

BE MARRIED BY PROXY.

Why Senator Upliano Obando Wanted to See His Wife. LIKE THE LORD OF BURLEIGH.

How Earl Russell Won the Heart of "Baby" Scott—Infant Lovers Fight a Duel—Wedded by Telephone.

Little Romances.

Senator Upliano Obando was until recently consul of the United States of Columbia at San Francisco, says the New York Herald. The senator was married, and the picture of his wife was that of a charming woman of the regulation type of beauty.

Bogota was the home of this loving pair, Mrs. Obando being the niece of the president of the republic. One day the senator said to me in his broken English:

"I must go home to my wife. I can no longer bear this separation. Besides my father has been married to her about long enough."

"What on earth do you mean?" I asked. "When were you married, senator?"

"About six months ago," he replied. "I know he had been in San Francisco a year, so I said:

"Oh, I see; your wife did not like San Francisco, so she returned home."

"She has never been here."

"And yet you say you were married to her six months since?"

"Certainly. I gave a power of attorney to my father, who married Inez in my stead."

"Now, see here, Obando," I remarked. "I am afraid you're making fun of me. This idea of your wife being your stepmother at the same time, and your father's wife being his daughter-in-law—oh, no, no, no!"

The senator, however, was in earnest, and then I learned one of the peculiar customs in vogue in the South American republic. As a matter of policy or convenience it had been necessary that Senator Obando should marry his own niece, and therefore the necessary instructions were wired to Panama, conveyed thence down the Magdalena river to the port, and by muleback to the capital. In the same manner the niece of the consul was conveyed back to San Francisco, and Senator Obando was a duly married man.

Such marriages are perfectly legal and are recognized by the church. Upon the return of the husband, though, he must be married publicly. In case he does not do this, the young "proxy" wife then his "vicarious" widow inherits his property the same as if she married in the regular fashion. Senator Obando returned to Bogota, and the last time I heard from him he was occupying a high official position and living happily with his wife, to whom he had been "regularly" married.

The young Countess Russell has completely recovered from her recent illness. A few days ago, however, she had been suffering from bronchitis, and she became so ill during the ceremony that she had to go straight to bed on returning from the church. Lord and Lady Russell now expect to start on their honeymoon.

It was a romantic story told in London by the young earl who wooed his bride under the guise of a British workman, says a London cable to the New York World. Earl Russell is a partner in the electrical works at Teddington, near the town which Lord Scott lives in, and is an enthusiastic and practical worker in the business, which he constantly supervises.

Lady Scott, it seems, ordered some electrical fittings at the works and Earl Russell took a gang of men over to the house and set to work, dressed in ordinary mechanic fashion, as foreman of the gang. Whether or not the young lady knew the rank of the "foreman" is not known. "Baby Scott" noted "this superior bearing of a man" and "began to look at him with interest" and "began to look at him to lunch with them instead of with the workmen. Baby Scott fell in love with the noble workman and clandestine meetings and an engagement followed.

Lady Scott was beside herself when she heard of this, and hurried off to the electrical works on vengeance bent, and inquired of the first man she met for the audacious young foreman who had attended to the works at her house.

"Foreman," said she, "I am the noble workman. "Bless your art, that weren't no bloomin' foreman. That was Hearl Russell, my lady, and a good one he is, too, and knows his trade as if he weren't no lord at all, but a real Knight of Labor."

Lady Scott was thunderstruck. The next time Baby Scott met the earl she reproached him with his deception and stratagem. The earl excused himself on the old plea that he wanted to be loved for himself alone, without the glamour of rank and riches. Lady Scott afterwards told the earl that she had "seen his native worth and nobility through the coarse disguise of a fustian jacket." Then came the marriage.

The guests who gathered at the Presbyterian church in Brooklaw, twenty miles north of this place last night to witness the wedding of the young couple, were surprised to find that the bridegroom was a young man of a different name from that of the bridegroom in the matrimonial advertisement. The bridegroom was Edwin Sedgwick, a well-to-do young farmer, and the maid of honor was Miss Mildred Turner, the youngest girl in the county and a daughter of Samuel Turner, a rich stock raiser of Craig. Sedgwick and Miss Turner had been keeping company for some time, but it was known that old man Turner had promised his daughter to marry her to a young lawyer of Craig whose prospects for political preferment are said to be flattering. Miss Turner, it was also known, heartily detested this young lawyer, but in compliance with her father's wish she had consented to become his bride. The date for their wedding had been set, and, in consideration of this fact, old man Turner yesterday agreed to allow his daughter to play bridesmaid to Sedgwick's groomsmen at the wedding of their respective friends, William Mason and Miss McIntyre.

The Mason-Clayton ceremony was performed by Rev. Alexander Campbell, and while the guests were awaiting the exit of the bridal party the surprise was sprung upon them. The clergyman had barely spoken the words which made Miss Dolia McIntyre Mrs. Mason when Sedgwick and Miss Mildred advanced to the altar. The young man whispered a few words to the minister, at the same time handing him a marriage license. There was a little stir up in front, but before any one realized what was going on and before the irate papa could interfere Edwin and Mildred were kneeling before the clergyman and receiving his blessing on their union. Then the two happy

bridegrooms with their blushing brides left the church smiling at the clever manner in which old Mr. Turner had been outwitted.

It is stated by some of the witnesses of the marriage that the young lawyer with political prospects was present in the church, but that he was "so dumfounded by the brazenness of the proceeding" that it never occurred to him to arise in his might and forbid the bans in true dramatic style until it was too late. Others say he did not arrive until the marriage ceremonies were over.

Old Mr. Turner has declared that he will never recognize his daughter again, but she says she feels sure he will forgive her in time. The young lawyer, whose name has been carefully suppressed, will, it is said, remove to some wild western town, taking his political prospects with him. Mrs. Sedgwick said tonight that she had never intended to marry to do so in order to blind her father as to her real intentions. Sedgwick had planned an elopement to Kansas, but after some consultation with Mason and Miss McIntyre the plan which they so successfully carried out was decided on instead.

Cupid played some curious pranks, but it remained for Boston to furnish the material with which to smother all previous records, says a Boston dispatch to the New York World. A duel between two chubby-faced, love-smitten toddlers, but the absence of years by no means detracted from the seriousness of the affair. Francis Cunningham is aged nine and James Dowd is two. Each was armed with a toy pistol. The two young boys were in the city of Boston, and the duel took place in the city of Boston. The two young boys were in the city of Boston, and the duel took place in the city of Boston.

The knife blade penetrated the little fellow's back between the fifth and sixth ribs and entered the pleural cavity, but fortunately did not strike the lung.

When he saw his rival bleeding at his feet a great terror seized Francis Cunningham. Had he committed murder? With a blanched face he darted away, pursued by the demons of conscience. Breathless, he reached the pool of water. Dowd was carried to his home on Howard street in an exhausted condition, and afterwards he was removed to the city hospital, where the attending surgeon pronounced the wound dangerous and probably fatal.

Francis Cunningham, crushed under the weight of his crime, now is tortured in solitude, locked in a room in his home, No. 680 Norfolk avenue. The high social standing of the innocent child and the great pain that publicity would inflict renders it a well-deserved chivalry to withhold her name. She is overcome with grief, and her nervous system has received such a shock that it will be some time before she fully is herself again.

A Greek merchant of Alexandria, in Egypt, who made a great deal of money, unable to return personally to his country, but intending to do so, sent his son-in-law for his wife, writes his correspondent in Corinth, at the bottom of his usual business letter: "Finally, I request you to remit me, by returning steamer, a young lady who might feel inclined to marry me. She does not possess in possession of any money, with which I am sufficiently blessed; but a good reputation, of the age of twenty-four or twenty-five, a respectable family, good looks, health and temper and middle-sized figure. If she will consent to the nearest note with your kind acceptance, you may feel assured that I will honor the same and make the bearer my wife."

Although somewhat astonished at this singular order of his Alexandria correspondent, the merchant of Corinth, as a good business man, thought best to fill it like any other received from so reliable a customer, and to send the merchandise demanded at short notice. Having found a lady possessing the required qualities and willing to transmit with the accepted check of her unknown countryman her hand and heart, the Corinthian took her aboard the next steamer going to the country of the Pharaohs. At the same time he notified his correspondent by telegraph of the precious shipment.

As soon as the boat anchored in the harbor of Alexandria the matrimonial Greek boarded it, to near himself called by name and see a pretty young damsel stepping up to him, saying, "Welcome, my husband. I am glad to see you will duly honor it." "Never say a word of mine has gone to protest," replied the blushing groom, "and I shall not permit this to happen to the one you hold. I shall be happy if in compensation you will honor me with your hand."

A fortnight later the note was redeemed and the payer a happy husband.

Miss Ine Worley is the pretty night operator at the South Bend Telephone exchange. She is twenty-two and was born and raised in the Wagon City. From Middleton occupies a similar position in Michigan City, says the La Porte, Ind., special to the Chicago Tribune. He is twenty-five and good looking. To keep awake nights the two young people would keep up an acquaintance over the wire. One night last week Middleton in a spirit of fun proposed to Minnie that they get married by telephone. She consented, and he thereupon called in a Michigan City justice of the peace named Dibble, who, in order to carry out the proposed plan, placed himself in connection with the pair and presented the legal ceremony.

Nothing was thought of the affair for several days, but finally some one suggested that they had better investigate and see if the justice of the peace was as honest as he seemed. At once hastened to South Bend to see his bride, whom he had never before met. The lawyers assert that although the couple took out no license they are nevertheless legally married, as the justice is originally liable for performing the ceremony without securing the license.

Both parties are from respectable families and the escapade has created a great social sensation in their respective cities. It has just leaked out that Middleton was to have been married in two months to a young lady in Elkhart, Ind.

Quite a romantic marriage occurred here today. It is reported that at 10 o'clock a. m. had just come out of his office and started to church, when a young couple in a buggy motioned and called him to them, says a Homestead, Miss., special to the Memphis Avalanche. They had been married by telephone, then told him that they had run away

in order to get married, as the young lady's mother objected. Mr. Foster is always ready to assist any friend out of trouble, and was at once equal to the emergency, he invited the young couple to his house. They accepted the invitation, and were met at the door by Mrs. Foster, who entertained them while Mr. Foster arranged for the marriage by procuring the license and the minister. Shortly after they had finished dinner the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Lewis, his usual eloquent, graceful and impressive style, and witnessed by quite a number of friends.

The contracting parties were Mr. J. L. Brown, who is a thoroughgoing, energetic young business man and railroad agent of the Illinois Central railroad at Horn Lake. He is very popular and was quite a favorite with the young ladies. The young lady was the beautiful and charming Miss Addie Fennell, of Horn Lake, who is noted for her amiable and lovely disposition.

After receiving congratulations of friends they returned to Horn Lake, their future home.

News comes from Rio Grande de Soul of a romantic elopement, says the Home Journal. A couple, both children of well-to-do parents, became violently enamored of each other, but the course of love did not run smoothly, their respective fathers being at daggers drawn with each other. In vain the seventeen-year-old Estephania pleaded with her stern parents that she could love no other than Rodrigo. A strict watch was kept over her movements and, of course, she was prohibited to hold communication with her lover. But, thanks to the service of an old maid, letters passed secretly between the young people. One morning at daybreak a heavily laden mule with a large panier at each side, passed through the town of Rio Grande, driven by a young man. When the animal reached a church in the neighborhood a halt was called by a driver, the paniers were opened, and from one stepped out Senorita Estephania, shaking the dust from her bridal headpiece and out from the other sprang Don Rodrigo, who gravely presented the bride with her fan and proceeded, without loss of time, to lead her to the altar, where the priest was in readiness to celebrate the marriage of this extraordinary pair.

The ceremony was witnessed by a crowd of open-mouthed villagers, who had quickly collected to see the result of this unusual load of merchandise.

A strange recovery of a young woman after all hope had been abandoned is reported from Carondelet. She is Bessie Miller, and was down with pneumonia. She was delirious and would repeatedly ask for her lover, John, who she had married in St. Louis, and who she had written to in the Chicago Herald. Fearing that the girl's sickness would terminate fatally, the mother telegraphed the father, who was at New Orleans, to come home immediately, as their daughter was dying. In the meantime John, the girl's lover, was sent for. When he arrived it seemed as though the young lady had instantly recovered from her sickness. John's presence was all she needed.

When her father returned the case was explained, he did not know what to do. John was detained at the house all day, and promised to return the next day. He kept his promise, and peculiar as it may appear, the young lady got up and feeling quite well. Both John and the girl are scarcely twenty years of age, and since the story has leaked out it has created quite a stir. The result of this strange affinity may be anticipated.

Alfred Nagle, a young Austrian of Nanticoke, was in love with Clara Newberger. She did not reciprocate his affections. She loved John Swartz, says a Milwaukee, Pa., dispatch. Nagle was well-to-do, and had means to win the girl's affections, but failed. Finally he gave Swartz \$1,000 and the latter left town. One night in October last Nagle fell and broke his leg. He was laid up many months. One night he received a message from Clara, saying that she was dead. He could not leave the house, but his only sister went. When the sister arrived at the Newberger home she found the girl lying apparently dead in a coffin. That night, it was supposed, Miss Newberger had been taken to another town for burial. Nobody knew differently until yesterday, when a Nanticoke man saw the Newberger woman and Schwarz in Philadelphia. They are married. Miss Newberger says she feigned death, fixed the coffin up in a room, and then sent for Nagle's sister. That night she left for Philadelphia, where she joined Schwarz.

The little crown prince of Germany seems to have inherited some of the qualities of his father, says the Rehoboth Sunday Herald. The prince was driving out with his governess. As usual, the Germans cheered the boy or lifted their hats to him as he passed, to which the young prince replied by raising his bonnet. At last he got bored with having continually to acknowledge the salutes of the populace. Flinging himself back in the carriage, he said to his governess: "I am tired what are you doing? The man who is more to them, no matter how much they cheer." "You are a naughty boy," replied the governess, "and unless you acknowledge the salutes of the people I will not continue to drive with you."

The crown prince sat up immediately. "Coachman," said he. The coachman looked around. "Stop the carriage, coachman," continued the little one, and, with a lordly wave of the hand toward his governess, added, "This lady will get out."

A story which is apropos of nothing is told by the expense of the wife of the president of a prominent railroad. He writes a Boston letter to the Chicago Tribune. It is to the effect that when Charles Francis Adams was appointed to the presidency of the Pacific road he chanced to call upon the lady in question, who was at the time in Boston.

"I do not know just what I am to do, Mrs. P," he said, in reference to his new dignity. "Sometimes it seems to me that I am only a sort of figurehead—fourth commandment."

"Yes," she assented, "that is exactly what my husband was saying yesterday."

And it was not until after Mr. Adams had gone that the lady reflected that it was just possible that her husband had derided that her husband's remark had reference only to himself and not to Mr. Adams.

Congressman Morse of Massachusetts is determined to be famous says a Washington letter to the Indianapolis News. Wednesday morning he sent to each of the New England newspaper correspondents a signed and printed type written copy of the speech which he delivered in the house in the afternoon. "Applause" and "laughter" followed a large number of paragraphs, and with the copy was a polite note asking the correspondents to print the entire speech in the afternoon on the condition of his office, each correspondent found the following telegram on his desk: UNITED STATES CAPITOL, Feb. 12, 4 p. m.—Speech delivered. Add at end great applause and report on your side." ELIJAH A. MORSE.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

"See Albany is with the Patti troupe," remarked an old newspaper man to a Bess reporter last Tuesday. "This carries me back to my days of 1867-8 when I knew her to be a lady of the name of Patti. She is a Cuban, I believe, and her parents being French, and early in her teens came to the capital of the Empire state, where her remarkable voice soon attracted attention and she obtained a position in the choir of St. Joseph's (Catholic) church, then in pastoral charge of Rev. Father Conway afterwards bishop. It was in this way that the young girl now so famous throughout the civilized world supported her father and herself. The father was a musician, but his peculiar 'Frenchness' in artistic matters and decided lack of method barred all avenues to even a moderate monetary success. The father and daughter were poor and it was only the wonderful luck of the little girl that made the part of her life bearable. She was at the time the singing attendant of her father's slightest desire and when her local fame as the 'nightingale of St. Joseph's' spread to Albany, she was invited to sing at Albany, so that visitors to the city, men of high position in the state and nation, frequently, if they possibly could, so, rendered her a visit to Albany. There never was the slightest change in her love for her parental idol, you remember that during 1867 and 1878 the constitutional convention was in session in Albany. I called together as able a body of men as any deliberative assembly ever convened in the United States, and I remember that the United States senator, William A. Wheeler, afterwards vice president under Hayes, was president of that convention, and he then held a dinner at his residence in Albany, during his four years' term in Washington. It was customary to adjourn on Fridays and allow the members from different parts of the state to spend the day in Albany. Many and many a time this privilege was not taken advantage of by a certain class of men, for a desire to see the celebrated soprano, Patti, who was then in Albany on Sundays, when the mass and vesper hours would find them, singing in the church, or at the homes of the ladies, and at the church—church-worshippers at the shrine of divine song, not divine service. I have heard of a dinner given to her by the crowds at the church such men as Horatio Seymour, Horace Greeley, James and Erasmus Brooks, Peter Casser, the leader of the 'Free Press' and the 'Tribune', Charles Marble, then editor of the New York World; Sanford E. Church, afterwards chief justice of the court of appeals; Erastus Corning, then chief justice of the court of appeals; G. Saxe, Reuben E. Tilton, then governor of the state; Judge Amasa J. Parker, the present senator from New York; Hon. Charles F. Johnson, then chief justice of the court of appeals; Rufus W. Peckham, the great jurist, and a host of other notables of the 'Empire' state who visited his capital. Not to mention the fact that she was one of the Albany of a Sunday was a grave direction in a social point of view."

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voted himself to the study of classical literature, and now he has the reputation among his few intimate friends of being one of the most extensively read men in the country.

He is a very good health his studious habits of many years duration have had their effect, and, although not absolutely necessary, his physicians advise him to spend the winter months in the south. In appearance he is slightly above the middle height, with a slender but active frame. He has a high white forehead, which plainly indicates the student, blue-gray eyes and a brown mustache.

In dress he is directly the reverse of ostentatious and wears little or no jewelry at all. He would never attract attention in a crowd and has carefully contracted a habit of making himself as inconspicuous as possible.

Unlike the other members of the family who have mixed steadily in the way of the New York society since Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt's great fancy dress ball of 1883, he carefully shuns all formal social gatherings, preferring the quiet of his studio in the great house in Fifth avenue. He has a terror of mamma with marriageable daughters, and this weakness is one of the private jokes in the Vanderbilt household.

On the death of his father he fell heir to a fortune of \$20,000,000. His grandfather, old Commodore Vanderbilt, left him a fortune of \$1,000,000, and as a gift on his twenty-first birthday, William H. presented him with a million.

On the death of his mother all the latter's possessions, including the palatial residence on Fifth avenue, with its art treasures, paintings, statuary, tapestries and furniture, will revert to him. The residence alone cost \$2,000,000, and its contents are worth as much more.

George Vanderbilt is not only a book lover, but he is a constant worshipping of the history of every picture in the famous gallery which his father collected, and when in the city during the opera season is a constant attendant at the Metropolitan opera house. It was his suggestion that many of the pictures in the gallery were purchased by his father, and he was instrumental in having Cleopatra's Needle landed in Central Park.

For the past three years he has spent his summers at Bar Harbor with his mother and the winters at Asheville, N.C., where he intends building a magnificent home, the like of which has not been seen in the south since the war.

The only outdoor sport he cares for is canoeing. He has an ordinary canoe, in which he sails about the Maine waters with no companion but a book. In the winter months he is given to writing essays on various subjects, none of which, however, has ever been printed under his own name.

That his love for literature is not a selfish one is demonstrated in a gift made to the public some time ago of a free library located at No. 231 West Thirtieth street. He founded and endowed the institution with \$40,000, and since that original formation has presented it frequently with gifts of books.

He took unusual interest in this place and made all the purchases of the furnishings himself. Attached to the library are four bedrooms for the librarians, which are tastefully fitted up with dainty pictures and bits of bric-a-brac, brass bedsteads and odd fashioned bureaux personally purchased by the young millionaire.

It is believed by his friends that Mr. Vanderbilt is now at work upon a history of the great republic, which he has published, and which will bring him more fame than his \$20,000,000 have brought him.

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