

WHERE WOMEN ARE SOLD AT AUCTION

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HAIL STORM DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN KINGS COUNTY

Penobscot, July 25.—The crops in this section of Kings county were seriously damaged by a severe hail storm which swept across the valley at 1 o'clock today, leveling growing crops, breaking windows and leaving disaster in its wake.

The hailstones were of remarkable size, averaging about 1/2 inch in diameter, and some rivaled marbles. The brittle buckwheat stalks were cut cleanly to the ground and potatoes showed the same fate on some farms. Daniel Robinson estimates the damage to crops on his farm alone will be \$500, so that in this vicinity the loss will amount up in the thousands of dollars.

The storm came up from the north-west, beginning at 1 o'clock and raging furiously for half an hour. Thirty windows in the lower Penobscot Baptist church were smashed and twenty panes were broken in the upper church, many farm houses suffering in the same way, especially those with westerly exposure.

The woman market is held every three months. In the intervals are only isolated sales. In the middle of January, April, July and October agents arrive at Karanogai with good-looking, auctionable women, mostly Tartars or Russians, Russians predominating. The Tartar women belong to the Astrakhan or Orskian Tartar races; they are Moslems; and are relatives of the Nogat Tartars. The Christian women mostly belong to Russian settlements in the Caucasus, that is, to a highly intelligent and civilized class of Russia's population.

The Nogat, Orenburg, and Astrakhan Tartars have nothing against this marriage by auction; it is recognized, they say, by the Shariat. The Christian Russians tolerate it out of poverty, and find consolation in the fact that the Tartars make good husbands, even though they require their wives to embrace Islam. The auctions are carried on in what is judged by Tartar standards, is a perfectly orderly and decorous way.

A week before the market the Tartars build at Karanogai a platform, which they decorate with flags, and with polished square pieces of Standard Oil petroleum tins. When preparations are complete there arrive the agents who bring batches of from four to ten girls. More often than not the fathers of the girls also come, in order to see fair play, and to make sure of getting their money, for the beneficiaries are not the girls, but their parents. The agent usually takes 50 per cent. of the sale price. The Auction

The Tartar girls are sold without veils. They compromise with custom by holding the ends of their red headkerchiefs across their mouths. The Russian women are unveiled, but once purchased, their masters make them wear veils. When the preparations are complete, an iron shield is beaten in order to summon the bachelor Nogat from their work in the steppe. The girls mount the platform. The Tartars throng round, examine their faces, pinch them, dig fingers into them to make sure that they are fat. The Tartars consider that they are behaving well and decently because they never attempt to speak to the girls, the being forbidden by Mahomedan law. The women are then auctioned off one by one. Competition is keen. Prices run from \$50 to \$250. Sometimes the Tartars bid openly, paying from three to fifteen for a wife. The ponies mount the platform beside the girls; and the merits of both are compared.

The sale of Russian women is largely in the hands of the Astrakhan Tartar Muchmenoff, who speaks good Russian, and travels constantly round the Christian villages, seeking promising wives. Muchmenoff prefers to deal in widows, as he buys them outright and gets them relatively cheap. In South Russia a

widow has a bad time; if she has no grown up sons she loses her parcel of land and she finds it hard to get a second husband. Muchmenoff also buys Tartar women; and pays good prices for them. He is known throughout the Caucasus for his honesty, for his considerate treatment of his human goods and for his businesslike ways. He has formal documents for every transaction, which are published in the Moscow "Vedomosti."

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Prince of Wales Branching Out For Himself

HOSSESSES BUSY

They Want to Be Included Among Friends of Heir to Throne—The Present Arrangements For Young Edward's Household

London, July 12.—During the last few months the Prince of Wales, now within two years of his majority, has given evidence that he desires and means to have more lively associates and friends than those eminently well behaved but rather dull persons by whom he has been surrounded since he could walk.

His Royal Highness is forming a "set" of his own that gives promise of being livelier than the company he has been accustomed to. It must be made clear, though, that by "lively" one does not mean "fast" or anything more than healthy joy of life.

All the smartest hostesses are busy laying plans to get into the Prince's "set" and are making strenuous efforts to attract the favorable attention of the heir-apparent. One who will be a visitor to the Prince's household is the wife of Lord Vivian. Lady Vivian is a lady of high social position and ambitious, possessing a pair of expressive grey eyes and a figure whose natural grace is always set off to the best advantage by the creations of the most fashionable Paris modistes.

Another lady who will be in the new royal coterie is Lady Neumann. Among her intimate friends is Mrs. Allan Mackenzie, who was Miss Louisa Knox. Lady Neumann took care that it should be no unmarried girls present—the guests consisted of half a dozen of the youngest, prettiest and smartest married women and about the same number of men. The prince went with Mrs. Mackenzie, her husband and the inevitable Mr. Hanell, his tutor. He enjoyed himself immensely. He took his hostess to dinner and next to him sat one of the prettiest women in the peerage who is a past mistress in the art of making herself agreeable; and before dinner was over the prince had committed himself to a visit to his husband's country seat.

After dinner there was a little impromptu dance and then a supper, and about two o'clock the prince took his departure. The prince's household should have been made for the prince that he should have Frogmore House, near Windsor, as his own private residence, for it is his parents' desire to keep him out of London and its manifold temptations as long as possible. The prince has rather reluctantly consented to accept this arrangement, but as a concession to his wishes he has been given a private suite of apartments at Buckingham Palace which he can occupy at all times whether the court is in residence or not, and which he will use as his private London residence until he marries.

His household, for the present, will consist of a secretary, who queries (one only will be in attendance at a time), his tutor, Mr. Hanell, and a valet. He will be allowed to nominate his own equerries, but they should remain as a sort of guardian.

Of his boy friends Lord Carrington, the son of the Marquis of Lincolnshire, is one of the prince's closest chums, and he will certainly occupy a conspicuous position in the future entourage of the prince. In Lord Carrington the prince finds a congenial spirit who does not at present take life more seriously than a jolly, clean-minded boy should, and who is as ready as the prince is becoming to enjoy it. Lord Carrington was especially chosen by Their Majesties as a playmate for the prince and his brother several years ago, and he was constantly invited to York Cottage and to Balmoral.

In those days young Carrington—who was Lord Wandsworth as his father, Lord Carrington, had not been elevated to a marquessate—a very serious sort of boy and, in Their Majesties' eyes, an ideal companion for the Prince of Wales. The heir-apparent is, by the way, intensely anti-semitic in his predilections, and this fact is greatly influencing him in the choice of his friends. It is well

known, of course, that both King George and Queen Mary always viewed with dislike the close and intimate friendships King Edward had among the wealthy Jews in England, and the prince was brought up in an atmosphere that was decidedly anti-semitic.

But the prince does not at present much trouble himself with such considerations. At Oxford not long since a dinner was given by the Bullington Club at which the prince was to be the chief guest of the evening; and among the undergraduates asked to meet the prince was the son of a very wealthy cousin of Lord Rothschild. When, however, the list of guests was submitted to the prince he asked that this proposed guest's name be omitted. His refusal drew on the prince a severe lecture from King George who told him that he must stand and be counted. It is true that the first hostess to entertain the prince at dinner was a Jewess, but, as already explained, Lady Neumann secured the prince's presence through the influence of Mrs. Mackenzie.

Dangerous Politics. The prince is beginning to take a keen interest in politics, a fact that will also influence him a good deal in the choice of his friendships, and in regard to this matter he is causing his parents some anxiety. He has been a rather constant attendant at the meetings of the union debating society at Oxford, and though he was strictly forbidden ever to speak there it is a matter of common knowledge that his sympathies are entirely with the supporters of the most exclusive Toryism and that he is opposed to all the ideas of democratic government which are now finding so wide an expression at Oxford.

The prince's idea is that England's hope lies in the foundation of a Tory party composed exclusively of aristocrats and free from all commercial influences, and there is a group of young men at Oxford who apparently hope to make the prince the center round which such a party will gather.

In the present state of political thought in England it would be difficult to imagine a more dangerous position for the heir to the throne to occupy and the prince has been strictly forbidden to attend any function or gathering of any sort that is in any way of a political character. So seriously does the king regard this matter that he recently made the prince cancel two engagements to attend receptions in London given at the houses of Lord Willoughby, de Broke and Lord Londonderry, which were obviously political in character, for all the guests invited belonged to one political party.

A woman can generally be depended upon to make a fool of a man, but sometimes she saves her the trouble.

Two French savants, one of them Professor Pinard, of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, and the other Dr. Barrier, inspector general of veterinary schools, have each made a will in which, with the consent of their families, they leave their bodies to be autopsied and dissected after their death by the faculty of Paris, before being handed over for cremation. Dr. Barrier made this announcement to his colleagues at a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of Cremation.

The practice of cremation has not yet made much headway in France, but the society reported some progress, as last year there were 808 instances of cremation to 478 recorded in the previous

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Chicago, July 25.—True bills charging complicity in incendiary fires were voted today by the grand jury against Joseph Fish, head of Joseph Fish & Company, public fire adjusters and nine others, two of whom are reported to be women.

The action followed testimony of Mrs. Fannie Korshak, whose husband is now a fugitive from justice in connection with indictments previously returned by the grand jury as a result of its investigation into the operations of the alleged "arson trust."

Mrs. Korshak is said to have named Fish as one of the members of the alleged ring. The indictments voted today are said to be based on the jury's investigation of five incendiary fires by which the insurance companies were defrauded out of many thousands of dollars. Fish is wealthy, a member of a number of clubs, and one of the best known public fire insurance adjusters in the city. The indictments, it is expected, will be returned in court either tomorrow or early next week.

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