

It was, however, and by the King's special command, from the Palace that in due course of time Lois da Piera was married; and the little Anglican Church—for Lois adhered to her mother's faith—was crowded with the rank and fashion of Boravia when the Chaplain of the British Embassy joined the two together in Holy Matrimony, His Majesty himself being present and signing the registers. After spending a brief honeymoon at Da Piera's country house, Standen and his beautiful wife returned to England, accompanied by Miss Dodds. They were soon followed by John Burch, who gladly returned to his beloved Devonshire, where he married the faithful Mary and settled down to the farmer's life he loved on an estate that he bought with a part of his share of the treasure. No one knew how rich the homely fellow was, and his children—to whom he had given the best of educations—and his widow were not a little surprised when his will was read.

'Tes wunnerful how things dew vall out,' said John Burch, meditatively, some years after. It was a still evening in September; Standen and he had had a long day's tramping after the birds over Squire Burch's stubbles and roots, and the two were seated smoking under the