

In the Royal Marriage Market

PRINCES WHO HAVE DEFIED TRADITION.

The announcement of Prince Henry's engagement is imminent. A third member of our Royal Family has chosen to wed outside a royal house, but the tradition of royalty marrying royalty remains hardly affected in other countries, though the princes and princesses of the deposed dynasties of Russia, Germany, and Austria are no longer the eligible partners they were before the war for the unmarried members of the reigning houses.

The three great families—the Romanoffs, the Hohenzollerns, and the Hapsburgs—had been for long the principal sources of supply, so to speak, of the royal marriage market, and without them the choice is restricted to the point of anxious embarrassment.

Especially so, for example, in the case of Princess Juliana of Holland. She belongs to a Protestant house, and, of old, Germany provided an ample selection of mates for Protestant princes and princesses, as Austria for Catholics.

Now, apart from Britain, only Denmark, Sweden, and Norway can furnish suitable candidates—Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark and his brother, Prince Knud, the Princesses Martha and Astrid of Sweden, nieces of King Gustavus, and Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, not yet of an age for marriage.

A Thankless Post.

The case of Prince Juliana, a placid Dutch girl, is indeed a hard one. True, there are attractions apart from Juliana's charms. The house of Orange-Nassau is an ancient one, with a glorious past, one to which the most exalted family would feel proud to be allied.

Holland, too, is a prosperous, happy country, secure from political currents likely to disturb the Court. But the fair Juliana will one day reign as monarch in her own right, and the post of Prince Consort is apt to be a thankless, trying, uncomfortable one. Yet to elevate one of her own subjects to a place beside her would produce grave difficulties and possibly dangers.

Two Danish princes, Erik and Viggo, have boldly thrown tradition to the winds, and not long ago married respectively Miss Booth of Ottawa and Miss Green of New York. Neither of these was a morganatic marriage, for the consent of the sovereign had been obtained.

Maid of Honour to Archduchess.

A morganatic marriage is perfectly legal and binding and does not, contrary to the popular notion, involve social disgrace or moral dishonour. It merely implies a recognition of the difference in rank between the two contracting parties, together with the provision that the children of the union do not inherit the higher social status. The marriage of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the imperial throne of Austria-Hungary, to Sophie Chotek in 1890 was morganatic.

The countess was a clever woman, but she never achieved her ambition to be recognized as the future Empress. The daughter of a younger branch of one of the most illustrious noble houses of Bohemia, she was left an orphan at an early age and with practically no means or prospect of a dowry to attract suitors. She became a maid-of-honour to the Archduchess Isabel of Austria, and in that household Francis Ferdinand, then a bachelor of thirty-eight, met her and fell in love.

Fell.

For long his uncle, the Emperor, sternly forbade the marriage, but the representations of Frau Schreitt, formerly an obscure actress at a little theatre in Vienna, who had acquired enormous influence over the aged and stubborn ruler, were added to the prayers of Francis Ferdinand and won a reluctant consent.

The Emperor, however, insisted that the marriage must be considered as morganatic, the Archduke renouncing for his posterity the right of succession to the throne.

After the marriage the wise Sophie, instead of asserting herself or seeming to work for that equal status with her husband which was her ambition, adopted the tactics of silence and reserve, effacing herself, remaining absent from Court functions, never in the limelight. She was created Duchess of Hohenberg, but continued to avoid all prominence.

Her first triumph was when the Kaiser received her as the consort of the Austrian heir. Eventually even the proud old Emperor, who hated the marriage intensely, went so far as to accord her precedence immediately after the Archduchesses of the Imperial family.

But when the pair were assassinated at Sarajevo, the Emperor did not pretend to feel much personal grief. The heir to the throne and his morganatic wife were not allowed a Hapsburg funeral, nor were their remains deposited in the vaults of the Capuchin Church, among the Hapsburg tombs. Only with difficulty was the Emperor persuaded to allow a service to be held over the two coffins in the Augustine Chapel of the Hol-

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A Match-Making Queen.

From this sad tragedy one turns with relief to the amusing match-making of Queen Marie of Roumania. She has succeeded in placing two of her daughters on thrones, though one of them, Queen Elizabeth of Greece, has since lost hers.

The other, Queen Marie of Yugoslavia, is firmly established and manifestly happy with the very serious, almost melancholy, monarch of post-war Greater Serbia. Now pretty sixteen-year-old Princess Ileana is left to be provided with a royal mate, and her mother is credited with placing

her hopes very high indeed.

However, if she is disappointed, there remains King Boris of Bulgaria, as handsome as a story-book prince, thirty-one years old, accomplished and with no vices. A certain lingering romantic glamour surrounds a Balkan throne still, though offset by

a spice of danger. King Boris, too, is of the bluest of blue blood, of the house which gave a consort to Queen Victoria and a king of Belgium, and through his mother descending from the proud Bourbons.

The House of Savoy.

But Princess Ileana is by no means

the only fish in the sea. There are the Princess Irene, Elizabeth, and Marina of Greece, all charming and of eligible rank, though handicapped by lack of marriage portions. The first is the daughter, the others are the nieces, of King Constantine.

The House of Savoy has provided an example of a post-war non-traditional royal marriage in the union of Princess Yolanda, the elder daughter of the King of Italy, with an Italian nobleman, the Count Calvi di Bergolo.

But tradition has only been broken, not abandoned in Italy, for the second daughter, Mafalda, has recently married Prince Philip of Hesse, a nephew of the ex-Kaiser, and the Prince of Piedmont, heir to the throne, is betrothed to Marie Jose, the only daughter of the King of the Belgians, a matrimonial alliance between reigning houses quite in the traditional manner.—Tit-Bits.

Only three or four years ago elaborate organization for cock-fighting was discovered in Wiltshire. It was situated made a remarkable discovery for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This sportsman had been never killed a bird for cock-fighting, but two cocks, fitted with spurs, into the pit, let them fight to the death, and converted the into a dinner.

And (the correspondent continues) if space permitted, it would be proved that fox and stag hunting should be abolished on account of cruelty.

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Sports That

Shame Britain

SCANDALS OF FAKED AND CRUEL EVENTS.

The recent rabbit coursing prosecution in Surrey has drawn attention again to an ugly side of British sport—the cruelty and illegality often associated with it (write the Sports Correspondent, in Tit-Bits).

Rabbit coursing is sometimes disgraceful. The animals which are to be chased are kept cooped up until they are so weak that they can scarcely run and at certain seasons of the year, when they are out of condition, it is distressing to see how easily the dogs catch them.

Cruelty is also practised to bring about a pre-arranged result. There is always more or less betting, some of it by men who believe that dogs cannot be "faked" like horses. As a fact, dogs can be made to win or lose. In whipped racing one has often been practically put "out of it" by fixing a small frog of lead in its right or left paw. This cannot be seen except on close examination; but it handicaps the animal to such an extent that it is certain to lose.

Distasteful Tricks.

One day the owner of a whippet, on reaching the ground where a dog handicap was to be run, was so dissatisfied with the betting that he gave the animal a quantity of tripe for the purpose of making it lose. Shortly afterwards some bookmakers wanted it to win, and consequently they "approached" the owner, who caused the dog to be sick, with the result that it won.

In crooked rabbit coursing, however, it is generally poor bunny that is "faked." Much depends, as a rule, on the direction in which it runs when it is released. If it turns to the left, the dog running towards it on that side will very likely kill, because the other dog has to cross the course to reach it. If it turns to the right, the contrary is probable.

So when the starter is carrying the rabbit to the starting point he can jab a finger in the right or left eye of the animal, thus blinding it on one side, and as, when it is released, it will naturally run in the direction in which it can see, it will fall to the dog that has been arranged to win.

Sometimes, again, rabbits are allowed to linger after they have been coursed. At a certain handicap one was thrown down for dead, and lay on the ground for at least half an hour. Attempting then, to run away, it was seized by a dog, whereupon it uttered a cry that roused some of the "non-sporting" spectators to fury. A number of them threatened to wreck the enclosure.

Rat coursing, which is confined to a few districts, is even more repulsive than the worst kind of rabbit coursing. Some years ago it was put a stop to in a Lancashire town by the determined action of the local landowners, who would not allow any field to be used for the purpose.

Another notoriously cruel sport is cock-fighting, which, though it has been illegal for more than eighty years, is still carried on in some parts of the country, such as the borderland of Lancashire and Yorkshire and the isolated hills and dales of Cumberland.

Real Prices and Values not Consistent

"It seems that none of the nations with the United States laid sufficient emphasis upon the fact that these loans were made at a time when prices were high what is the same, when gold comparatively low purchasing power says the Monthly Letter of the Bank of Canada. "Thinking of matters in terms of commodities to clear the situation. Owing to a very difference in price level, the payment by Europe of commodities their present gold value would be the return of a volume of goods twice as great as the volume of the same kinds of goods secured by the United States with these loans."



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Among the finest townships in the St. John's area, now nearing completion, are the large basement, and will afford adequate and every facility for the young people. Adjoining the building for a splendid play.

A splendid new completed is now to a large extent which will gradually with. It will be before the old "C" which was the scene of happy construction, will have fun.

The "Glory Hole" Quarters has now the old construction have spread to the of the earth. Some England, some others are in India, land, China, Canada. All, however will years the experience gained while on a Humber area.

Plans are now in the winter sports Chairman of the and it is expected good lively hockey various games. The stick artists at Co. inter-town series in St. John's and Co. no doubt furnish tests.

The outbreak of parent-been cases have been a few cases are treatment at the are doing well.

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