

CHICAGO'S DARING MATCH-MAKER

Mrs. William Franklyn Ernest Advanced Money to Spaniard to Get His Title

WROTE HIS LOVE LETTERS

And Now is Suing For \$10,000 For Cash Advanced, Etc.—An Extraordinary Love Affair.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—Mrs. William Franklyn Ernest made a daring investment in the high finance of love, if her own detailed story of how she married Count Santa Eulalia to Mrs. John B. Stetson is accurate.

She appears from her own story to be a most reckless, long-shot speculator on the marriage exchange. For, by her own word, she picked up a young foreigner, without brains, manners or money, bought him a title on the installment plan, lent him money for his courtship, and wrote every love letter he ever sent to the widow of the multi-millionaire hat manufacturer of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ernest believes that such "promoting skill" and speculative courage as hers should be requited in cash. And that is why she announced the other day, she has declared her intention of suing.

HUSBAND THREATENS COUNT.

Mr. Ernest was present when his wife made her statement to the American correspondent today. The Count's friends denounce the threatened suit as blackmail, pure and simple.

"I have been accustomed," Mrs. Ernest said, "to associate with people of the highest type of heart and mind culture. But besides these I have had my charity patients." Count Eulalia was one of the latter.

"When he first came to me he was ignorant, but was so confiding and seemed so sincere that I pitied him and made him my protégé. He was not a count when he was first introduced to Chicago society. He was moral but oh, so stupid! He talked with me just as a child would talk to its mother, and he confided to me the fact that his family desired him to marry a wealthy woman. On one occasion he sent his card to Hobart Chatfield-Chatfield Taylor with the number of his room marked in one corner. I told him I felt degraded over his stupidity.

WOULDN'T IMPOSE HIM ON YOUNG HEIRESS.

"Once I had a beautiful young heiress selected for him, but he disgusted me so with some of his stupid actions that I concluded it would be a shame for her to waste her life on him. I decided that an older woman would do.

"The Count knew that Mrs. Stetson was his senior, but that didn't make any difference. She was fabulously rich.

"When the Countess says she never met me she is quite right, but when she says she never heard

of me she is quite wrong, for I wrote her a twenty-page letter explaining my claim. At any rate, Mrs. L. P. Bishop, who was a friend of Mrs. Stetson, was my friend, and Mrs. Bishop, after we talked the matter over thoroughly, believed Mrs. Stetson would prove a good catch for the Count. She invited Mrs. Stetson, who came here with her adopted daughter, Miss Potter, and both registered at the Congress Hotel under assumed names.

"I fitted the Count out with good clothes, prompted him how to behave, and then Mrs. Bishop and I arranged that Mrs. Stetson should call on Mrs. Bishop at the Chicago Beach Hotel, and the Count should meet her by chance.

SAYS SHE WROTE LOVE LETTERS
"At first the Count did not progress rapidly with his courtship because of his personal faults, but he made good headway by the correspondence route, because I wrote every love letter Mrs. Stetson ever received from him. I framed the proposal of marriage and argued away every objection she offered. It was a hard two years' work, but I was successful.

"Mrs. Stetson had made a personal investigation by which she gained a suspicion that the Count's title was not all it should be, and she insisted on a clear title to the title, so to speak. That required some generalship on my part.

"Through influential relatives, the Count obtained an invitation to the wedding of King Alfonso of Spain, and I paid his fare over there. I fitted him up with a wardrobe and gave him \$300 with which to register the title of Count.

While he was with his brother, the real Count, in Lisbon, I wrote him many charming letters, telling him how Miss So-and-so and Miss Blank were in ecstasies over a prospective match with him, and sent on photographs of beautiful young women. These were obtained in an ordinary art gallery, but they made an impression on the brother, who, as a Republican didn't believe in titles anyway, and he simply turned his title over to the young man—the same as a piece of merchandise—to realize what he could on it.

"The young man realized Mrs. Stetson and her millions. I used my influence and he became Portuguese vice-consul at Chicago. He paid for the registration of the title in instalments. Three months after his marriage to Mrs. Stetson he made the final payment.

"After I sent him to Philadelphia to meet his bride, he told me that Mrs. Stetson would probably give Mrs. Bishop \$2,000 and then forget about her. I was even then suspicious that I might be treated in the same manner.

"His charge of blackmail is absurd. He knows that he owes me full \$10,000, most of it for money advanced. I have about forty witnesses and a great many letters to prove my claims before the court. But my account is against a Count who is of no account."

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SAYS INSTINCT

SAVED HIS LIFE.

Baggage Master Montgomery Tells of his Narrow Escape in Train Wreck.

J. C. R. Baggage Master John Montgomery, who came through the wreck unscathed, credits a mysterious instinct of danger with his escape from injury. A few minutes before the crash, Mr. Montgomery for no apparent reason, put on his coat and went back from the baggage car to the first class coach. He was just returning when the express crashed head-on into the freight.

Mr. Montgomery returned from a fifth Friday afternoon and speaking of his experiences said he could not give any reason why he had happened to leave the baggage car at that particular time. "It was just instinct, I guess," Mr. Montgomery said in reply to questions.

Mindard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN GLOUCESTER.

J. Bennet, Hachey and John Miller Supporters of Pro-Administration Elected With Overwhelming Majority.

Bathurst, N. B., Oct. 4.—The Municipal elections took place today with the result that J. Bennet, Hachey and John Miller, the candidates endorsed by the local government party were elected by a very large majority. Hachey 349, Miller 504, Brennan 185, Carter 117, the two latter receiving the support of the Dominion Government influence.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 11, 1903. MINARD'S LINIMENT CO., LIMITED.

Sirs,—I came across a bottle of your MINARD'S LINIMENT in the hands of one of the students at the University of Maryland, and he being so kind as to let me use it for a very bad sprain, which I obtained in training for foot races, and to say that it helped me would be putting it very mildly, and I therefore ask if you would let me know of one of your agents that is closest to Baltimore so that I may obtain some of it. Thanking you in advance I remain,

Yours truly,
W. C. McQueen.

Robert Coiller, son of the late Mr. P. F. Coiller, of New York, has promised Lady Aberdeen £1000 per annum for five years, with the object of equipping and starting a tuberculosis dispensary in Dublin in memory of his late father.

The Backache Stage may be just that incipient form of kidney disease, which, if neglected, will develop into stubborn and distressing disorder that will take long tedious treatment to cure. Don't neglect the "backache stage" of the most insidious of diseases. South American Kidney Cure stops the ache in six hours and cures. Sold by A. E. SHAW'S Pharmacy.—30.

The passing of the control of the Al. line of steamships to the Canadiana members of the family is a sign of the times, which it would be folly for the Old Country to ignore. Perhaps the day will come when the vessels will be registered in Canada and not in Scotland.

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets.—Medical science by accident discovered the potency of the pineapple as a panacea for stomach troubles. The immense percentage of vegetable pepsin contained in the fruit makes it an almost indispensable remedy in cases of dyspepsia and indigestion. One tablet after each meal will cure most chronic cases. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—Sold by A. E. SHAW'S Pharmacy. 32.

Harriman's life affords another instance of the value of an early business start. At twenty two he owned a seat in the New York Stock Exchange, and at twenty four was the head of a New York brokerage house which was soon handling Vanderbilt business.

Young girls frequently require a good invigorating and blood making tonic. For this purpose nothing equals Ferrovin, which is prepared from fresh lean beef, Citrate of Iron and pure old Spanish Sherry Wine. It soon brings color to the cheeks and strengthens the whole system. \$1.00 a bottle.

August has proved the most encouraging month of the year as for in the Clyde shipbuilding trade, the output amounting to 18 vessels and 43,630 tons, an increase over July of 23,390 tons. For the eight months the tonnage launched is 222,450, only 1,500 tons behind the corresponding period of last year.

Deafness of 12 Years Standing.—Protracted Catarrh produces deafness in many cases. Capt. Ben. Connor, of Toronto, Canada, was deaf for 12 years from Catarrh. All treatments failed to relieve. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gave him relief in one day, and in a very short while the deafness left him entirely. It will do as much for you. 50 cents. Sold by A. E. SHAW'S Pharmacy. 33.

The Lethbridge Herald says that the merchants in the towns incite the local newspapers to storm against those who send mail orders to the department stores and then turn around themselves and give their printing not to home offices, but to outside printers. This is a body blow.

Bearine, a simple and agreeable poultice, made from Canadian Bear grease, feeds the hair roots and makes hair grow. 50c. a jar.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$15,000 for the erection of a public library in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland. The gift was not dependent on the citizens subscribing a like amount. A fund also will be established for endowment. Mr. Carnegie while touring Ireland, was impressed with the rugged beauty of Tralee and remained there for some days.

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