

## A Vagabond Princess.

A Tragic Story of a Girl Who Loved Pleasure

(Pearson's Weekly.)

When, one August day in 1814, Caroline, Princess of Wales, shook the dust of England off her feet, she carried no regrets with her. She was glad beyond words to escape from her husband, the Regent, who had so magnanimously persecuted and ill-treated her, and for whom the only feeling was one of loathing.

She was still young and beautiful; and if her charms were scorned by the "First Gentleman in Europe," they would, she knew, have no lack of admirers in the sunny south to which she was turning her steps.

She had supped long and deep of sorrow; and her heart was full of rebellion against Fate, which had so cruelly blighted her youth. Now at last she was free to seek forgetfulness in any form of pleasure that came her way, and she determined to drain every cup that presented itself to her lips. She would be no longer a Princess; she was a woman who had earned the right to unfettered liberty.

It was in this spirit that the vagrant Princess made her way first to Switzerland, where she found her shocking

the English residents by her indiscretions.

At Geneva, Madame de Corsal tells us, she hobnobbed with the commonest people, flung herself with abandon into the dances of the bourgeoisie, which she attended alone and uninvited, and seemed radiantly happy with the arm of the local butcher or baker round her waist.

Much Preferred a Gay Life.

From Switzerland she wandered to Italy with her retinue of ladies-in-waiting, chamberlains, pages and couriers, everywhere received as a Queen, and everywhere flinging aside her Royal dignity, to slip away to some resort of pleasure.

We catch a glimpse of her in the studio of Giuseppe Bossi, the artist, whom she drove to distraction by her chatter, and her singing and dancing with two other ladies whom she found there—until, as Bossi says, "the house seemed possessed by the devil, and it was utterly impossible for me to work."

It was at Milan that General Pino introduced to Caroline a new courier,

a man who was destined to play a very baleful part in her life. "He is," said Baron Ompteda, "a sort of Apollo, of a superb and commanding appearance, more than six feet high. His physical beauty attracts all eyes. This man is called Pergami, and he has entered the Princess's service."

It was, indeed, an evil fate that brought this "superb Apollo," of the crafty brain and conscienceless ambition into the life of the Princess, at the high tide of her revolt against the world and its conventions. For it was not long before he had so ingratiated himself in her favour that his familiarity shocked even her retinue.

Before she had reached Tuscany the "courier" had blossomed into her equerry, and in this more privileged and exalted role was always at her side. So marked in fact was her favoritism that her retinue, one after another, deserted her; each vacancy, as it occurred, being filled by Pergami's relatives, until Caroline was soon surrounded by members of the ex-courier's family.

English People Shunned Her.

From Naples she wandered to Genoa, Milan and Venice, received regularly everywhere by the Italians, and shunned by the English residents; and each day added to the Princess's infatuation and the ex-courier's supremacy.

For a time she now made her home in the Villa del Garrovo, in the lonely

isolation of the Italian lakes, with Pergami as her "beloved companion." Then, when her husband's spies made her retreat no longer comfortable or safe, she set out again with him on a journey to Sicily, Tunis and Athens, through Palestine and Turkey.

Pergami was now her Grand Chamberlain, possessor of three knight-hoods which she had procured for him, and owner of an estate in Sicily, one of her many costly gifts to him.

But the long-dreaded day of reckoning was now near. One day, after her return to Lake Como, news came that George III. was dead, and that the husband whose cruelty had made a vagabond Princess of her was now King of England.

The rest of Caroline's unhappy story is well known—how she returned to England, welcomed by popular rejoicings and cries of "God save Queen Caroline!" How, at her trial, her follies were laid bare to the world, and how the doors of Westminster Abbey were closed in her face when she sought admission to her husband's coronation.

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What We Know About Denizens of the Deep Said to be Startlingly Limited.

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rations. "The ocean literally teems with food," says a bulletin issued by the National Geographical Society. "The man who declared that humanity is a race of herring catchers might have over-stated the case, but that the sea abounds in food fishes and fishes fit for food is well known. As soon as we begin to study the subject of ocean fisheries, however, we come up short against the fact that what we really know about the inhabitants of the sea is startlingly limited."

Whale are Lure for Herring.

"Many fishermen of the North Sea believe that whale bring the herring in toward shallow water—a conclusion they reached from the observation that schools of herring are frequently found in the vicinity of spouting whales. In 1906 there was a failure of the herring fisheries, and the fishermen blamed the situation on the Norwegian whaling vessels operating in that region."

"Likewise, it is still a moot question whether or not modern fishing methods tend to deplete the supply and whether artificial propagation of sea fishes is a sufficient counter measure. A few years ago a British commission measured the intensity of fishing operations in the North Sea. "Trailing bottles were set adrift, and it was found that more than half of them were recaptured. In certain localities they were captured at a rate that indicated 90 per cent retaken each season."

"Marked fish yielded largely similar results and the conclusion was that a foodfish of adult size had at least three to one odds against its getting through the year uncaught."

How Ocean Fish Multiply.

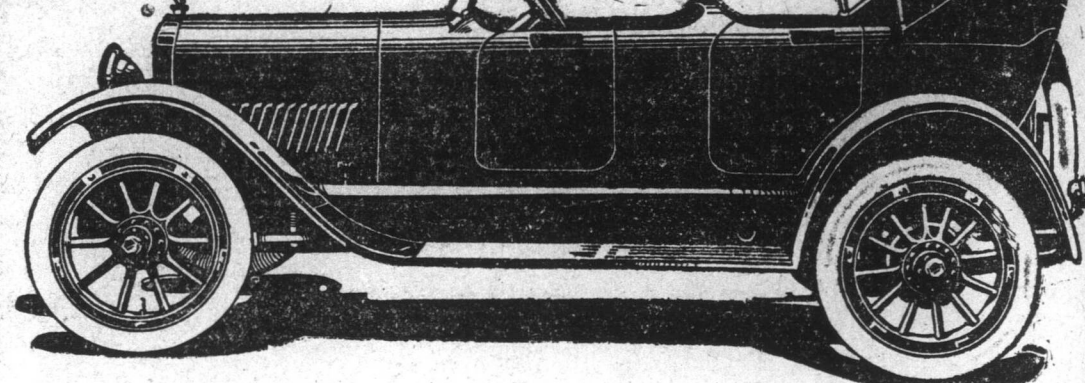
"And yet there is so little race suicide in the ocean that even such intensive fishing probably has no effect upon the available adult supply. For instance, the female turbot lays 8,500,000 eggs a year, and the cod has 4,500,000 to her credit. The female haddock lays 1,400,000, the sole 570,000, the bass 450,000, and the plaice 300,000. The poor herring must be content with a meager 31,000."

"Much remains to be learned about the migration habits of the world's food fishes. The problem of life in the ocean is one full of interest and pregnant with valuable lessons for mankind. Even at the bottom of the deepest trench in the abyssal region of the sea's bottom, where no ray of the sun ever penetrated, where freezing temperatures never cease, and where inconceivable pressure prevail, the miracle of life still goes on."

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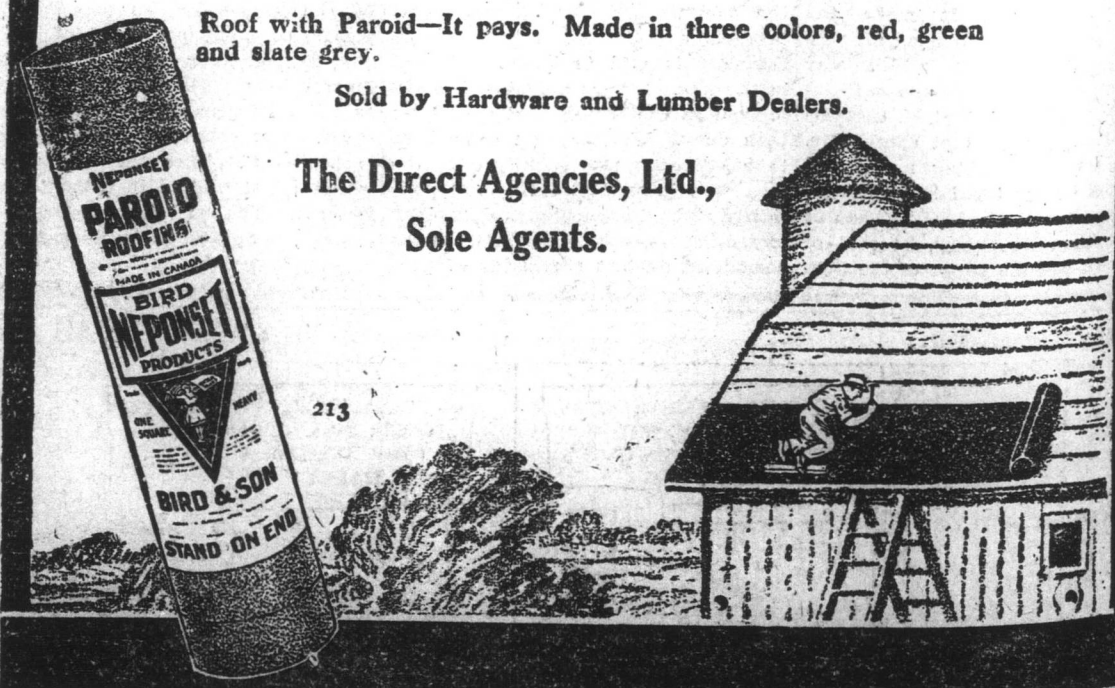
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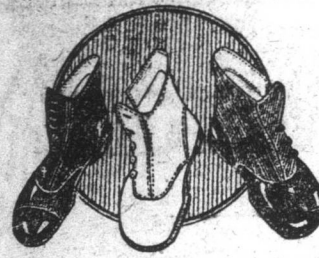
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