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## OLD WORLD ROMANCE.

Lady Constance Stuart Richardson, Nees  
Lady Constance McKenzie, Startles  
Even the Unconventional.

In the little town of Tain just now "Our Lady Constance" is the one engrossing theme of conversation. The villagers never tire of talking of her, whether to speak of her zebra driving, her shooting in Somaliland, or of her adventures in the hills of Norway, where she captured a young but exceedingly bad-tempered bear. The boast, its temper still vindictive except when Lady Constance is at hand, is now in the London Zoo. But they want that bear at Tain.

Lady Constance Stuart Richardson—nee Lady Constance McKenzie—is called the Flora MacDonald of the twentieth century, and not without some reason. She harbors in her vigorous and graceful personality an unconventional that startles even the unconventional. There is about her a strong savor of old-world romance and Scottish feudalism that greatly delights the dour Highlander.

Up in Ross the solemn people are still waiting for the House of Lords to decide whether there is any hope for the future welfare of babes who are not of the "elect." But at the same time they take a fascinated pleasure in the many exploits of the laughing Lady Constance. Her unconventional wedding, a wedding not altogether unreminiscent of Lochinvar and similar romantic tales, has been followed by a somewhat unconventional honeymoon. One might almost say, indeed, that her honeymoon has just begun, when Lady Constance and her husband started upon a wedding tour that embraces half the earth.

Lady Constance would not leave until she had taken an adequate farewell of all her loved and loving people, the tenantry and retainers of the Cromarty estate. So to begin with, she gave them, as she herself put it, "A right good time of it," and there were rejoicings on a big scale. On the night of her wedding day twenty guests sat down to dinner, and were entertained with musical and other amusements. And two nights after her old home, and a thousand guests thronged the stately mansion by the Moray Firth and sang and danced and feasted till dawn dispersed them.

Then there was a great farewell at midday to all the children of the district, and Lady Constance with her streaming hair was the blithest and the most light-hearted child of all.

Her passion for athletics was given full play. She marshalled all the girls and made them romp as they had never romped before. There was a tremendous tug-of-war with Lady Constance with her sleeves rolled up as the captain of the other. And Lady Constance, pulling with all her heart, struggled her team to victory. But these rejoicings over, the bridegroom had to suppress his gaiety of heart and go away to reside solemnly over the induction dinner of the new minister of his native parish. Lady Constance went another way, and while her husband was attending to his ecclesiastical duties she spent the time in fishing and shooting. Two days later they both returned to Tarbet House amid still more rejoicings.

The next morning Lady Constance was seen doing battle royal with a horse that is the terror of her stables. She brought her mount to order, and then was off across country over fences, over walls and over streams to fetch medicine from a nearby town for a sick old clansman, and when she came back she brought with her a Gaelic Bible, printed in type of a particularly large size, for "Old Maggie," whose eyes are growing dim and whose spectacles are not quite strong enough. It is such acts as these, springing spontaneously from a generous heart, that make "Our Lady Constance" so beloved, and bring forgiveness even for her baggage-playing and her cross-sword dancing in a land where both dancing and baggage-playing have both been banned as institutions of the devil.

Within a few days of her marriage, Lady Constance was seen with her hair streaming out behind her, and the tartan of her clan flapping round her knees, speeding like a mountain deer across the grounds of Tarbet House.

In her run she came across a high stone wall, which proved to be no impediment. She placed her hands upon the coping stone and lightly vaulted over, somewhat to the astonishment of an ancient lady on the further side. Following the swiftly-receding apparition, the old crone shook her head and chuckled with enchanted disapproval. "Ay, ay," she said, "she's as wild as ever; but, Lord, bless her, she's a good, kind soul."

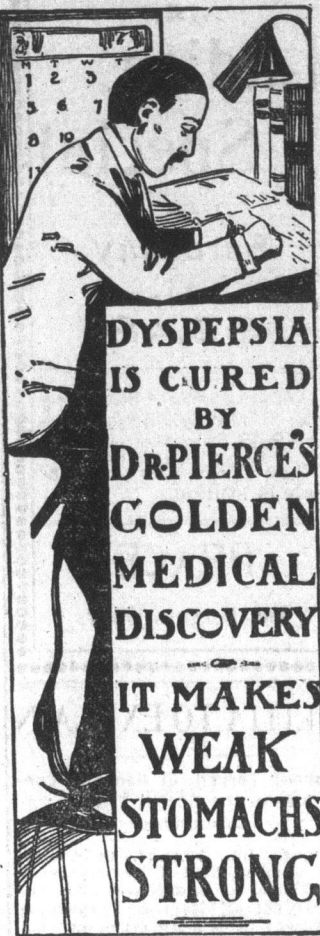
And there you have a summary so brief and yet complete as to be almost epigrammatic of the character of Lady Constance and the way in which the folk of Ross regard her.

## Englishwomen and Their Clothes.

We cannot, says The London Globe, share the views expressed by a correspondent of The New York Herald, who resuscitated the now obsolete idea that Englishwomen combine a visit to France with bad taste in clothes. To suggest that "a society be started for the improvement of dress among Englishwomen," and to say that "it is pathetic to think what the artistic and long-suffering French must endure year after year seeing such hordes of them in their 'buns' and hats and coats of a style to give one the nightmare" shows a perverted power of observation. The criticism would have been true a few years ago. To-day Englishwomen are among the best-dressed women in Paris.

## Poultry Notes.

Don't feed too much millet to fowls, as it causes loose bowels. Hens are the best breeders, while pullets excel in the number of eggs laid. Squabs will increase in popularity as a table fowl as wild game disappears.



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**DUTCH FISHER FOLK.**

An Interesting People Who Are Fond of Jewelry and Finery—Never Marry Out of Their Own Village.

The presence of any foreigner, Dutch or otherwise, trading or living the life of the people, would not be tolerated for a day in most of the Dutch fishing villages. No person from the mainland has for years taken up his abode on the Island of Marken. They intermarry with each other; the priest forbids their marrying within the third degree, and they implicitly obey him. They never marry out of their own village, and this accounts for the extraordinary similarity in their faces. They might all have been cast in the same mould. To those who approach them in a friendly manner the men are as interesting and attractive as the women. Both sexes are singularly good-looking, with regular features and blue eyes. The women have beautiful complexions; the men are bronzed by the sun or the sea. At first the latter appear somewhat surly and distant, but that is generally due to shyness, and they soon become kindly and courteous. They are nearly all teetotalers, their drink being weak tea or coffee, which they take several times a day and on which they seem to thrive, for they are a splendid race. They are very moral and religious. At 6 o'clock every evening, in the Roman Catholic villages, the angels ring, and then both the men and women rise from their sitting postures by the doors, the men doff their caps and the women lay down their knitting, all bend their heads, cross themselves and remain a few minutes in prayer. Religion is no mere name to these simple fishing folk.

Both men and women are very fond of jewelry, and most of the ladies contain a good many of the costly ornaments, necklaces of coral beads with large gold clasps of curious designs and solid gold head bands, called helmets, with rosettes of gold filigree on each side. In Friesland there are a number of goldsmiths' shops. When in holiday dress the men almost outshine the women in their love of self-adornment. Their shirts are adorned with gold buttons and are embroidered with black lines; they wear velvet knee breeches and silver buckles to their shoes, which are richly chased. In most of the fishing villages the men, when in full dress, wear four great silver buttons. These are often decorated with Scriptural subjects in repoussé. They are enormously proud of their buttons, which are heirlooms from father to son. Most of the Dutch fisher folk are very well-to-do. They are thrifty and economical, and their wants are few. They have no desire for luxuries. They rarely touch meat, are total abstainers, and this is probably the reason for the high standard of morality which obtains among them.

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Some Bad British-Canadian Bargains in the Past Hundred Years.

British treaty gifts of Canadian territory commenced with the Treaty of Independence, 1782-3, when the Ohio and Mississippi valley of the Canada ceded by France in 1763—now comprising the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois (with its Chicago), Wisconsin and Minnesota—which had formed no part of the revolted colonies, was gratuitously ceded to the United States. "An instance," says an American author, "of the sacrifice of territory, of authority, of sovereignty, and of political prestige unparalleled in the history of diplomacy."

In 1814 the British and Canadian conquests of Maine and Massachusetts to Penobscot, on the Atlantic coast, and of Michigan and the western territory to Prairie du Chien, on the Mississippi, during the war of 1812, were restored to the United States—without insisting upon the territorial boundaries obtained by the war, and rightly claimable under the international doctrine of *uti possidetis*.

In 1818 another large territory of the French Canada of 1763, extending from Lake Superior west, and including the district about the upper waters of the Mississippi, which the American Plenipotentiaries of 1782 reported to Congress "was then possessed by Great Britain," and also including the Red River Valley, which the Hudson's Bay Company had granted to Lord Selkirk in 1814, and further west to the head waters of the Missouri River (now Dakota and adjoining territory), "went," as a Canadian writer once said, "to satisfy the thrifty appetite of the Republic."

In 1842 Lord Ashburton, in ignorance of the boundary lines on the Franklin "Red Line Map of 1782," ceded over 4,600,000 acres of Canadian land, and by extending Maine 86 miles north into Canada, placed a barrier between Montreal and the Atlantic. The map had been discovered by Dr. Sparks, of Harvard University, in 1842, and forwarded by him to Mr. Webster. In his report to the Senate he stated that the red boundary line throughout the United States "is exactly the line now contended for by Great Britain." And Greville's Memoirs record—"Our successive Governments are much to blame in not having ransacked the archives at Paris, for they could certainly have done for a public object what Jared Sparks did for a private one, and a little trouble would have put them in possession of whatever that repository contained."

In 1846 Oregon, with its splendid harbors on the Pacific coast—owing to the British yielding to the threat, "4 deg. 40 min. or fight," and apparently agreeing with Lord Ashburton that Britain's right to the territory was "a mere question of honor"—was also ceded.

In 1871 Britain agreed that the Fenian Raid claims of Canada, amounting to over \$1,600,000, should be made against the United States, but owing to the ambiguous wording of the despatch proposing a treaty to settle the Alabama and other claims, the United States rejected them, alleging that "they did not commend themselves to their favor," a denial of justice which the then Colonial Secretary acquiesced in, by saying that "Canada could not reasonably expect this country should, for an indefinite period, incur the constant risk of serious misunderstanding with the United States."

## Sketch of Judge Magee.

Of Mr. James Magee, K.C., of London, County Crown Attorney, who has been appointed a Judge of the Chancery Division in succession to the late Mr. Justice Ferguson, The London Free Press says in part: "The citizens of London will extend their most cordial congratulations to Mr. Magee. It is an honor well won, the crowning of a career of hard work as a member of the Middlesex Bar, and conscientious service as an officer of the Crown."

Mr. Magee was born in Liverpool, England, and was doubtless inspired by his proximity to the starting point of the great ocean steamers to try his fortunes on the far side of the Atlantic. He came to Canada about the year 1855, and settled in London, thus having spent nearly half a century in this city. He studied at the old Union School, then in charge of Principal Doyle, and Mr. Nicholas Wilson was his teacher nearly all the time he attended there. Mr. Magee became a law student in the office of Harris Brothers, in 1862, and was admitted a solicitor and called to the Bar in 1867. He began to practice the same year, being admitted into partnership with Messrs. Harris. He was afterwards senior partner, successively, in the firms of Magee & Thomas, Magee, Greenless & Thomas, and Magee, McKillop & Murphy, the present firm, which was formed in 1893. He was made a Queen's Counsel and appointed County Crown Attorney in February, 1893, in succession to the late Mr. Charles Hutchinson.

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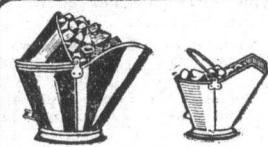
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