

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE

When it was announced that the Hon. Lifian Curzen-the energetic organizer. of the Princose league was desirous of establishing a Dames' habitation at Snohton, the conservation ladies of that little town were thrown into a flatter of excitement. As the Snebton people people were very conservative. fact. and the women even more so than the men, it was not strange that the Hun. Litian's project was received with en-

approval.

No doubt the enthusiasm of most of the ladies was due to real political fee!ing, but it would scarcely be uncharitbeen proposed by the vicar's wife

of by a peer's daughter they would have received it much more coolly.

Among ladies of the latter class the chief was Mrs. Tallow, the wife of a wealthy butter merchant of that name.

Mrs. Tallow was probably a thorough

complete flunkey. If she believed in

tory principles it was by faith alone,

since she knew nothing about them-a

default for which she may the more

readily be escused, as a n w Lord Ran-

dolph Churchill came to the front it has

ple better informed and more discerning

may have been-in toryism was as noth-

ing compared with her reverence for

lords and ladies. She worshipped these

with an unutterable love and devotion,

and ever since her butter-dealing hus-

band began to heap up a fortune it fas

the ambition of her life to use it to bring

her nearer these gods and goddesses of her idolatry.

This ambition her husband appeared

not to share. He discouraged all her

afforts in that direction, and for a long

time she was compelled to pine in the

obsensity of her own class. She was

past middle age, and as yet the vicar

and his family were the most fashion-

able of her acquaintances, and she sould

scarcely recognized her as an equal

She had almost abandoned her ambition

again by her receipt of the circular about

the Primrose league. To be sure, it was

only a printed circular, but it was circuted

by the instructions, perhaps by the hand

of Hon. Lilian Curzon ; and, properly used, it might be made the means of

establishing an acquaintance with that

lady, Mrs. Tallow resolved not to let

A very short time spent in reflection

was enough to decide the course she

should take. She would at once write,

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acquaintance of the leaders of our par-Tallow was overjoyed by this communication from so distinguished a person, by "Linuan antropa and to iloson of and summoned a meeting of the provis-"I'm suff of it," William," said Mrs. ional committee to consider how they Tallow. "I'Yes. Mariar." repeated Mr. Tallow,

should recognize the honor the viscount. ess had done them by joining their hab, looking, very serioualy into his wife's itation." The vicar's wife suggested a face, "'Yes we'll make the acceletarice measure which was carried unanimous of the leaders of our party. I sin't ex. In was that the habitation should actly sure who they are just now, but be called after both the viscountees and I'm certain we'll meet them, and I me the Hon. Lillian ; that it should be, in very anxious to do so, because, Marian "The Curzop and Swaren habitalet me tell you, I'm a bit embitious? "Yes, William, " chimed in Mrs. I.Tal-The proposal was accordingly communicated to the two ladies, and in low.

rick, Hartley Fenten, Munr due course it received their cordiat "And if Looud only make their as ppr val. The warrant having been duly receiv- I don't aces why. I shouldn't stand for ed, the inaugural meeting was held. It parliament all yarrold bewonen a was a red letter day in Mrs. Tallow's list why, William !" cried Mrs. Tallow,

able to say that with many it was large calendar. The viscountess and her eld-it ! And I imagined year and about the scheme had been proposed by the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the visco's with the scheme had been proposed by the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the visco's with a gasp." The viscountess and her eld-it ! And I imagined year caned about the visco's with a gasp. "Who would have thought on the viscountess and her eld-test boy, Hon, Cecil Terrington, and it ! And I imagined year caned about the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon, Cecil Terrington, and it ! And I imagined year caned about the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon, Cecil Terrington, and it ! And I imagined year caned about the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon, Cecil Terrington, and it ! And I imagined year caned about the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon, Cecil Terrington, and it ! And I imagined year caned about the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon, Cecil Terrington, and it ! And I imagined year caned about the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon the viscountess are the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon the viscountess are the viscountess and her eld-test boy. Hon the viscountess are the viscountess a before going to the meeting. The vicar I am supprised d' the great ladies were most kind and con- phrase, see it." When he was money-descending, and delighted, everybody. making he devoted all his thoughts to the great ladies were most minutaneously making he devoted all his investigation of the devoted all his investigation of money-making; now making he devoted all his from Mr. Tailow, who was suspected of money-making; now making he devoted all his money-making; now making all this because the subshine money-making; now making all this money-making; now making all this money making in the subshine money making in the sub thoughts to money opending. al Whatever of their miles. UTAB "NO - TEO | 0 headid, headid with all his might?""

After dinner they all attended the It took him and his lady some time to augural meeting. The viscounters co make all the arrangements necessary for other. A long stay in London and so its was president of the habitation." Miss Cur late in the session before they vot zan was elected ruling councillor. Mrs. rathies ceedings went of without & hitch, land acquaiatatices, so but, to their disappoint. ment, s month passed without any of when the meeting, was dissolved Mrs." them. This was not the treatment they thanks of the viscountess and the Hon. Lilian for the skill and tact with which expected.

all the arrangements had been made. Mas. Tallow's position of secretary rave her many opportunities of com. up his spirits, and as the close of the pered : municating with the viscountess and season approached without their having Miss Curzon, which she did not neglect ever seen any of their noble friends, he and they did not discourage. Miss Cur. resolved to call at the Carlton upon the zon was much interested in, and the wis. Viscount Swaren. He did so; but his lordship was not there. He did so again countess much smused by, the doings and again ; but still his lordship was not of the Dames, and both were glad to hear from Mrs. Tallow. That lady there. It seemed at last as if his vlordproved indeed an indefatigable secretary, hip was never there. Then he went to and soon made the habitation very prosthe house of Captain Cash, M.P., The gallant captain did not seem particularly

diligent in his parliamentary duties, for It has already been said that Mr. Tallow did not at first share his wife's am- it was not until the fifth time of going bition to become a member of fashiona- that Mr. Tallow had the pleasure of see ble society ; this, however, was owing to ing him. He then asked the M. P. to his belief in its hopelessness; But her favor Mrs. Tallow and him at dinner on brilliant success in connection with the a certain night of The M. P. could not; habitation at once changed his mind and he was engaged. Mr. Tallow suggested the became even a greater votary of fash. another evening, but the M. P. was gn-ion than abe. Ha, too, joined the Frim- gaged that night, too 51 he anggested rose league, and became a knight harbin, another with the same result, Mr. Talger (though he never knew exactly what dow envied the M. P. He seemed to that meant), and, as in his wife's rase, his connection with it brought him into contact with some distinguished persons. Matters were really begining to look for the some distinguished persons. in reply to the circular, and assure the Hon Lilian of her enthusiastic support, and place her services at her disposil. The did go, and, to her inexpressible

Mine Tallow continued to stare at the buller, but his gaze was hardly as haughty the HEAP HARDWARE. sont Grat? 73

"No I sin't. Just you promise and The amaged Mr. Tallow at once prom

The amazed MT. Tailow at once prom-ised, when the butlet asked his address and departed. The next moning, post, to their delight, beinght Mr. and Mus. Tailow a card from Lady Coseberry ra-questing the pleasure of their company on Friday night. When on that evening they were

and his wife; Mit and Mrs. Pewise, of "And Mrs. Tailow might well be per whiched givin their hired broughan to the brewery, and several more of the most wealthy and respectable inhabitants due of these men, who, when they take of Snobton were of the company. Both any thing into their heads, to due his dwa his was happening about them, They tremembered their a names aboing drawled but, " and a wedry looking lady welcoming them; and when at length their excitement simmered down, they found themselves in the middle of an inmense crowd of people, none of whom knew them or seemed to know each

As they grew themselves to look about for some ac-Talius howsfills, secretary, and the cupied the pretty house at Kensington quaintances. They soon found one, but vicaria wite had to be content with a which they had taken. They duly noti-seat on the executive council. The pro- had they arrival to their distinguished to meet. In fact it was young Huldfast, a son of the ironmonger in Stobton. They pretended not to see him. but he When the meeting, was dissoved pire there thinking it necessary to call upon was not to be passed by. Coming, close thanks of the vicentas and the Hon. This was not the treatment they to them, he gave Mr. Tallow a punch in the ribs, and when that gentleman turn-

Neither of them was, however, dis edsternly to him the youth, with one beartened. Mr. Tailow especially kept eye shut to denote knowingness, whis-"Found out old Boosey, too, eh ?" With a severe glande Mr. Tallow turn ed his back upon the young man, and, Viscount Swaren. He did so ; but his without deigning to reply to his rude remark, moved away with his lady through the trewdi va They had not gone far before they

> came upon another face they knew. When she noticed it Mrs. Tallow glanced at ther husband in shocked surprise it was no other than Mrs. Taper, the play actress. Mr. Tallow returned his .wife glance.

"Company somewhat mixed, it see Both Mr. and Mrs. Tallow ning to feel bitterly dispointed w their first experience of smart society. when all their missivings were changed to juy by their auddenly coming upon the Viscounters Swarento She was on versing with a tall black-bearded, haldheaded gentleman in blue ribbon.



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gu, and, to her inexpressible joy, next day's post brought her a reply in the Hon. Lilian's own handwriting. It thanked her for her offer and accept it, requesting her at the same time to call a meeting of the conservative ladies of Snobton to discuss the project and make preliminary arrangements. When these were finished, if Mrs. Tallow would kindly inform her, Miss Curzon would be glad to attend the inaugural meeting.

Mrs. Tallow at once accepted this duty, and without delay sent a circular to the other Snobton ladies, stating that by request of Miss Curzon, she desired the honor of their attendance at a meeting at her house for the purpose of making arrangements for establishing a Dames' habitation of the Primrose league. On the day appointed many radies attended. Mrs. Tallow presided. er go to London." and she noticed with delight her hearers envious looks, when, in her address from the chair, she referred to the comwo.

"I don't mean that," answered Mr. munication which had passed between Tallow ; "I mean I was thinking we herself and her friend, the Hon. Lilian Curzon. The vicar's wife, who expected. nobs do that, you know." to have the carrying out of the arrange ments herself, was particularly cross ; Mrs. Tallow gazed at her husband in and when, after the meeting was over, amizement, which, when his serious countenance showed her he was not jokshe left in company of some of the more genteel folk present, she told them that ing, changed into delight. she felt no very warm interest in the

undertaking, as ever since tory demo you ?" she asked. cracy came into fashion, conservatism

classes. These remarks, it may be guessed, soon found their way to Mrs. Tallow's ears, but she only laughed at them. The vicar's wife might be as bitter as she pleased ; Mrs. Tallow had the trump

gards in her hand, and know is. Every day notes passed between her and Hon. Lilian ; and once the latter even called mer house and discussed the arrangements over a cup of afternoon tea. ecstacy. When that got abroad in Snebton, the vicar's wife herself felt bound to treat Mrs. Tallow with more than ordinary low, "we ain't like most rich tradera; arm.

It had been reselved to call the habitation the "Curzon" in honor of the Hon.

Lilian, but just before the inaugural and the Hon. Miss Curron, and Captain your while." meeting was to take place, Mrs. Tallow Cash, M. P. - Lord bless you, I know "Make it w

various occasions, and Captain Cash, the conservative statesman, futended involved in politics that he had little to her husband; who was delighted too. enough to attract her and her, compan time to attend to the fluctuations of the It was clear that at last they were about ion's attention is in and the company butter market, so he determined to re- to enter the sacred presint, of seciety. "How do you do, my hady? We're tire altogether from a business which which and Mrs. Tallow awaited impatiently the approach of their invitations your ladyship is well ?" circumstances had made both unprofitaand of the great night; but, although ble and distasteful to him, SPIM

It was a month or two after Mr. Tal the night approached rapidly enough their invitations, strange to say, showed low had become a private gentleman that he broached a project to his lady which surprised and delighted her. One morning, as they were seated at late breakfast Gooseberry did not know that they were -they had been dining the previous night with Captain Cash (whose family were in town) at Moneymore house, his dismay the clerk there informed him his seat near Snobton-he suddenly that neither would be invited. The resaid. "Mariar, I was thinking we oughtception would be confined to members of "Yes," said Mrs. Tallow, "it would be nor his lady belonged. very pleasant to go there for a day or

As Mr. Tallow was returning home, disappointed and enraged, he passed Lord to Mrs. Tallow : Gooseberry's mansion, and as he passed should go up for the season. All the it he looked sayagely at the doors denied him. When doing so he noticed, somebody leaving the area gate, whose appear ance seemed familiar to him. Struck by this, he hurried after the Individual. When he overtook him he recognized in him a fellow knight of the league-a Mr. "You don't mean it, William, do Boosey, who had a pretty cottage at Snobton, where he stopped from time to

"Yes, Mariar, I do," replied Mr. Tal- time. He was a very elegant, superciliwas nearly as bad as radicalism ; it was low, resolutely. "I've been thinking ous gentleman, and was said to hold a continually truckling to the lower that as we're pretty rich, and have no high appointment in town, about which children to provide for, we should enjoy however, he was very reticent. Mr. ourselves. What's the use of having Tallow had for these reasons diligently money if we don't enjoy ourselves ? cultivated his acquaintance. Now he saw We're wicher than some who do. There's how he had been deceived; to his horror, Lord Bleaklands-his estate ain't larop, Mr. Boosey was in livery-he was a ser

and every acre of it's mortgaged ; yet he vant. goes every year and keeps his house Both gentlemen seemed greatly taken there. Why, I say, shouldn't we ? aback by the meeting. As soon as Mr. "I don't see any reason, William," Tallow recovered his self-possession he said Mrs. Tallow, trying to hide her turned and walked haughtily off. He had not, however, gone many steps when he felt Boosey's hand placed on his "Then, you see," continued Mr. Tal-

"Excuse me, Mr. . Tallow," said this

we know a crowd of swells, and are auro to do well in society. There's the vis-sount and viscountess and their family, you? If you don't I'll make it worth

received a note from another still great-er lady, the wife of Lord Rough Lord's strete get hesps of invitations to big "Yes, I will," replied Mr. Bound. Are you troubled with Salt Rhenn, "You will?" Are you troubled with Salt Rhenn, "You will?" if so, go at once to Gee. Rhynas' Drug eldest son, in which she declared her dianers and balls, and swarries where salthough I am only a butler, I have intention of becoming a member. Mrs. we'll meet more swells, and make the influence."

delighted to see your ladyship. I I hope

The Viscountess started at his voice and, turning round, gazed at the speaker and Mrs. Tallow, who stood smiling be no signs of coming. They began to get side him, while the black bearded gentle alarmed, "It was possible that Lady man, raising his glasses to his eyes, scou tinized the pair calmly. Then, with mit in town. Mr. Tallow resolved to call at answering a word, in her stately manner the league offices; and just hint that he the president of the Curzon and Swaron and his lady had been forgetten. To his habitation turned her back upon the diamay the clerk there informed him Tallows and continued her conversation with the black-bearded gentleman. The worthy couple stood lost in rage the grand council, to which neither he and indignation. These were not diminished when young Holdfast came to them, grinning from ear to ear, and whispered

> "Proud, ain't she ? Was going to ask you for an introduce. Glad I didn't." The Tallows did not look that night for any more of their distinguished ac quaintances. A few days later Mrs. Tallow went

back to Snobton to attend a meeting of the Curzon and Swaren habitation. She did so because the Bon: Lilian Curzon was to preside. When the meeting was over she had a little chat with the Ruling Councillor, in the course of which she complained of Lady Swaren's treatment of her. To her astonishment Miss Curzon instead of being indignant at the Viscountess' behaviour, was astonished at Mrs. Tallow's speaking to her. "I wasn't aware," she said, "that you

knew her." "Not know her !" exclaimed Mrs. Tal-"Why we have met her here a of times, and once she dined with low. score "Oh, yes, I know that," replied the

Hon. Lilian, with one of ber sweeten emiles. "But that, you know, was b business. Twasn't aware you know her gentleman, "you won't split on me, will in-ah- her private capacity.

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