

#### **Oueen Mother** of Great Britain

lyric became with the passing of time the affection of the people of England Through all the long and gracious life bride of Albert Edward, Prince of

toria, in this matter as in many others was vastly influenced by her uncle, another. The hospitals, the condi-King Leopold of Belgium. This exalted adviser to the Queen of England prepared a list of ladies of royal rank in Europe who were eligible to beof the reigning houses of German als all over the country which bear Queen Alexandra's ever-youthful ap- had been forced to stay over until the cle Lucky, "have you seen Little Miss titude towards Denmark concerning the possession of Schleswig-Holstein. King Leopold's list of eligible brides scrutinised most thoroughly by Queen man princesses who headed the list tween the royal pair, a meeting which was repeated more than once. Queen Victoria herself contrived to meet gree she always displayed the same overtook her comparatively early. a wonderful man, Dr. Quack." Alexandra at Coburg. The Danish princess, with her youth, and her natural grace and beauty, encharmed the critical widowed Queen of England and the announcement of the engagement soon followed. It was stated that "the marriage is based entirely upon mutual affection and the merits of the Princess." Undoubtedly this was absolutely true, but whether there was not something of a diplomatic fiction about the further anno way connected with political conbeen said, Prussia was already adopting a menacing tone towards Denmark, and it is certain that the resign-

However, the rest of the world heard tion. In Great Britain the news was aboard, put into Gravesend on March 7th, 1863, three days before the wedding. The Princess was met by the for notoriety. Prince at Gravesend. Together they A letter of Queen Alexandra's has fected graciousness of the young Princess, the youth both of herself and of the Heir-Apparent, the knowledge that the future Queen of England came from a royal house where the rule of life was one of service and not one of self-aggrandisement—all these drew the hearts of the people of Britain to the bride of Albert Ed-

They were married at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on March 10th. It. is interesting to recall that the wedding took place in Lent, and a special dispensation for its performance was granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. There had been some talk of the ceremony taking place at Westminister Abbey or St. Paul's. On this point, however, Queen Victoria would not be gainsaid. Her Majesty insisted upon preserving, as far as possible. the seclusion which she maintained for so many years after the death of the Prince Consort, and the wedding was therefore conducted under con paratively simple and quiet conditions such as were possible at Windsor The following note concerning the eremony by Bishop Samuel Wilbertorce is particularly interesting in

ost moving sight I ever saw. The Service of National Thanksgiving was Queen above looking down added such proposed to be held in St. Paul's a wonderful chord of deep feeling to Cathedral. To this idea Queen Victorall the lighter notes of joyfulness and is was greatly opposed, but her Minshow. Everyone behaved guite their isters and other advisers persisted in best. The Princess, calm, feeling, reasoning with her Majesty on the self-possessed. The Prince with more matter. The Princess of Wales wrote depth of manner than ever before, to the Queen; "I quite understand The little Prince William of Prussia your feelings about public thanksgivbetween his two little uncles to keep ing. I do not like it myself, for it the bare highland legs whenever they sacred and selemn feelings of one's uched him to keep him quiet."

The "little Prince William" after- more private service would be more in vards became the Kaiser, and one of his two "little uncles" was the Duke But then, on the other hand, the whole of Connaught. The other was the nation has taken such a public share Duke of Edinburgh, another son of in our sorrow. It has been so en Victoria, who died many years ago.

purchased by the nation as a resi- views ultimately prevailed and the dence for the Heir-Apparent. Here it, great service duly took place at may be mentioned that it was some Paul's. years afterwards that the then Prince of Wales acquired his Norfolk estate which ever befell Queen Alexandra "Sea-kings' daughter from over the of Sandringham, where he lived the was the death in 1892 of the Duke of sea." However hackneyed Tennyson's life of a country squire, although on Clarence and Avondale, her eldest son, many occasions after his accession he who of course stood next in successions received Ministers. Ambassadors and sion to the Crown after the then towards Alexandra of Denmark only other distinguighed visitors there. Prince of Wales. Prince Eddie, or Sandringham was King Edward's own Prince Albert Victor, as he was earproperty, and upon his death Queen lier known, at the time of his fatal which she spent among them she ever Alexandra continued to enjoy the use Illness was within a few days of his received a like affecionate and cordial both of Marlborough House and of 28th birthday. Only a week or so greeting as on that day in March, Sandringham House. Now that Queen earlier his engagement had been an-1863, when she landed to become the Alexandra has passed away it re- nounced to Princess Victoria Mary of mains to be seen what ultimate dis- Teck-now Queen Mary. With his position King Edward made of his present Majesty, King George, he

Alexandra Caroline Maria Charlotte Norfolk property. The future of Mari- served some yars in the Royal Navy. Louise Julia-to give her late Maj- borough House presumably lies with- The Duke of Clarence was never roesty's baptismal name in full-was in the discretion of Parliament, bust from birth. In that winter inthe eldest daughter of Prince (after- Throughout Queen Alexandra's wid- fluenza took a terrible grip of Engwards King) Christian of Denmark. owhood their present Majesties, King land, and the Duke of Clarence was The Prince of Wales was 20 years of George and Queen Mary, continued to among its victims. The Princess of

To follow in detail the life of Queen riage would merely be to record her participation in one good work after ren-in all these and many other after her marriage. There are hospit- in her own hand.

captivating qualities. Her own per- After King Edward's death Queen The next minute, Peter Pig, who

nouncement that the betrothal "is in ter King Edward's accession, in 1903. days, the joyous acclamations of the took Dr. Quack home. A few minutes siderations" is open to doubt. As has successful, the graciousness and Rose Day—the first general "tag day" Luckymobile and drove away. He was contributing to this happy outcome.

Only once was the life of Queen ing house took the news of the engage- Alexandra ever in danger at the artificial rose in compliment to Queen well that poor Little Miss Mousie hands of an assassin. In 1900 their Majesties were travelling on the Conof the alliance with entire satisfac- tinent, and at the Gare du Nord at Brussels a Belgian youth of 15, named received with feeling of the keenest Sipido fired twice at the royal couple. pleasure. These feelings were de- One bullet lodged in the boarding of monstrated to the full when the royal the railway car between the Prince yacht, with the young bride-elect and the Princess. Neither of them was visibly alarmed. The would-be assassin proved merely to be hunting

made the journey through London been presedved which illustrates her amidst such a demonstration of de- sentiments towards a certain form of light as the capital had not witnessed public function. The Prince of Wales, Christian Brothers, will be held for at least a generation. The unaf- as he then was, suffered a dangerous next Sunday.—nov23,61

"The wedding was certainly the illness in 1872. Upon his recovery heart, and I quite agree a simpler and The royal couple took up their resi- it may perhaps feel it has a kind of dence at Marlborough House, which claim to join with us now in a public

only a year of two earlier had been and universal thanksgiving." These

make her unmindful of the bereave-Charles Spurgeon, the noted Baptist many people had spent the night in

years in maintaining a strict seclusion observable in the facial expression Tea. many duties which in other circum- woman in the prime of life. Queen Lucky hopped downstairs. stances might not have come her way. Alexandra's one physical drawback "Fine and dandy," answered the

nal friendships were invariably be- Alexandra lived largely in retirement stowed upon men and women of high- at Sandringham, although for some room, walked into the kitchen. And minded outlook. This is not to say years she spent a portion of the sumthat Queen Alexandra did not enjoy mer in London. Her constant comlife on its animated side. At Epsom or panion during her widowhood was wall, Little Jack Rabbit made his apat Aintree races, for instance, Queen Princess Victoria, the only child of pearance. Then down they all sat at Alexandra was always one of the King Edward and Queen Alexandra the table to feast on the good things most eager spectators. With King who never married. Once a year, that Lady Love had set before them. Edward she visited Ireland three though, for several years after her times, the first occasion being in 1868, royal husband's death, Queen Alexthe second in 1885, and the third af- andra again received, as in earlier Donkey Longears to the little cart and All three visits were pronouncedly people of London. Queen Alexandra's later Uncle Lucky hopped into the Lucky, hopping quickly back to the charm of the royal Consort largely of which this country ever had ex- anxious to reach his red shingled perience was sinstituted in 1912. house on the corner of Lettuce Avenue Everybody was exhorted to buy an and Carrot Street, knowing only too Alexandra and in aid of the hospitals. would never stop worrying until she Everybody complied. But the crown-caught sight of him. ing event of the day-repeated for several years following-was when the claimed, opening the kitchen door, what happened after that, widowed Queen drove through London to greet the flower sellers and their customers, and when she received the salutations of high and low, salutations as hearty and sincere as those which heralded her progress through the capital when she entered it as a bride-elect 50 years earlier.

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bge when he first met Alexandra of make use of York Cottage, Sandring- Wales was overwhelmed with sorrow, on the little white bungalow in the empty. Denmark. His bride-to-be was seven- ham, as they did when Prince and nevertheless her own grief did not dear Old Bramble Patch, he found "Little Miss Mousie, Lady Love up and about in the tiny Mousie!" shouted the anxious old ment of others. Cardinal Manning kitchen. She had arisen early, for, gentleman rabbit, hopping into Alexandra from the days of her mar- died the same day as the Duke, and goodness me! you remember how hall. Divine, died a few days later. To the her pretty white bungalow; Uncle families of both the Princess sent her Lucky, Dr. Quack and Peter Pig. And tion of the outcast, the care of child- personal condolences. Throughout all on account of Mr. Wicked Wolf, Quietly standing in his place,

her long life, indeed, she took particu- who had almost upset the donkey gig philanthropic enterprises she display- lar care to convey her sentiments on its way to her little white house. ed an unceasing active interest. One whenever there passed away anyone Yes, it was all on account of this wick- Uncle Lucky. But no sweet voice anwing of the great London Hospital, in whose kindred could expect her sym- ed wolf that poor Uncle Lucky, with swered. Only the solemn ticking of the British throne. Even in those the East end of the City, is called the pathy. Up to her last days the mem- his sprained pinkie toe, Dr. Quack and the old clock. days there was evident in England a Alexandra Wing in commemoration of orial wreaths which she caused to be Peter Pig, to say nothing of Donkey Old Red Rooster, Old Red Rooster distrust of making matches between its opening by her late Majesty a year sent invariably bore an inscription Longears, who had been safely lock- er!" called dis-trac-ted (which means ed in the Little Red Barn for the night. dreadfully anxious, Little Reader) Un-

similar titles. The position which the pearance, which continued almost to next day. Lady Love knew they would Mousie?' howing an arrogantly ambitious bear-Danish Princess had to fill in this the time of her death, was a matter of all be hungry by breakfast time, so country was one of extreme delicacy, wonder the world over. "She might this careful little housekeeper had for her own station, exalted though have been 28," declared Lord Morley hopped out of bed, even before Mr. it was, was naturally and properly after meeting her Majesty in 1910. Happy Sun had shaken off his yellow overshadowed by the personality of Queen Alexandra was then 66! This night cap, to prepare the breakfast-Queen Victoria. The latter, as al- appearance of youthfulness lasted for nice hot Clover Cereal, Carrot Cakes, ready indicated, persisted for many many years after. Not merely was it Lettuce Leaf Marmalade and Turnip

in her widowhood. It fell to the of Her Majesty, but her figure general-! "How's your toe?" asked Dr. Quack, Princess of Wales, therefore, to fulfill ly, almost to the last, was that of a the famous duck doctor, as Uncle

In her relation with people of any de- was her deafness, a misfortune which cheerful old rabbit gentleman. "You're

just as the tiny Cuckoo Bird was singing from her little clock house on the

By and by Peter Pig harnessed

"Here I am, safe and sound," he ex-

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"Where are you?" shouted poor Uncle Lucky.

"She left early this morning to visit her Cousin, Miss Woodmouse, who is ill," answered the old fowl. "Did you find the note she left in the

"No, I didn't," replied poor Uncle house. Yes, there it lay on the desk

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prolong its life Polish after wax Food keeps best in a clean refrigeraOlive oil should be kept in the Stuff baked apples with sausage. Bacon with rice fritters make

frigerator is very good. good luneh dish. Bananas and popcorn form a " interesting salad.

-By Bud Fisher

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MUTT AND JEFF-JEFF KNOWS WHAT THE ITALIANS WANT. I'M GONNA OPEN UP A SHOE IS ZAT SO? WHEN I GO UST ONE MOMENT : MUTT, COMING TO ITALY IS WHILE YOU'RE BRUSHING THEY HAVE MUSIC SHINING PARLOR. YOU'LL. THE WISEST THING WE'VE EVER DONE! THE FORTUNE UP ONE SHOE I'LL ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN A COUNTRY I STUDY WHEN THEY EAT! THEY OBSERVE I'VE NAILED A THE CONDITIONS AND IN ITALY ONLY A FIDDLE ON THE OTHER HAVE MUSIC WHEN THEY COUPLE OF SHOE BRUSHES HUNTERS CAN HAVE THEIR IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FEW DAYS I SOON ONE WITH A BOW! ON THIS ACCORDION! I'LL YUKON GOLD FIELDS BUT MAKE LOVE: AN ITALIAN TO CAPITALIZE BRAINS GOT WISE TO THE FACT CAN'T GET TOO MUCH GIVE ITALIANS A MUSICAL ITALY IS WHAT I CALLS I'M THE GUY THAT THAT THE ITALIANS ARE MUSIC. THE MORE THE LAND OF WONDERFUL A MUSIC-LOVING SHOE SHINE AND CLEAN RAKES IN THE SHEKELS! music he gets the PEOPLE! MUSIC 13 UP 816! HAPPIER HE IS! AND THEIR DISH! THEY'RE THAT'S THE IDEA I'M CRAZY ABOUT MUSIC EXCUSE ME A MOMENT

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