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MARY AND THE DUKE

Now the Sole Topic of Conversation in Old London

IS THE ROYAL WEDDING

The Duke of York and Princess Victoria May—Both Are Popular in City and Country—A Bit of Romance.

Despite his democratic speeches your average Englishman is a fast hunter to the manner born. He will scold about the nobility and applaud Labouchere when this erratic individual attacks royal grants in the house of commons, but when he sees a real live prince or lord he will bend the pregnant hinges of the knee with a servility incomprehensible to sensible American citizens.

The approaching marriage of the duke of York and Princess Victoria May of Teck is the one subject of conversation which interests the Londoners at present. Home rule isn't "it" any longer. The women gossip about what the bride is to wear and the men discuss over their ale the succession to the throne. It has been said that all the world loves a lover, and that may be the reason why nothing but good is heard of Prince George. Persons, however, who have served with him in the royal navy assert with more than conventional enthusiasm that he is a really excellent young man whom not even the accident of birth could spoil.

The charming young woman who is to marry Prince George has been written about so much that her character is as familiar to American as to English readers. Early last year she was to have become the wife of the duke of Clarence, whose sudden death a few days before the wedding day caused genuine sorrow everywhere.

The duke of Clarence was a samby-pamby sort of fellow, but princes in distress are romantic characters, and death covers a multitude of sins. The court passed through a regular season of mourning and then the dowagers set to work to marry Princess May to the duke of York.

Princess Victoria May of Teck—that is the full title of the young lady—is a "second cousin once removed" to Prince George, both being descendants on the side of the mothers from George III. The Teck family has not been blessed with riches at any time, but the women of the house have always been noted for their attractiveness.

Princess Victoria, on the other hand, has given her blessing to the young prince, and the nation is satisfied because the union promises to give stability to the throne. Should Prince

George die without issue before his father and the present queen, the succession would fall upon the duchess of Fife, eldest daughter of the prince of Wales, who was urged to renounce her claim to the throne when she married the duke of Fife, who is not of royal blood. The Fife family is decidedly unpopular in England; and for this reason, if no other, the people have nothing but praise to bestow on the Tecks who, like other German families, have never enjoyed much favor here.

It is not generally known that there is a romance connected with the courtship of Prince George and his bride. Several years ago the couple met repeatedly and fell in love. Affection's young dream was not allowed to mature, however. For state reasons the duke of Clarence was selected as the prince's husband. The proud duke of York, although he did not relish the proceeding, submitted to the will of



PRINCESS VICTORIA MAY OF TECK.

his grandmother and father, and Princess May gave up her lover to save the state. Of course, there was nothing mercenary about the transaction. Readers familiar with the history of Great Britain know that its royal house never cared for money and the English people are acquainted with the fact that the pauper dukes from Germany do not care for power. Anyway, the demerit was explained in such a way that pretty May could pose as a martyr to statecraft.

The statement has recently been published by a London newspaper that the total value of the presents to the royal couple on the occasion of their wedding would be from \$3,000,000 to upwards of \$4,000,000 in hard cash, to say nothing of jewels, and precious gems, and works of art.

The wedding itself will be a gorgeous affair. Every reigning family in Europe will be represented by some of its most illustrious members. The emperor of Germany will send his brother to England with rare gifts for bride and groom. The king of Italy and his queen remember the courtesy with which the prince of Naples was received in England, and are governing themselves accordingly. From Russia, Denmark, Sweden and Norway will come princes, counts and barons. The melancholy sultan has sent word from his palace by the Golden Horn that he proposes to express his good wishes in a tangible manner. Poverty-stricken Spain and proud Austria will join the nations in extending congratulations and good wishes.

The emperor of China and the mikado of Japan, the rajahs and amcers of India, the potentates of central Asia will vie with each other to win the good will of the future king of Great Britain. The colonies have long since started subscription papers to substantiate their loyalty by valuable tokens.

For these and other reasons the shopkeepers of London look upon the royal wedding as a boon. The period of mourning, which almost ruined business in the fashionable business district, is over and a season of justification is already setting in. Times will be good for some months after the wedding and in the prosperity of the present the ordinary shopkeeper overlooks the dangers of the future. "Eat, drink and be merry" is the maxim of the day; the horrible "for to-morrow you die" has no place in the practical philosophy of the practical tradesman. Meanwhile the socialists parade the streets, the papers die of starvation, virtue is outraged by titled vice. But let that be. We are thinking now of a glorious wedding and not of the burdens borne by the poor which make these domestic and international "blowouts" possible. WILLIAM WALTER WELLS.

One Woman's Power. Mrs. Outside—Gracious! How that drunken man scared me! Mrs. Candidate—That's strange, my dear, considering that your own husband is that way six nights out of the seven.—Truth.

NOW IT'S A CIRCUS

Forepaugh's Great Tented Exhibition is Coming

WITH ITS WORLD OF MARVELS

Irwin Brothers Will Be Here on Friday and Saturday—News of the Dramatic World.

What is promised to be the largest and handsomest tent ever seen upon the streets of this or any other city, in the way of a circus parade, will be seen on Monday, July 3, when the Adam Forepaugh shows will make its free public display of professional splendor. It will, of course, move through the principal streets where overhead wires are high enough to allow the great tabeau cars to pass under.

Something exceptionally great and grand in the line of tented exhibitions may be confidently expected of the Adam Forepaugh shows. There has never been any dispute of the fact that Adam Forepaugh's show property has always been the finest and costliest in this country. It was the pride of the famous showman that his cages, wagons, tableaux cars, chariots, etc., were the most completely built and decorated of any used in the show business. He insisted upon them being as finely finished as the finest private carriage. No other showman had ever such fine horses or so many of them. His menagerie, as a matter of fact, was always the largest and best of any in the show business.

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Irwin Bros' Show. On Friday and Saturday of this week Irwin Bros' two-ring circus will visit this city. The tent will be pitched at the corner of Front and Watson streets. The admission price is 25 cents. The press notices left at this office for publication claim very great things for this show. One of them reads: "It is the sublimity of perfection in the strictest sense. No pictures of living half ladies, mermaids and sea serpents are advanced to thrill the audience with confusion and awaken excitement, for of these things they have none. None ever existed but those things advertised on Irwin Bros' bills, and advance couriers do exist and will be seen with this, the world's greatest show. Never was there a better collection of animals in the world. During and fearless male and female aerial performers, champions, leapers, and scores of other things. High grade performers accomplish there as astonishing feats with an ease and grace which surprises and calls forth heroic admiration. In the menagerie, the professor and pupil are compelled to wonder and admire the animals of which the books contain strange stories, and whose existence has been regarded as mythical are to be seen. Trained lions, baby lions, bears, monkeys, apes, reptiles, birds of all kinds, animals from every quarter of the sphere, from the earth and sky, and waters under the earth.

Jefferson's First Part. Joseph Jefferson at the age of 4 years made his first appearance and spoke his first lines upon the stage. It requires a stretch of the imagination to picture Jefferson as Jim Crow, yet this was his first character. When old T. D. Rice first introduced this fantastic character to the stage it made a great impression on young Jefferson, and he was seen dancing Jim Crow. About this time Rice had a benefit, and having seen the boy do his imitation, insisted that he should appear in his benefit. Jefferson was rigged out as a complete miniature likeness of the original, and Rice carried him in a bag on his shoulders. This innovation was not down on the bills, and when Rice had sung his first stanza of the song he turned the bag upside down and emptied Jefferson out head first before the eyes of the astonished audience. "Imagine the scene," said Mr. Jefferson. "Rice was six feet high and I was 4 years of age, and as we stood there dressed exactly alike the audience roared with laughter. Rice and I sang alternative verses, and as the excitement increased showers of pennies were thrown from the pit and gallery. When it was over Rice was picked up and placed in my hands. The picture of the tall comedian and myself before the astonished audience is one of the most vivid recollections I have of my past life."

Melodrama Morals. It would be folly to look for much logic in any melodrama. The weak young man, the connecting link between the villains and the heroic set of personages, is a veritable creature of stage artifices. He gambles until he is in debt far beyond his means; he induces the daughter of the old baronet to elope with him, allows the impression to go abroad that she eloped with his friend, compromises her, refuses to marry her, and actually proposes marriage to her rich and blundering cousin. Yet what a good heart he has! How nobly he performs an act so base as to pull the winning horse in the race! And how the gallery cheers at this exhibition of the

FOR THE WEE ONES

Annual Meeting of the Free Kindergarten Circle.

WORK OF THE SEWING CLASSES

What the Society Has Accomplished for the Good of Little Children. Reports of the Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Free Kindergarten circle, held at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Fitzgerald Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Cora K. Mason, the secretary, read her annual report, which is as follows: In giving you my report for this year, ending June 13, 1903, it will scarcely be necessary to tell you of the formation of our circle in July, 1898, or of how the number of our members has increased from a dozen to sixty-one, or of the success of our school. For how could it be anything but a success with two such teachers as Miss Chamberlain and Mrs. Williams?

During the past year we have held ten regular meetings, at seven of which the president has presided, the first vice president, Mrs. Joy, presiding at one meeting and the second vice president, Mrs. Peck, presiding at two meetings. There has been but one meeting of the executive board, that held on June 23, 1903, for the appointment of different committees for the following year.

Our average attendance at regular meetings has been ten, but no doubt this small attendance has been owing to the weather, as we have had but two pleasant meeting days during the year. Mrs. Williams has been assisted during the entire year by members of Mrs. Treat's training class, and it seems to me the thanks of the circle are due to Mrs. Treat for her kindness and for the interest she has manifested in our work. We have employed a nursemaid most of the time during the year, as we have had from one to five children in the nursery. While this seems like a small number, the thanks of the mothers of these children has more than paid the wages of the nursemaid. We have also assisted several men and women to find employment—the best form of charity.

Sewing School Organized. The last of November we organized a sewing school, the success of which, that is a lack of teachers, most of our ladies become personally interested in this branch of our work and will help us to teach or to find teachers for our pupils, this work must necessarily be much limited the coming year, as it is impossible to have much system or do justice to the girls with four teachers to teach fifty-one girls, as was the case at the last two sessions of the school.

We certainly think that many of our girls have improved quite rapidly and with the proper attention which might be given to each one if there could be one teacher to each class of, say six, girls we might do a very satisfactory work. During the winter the school has been under the charge of Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Earle, who have been, for the most part, assisted by young ladies entirely outside our circle, most of whom have been very faithful both in attendance and interest. In February we began to think that our long talked of plans for a "kitchen garden" were about to be realized but we were once more disappointed.

As you probably know we had Miss McDowell of Evanston here to train teachers for this work, which was to be under the control of Mrs. Ganson, who has had several years experience in "kitchen gardening." But just as we were about to open our school and nearly all our preparations were made, Mrs. Ganson was called from the city, and afterward, on account of a prolonged illness, obliged to give up all thought of the work for this season.

Obligations of the Society. We now hope to open a class early in the fall and expect all the ladies who have been interested in this enterprise to keep their enthusiasm just a little while longer. Our library has been well patronized throughout the year. Mrs. Campbell has been the chairman of our library committee and Miss Grace Williams our librarian.

Our luncheon committee has been faithful to its trust, and besides furnishing the regular weekly luncheon, provided the Thanksgiving dinner for the school. Our thanks are due to the city press for many favors, also to I. M. Dygert, Mrs. Smith, the florist; Radcliff & Holt, and to many persons who have contributed books for our library and clothing for our needy children.

We are also under obligations to several coal merchants for coal donated and reductions they have made to us on coal purchased. But above all our thanks are due to the generous member of our own band who has herself paid for the rent of our school building the past year. For the benefit of our new members we have the pleasure of presenting to you the motto: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Mrs. Williams' Report. Mrs. Mary Williams who has had charge of the kindergarten, made the following statement concerning its work: As we look back over the year about to close we feel that our work has not

STARTLING BUT TRUE!

Possibilities Reached that Were Never Dreamed of in Modern Dry Goods Philosophy.

SPRING & COMPANY

Announce for Monday and Tuesday, June 19 and 20, a Grand Season of Bargain Feasting in their

HOSIERY DEPT.

Here are our offerings. Criticize them accurately. Intelligent criticism is our best salesman.

Table listing various hosiery items and prices, including 400 dozen Ladies' Black and Unbleached Cotton Hose, 700 dozen Ladies' Black and Fancy Colored Cotton Hose, 300 dozen Ladies' Plain and Fancy Cotton Hose, etc.

All lines of Hosiery not mentioned here will be offered at greatly marked down prices for Monday and Tuesday only. The quotations given are remarkable considering the usual low prices at which our hosiery is sold, and wise ladies will not only appreciate but benefit themselves by the special offerings. (Right Main Aisle.)

ANOTHER SALE of equal importance will be conducted during the week at our DRESS GOODS COUNTERS.

The cutting and slashing of the enormous stock of Dress Goods has left short lengths from almost every style shown this season. The accumulation represents the fancy and plain weaves, the evening shades and novelty goods from all over the world, and there are innumerable pieces that will be just enough to make the little or big girl a handsome dress. Dress lengths, skirt lengths and often enough to make yourself a suit will be found among the bargain prices.

THEY ARE YOURS THIS WEEK

For almost the asking. 678 Remnants of Wool Dress Goods at just HALF VALUE! 58 pieces Wool 75c and \$1.00 for 49c. 26 pieces All Wool Outing Suiting at 37 1/2c. 75 Dress lengths, All Wool, at \$2.63 each. These gems from the great cluster are double, all good width, and will be picked up quickly. (Right Main Aisle.)

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