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## WIFE OF A BONAPARTE.

History of the Family of Napoleon's Young Brother.

The late Prince Napoleon was the son of Jerome, the youngest brother of Napoleon the Great. This fact brings nearer to us that great series of events beginning with "a whiff of grapeshot" and ending with Waterloo. His death, moreover, has peculiar vivid interest for Americans, because it recalls the story of the first love of his father, Jerome, for a young American girl, Betsy Patterson, of Baltimore.

It is a sad tale of romance, imperial ambition and diplomacy. Napoleon had already won undying fame in Italy when his young brother, Jerome, was but twelve years of age. He soon entered the French navy, for it was his great brother's ambition to make of him a fighter on the seas fit to cope with Nelson. It was an English frigate that destroyed this plan by driving the French frigate bearing Jerome into American waters. At Baltimore Jerome fell madly in love with and married Elizabeth, the beautiful daughter of William Patterson, a rich merchant, and an Irishman by birth. Elizabeth, or Betsy, as she was called, had a consuming ambition, and when friends opposed the marriage she said, "I would rather be the wife of a brother of Napoleon for one hour than the wife of any other man for life."

Napoleon was highly displeased with this match, because he already saw himself on the throne and wished his brothers to marry only "blue bloods." Jerome and his wife only learned of the establishment of the empire when about to sail from New York to beg the forgiveness of the first consul. They learned at the same time that both Jerome and his brother, Lucien, were debarred from the line of succession for marrying against Napoleon's wishes. Nevertheless the young couple, still hoping forgiveness and advancement, sailed for Lisbon in 1805.

### HISTORY OF "BO."

There Jerome was arrested and taken to France, after a tearful adieu and protestations of everlasting fidelity to his wife, who was not allowed to land. She sent a message to the emperor which tickled him immensely.

"Tell the emperor," she said, "that Mme. Bonaparte demands her rights as a member of the imperial family."

She proceeded to England, where a boy was soon born to her and christened Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte. Jerome, the father, proceeded to Paris, little thinking that he would never see Betsy again save as a stranger and with another wife upon his arm.

Napoleon positively refused to recognize the marriage, but promised Betsy an annual pension of \$12,000, providing she would return to America and renounce the name of Bonaparte, which conditions she accepted.

Her husband, Jerome, thus separated from her, was compelled by his brother to marry Catherine, the daughter of the king of Wurtemberg. Soon after he was made king of Westphalia. He then sent to America for Betsy's child, "Bo"—an abbreviation of Bonaparte. She refused to give him up, and in reply to the offer from her husband of a ducal crown, with an income of \$40,000 a year, she sent back the scornful message: "Westphalia is too small for two queens; besides, I already receive \$12,000 a year from the emperor, and I would rather be protected by the wings of the eagle than be dependent on the bill of a goose."

She ever afterward spoke with contempt of her husband, although "Bo" frequently visited his father's family in Europe, where he was treated as a son and a brother, his half sister, Princess Mathilde, being especially fond of him. Afterward "Bo" married a Baltimore lady, causing his mother, Madame Betsy, great anger by doing so. His cousin, Emperor Napoleon III, invited him to France, where he was legitimized and received as a member of the family. His half brother, the son of Jerome by Catherine, quarreled with the emperor, and there was at one time a strong intention to make "Bo" the heir presumptive, but ultimately "Bo" was declared ineligible.

### BE'SY'S POSITION.

He declined a duchy, refusing the condition attached of surrendering the name of Bonaparte. On the death of King Jerome in 1860 his American wife, Betsy Patterson, contested his will. She was, however, refused a share of his property.

The letters show a great contempt for her native land. She wrote to her father from Florence in 1829 as follows:

"A parent cannot make a silk purse of a sow's ear, and you found that you could not

make a sow's ear of a silk purse. It was impossible to bend my talents and my ambition to the obscure destiny of a Baltimore house-keeper, and it was absurd to attempt it after I had married the brother of an emperor. I had not the meanness of spirit to descend from such elevation to the deplorable condition of being the wife of an American.

"I often tried to reason myself into the courage necessary to commit suicide when I contemplated a long life to be passed in a trading town, where everything was disgusting to my tastes, and where everything contrasted so strongly with my wishes.

"I never could have degraded myself by marriage with people who, after I had married a prince, became my inferiors.

"The Americans themselves had sense and good taste enough to feel that I had risen above them, and have always treated me with the respect and deference due to a superior.

"When I first heard that my son could condescend to marry any one in Baltimore I nearly went mad.

"I repeat that I would have starved, died, rather than marry anyone in Baltimore."

In her old age Betsy's constant companions were a carpet bag and a red umbrella, the color of the Napoleonic dynasty. "Bo" died in 1870. His mother survived till 1879, dying at the age of ninety-four years, and leaving a fortune of \$1,500,000 to Bo's two sons, Jerome and Charles J. Bonaparte.

Charles J. married Miss Nellie Day, of Boston, who is a granddaughter of Mr. James C. Dunn, a merchant of Boston.—Philadelphia Press.

## WHO OWNS AMERICA'S SOIL?

Who owneth America's soil!  
Is it he who graspeth the hard red gold;  
Whose glittering gains are by millions told;  
Who bindeth his slaves to a woof and a loom,  
And chaineth their soul in living tomb,—  
The tomb of hopeless toil?  
Not he, not he—by Heaven!

Who shieldeth America's land?  
Is it he who counteth his ships by scores;  
Who plucketh his gains from a thousand shores;  
Who buyeth and selleth, and worketh not,  
And holdeth in pride what by fraud he got  
With hard and gripping hand?  
Not he, not he—by Heaven!

Who guardeth America's right?  
Is it he who eateth the orphan's bread,  
And crusheth the poor with his grinding tread;  
Who flingeth his bank-note lies abroad,  
And buildeth to worship a golden god,  
A shrine to Mammon's might?  
Not he, not he—by Heaven!

Not these, not these—by Heaven!  
But those who labor for God and Man;  
Who work their part in the world's great plan,—  
Who plant good seed in the desert's dearth,  
And bring forth treasures from brave old Earth;  
To these the soil is given—  
To these, to these—by Heaven!

To these must the soil belong:  
To the men of all climes whose souls are true—  
Or Pagan, or Christian, or Turk, or Jew;  
To the men who will hallow our glorious soil—  
The million who hope, and the millions who toil

For the right against the wrong:  
To the does the soil belong—  
To guard, to work, and to own.  
—A. J. H. Duggan.

## Labor Importation Via Canada.

An agent of the Treasury Department reports officially that between 20,000 and 30,000 European immigrants have entered the United States through Canada thus far this year, and that among them were hundreds of "undesirables," who, if they had come by steamship to this or any other American seaport, would have been debarred under the new immigration law. The number introduced into this country in this way is much larger this year than ever before, though the practice has been carried on quietly for several years. Under the new law it is proposed to appoint immigration inspectors along the Canadian border to make as strict an inspection of the immigrants as that made at the port of New York, and to see that the law is not evaded with the same impunity with which it has been in the past.—Irish World.

## THE 'WORLD OF SPORT.

The New Yorkers try to excuse the downfall of their pets by saying the men are not yet in condition.

Slattery & Kennedy, Toronto, have purchased the chestnut pacing gelding, Sorrel George, 2.22½, for \$1,100.

Provided that a good fat purse is offered there is a prospect that the Hanlan-O'Connor race will take place at Lachine.

If arrangements for the visit of a team of British racing men are concluded it is likely that the Britishers will come over here in June.

It is said that Mr. J. J. Ryan, the amateur champion of Canada, will row for the Sunny-side Boat Club of Toronto city this year.

George Lee, the professional sculler, has been secured by the New York Athletic Club to train and coach the crews at Traver's Island.

The programme for the Bel-Air Jockey Club summer meeting has been published and is a good one in every respect, being ahead of any ever arranged by them.

The Lake St. Louis Canoe Club has amalgamated with the Lachine Boating Club and the organization will now be known as the Lachine Boating and Canoeing Club.

The race for the Two Thousand Guineas stakes at Newmarket, on Wednesday, was won by Lord Abington's Common; Orveit second, and Peter Flower third. There were nine starters.

William Hickey, the ex-champion sculler of Australia, died at Sydney recently at the age of 47 years. He won the championship in 1866 and held it till 1873. He has beaten Trickett, Green, McLean and Rush.

It is said that close upon £900 was taken at the final tie for the Yorkshire Rugby Football Union challenge cup, between Wakefield, Trinity and Pontefract. The attendance must have been well toward 20,000.

The Council of the Canadian Lacrosse Association met at Hamilton, on Wednesday, and resulted in a dead-lock on the question of scheduled games vs. the challenge system. No agreement was come to and the meeting adjourned for one week.

A new baseball league for the city is being formed and will likely consist of the crescents, the Hawthornes, the Clippers and another. A meeting of representatives from the different clubs will be held on Monday evening to complete arrangements.

G. L. Catlin, the best runner of the Corinthian A. C., has joined the New York A. C. He will wear the winged foot of Mercury for the first time at the Princeton University games on May 9, and may also represent the club in the English championships.

Tommy Kelly, the Harlem "Spider," has been challenged to a finish fight for \$1,000 a side and the 105 pound championship by a sporting man of this city on behalf of an unknown. Kelly will accept, provided the unknown agrees to weigh in at the ring side at 105 pounds.

Cricket in Montreal will likely have a boom this year. During the past few days about forty applications for membership have been received by the Montreal Cricket Club. There is plenty of good material in the city out of which to form a team to meet anything in Canada.

It is stated positively that the signatures of both Rowell and Albert have been attached to an agreement for a six-day race to take place next autumn, probably in London, for over \$2,500 a side. It is probable that Littlewood will also be a contestant, and that the struggle will be a sweepstakes.

A club, to be called the Montreal Fishing Club, has been formed in this city with good prospects. It will start with a membership of about fifty. They meet in the Hope Coffee House, this evening, to frame a constitution, elect officers, etc. Lovers of the piscatorial art are invited to attend.

The annual general meeting of the McGill University Cricket Club was held on Wednesday. The reports of the executive committee and secretary show a great increase in membership, and they expect the club will hold its own this season as there has lately been an accession of good playing talent.

Frank Slavin came down a bit from his high perch just before leaving England, and instead of talking about knocking people out in six rounds, became modest enough to say that if he failed to get on a match with Sullivan on reaching America he would

deign to fight the winner of the Corbett-Jackson mill.

John L. Sullivan, while in a saloon in St. Louis, pulled out a wad of bills and threw them on the floor and said, "There's my stuff that says I can lick Slavin right now. He's got no business following me around the country making bluffs."

The fight between Ike Weir and John Griffin for the featherweight championship of America and a \$1,000 purse, in Boston, was stopped at the fourth round by the police. Griffin undoubtedly had the best of it at that time, having knocked Weir down three times in the third round and twice in the fourth, when the police interfered.

The annual race for the ten miles amateur championship of England was decided on Saturday 11th at Manchester in the presence of a large number of spectators. There were eight starters, but these did not include Kibblewhite, the present holder of the challenge cup. After an excellent contest W. H. Morton, of the Salford Harriers, won by a dozen yards from S. Thomas, Ranelagh Harriers, in 52 min. 33.4-5 sec.; Mannah, the Scottish champion, was third, more than two minutes behind, and E. W. Parry, Salford Harriers, was close up, fourth.

The bitter rivalry between St. Paul and Minneapolis over which should be the theatre of the Hall-Fitzsimmons mill culminated in an agreement arranged by Frank Shaw. The fight for the middleweight championship of the world will occur on the dividing line between the two cities in a building put up especially for the purpose capable of seating 20,000 people. A circular building of wood with the ring in the centre, two rows of boxes surrounding it and the rest of the seats slanting to the roof, will be put up in short order, and in it the fight will take place.

The lacrosse difficulty has not yet been settled, but the prevailing opinion is that Montreal and Toronto have the best of the situation. It was announced early in the week that the Shamrocks had asked Toronto not to fix dates for matches until after their meeting on Monday, but this has been emphatically denied by prominent members of the club, and to all appearance they are satisfied with the state of affairs.

Commenting on the situation, the Gazette, of yesterday, says:—There was a well defined rumor on the streets yesterday that may turn out a little more feasible than it looks at first sight. It was that the Toronto, the Capitals of Toronto, the Montrealers and a new club in Montreal, form a four club series. The new club has been discussed in lacrosse circles for some time past, and is gradually assuming definite shape. In fact, negotiations are all but completed for a long lease of a fine site for playing grounds. The name of the new aspirant for lacrosse honors has not been decided on, but it will, probably, be on something the same lines of the old Independent and it would not be a bit surprising if th old name were adopted too. There have been many discontented elements during the past two years in some of our leading clubs, and there are a large number of first-class players who have not had a chance to play in a senior team for some time. These men would only be too glad of an opportunity to play again in first class matches, and they were waiting for just such an opportunity as the new club would afford. With two good teams in Montreal and two in Toronto it is not going too far to say that they would attract more public attention in the cities where there are most lacrosse enthusiasts and pay better than taking chances of small gates in Cornwall and Ottawa. The Capitals, of Toronto, are said to be an exceptionally good aggregation this year; in fact, some Toronto men say that they will be able to give their Queen City rivals a very hard turn.

The annual meeting of the Emmet Lacrosse club was held on Wednesday evening. There was a very large attendance, and from the enthusiasm manifested the prospects for the coming season are the most promising for the young club. The report being read and adopted, the election of officers then took place and resulted as follows:—Hon. president, H. McClure; president, P. Heelan; first vice-president, O. Rochon; second vice-president, T. Slattery; secretary, T. Conway; treasurer, P. Windle; field captain, T. Dillon. This club is anxious to hear from junior clubs about forming a league. All communications to be addressed to the secretary, Mr. T. Conway, 94 Eleanor street.