

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

Capt. Munn Sent First Gift To Reach Princess' Fiance

It Was a Handsome Ivory Cane, Carved by a Native of Baffin's Land, Where the Distinguished Explorer, Who Visited London This Past Week, Personally Superintends Operations of An Arctic Products Company, Organized by Himself, of Which Viscount Lascelles Is Chairman.

Relations have been established between the very first wedding gift received by Viscount Lascelles, who in February marries England's royal princess, and the city of London. All the past week the donor of the gift, Capt. Henry Tope Munn, distinguished Arctic explorer, has been a visitor in London, a guest in the home of friends of long standing, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bowker, "Cloverleaf."

The gift in the case was a handsome ivory walking stick, with a handle of musk ox horn, carved by a native of Baffin's Land. An enterprising photographer caught the messenger who was delivering the gift that had made the long journey from the Arctic regions, just as he was ringing the bell at Chesterfield House shortly after the engagement was announced. The result was a history-making picture, giving an excellent view of the stick and the impressive portal bell.

"Where did the Baffin's Land native get the ivory?" the curious Advertiser person wanted to know. "From the narwhale," Capt. Munn explained.

"But what's a narwhale, and where does it wear the ivory?"

"The explorer's eyes laughed as he gravely replied. 'The narwhale wears a small horn, sticking out in front of its head. There is a possibility that it may have been the original of the fabled unicorn. In any case, the native made a very attractive stick from the whale's horn, with a handle of musk ox, which I sent along to Lascelles.'"

The Viscount and Baffin's Land. And thereby hangs a tale.

Every second year Capt. Munn spends in Baffin's Land as the representative of an Arctic products syndicate, which he himself organized some years ago. The syndicate is of special interest at the present time from the fact that its chairman is none other than Viscount Lascelles.

Future husband of the only daughter of the King of England and dominions overseas. Previous to the organizing of the company, Capt. Munn had known the viscount a number of years.

"He was up with me at the Porcupine during the big fire of eight or nine years ago, and almost lost his life in the fire," said Capt. Munn, when urged to tell about the fiancée of the Princess Mary.

"What is he like? A very thin chap so far as appearance goes, a charming fellow, with the Englishman's love of outdoor sports."

"At present he is collecting a fine racing stable. By the way, he is very fond of bridge, and probably the best bridge player in the British Isles."

Not All Gold Glitters. The Arctic Products Company was originally formed as an Arctic Gold Exploration Syndicate. Capt. Munn

had heard of gold to be found in Baffin's Land, and the spirit of adventure and interest in exploration, which had led him on many a hazardous journey, were responsible for his decision to go and investigate for himself.

He went to look for gold. Instead of yellow metal he found whale fishery, hide and ivory trade. He undertook the task of developing these at a big sacrifice to the average man, in an exile of twelve months or more, in every twenty-four in Arctic regions, shut off by ice from all communication with the outside world, away from friends and kindred, with only the natives at his elbow. So far as is known he was the first white man to make the journey all the way across Baffin's Land.

Trading stations have been established, and a small four-roomed building, in which an explorer makes his headquarters, heating it with coal which he is now mining in the north end.

Goos Back After Wedding. When it is cold, it is very cold, where Viscount Lascelles' trading company operates, Capt. Munn admits. This might be expected, 600 miles north of the Hudson Straits. But at that, it isn't so cold as White River, quite a southern resort, on the north shore of the C. P. R. from Toronto to Winnipeg.

"We do have vegetation," said Capt. Munn, in answer to a question. "The snow goes off the low lands and the grass quickly grows under the Arctic summer sunshine. We have Arctic flowers of very brilliant colors. But the season is very short. In August, 1921, I drove 30 miles over the frozen sea with a dog team. The ice broke up on Aug. 4, and the ship which took me back to Scotland came in on the 6th."

Capt. Munn is planning to outfit for his "year in" in Halifax during the coming summer. In the meantime he has left London for short visits in Toronto, Ottawa and New York on his way to England, where he expects to arrive in time for the wedding of H. R. H. the Princess Mary and the Viscount Lascelles in Westminster Abbey in February.

Many Friends Good to Orphans. Shower Protestant Home With Christmas Cheer—Entertainments For Children.

The trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home wish to thank the kind and generous friends who made it possible for the children of the home to spend a happy and joyful Christmas season.

The following Christmas donations are gratefully acknowledged: Ruth Chapter, No. 26, O.E.S., \$10; Helen P. Gibbons, \$10; George S. Trudell, \$10; Sir Adam Beck, \$10; William Skelly, \$2; Irish Benevolent Society, \$50; G. E. Bingham, Aetna Life Insurance Company, \$5; D. W. Howden & Co., \$25; Martin Coal Company, \$2; W. E. Robinson, \$5; Oram & Trotter, \$5; Mer-

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