God sent. When a draught of food is needed to strengthen the faith of the disciples and turn their hearts from seeking the things of the world to the seeking of the things of God, God fills their nets until they break. And notice that they immediately left all and followed Jesus. Do you know, I half believe that when they realized the bounty of God and His care for them, before they forsook their boats that day, they thrust back into the water that great finny board, and as they darted off with glad hearts of their tails and grateful waves of their scales, the disciples were one glad look upward to the God who had given them and then followed Jesus. If they never knew it before they realized that day that the Lord's fish swam in Galilee's blue waters; they knew that the Lord's birds sang in the tree tops; they knew that it was God's grain waving in the fields and God's cattle on a thousand hills, and when God knew that they had need of these things He would supply with bountiful hand.

Never was a person better fed than the prophet Elijah as he sits by the brook and God's ravens bring him bread and meat! Never was such a glorious banquet held as that out on the grassy slopes of the lake when God fed the multitude on the few loaves and fishes! God wants you to know and me to know that but one thing is needful, to seek His Kingdom and His righteousness and that He will provide the rest. Jesus cited the birds of the air and the lilies of the field to illustrate the certain care of God for His children. For, "if God so clothes the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

A Summer-Time Lesson.—In the section from which our text is taken, from the twenty-fourth to the thirty-fourth verses of the sixth chapter of Matthew, Jesus gives us a glorious message for contemplation during the days when nature smiles her sweetest, wooing us away from the noise and bustle and heat of the city to some quiet nook, where the grass of the field rolls away from our feet like a carpet of green to the banks of a stream which ripples and gurgles sweet music over the stones and brings quiet, calm and enchantment to our souls; where the bright flowers in the meadows which stretch away in the distance nod us a welcome and challenge even a Solomon in all his glory to display such beauty as that with which God has clothed them; where the rustling leaves in the trees overhead whisper messages from the unseen world and

the birds carol with voices tuned to the Heavenly melody of the angels. Oh, then, if you will read these words of Jesus and let the soul in faith go reaching into the soul a peace and rest creeping into the soul a peace and rest which the world knows not of. A confidence in God such as you have never known before will take root in your soul, and you will go back to the school room, the workshop, the desk, the home, better equipped than ever to perform the task which God has given you to do.

A Practical Message.—For when Jesus tells you to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," He does not mean apart from the practical and necessary duties of every-day life, but He does mean that, having centered the heart and affections upon God, for you to then work out His Kingdom and His righteousness through the task which lies just at hand, whether it is carrying up a scuttle of coal in the home, or dusting the desk of the employer in the office, or speaking a cheery word to a downcast brother you chance to meet in the street. There is a lot of nonsense preached and talked nowadays about having all and following Jesus; about being called out into special work for Him; about forsaking father and mother and wife and children for the Gospel's sake. We say it reverently. We do know that God calls in some cases from the office, and the workshop, and the bench, and the home, out into special and exclusive work for Him, but to the majority the call comes coupled with the admonition: "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called." God doesn't want you in His special service if you have not proved faithful and profitable to the employer whom you were serving when you thought the call came. Seeking the righteousness of God means not standing out on the street corners preaching the Gospel. That may be part of it. But it means better work in the shop, more conscientious service behind the counter, more carrying of the burdens of the home, than ever before.

Paul, in the sixth chapter of the epistle to the Ephesians, gives us practical directions as to how this secret of success can be applied in a practical way to the human life and experiences. The seeking first of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness is not slipping off to church or prayer meeting to leave mother to do the dishes, but is in "honoring thy father and thy mother" by means of little thoughtful services; it is not in the clothing and feeding and housing of the wife and children alone, but "as fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord;" it is not the perfunctory performance of the task our employer has appointed us, but is "servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men." We do not demure and grumble and selfish greed of the taskmaster or employer, but "ye masters do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening; knowing also that your Master also is in Heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him."

A street car conductor who had to work seven days in the week and four-and-a-half hours a day told me once that a street-car man never could go to Heaven. "He didn't have time to get ready," he said. Poor fellow! how I tried to lead him to see that Jesus wanted to help him. Weed out the selfishness from his heart, and with him every moment of the day, and help him gather his fares, and ring his bell, and turn his trolley, and do all the dreary drudgery. I tried to help him see that the secret of success was not in having a seat in the stock exchange, or presiding over a bank, or managing a business, unless God put him there, but the secret of success was found in seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things which he was longing for would be added to him, if he was wise, loving, Heavenly Father, as he needed them and they were best for him.

A few days after this experience, on one Lord's day, while on my way to a little mission church, Bible in hand, the cheery-faced conductor greeted me with a smile as he took my fare. His glance was upon the Word of God I held in my hand, and I knew the comfort of its message was abiding, like sweet incense, in his soul as he quoted various helpful passages which were dear to him. "You think a street-car man can go to Heaven?" I said. "Go to Heaven," he exclaimed, "why, I am sure of that, and what is more I can get a little Heaven right here below, for Jesus is with me." That man, through the busy toll of the day, through the long hours of service, found the opportunity to win true success, the secret of which he had learned from Christ. The channel of his seeking after the righteousness of God was found on his weary, rushing car, and he was trusting and for the supplying of "all these things" day by day, and he was getting them, too, for he told me so. Because God didn't give him riches or honor or great learning he did not declare God's promise had not been fulfilled. "For," said he, "if God wants me on a street car, here is where I want to be, and I wouldn't change places with Rockefeller, or Pierpont Morgan, or the president of the United States." The secret of success is found while seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. When we stand there. We are found at the side of Christ and are among His faithful disciples. You may be unknown and unsung here in this world, but angels are speaking your name in the presence of God, and untold glories and untold honors and untold responsibilities are awaiting you in the unseen realities of God's eternity. Does it pay to serve God? Yes, verily, it means success here in this life, and beyond the grave that we shall reign with Christ as kings and priests forever. Friend, in the light of God's eternal truth and the needs of your precious soul, will you not, too, learn this secret, and "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" for a truth "all these things shall be added unto you" if you do?

Dedication of the world's fair in St. Louis will take place in the Palace of Liberal Arts April 30, 1903.