

A Matchmaking Mother

Who brought about the romance and engagement of Boston's beauty, Marion Mason, and the rich young Richard T. Wilson, of New York? "I did it," says the sly little god of love. "I did it with my bow and arrow."

But the smart worldlings among New York's "400" and Boston's Back Bay set, who don't believe there is any such thing as a winged Cupid, with a quiver of darts, any more than they believe in Santa Claus, point to another cause.

"It is the latest achievement—the fifth splendid marital coup d'état—of Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, the great matchmaker," they say in club corners and boudoirs.

Then they sum up the long list of marriages by which Mrs. Wilson has united her sons and daughters with the Astors, the Vanderbilts, the Goets, the richest three old families in the new world, and even added to all this a brilliant foreign title.

After making family alliances with the greatest landed estates and financial interests of New York, a relationship is now to be established with one of the oldest, richest and most blue-blooded families of Boston and New England.

Miss Marion Mason is the great-granddaughter of the famous merchant and manufacturer, Amos Lawrence, of half a century ago, the A. T. Stewart of Boston.

She is a second cousin of Mrs. Robert Winthrop of Beacon Hill, and the same relation to the enormously rich Misses Ella and Ida Mason, who live on the corner of old Beacon and Walnut streets, whose snug little fortune is estimated at \$20,000,000.

A quarter of a century ago the wealthy Robert Mason died, leaving all his riches to his nieces, while his nephew, Dr. Amos Lawrence Mason, the father of Miss Marion Mason, had little but his proud family name and his professional practice.

But the rich Mason "old maids" will make Miss Marion a great heiress.

Mrs. R. T. Wilson, sr., smiled approvingly on the friendship which sprang up between Marion Mason and her son Richard.

Mrs. Wilson is a woman of rare tact. She makes desirable alliances as skillfully as a diplomat manages an affair of state.

Just after the civil war the R. T. Wilsons came to New York. "Oh, from the South somewhere," they used to say. And Mr. Wilson became in time one of New York's great financiers.

When her family grew up Mrs. Wilson executed her first masterly maneuver by bringing about the marriage of her oldest daughter, May, to the late Ogden Goelet, one of the greatest landed proprietors on Manhattan island. Now Mrs. Ogden Goelet and her two children, Bobby and May, Mrs. Wilson's grandchildren, are heirs to this vast estate worth at least \$50,000,000.

Mrs. Wilson's second daughter, Belle, under her skillful mother's guidance, married the noted diplomat, the Hon. Michael Herbert, the brother of the earl of Pembroke.

Orme Wilson, the older of the Wilson boys, married Caroline Astor, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Astor, the acknowledged leader of New York society for decades. Thus was made an intimate alliance between the Wilsons and the Astors, the richest and the most prominent family in American society.

The climax of Mrs. Wilson's matrimonial art was shown when her daughter, Grace, married young Cornelius Vanderbilt in spite of the intense opposition of the whole Vanderbilt connection.

This marriage, with its attendant family feuds and heartbreaks, the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt from grief and disappointment, the disinheriting of the eldest son and heir, and young Cornelius' subsequent recovery of a big part of his lost millions through the help and advice of R. T. Wilson, sr., made one of the most dramatic chapters in New York's social history.

When the clouds cleared away Mrs. R. T. Wilson's victory was acknowledged complete in elevating her sons and daughters to the highest social positions, and linking the Wilson name with the most fashionably colossal fortunes in the new world.

Only one member of her family remained to be married, young Richard T. Wilson, Jr.

Now, by a final move on the chessboard, Mrs. Wilson has drawn into her family alliance a member of one of the most blue-blooded families of Boston, a prospective heiress to \$20,000,000, and a new beauty to add to New York society.

The Mason family traces its ancestry back for nearly three hundred years, to Major John Mason, who came to Dorchester, now a part of

Boston, in 1632. He became the deputy governor of Connecticut.

By intermarriages the Mason family has become connected with the Olivers, noted as judges and governors of Massachusetts in colonial times; the Crofts, the Morses, the Derbys, of Salem; the Grays, to which Judge Horace Gray of the United States supreme court belongs; the famous Lawrences, already mentioned, of which Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts is also a member.

One of the most distinguished Mason ancestors was Jeremiah Mason, formerly United States senator from New Hampshire, and a colleague of Daniel Webster, being pitted against that great orator in many a noted legal case.

Dr. Mason, Miss Marion's father, has one of the most fashionable practices in Boston among the Back Bay colony. He was a professor in the Harvard Medical school for many years, and for thirty years has been visiting physician of the Boston city hospital.

Dr. Mason is not considered wealthy as fortunes go in the Back Bay district, but the Masons have a very pleasant and artistic home in Clarendon street, between Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street.

Miss Mason's mother has been one of the favorites of Boston society from the South nearly thirty years since she, like Mrs. Wilson, came up ago. Her father was Admiral Chas. Steedman of the United States navy, a native of Charleston, S. C.

When he was stationed as commandant of the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard, in the early '70's, his two handsome daughters, Louise and Marion, were "taken up" by the reigning social leaders of Boston of that time.

They both made brilliant matches, Marion Steedman marrying E. Rollins Morse, belonging to one of the richest and most conspicuous families of Boston, while Louise Steedman, in 1874, married Dr. Mason.

The beautiful Southern sisters at once took their places as leaders in the Brahmin caste.

Marion Mason, an only child, inherits her mother's beauty. She is tall, slender and with finely cut features, arched eyebrows and lovely golden brown hair.

When seen in a picture hat she bears a striking resemblance to the famous Gainsborough painting of Georgiana, duchess of Devonshire.

In fact, she once appeared "made up" to resemble that particular character in one of the "Vincent vaudevelles." These very exclusive private theatricals are enacted by society girls, before women audiences only, for the benefit of the Vincent hospital.

Many of Miss Mason's friends called her "The Duchess," after her appearance in that character, and now cherish the photographs of herself in that role, which she gave them at that time.

Miss Mason is not a college-bred girl but has attended the best private schools in the Back Bay, had instructors at her home and traveled much abroad.

During 1897 and 1898 she was a student in the Boston Art school at the Art Museum. She became quite accomplished in drawing from classic models and from life.

Since then Miss Mason has turned her art talent to account by contributing to charity fairs her paintings and ornamental screens.

Landscape gardening is her latest interest. When her aunt, Mrs. E. Rollins Morse, took a house at Newport several years ago, Mrs. Mason, who spent the season with her laid out the grounds. They are considered among the most artistic in that city of beautiful gardens.

Mrs. E. Rollins Morse has always had a special fondness for her handsome and talented niece. She gave a "coming out" ball for Miss Mason five or six years ago in her Commonwealth avenue home.

The Morses have made a very brilliant social career for themselves in Newport and New York, as well as Boston. Mr. E. Rollins Morse inherited large wealth and has added greatly to it by business and banking enterprises.

Mrs. Morse easily became a leader in the ultra-fashionable set, combining pedigree as well as wealth. And wherever Mrs. Morse went Miss Mason was to be seen also since her debut.

When Mr. E. Rollins Morse established a branch of his banking house in New York a year or two ago, he gave up his Boston residence and leased the Frederick W. Vanderbilt house at No. 453 Fifth avenue, on the corner of Fortieth street.

Here Mrs. Morse gathered about her the friends among New York's "400" whom she had made during past seasons in Newport.

There were some brilliant functions at the Morse's last winter. It was noted that a surprisingly large contingent of young bachelors from the Fifth avenue clubs attended Mrs. Morse's teas and receptions. And the magnet that drew them was Marion Mason, with her radiant beauty, her wit and cleverness.

Many a suit was pressed, but the Boston belle was impartial and gracious to all—except young Richard Wilson.

It was at Newport that Richard L. Wilson, Jr., became acquainted with Miss Mason, four years ago.

Young Mr. Wilson was not very fond of society, to the grief of many an aspiring mamma of unmarried daughters. He cared more for athletics and his horses than for the Casino functions and the midsummer nights' balls.

But he found in Miss Mason a kindred spirit. She loved horses. She could hold the whip and reins over the most spirited high steppers.

She loved nature, too, and the young sportsman found her a most eager listener to his tales of riding and hunting, and other outdoor pastimes.

When the two young people met in New York drawing rooms in the winter they had ideas to exchange instead of society chaff to prattle about.

He had more serious interests than many young clubmen who hovered about as society butterflies. He was taking an important and very active part in the conduct of his father's banking house.

Miss Mason he found a sympathetic companion, and he told her many of his plans, chief of which was to convert his island off the South Carolina coast into an ideal dream.

It should be an Eden, a model community, where picturesque houses should be builded for the families from old Holland, whom he would bring over to occupy them. There should be a great game preserve and a stock farm and a garden that should be tropical in its luxuriance.

The girl's eyes brightened and her voice grew yet more musical as the two laid out that garden, he with his practical ideas and she with her artistic taste.

It looked very real as she deftly sketched it out on paper, with its fountains, its palms and its rose gardens—but it was a garden of dreams.

And the rosy little Cupid that

never grows old whispered that the roses in that garden must have a queen whose cheeks should rival their own blushes.

So Richard Wilson told the happy girl that she had long been queen of his heart and that the garden was all for her.

Then came the formal announcement of their engagement the other day.

The outcome of it all will be an Easter wedding in Boston, at Trinity church, with Bishop Lawrence officiating. Boston's most blue-blooded society in attendance and such an army of Astor, Vanderbilt and Goelet visitors as the Puritan capital has never seen before.—N. Y. Journal.

Special Session Adjourned.

St. Paul, Minn., March 11.—The first special session of the Minnesota legislature in thirty-one years, and the third special session in the history of the state, adjourned at noon today, having been in session exactly five weeks. The session met February 4 to consider the tax code and constitutional amendment prepared by the tax commission provided for at the regular session one year ago.

The work of that commission, however, was rejected, the bills submitted being defeated as too radical in the changes proposed. Within five hours of adjournment other tax measures were passed, and provision was made for the submission of other constitutional amendments to a vote of the people.

These amendments allow the legislature to impose a general income in lieu of all taxes on personal property. A tax not to exceed 10 per cent. per annum on the income from all credits in lieu of any other tax on credits is provided for, and also an income tax of not more than 4 per cent. on all salaries in excess of \$10,000 a year.

Three methods for the taxation of public service corporations are allowed by the amendments, a gross earnings tax in lieu of all other taxation; a gross earnings tax, in addition to the tax on real property, and a franchise tax in addition to taxes on real and personal property.

Two important tax measures to be effective under the present constitution were passed—the inheritance tax bill and real estate tax bill.

A bill introduced by Mr. Johnson, of Hennepin county, and passed, provides that the public examiner shall

pass on the accounts of the railroads doing business in the state and report whether those companies are paying the proper taxes.

Some attention was paid to the merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads, and the sum of \$25,000 was appropriated to furnish the attorney general with funds to prosecute the case. When it was learned that under the decision of the supreme court the state had no standing in the federal courts, the legislature adopted a memorial to congress urging an amendment to the judiciary act, so as to give the state the same standing as a citizen in these courts.

The last bill to pass both houses was the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a state exhibit at St. Louis next year.

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The city council tonight in special session through a quantum of bills concerning the final passage of a clock when a taken. Among them was an amendment for the "blind man" of Queen street to cross the ferry first avenue bridge for a guy from ex-Chief when the position was tendered. It had a New York man July, come to define the bridge moved to connect with J. A. Alderman in the affirmative of Alderman vote at all.

Several bills several them \$3000 votes rendered. Nugget \$30 for N. A. T. & T. were referred to the Alderman Alderman committee be instructed Masahaly, Serg Whitehorse state bills presented were read at evening, saying had nothing to question and to the Yukon the first two rendered during court of rev Whitehorse state Dr. MacArthur making a suit daughter hour makes an item a sleigh that sale in use by Alderman V. law requesting superior of list of firms in being given it.

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The mayor approached by teachers in the petition of the Company for public abattoir the application to members to notice and thus these views upon the council to cooperative the grand of a team weather supported at the opening of covers. His conversation Alderman related informed him time at work by Mr. MacArthur improved.

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The bill presented of 10 provisions of and the one amendment and from their the Dr. Switzer Sunday at law and provisions with the mayor be the council. from the Alderman, also house with house-up law.