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COLLECTION OF PLATE AT WINDSOR

King Edward's Surpassed Only by Treasures of Czar

Earliest Piece an Elizabethan Rose-Water Dish of 1595—No Work of French Refugee Artists.

The King of Portugal, on his first visit to Windsor Castle, has seen a magnificent display of royal gold and silver plate, surpassed in quantity and value only by the historic collections of the Czars of Russia in the Kremlin at Moscow. In character and style it is in striking contrast to the Portugese Royal plate, which is almost entirely the handiwork of two noted French silversmiths of the eighteenth century, Francois Germain and his son, Francois Thomas Germain. But, just as it is, not unreasonably but erroneously, assumed that there must be old English plate of the time of Charles II. in the royal palaces of Portugal, which has been sent there as gifts to his future bride, Catherine of Braganza, so, too, the belief exists that a number of pieces of old Portugese silver associated with Catherine's name, are preserved at Windsor Castle to this day. If such pieces ever existed, they have long since disappeared, and the only example of old Portugese plate is of later date, and will be described below. At the Restoration there was no plate worthy of the name at Windsor, or at either of the royal palaces. The priceless treasure of gold and silver and jeweled ornaments, which in Tudor times was known throughout Europe as the most precious in existence, had been consigned to the melting pot by Charles I. and turned into coin, while the remainder shared a like fate at the hands of the Commonwealth.

Charles II instantly proceeded to purchase plate from the royal goldsmith, Sir Robert Vyner, and, as is known from the old inventories, his purchases were on a lavish scale. His presents of English plate—flagons and dishes, bottles and rosewater dishes, and ewers, to name only a few—to the Czar Alexis of Russia, which are fortunately still perserved in Moscow, testify to the splendor of his gifts, while the sumptuous baptismal font and basin and the numerous "St. George's" salts in the Tower of London, as well as the grand sacramental vessels of the old Chapels Royal, Whitehall and St. James Palace, are evidence of his large expenditure on plate.

EARLIEST PIECES DISPLAYED

The earlier pieces of English plate now displayed at Windsor are on Elizabethan rosewater dish of 1505, and the companion Jacobean ewer or 1617, of the same form as a pair which realized at auction over £4,000 and have since passed into the great collection of J. Pierpont Morgan. A few years earlier than the dish is the "Cellini" nautilus cup—a suberb example of German Renaissance work, by a noted Nuremberg graftsman, one Nicholas Schmidt, most of whose work is to be seen in the so-called "Green Vaults" at Dresden. The authorship of thte great Florentine artist was first claimed for this beautiful ornament by an English sculptor and designer of plate, John Flaxman, R. A.

The Windsor collection is rich in old German plate of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and comprises several large and massive rose-water dishes; a silver statuette of a cavalier on horseback of similar style and date to the one which is supposed to be a portrait of Charles I., now in the Kremlin; and two historical standing cups of considerable value. One of these cups was given by Charles I. to a prominent official of the University of Oxford, in recognition of his long services during the King's residence there in the Civil War. Old Dutch plate is represented by a few important examples, including a highly interesting rose-water dish and ewer, engraved with the arms and cypher of the ill-fated Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, and presumed to have been left in England upon her brief visit shortly after the Restoration of Charles II. The other Dutch pieces are an Amsterdam chalice and a charming porringer and cover. An imposing display is made of the large and valuable series of carved tankards and cups, elaborately mounted in precious metal, mostly of German origin, of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and also of the massive old silver tankards, English and foreign, several of which were royal gifts. Although no longer put to their original use, the unrivalled sets of old English silver sconces, wrought for William and Mary, are brought out on notable occasions such as the present visit of King Manuel, and they make a fine display on the buffets, as do the rose-water ewers, wine bottles, and other vessels executed for the same English sovereigns.

NO MAROT SPECIMENS.

It is a curious fact that, while eighteenth-century English plate is represented by great and splendid pieces in almost bewildering number and variety, such as are to be found in no other collections in England, not a single specimen is to be seen at Windsor Castle of the beautiful work wrought by the numerous French refugee silver-smiths who fled to this country immediately after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. This is all the more remarkable since one of the chief designers of French plate, himself a refugee in Holland, accompanied William III. to England—namely, Daniel Marot. In this particular the English royal collection compares unfavorably with the Emperor of Russia's extraordinary collection of old English plate. This deficiency may be attributed to a variety of causes, the chief of which was the lamentable and widespread custom in the eighteenth century of melting up old plate—which had in many cases been made only a few years previously—and remaking it into "new-fashioned" things. All the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge have suffered severe losses in this way.

The Windsor plate of the eighteenth century is too extensive for detailed description here. Epergnes and fruit dishes of great size, giant candelabra and table ornaments, soup tureens, and other decorative pieces may be seen in abundance. In the apartments occupied by King Manuel are the beautiful silver tables and mirrors presented to Charles II. and William III. by the City of London, which show how profoundly the decoration of English plate was influenced by seventeenth-century Dutch and early Louis XIV. designs.

GEORGE IV. AS A COLLECTOR.

The royal collection was very materially enlarged by an English sovereign of undoubted artistic tastes, George IV. He formed, as is well known, the priceless collection of Sevres porcelain and old French furniture during his regency, for Carlton House, and it was at this time that he collected old plate. The student of the future will find in George IV.'s purchases of silver, an indication of the curious but singularly interesting unsettled condition then prevailing in the designs and form of common as well as royal plate in England. A return to a Charles II. and William III. type of decorative vessel will be observed in two large jars and in a pair of large wine bottles. The influence of French plate of Louis XXV. and XVI. is noticeable over and over again in some candelabra, large tureens, and other objects of English workmanship, which will compare not unfavorably with that of the French silversmiths. In this connection it is interesting to recall that several things bear a close resemglance to some of the French pieces in King Manuel's royal collection.

The heavily embossed German and Dutch silver of the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries has been followed in several pieces; and the contemporary taste in architecture classical and Gothic is traceable in several instances. But the chief glories of this period are the exquisite table ornaments designed by Flaxman, including the famous "Shield of Achilles," which added further lustre to his already established fame as a sculptor and a designer of Wedgewood ware. Then there are other pieces of great beauty, known to have been designed by him and executed in the workshops of the royal goldsmiths, Rundell, Bridge, and Rundell—centre pieces and wine coolers ,large standing cups and ornaments. Flaxman's intimate friend, Thomas Stothard, R. A., also designed at least one piece of plate now at Windsor.

Among other historical pieces of great interest is the French ecuelle with dish, formerly in the possession of Napoleon the Great.

Reference has already been made to the only example of old Portuguese work—a large oblong dish, with characteristic embossed decoration, which was sent to George IV. from South America, and not improperly connected with the Royal House of Portugal. There is some ground for the supposition from the fact that the whole of the Portuguese royal collection was shipped, it is interesting to recall, in a British ship to Rio de Janeiro as a precaution against the possible capture of Lisbon by Napoleon. According to the inventories some of the royal Portuguese plate was then lost or left behind.—London Times.

CHICAGO OFFICIALS INDICTED FOR THEFT

Bunch Charged With Doing the City Out of $254,000

More Trouble in Nicaragua—Cook's Eskimos to be Interviewed—Europe to Get Beef That America Rejects.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—Sten Drewson, of Copenhagen, who was the first newspaper man to greet Dr. Cook on his return to civilization, said here today that Captain Otto Sverdrup will make a trip to the north next summer in an endeavor to interview the two Eskimos who are said to have accompanied Cook. Mr. Drewson arrived here today by the Scandinavian Liner S. F. Tietgen.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27—Paul Redieske, resigned deputy commissioner of public works; Michael H. McGovern, a wealthy contractor who has had many big city contracts, and nine city officials and employees of McGovern were indicted by the grand jury today. The men are charged with conspiracy to defraud the city out of $254,000 by laying only one sixth of the concrete and brick work called for in the contract for the construction of section N of the Lawrence Avenue tunnel.

BLUEFIELDS, Jan. 27—Private despatches received here today state that the imprisonment of the members of prominent families in Granada and Managua still continues and that Madriz has virtually re-established a reign of terror. It is reported that General Chamorra with an army of two thousand after a fifteen days' march has reached La Liberta, where the outposts of the government forces are stationed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—A number of prominent friends of the insurgent movement in Nicaragua among them a brother of General Chammorra, have been thrown into prison according to advices received here today by Senor Castrillo, representative here of the Estrada government. A reign of terror, the advice says, exists in the provinces of Managua and Granada.

BOSTON, Jan. 27—That Europe must eat the beef which American refuses through its boycott is evidently the plan of the producers who are now crowding the foreign going vessels out of this port with cattle exports.

One liner which left Boston today carried 873 head of cattle, 128 head more than she had been booked to carry, while a second liner took out 338 head, an excess of fifty head. A third liner leaving tomorrow will carry 707 head. The port inspectors declare that fully 35 per cent. more cattle will be carried on the liners the next two weeks than was originally intended.

BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT GOES ASHORE

Tax Collector Arrested for the Theft of $7,200

Russian Police Agent in New York Condemned—Steamer Makes Record Voyage.

DOVER, Jan. 27—The British torpedo boat destroyer Eden broke her moorings tonight during a gale in the channel and was driven ashore off this place. Tugs have gone to her assistance.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 27—The big freighter Inverclyde came into port today, claiming a record for the longest voyage ever made without slowing down of engines. The Inverclyde steamed from Norfolk to Yokohama, around the Cape of Good Hope, a distance of 15,100 miles, without a slowdown of her engines, the trip taking 64 days. She carried 6,000 tons of coal for the government of Japan.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27—In the list of "traitors, instigators and spies," published by Revolutionary Thought, the Paris organ of Russian discontent, there appeared in the copy received here, the name "Evalenko," followed by this description:

"An old agent of the Russian police department in New York."

Immediately the cafes of the East Side buzzed with excitement.

"Boutseff." This is his work was said everywhere for it is an open secret that the man unmasked Azeff, chief of the Black Hundred is here to expose Russian spies in America.

Evalenko has been well befriended here for twenty years and has made it an especial point to meet incoming revolutionaries and supply them with funds.

"His life won't be worth much now," said an East Side Russian tonight. "A place in the revolutionary black list is unofficial sentence of death."

WELLESLEY, Mass., Jan. 27—Clarence Dadmun, aged 35 years, tax collector of the town of Wellesley, was arrested late tonight, charged with the embezzlement of the sum of $7,200 of the funds of the town. He was taken to the police station and locked up.

George A. Sweetser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, claims that Collector Dadmun has confessed the defalcation and that the thefts have extended over the past two years.

GO-PREACHERS HAVE A LIVELY TIME

Religion Under Difficulties in P. E. Island

How a Debating Society Took Procedence Over the Gospel of the Wanderers—Ike and Mr. Snaddon

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan. 28.—The Go-preachers still continue to furnish interesting items for the Island papers. The latest reports state that they have gone to Bangor—not to Bangor, Me., but Bangor, P. E. Island. This is a section where the Church of Scotland has a strong following, and it will be interesting to know how the people will receive the Go-preachers. There is no report as to where they are holding forth there or with what success they are meeting.

A meeting was held in the western part of the Island, at Coleman, recently. It seems that Mr. Snaddon, the leader of the sect, had held meetings there a few months ago, making some converts. Last week he appeared again on the scene, announcing that a service would be held in the school house on a certain evening. A local enthusiast—an anti-Go-preacher, whose name was Ike, had arranged for another meeting in the same place on the same night, for the purpose, as he said, of organizing a debating club. He declared that the Go-preachers would have to give way and "go." Mr. Snaddon begged to differ, and in place of going, came to the meeting with his followers. A friend of Ike's led off by moving the appointment of Ike as chairman. He opened the meeting with an eloquent speech, in which he dwelt on the educative and helpful advantages of debating societies in general, and this one in particular. He presumed that if "Mr. Snaddon was a gentleman he would retire." Mr. Snaddon, determined to hold the fort, began distributing hymn books, preparatory to beginning his service. This aroused the ire of the chairman. He commented on Mr. Snaddon's action in unparliamentary and non-Sunday school terms. The distribution of hymn books was suspended pro tem. It was suggested that the debating society be inaugurated by a speech from the chair. Ike promptly responded and for twenty-minutes discussed many subjects, from matrimony to war and the war which resulted from matrimony.

After he had run down, Mr. Snaddon naturally concluding that his turn had come, resumed the distribution of hymn books. Ike, seeing his loved debating society menaced, did not shed tears, but shed his overcoat with considerable force. Then he shed his second coat, declaring most emphatically that he would shed blood if necessary for the cause of the debating society. He expressed his willingness to meet single and collectively all the Mormons and Go-preachers from Brigham Young to Mr. Snaddon, and proceeded to place himself in the necessary attitude to make good his intentions. Mr. Snaddon declared that he was a man of peace, and called upon his followers to follow him out. This they did, Ike bringing up the rear.

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE IN ANNUAL SESSION

The annual meeting of the St. John District Division of the Sons of Temperance, was held last evening in Christadelphian Hall, Union Street. The reports of the officers were highly satisfactory, and showed that the order gained considerable during the past year throughout the city. After other routine business was transacted, the election of officers was proceeded with. The result was as follows:—

District Worthy Patriarch—Jas. G. Sullivan.
District Worthy Associate—Mrs. E. S. Hennigar.
District Scribe—K. D. Spears.
District Treasurer—John Lester.
District Chaplain—Joshua Stark.
District Conductor—Robt. Carson.
District Sentinel—H. McCavour.
Supt. of Young People's Work—Mrs. Sullivan.
District Past Worthy Patriarch—Robt. Hamilton.

The officers of the Loyal Crusaders under the auspices of the Division are: James Sullivan, Mrs. Gridley, D. Spears, and Mrs. Sullivan. The officers were then installed by Grand Worthy Patriarch Hennigar. At the meeting the plans of the entertainment committee for the reception of the members of the National Division which meets here in July, were adopted. fitted.

SKATERS TO COMPETE AT PITTSBURG TONIGHT

PITTSBURG, Jan. 28—The international amateur championship indoor skating races will be transferred from Cleveland tonight to this city. Edmund Lamy, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., and all the big stars have entered and the surface on which so many records have been made, will be faster than ever. Kearney, Swartz and Ebersberger will race under the colors of the Pittsburg Athletic Association. Others entered are Fred Robson and Lot Roe, of the Toronto A. C.; Hefferman, Toronto Y. M. C. A.; Aird, Montreal A. C.; Ollie Wood, Stephen Kuhl, Clarence Granger and M. W. Taylor, N. Y. A. C.; Lang, St. Louis, A. C.; and Rankin, Cleveland A. C.

The home of Mrs. Alonzo Cameron, 42 Durham street, was the scene of a very enjoyable gathering last night when Mrs. Cameron entertained the members of her Sunday school class of Victoria Street Baptist Church to a turkey supper. About seventeen children were present. After supper the little ones adjourned to the parlor, where the remainder of the evening was spent in games and amusements. During the evening Miss K. Beatteay won a bottle of perfume as first prize in an animal spelling contest. The gathering broke up shortly after 11 o'clock. One of the guests present was Mrs. A. L. Colwell of Vancouver, a sister of Mrs. Cameron's, who has been away from St. John for nineteen years.

TODAY JANUARY 28

A SHOE SALE

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We have just finished stock-taking at the end of three years' business We have never before had a sale to clear out all odd pairs and lines that you are bound to make in a thriving business.

Remember, in this sale we are making an honest effort to clear out some lines, which we do not purpose carrying any longer and we are cutting the prices in order to do this. Come expecting to get bigger values than ever before, but bring the feet. These lines we have marked at prices that mean a loss to us and therefore we cannot handle them to change them.

No goods can be had on approval and we sell for cash only. We are mentioning a few lines which are reduced for this cause:

About 165 pairs. 4 patterns, of Ladies' Vici Kid Laced Boots. regular price $2.25, now $1.65. About 75 pairs, 3 patterns of Ladies Patent Leather Boots, regular price $3.50 now $2.50 About 60 pairs the one style of Ladies Vici Kid Boots, Laced, regular $3.00 now $1.95

We have all sizes in these Boots 2, 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7

About 1.20 pairs, 4 patterns of Ladies Low Shoes, regular price $1.75 to $2.00, now $1.45. About 55 pairs, 3 patterns of Ladies Patent Leather Low Shoes, regular price $2.75 to $3.00 now $2.20. About 1.35 pairs many patterns of Ladies' Strap Slippers, regular price $1.50 to $2.00 now $1.15

Sizes 2. 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2, 4, 4 1-2, 5, 5 1-2, 6, 6 1-2, 7, in almost all these patterns.

About 93 pairs Girl's Button Boots, Spring Heel, sizes 13, 1 and 2 only regular $1.50 now 95c. About 30 pairs Girl's Patent Leather Blucher Cut Boots, sizes 11, 12, 13, 1, 2 regular $1.85 now $1.45

MEN'S BOOTS

About 45 pairs Men's Patent Leather Blucher Cut Boots, regular $3.00 to $3.50, now $2.25 About 40 pairs Men's Box Calf Blucher Cut Laced Boots regular $2.25, now $1.75. About 30 pairs Men's Vici Kid, Goodyear Welt, Bals, regular $3.50 now $2.50. Sizes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

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John Hall Kelly, M.P.P. for Bonaventure County, P.Q., and C. S. Carmichael, president of the Gaspe Telephone Company, both representing that company are in the city to confer with the N. B. Telephone Company as to the annexation of the Gaspe Company by the New Brunswick concern. H. P. Robinson met them yesterday at the Royal Hotel.

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Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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COURT NORTH END, No. 567—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.
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