

AN AMERICAN BEAUTY.

How She was Honored by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Devonshire, on the Occasion of His Visit to the United States.

The Awful Consequences of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Henry Labouchere in London.

UEER HOW such things come to pass. But here is one of the queerest of them all. The rise of Mrs. Blackie Tanner in English society is a story which only a few have been able to follow. It is a story of rapidity and brilliancy to the right and to the left. Whether the smile can be carried any further, the following narrative will show.

Mrs. Blackie Tanner's history commenced on board a homeward-bound steamer. She was not actually born on board, but it is understood that American ladies, when transcendently beautiful, have no antecedents.

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HE TELLS THE TALE. Trade Haughton, who had reigned for a long period as one of the queens of London society, and who was privileged to say that she had never known a more beautiful woman than the lady who had just arrived in the city.

By dint of constant circumspection in her conduct and company, Lady Gertrude Haughton had succeeded in achieving a reputation for rigid exclusiveness which was almost unique; in fact, by many competent judges, to be regarded as an even more satisfactory social testimonial than to have kissed the hand of the sovereign or dined at the table of the monarch.

"She is very beautiful," said her ladyship, glancing at the spot which Mrs. Blackie Tanner stood in the center of an admiring group. "You have every right to be proud of your countrywoman."

There could be no question about this. Mrs. Blackie Tanner was quite as beautiful as rumor represented her, and perhaps more so. But it was a puzzling kind of beauty, too, far removed from that of the ordinary Yankee belle, and yet in some undefinable way, more American than any other.

"I wish you could tell me where, Mr. Polo, I am particularly interested in this lady."

"I believe I met her somewhere in the West, but I cannot recall the circumstances," replied Mr. Polo. "And yet, oddly enough, I am convinced that I have seen her before."

(times and at a respectful distance) with the future sovereign of these realms. It was her privilege to entertain royalty on such occasions during the season, and on such occasions it would be difficult to say which was the more faultlessly select, the company or the entertainment.

Now, within a few days of the time mentioned, a communication from Mr. Polo, an intimation was conveyed to Lady Gertrude by a certain channel that the presence of Mrs. Blackie Tanner at her ladyship's forthcoming reception would be especially gratifying to her royal guest.

"I might ask you, Lady Gertrude," he said, "where you heard of this? I should like to verify it. It might be useful."

Her ladyship gave the name of her informant, and Mr. Polo departed. Lady Gertrude's little party came off, but no royal personage was present.

That fact could not but excite remark; and when others of a similar character were reported, the truth was quickly apparent that Lady Gertrude Haughton was in disgrace.

Her ladyship put the best face she could upon her fall. "Put your feet on the stairs," she observed with a sweet smile. "I hope that when the new favorite comes to be superseded she will accept her fate with as much philosophy as I do."

At first it was a great blow to Mrs. Blackie Tanner to discover that she had been weighed in Lady Gertrude's scales and found wanting. She had her heart on reaching the elysian fields which lie opposite St. James palace, and she quite reckoned on Lady Gertrude for a passport thither.

She remained in her pinnacle during the rest of the season and through the ensuing autumn and winter, when the elite of British society competed keenly for the honor of her beautiful presence among them.

In this state of things early in Mrs. Tanner's second season in London, Christie Jones called upon Lady Gertrude Haughton, and after waiting for an opportunity of speaking to her in private, requested that she might be allowed to secure her a seat on the occasion of the forthcoming royal visit to the Wild West show at the American exhibition.

"I have a particular reason for asking," he said, "and I want you to occupy a place near the royal box."

"It sounds very mysterious," said Lady Gertrude. "What is going to happen?"

tone to the men, who conferred to gether. Then the Pawnee chief, in fairly good English, asked if he might crave a favor of his cousin. The affable chief of the paleface, who sat in the box, upon Mrs. Blackie Tanner's attention being called to this request, she disdainfully lowered a corner of her face, and averting her head, she said: "Quick, bring out the horses," she said. "I will ride."

"Hosalee, our sister," cried Dog's Nose, as he leaned on his feet. "Hosalee, my wife," cried the poor fellow, adding in the same breath, "Potosquituckissipi, the Pawnee equivalent for 'thunder and turf!'"

Simultaneously, the tattered squaw cast up her hands to heaven and uttered a long wailing cry.

"What is the meaning of it all?" asked Lady Gertrude of Christie Jones, when the confusion had subsided. "The royal party had left (but without Mrs. Blackie Tanner. 'Are those people really her relations?'"

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Washington Letter Baltimore American. Cleveland is quietly, but none the less surely, bending all his energies to secure a second term. This is to be made paramount to everything else.

There has been noticeable for the last few days a larger number of politicians in town than usual, and not a few of these are known to have been in frequent consultation with Cleveland and Col. Lamont.

"It is not the show I want to see," said Mr. Jones. "The fact is, I have a little surprise in store for the visitors which I am very anxious you should witness. If you will allow me to secure a place from which you will be able to see all that passes in the royal box and yet need not show yourself until the moment arrives."

"I cannot say for certain. It may not come off; but if it does, I promise you shall be repaid for going, unless Lady Gertrude Haughton is the vagrant nobleman to the minor weaknesses of her sex than I have hitherto supposed."

Her ladyship was, at any rate, not proof against this and thereupon gave a gracious consent, leaving Mr. Jones to make the arrangement he proposed.

On the appointed day she took her seat on the exhibition, and found that she had been provided with seats possessing all the advantages which Mr. Jones had mentioned, and within earshot of the royal box.

and rumble, I sprang from the ditch and crept to the woods and discovered that a plank road ran just parallel and at a very large force of Federals, arrayed in the most perfect order, were marching back to the ditch, dreading discovery by bummers or stragglers, but I was ready to take care of them if they were the Virginians.

"Quick, bring out the horses," she said. "I will ride." "Give that to Gen. Early," and away she went. That is the last of her story, and I never heard or knew. Sometimes, it crosses me as a dream in a fairland, and I wonder who she was and where she is—but that is all. I took my time getting back, and drew a long breath of relief when I struck the Virginia line.

A Gallant Man. An old war veteran, who had been through half a dozen campaigns and was not very particular about what party he sat almost directly opposite the hostess and was painfully conscious of the fact that he was not being served by her.

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