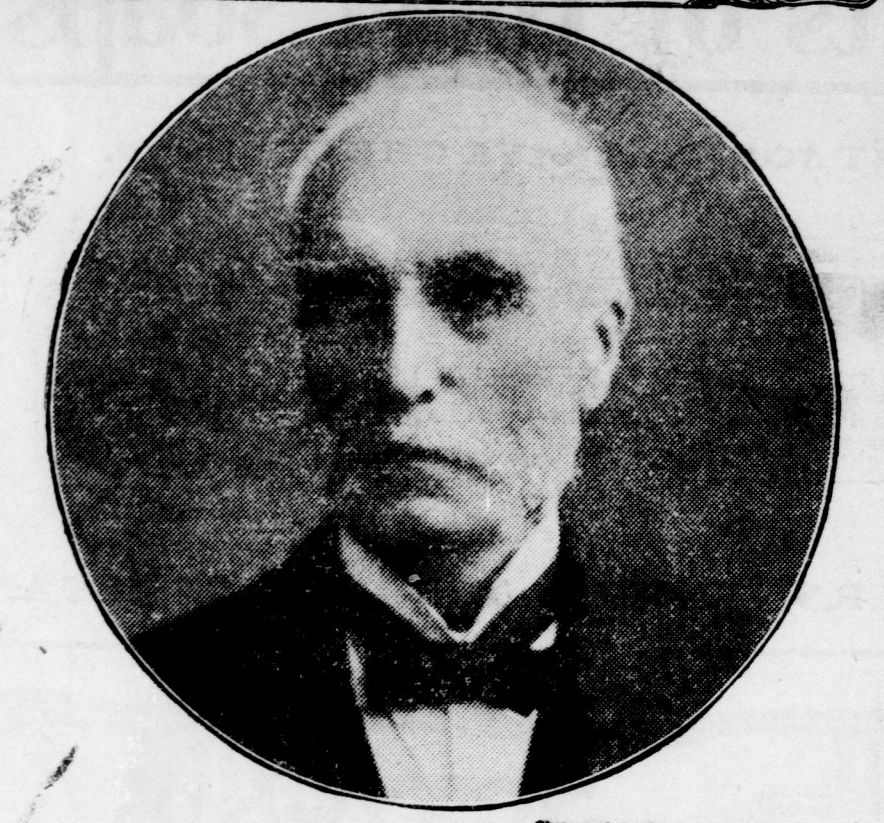


FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



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PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH

The Greatest Living Master of Style

In "The Grange," a delightful, plain, brick house, half-concealed by the network of vines that cover it, with a wide sweep of lawn and grounds filled with old trees—a whole city block in the heart of Toronto, hedged in by high walls—lives Canada's venerable author, Goldwin Smith.

This greatest living master of style in the English language, as he has been called, has had a busy life in his eighty-one years, yet his own words prove it has been a serene and peaceful one. "According to the 'Economist,'" he says, "if by reason of strength our years be fourscore, yet is their strength labor and sorrow," but I must say that while I have found mine full of the first, they have been free from the second.

Born in Reading, England, he was educated at Eton and Oxford, graduating in 1845; two years later was elected a Fellow of University College, where he acted as tutor for some time, and though called to the bar, he never practiced. He was prominent in the two commissions appointed to examine into the condition of Oxford University which led to a number of salutary reforms. In 1858 he was made Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford, a post he held for eight years. During the Civil War in the United States he was a valiant champion of the Northern cause, and on his lecture tour in that country in 1864 he met everywhere enthusiastic and flattering receptions and received the degree of LL.D. from Brown University.

In November, 1868, having resigned his chair at Oxford, he again visited the United States and accepted the professorship of history at the newly-founded Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., where he lived for three years. On his retirement he went to Canada, being still Professor Emeritus of Cornell, where he was extremely popular with the students, who affectionately referred to him as "Goldie."

In Canada he soon found recognition and served in a number of positions that gave him opportunity to render invaluable service to the cause of education and letters, and on all questions of vital political interest his voice and his pen were ever ready. A long list of books on history, religion, national politics, philosophy and biography has to his credit, yet a far greater bulk of material remains in his constant contributions to the newspapers and periodicals of his day. A rare scholar, a master of style, a great thinker, a fearless iconoclast, an able champion, a tireless worker, Goldwin Smith has been a mighty influence for good.

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Interesting Gossip About Notable Men and Women.

BY THE MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who is now in America, is the father of the House of Commons and one of the finest survivors of the English statesman of the old school. He entered Parliament considerably over 40 years ago, when most of the members of the present Administration were still boys at school, and some of them, indeed, like the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, were still in frock and pinafore in the nursery. He is popularly understood to have been infected by his early appointment to office to the fact that his extraordinary reticence and cold, reserved, and aloof manner attracted the attention of Lord Beaconsfield at a dinner and created an impression upon the famous Tory leader. Very tall and spare, Sir Michael remains, in spite of his eight and sixty years, as straight as a pointer. He has a thin, refined face, with high, delicate forehead, on which the hair curls slightly. The nose is straight and the mouth rather hard, with the expression of a man accustomed to bitter thoughts. His once dark beard has now turned very gray, and in Parliament he will sit by the hour striking his beard or picking it with his long, nervous fingers without exchanging a word with his colleagues or neighbors.

Sir Michael has had two devoted friends in the House, one of them, the late Sir William Vernon Harcourt, a political adversary, while the other, the late Lord Randolph Churchill, although occupying a seat on the same side of the House, often made him the object of vigorous political attacks. Yet Sir Michael's intimacy with the ex-chancellor, and it was on this account that he was chosen a few years ago to unveil the bust erected to poor Lord Randolph's memory. The particular object of Sir Michael's devotion in Parliament is Joseph Chamberlain, and, indeed, it was on account of his inability to get along with the ex-minister that he resigned his seat in the Unionist cabinet.

Sir Michael's association with the late Lord Salisbury was a very natural one. Three hundred years ago or more his ancestor, Sir Michael Hicks, son of a good Gloucestershire family, was the Secretary of State and Prime Minister to Queen Elizabeth and from whom, indeed, both the late marquis and the present Lord Salisbury are descended in a direct line. It is on record that this Elizabethan Sir Michael Hicks was a very rich and generous man, and that he was not only loved by Francis Bacon, money, but likewise showed himself to be a very friendly and indulgent creditor.

The present Sir Michael, who came by the additional name of Beach through a maternal grandfather, who was Sydney Smith for his tutor, is, in spite of his reticence, at times an in-

tensely hot-tempered man, and in his encounters with Joe Chamberlain gave vent to his spleen in the form of most contemptuous and scornful sarcasms. It is only in society and in Parliament that he is thus unfriendly, reserved, and aloof. With the tenants and the farmers of the district in which his ancestral home is situated he is geniality itself, the type of the old-fashioned squire, a straight rider to hounds, a splendid shot, and a kindly landlord. He is in every sense of the word a Tory of the old school, an ultra-Conservative in his notions. Thus he has no use for the woman emancipation movement, and insists that the best work of a woman's life is to help a worthy husband and to be the mistress of a happy home, adding that cooking and needlework must not be omitted, and declaring with a touch of pride that his wife, Lady Lucy (daughter of the late Lord Fortescue), could do anything with the needle, and that his daughters were accomplished cooks. Sir Michael is on his way to Singapore as an arbitrator in a dispute which has broken out there.

Miss Verona Somers Cocks, who has been married to Lord Hyde, son and heir of the Earl of Eglinton, since this fall, was known as "Jack Mitens" before she became a countess. She is a sister of the present Lord Somers, who, indeed, is far from being well known to her. Earl of Somers left all his estates to his daughter, Lady Henry Somerset, the present peeress who was merely a distant cousin-in-law to her. Beyond his barony, the earldom becoming extinct, Lord Somers is unmarried, and it is said he died without male issue. The late Lord Somers was, however, Rev. Henry Somers, who has an American wife, the daughter of Llewellyn Mass. His next brother, Lord Somers, was a member of the House of Commons, and he also married an American girl, a daughter of Sir John Sabine, U. S. A.

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the obligations of etiquette and of rank have insisted that he should live not rather than within their dominions, owing to which he makes his home at Heilbronn, where he is not above recalling the day when he was a student at the University of the States with American students at the university over a friendly mug of beer or a glass of wine.

He has two sons the elder of whom, Prince Hermann, now 19 years of age, has just received a commission in the Prussian Cuirassiers, and when he succeeds to the throne and that his father Prince William, will waive his claims of succession in his favor. For, inasmuch as the Kaiser and nearly all the other German sovereigns have taken their cue from the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, and declined to receive him at their court—have, in fact, boycotted him mainly by reason of his antecedents—it would be very awkward indeed if he were to become Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar and entitled to take his place among them.

King Victor Emmanuel was well advised when, despite the vehement and clamorous opposition of the new Italian separated Princesses Linguaglossa, he caused government seals to be set on all the papers and correspondence of his father, the celebrated Italian statesman, Sig. Crispi, immediately after his death.

It was in vain that the princess appealed to the courts. Even popular sentiment sided in the matter with the crown assuming that since Crispi had held the office of prime minister and minister of foreign affairs, there must be necessarily among his papers documents of the highest state secrets, which the obligations of the Italian Government to foreign powers and the best interests of the nation itself required to be kept in the hands of the crown. Crispi, who was accused by his enemies of gross dishonesty when in office, and of having taken advantage of the latter to fill his pockets, left his family, not only badly off but like a heavily laden ship. Therefore, when the King left the Palazzo, the widow, a handsome person, and a strong supporter of the services of her husband, gratefully accepted, and took sides with the Government. Crispi's daughter in the matter of the papers.

Eventually the difficulty was solved by means of a compromise. A senator, enjoying the complete confidence of the crown and of the Government, and who, moreover, was a warm friend of the Crispi family, was appointed to the state to go through Crispi's papers with the daughter and widow and to take therefrom all those which, containing secrets of state, were undesirable for publication.

The princess agreed to this, and the examination of the sealed up papers has been completed. It was fruitful, and among other things found among them the correspondence of Crispi with the emperor in 1899 with M. Kossman, then Italian ambassador at Paris, on the subject of the whole foreign policy of Italy and of its bearing on her relations with France.

To this correspondence was appended a list of persons who were known to be secret agents of the Italian Government in France, in Germany, and in Austria, as well as notes concerning confidential utterances on the part of foreign statesmen.

Had all these papers been published, the emperor would have been incalculable, and not only foreign governments but even foreign rulers, ministers and officials would have hesitated about entering into any confidential relations with the Italian Government again, unwilling to expose themselves to the danger of indiscreet revelations.

Crispi was well aware of the nature of his correspondence with Rensmann, and of its dangerous character. For when Rensmann, who had a strong strain of Jewish blood in his veins, and who was a wonderfully able man, fled suddenly at Paris shortly after his retirement from the diplomatic service, Crispi, who was then in office as minister of foreign affairs, caused the Italian embassy officials in the French capital to resort to the most extraordinary measures in order to secure possession of the private papers of the former ambassador—measures which were harsh and excessive.

It is perhaps an irony of fate that the Italian Government should have been obliged a few years later to adopt the same measures, and for the same reasons, in connection with the papers of Crispi himself.

When, therefore, Princess Linguaglossa publishes the papers and what purports to be the correspondence of her father, it will be useless to seek therein any state secrets. The latter have been disclosed, and are now safely housed in the national archives at Rome, beyond the reach of Crispi's daughter.

The young Duke of Sontana, the crack polo player of Spain, and who is to take a leading part in the conquest of the East, and in the fall of Paris, Ostend, and in England this fall, was known as "Jack Mitens" before he became a duke. He is a son of the Duke of Sontana, who, indeed, is far from being well known to her. Earl of Somers left all his estates to his daughter, Lady Henry Somerset, the present peeress who was merely a distant cousin-in-law to her. Beyond his barony, the earldom becoming extinct, Lord Somers is unmarried, and it is said he died without male issue.

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the great Lord Brougham, was imprudent enough to bring an action for slander against Sir James Duke. During the course of the trial it was revealed that Slevier had been engaged in all sorts of questionable transactions, and that he had been "dropped" by the Boodles Club in London, and an announcement in the Official Gazette that the Duke's presentation at court had been cancelled by order of the late Queen. The Sleviers are of Courland origin, and a corresponding story of the family with the title of count in the German provinces of Russia.

It is not surprising, however, his record is preferable to that of his brother-in-law, the late Lord Alton.

T.I.E. WARSHIP OF THE FUTURE

EFFECT OF RUSSO JAPANESE WAR ON THE BRITISH BUILDING PLAN—NOVEL FEATURES.

High Speed Battleships with Guns of Great Power Projected for Coming Fights—No Unprotected Class.

As the ally of Japan, Great Britain is probably in possession of the facts as to the behavior of the ships and the general war material of the Japanese navy in the present war; and hence the naval programme for the present year, so far as it has been made known by the British Government, may be accepted as embodying, in the distinct, the lessons of the war. The changes have been learned. These changes are, namely, a great increase in gun power, a great increase in speed, a great increase in armor, and a great increase in the standard speed of the standard type of ship. The standard speed of the standard type of ship is now 20 knots, and it is expected that the standard speed of the standard type of ship will be 25 knots in the near future. This is a great increase in speed, and it is a great increase in armor. The standard armor of the standard type of ship is now 12 inches, and it is expected that the standard armor of the standard type of ship will be 16 inches in the near future. 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