

SIDELIGHTS ON NOTABLE PEOPLE BY THE MARQUISE DE FONTENOY

Queen Alexandra and her daughters have just sustained the loss of a dear friend, and, although they are virtually precluded by the laws of court etiquette from donning any mourning for her, as she was not a royal personage, yet they are, nevertheless, grieving deeply for her death. She was Mrs. Johnson, of Farringdon, Devonshire, of which county her husband was one of the territorial magnates. She married from Marlborough House, the present King and Queen and all of their children being present at the wedding, at which, by the bye, Queen Alexandra gave her away. Her maiden name was Mlle. Vauthier, and she had been French governess to the Queen's daughters from their earliest childhood until they grew up, never leaving their side, and enjoying in an altogether remarkable degree the confidence and affection of the entire royal family.

After the Princesses had grown up, Mlle. Vauthier remained on with them as an acting lady in waiting, and even after her own marriage her children, royal pupils, often invoked her chaperone, when traveling incognito, either in the British isles or on the continent. On such occasions they would generally assume the name of "Miss Johnson," and there are many Americans whose acquaintance with her formed under that name, and with whom they sometimes undertook mountaineering expeditions in Switzerland and in the Tyrol, without any one being aware of their identity.

Mrs. Johnson died about ten days ago, at Farringdon, in Devonshire, and not only the King's daughters, but also the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the King and Queen themselves were represented at the funeral, while the cards attached to the wreaths on the coffin bore eloquent expression of the affection in which she had been held by all of her royal friends.

Old Gen. Baron Otto Schöley, who has just died at the advanced age of 84, was indebted for his nobility coronet to a most peculiar circumstance. The last sovereign elector of Hesse, who lost his throne in 1866, and whose dominions were annexed by Prussia, absolutely declined to wed any woman of his own rank. He married morganatically a girl named Gertrude Falkenstein, daughter of a Berlin honor dealer, and who had been the official officer of the name of Lehmann. When the elector became infatuated with Frau Lehmann her husband consented to step aside and to permit his wife to obtain a divorce from him, so as to enable her to become the morganatic consort of the ruler of Hesse. The son not only created the lady first of all countess of Schaumburg and afterwards Princess of Hanau, which latter title was inherited by the sons and daughters born of the union, but he also went so far as to actually ennoble her children by her first husband, conferring upon them, along with the title of baron, the name of the old, illustrious, but at that time extinct family of Von Schöley, besides providing them with incomes for life.

There were two of these children, both boys. One of them, Edward, died ten years ago, and the other was Baron Otto, whose demise has just occurred at Vienna. Baron Otto greatly distinguished himself in the wars of 1848, of 1849 and of 1866, but he was obliged to retire from active service, with the rank of general, on becoming totally blind. By his marriage with Baroness von Munchhausen he has left a family of several children to perpetuate the name conferred upon him by the old elector of Hesse.

Lord Downshire, who has just married again, his marriage on this occasion being a Miss Evelyn Foster of Clever Manor, Windsor, has already tempted fate in this fashion before, though not with success. For his first wife, with whom he was wildly in love, and who was a niece of Lord Liswell, of Lady Adela Larkington, and of Lady Fopelia Macnamara, allowed herself to be compromised by Capt. Laycock, a fact of which the marquis, however, remained in complete ignorance until a certain countess whom the captain had forsaken for the marchioness of Downshire, was led by a spirit of revenge to show Lord Downshire correspondence that incriminated his wife.

A divorce ensued, a decree being granted against Lady Downshire, who, as soon as the necessary statutory time had elapsed, married Capt. Laycock.

Nerves Gave Out, Almost in Despair

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Mr. William Graham, Atwood, Ont., writes: "My wife had been ill for some time with nervous prostration, and we had tried the best doctors we could get, but neither of them did her any good. She gradually became worse and worse, could not sleep, and lost energy and interest in life. She was almost giving up in despair, when a friend advised a trial of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

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While touring afterwards on the continent they met with a terrible automobile accident, the captain escaping unscathed, while his wife, an exceptionally fascinating and beautiful woman, was so badly injured that one of her legs had to be amputated. This, as well as the manner in which she had been betrayed to her first husband by the countess, to whom reference is made above, had the effect of exciting a good deal of sympathy for her in society, by which she is now received virtually as of old, though of course she does not yet go to court.

Lord Downshire is descended from Sir Moyses Hill, a knight who went over to Ireland with the Earl of Essex in 1573 to suppress O'Neill's rebellion. His younger son, Arthur, was created constable of Hillsborough Fort, an hereditary office, which is in the possession of his descendant, Lord Downshire, today. He was also colonel of a regiment under Charles I., and a member of Parliament after the restoration. The first of his descendants to bear the title of Marquis of Downshire was secretary of state for the colonies at the time of the outbreak of the American war of independence, and largely responsible for the foolish policy which entailed upon England the loss of that now transatlantic possession. From the reign of Queen Elizabeth until today the Hills, of whom the Marquis of Downshire is the chief, have always been identified with the Protestant cause in Ireland. Lord Arthur Hill, the uncle and formerly the guardian of the present Lord Downshire, being one of the principal dignitaries of the Order of Orangemen.

Lord Downshire has had the misfortune to be involved frequently in legal proceedings, and has heard himself described from the bench as "an exceedingly foolish young man," the

of the presiding judge against him having been excited by the almost incredible manner in which he allowed himself to be swayed by Arthur Selbrite, a brother of Sir Edgar Selbrite, and who may possibly in course of time inherit the latter's ancient baronetcy. Should this ever occur he will constitute an addition to the number of baronets who have "done time" for Lord Downshire's foolishness. The latter was an addicted spendthrift who allowed an extraordinary amount of his money to be most grossly robbed right and left, who constantly backed bills for men he had never spoken to, and who made the fortune of two well-known London money lenders. His premature death was brought about by an extraordinary accident. He had a friend "Rosy" Rossmore, brother and predecessor of the present Lord Rossmore, to ride a certain horse of his at the Windsor steeplechases. Lord Rossmore demurred at first, knowing that the horse was a rogue, but finally yielded. Shortly after the arrangement had been made to Lord Downshire felt dangerously ill, and while he was still in peril the Windsor races came off, and Lord Rossmore, riding Downshire's horse, was thrown and killed in the process of the late Queen Victoria. News of this fatality, for which he was in some measure responsible, was kept from Lord Downshire until he had entered upon his convalescence, when the matter was communicated to him in an abrupt and brutal fashion, with the result that he had a relapse and quickly followed his friend to the grave.

The present Lord Rossmore's eldest son, by the bye, the Hon. William Westmore, a lad about 15, has been lying at the point of death for some time past, owing to a fall from his pony, which fractured his skull and broke a number of his bones. The Westmores are one of the oldest families of Holland, and the sea horse which figures on their armorial bearings was bestowed on them in recognition of the bravery of one of their ancestors, who at the time of the Spanish invasion of the Netherlands by the Duke of Alva, saved a stormy arm of the sea with important intelligence to the Dutch army, thereby preventing it from being taken by surprise. The Westmores now settled in Ireland, crossed over from Holland to England with King Charles II. on his restoration, and secured from him a grant of lands in the Emerald Isle. Warner Westmore, becoming a citizen of Ireland by act of Parliament, dated 1662. It was his great-grandson who, through his marriage to the first Lord Rossmore's sister-in-law, became the second Lord Rossmore.

The late Lord Downshire left his enormous estates in the most frightfully embarrassed and chaotic condition. Fortunately his only child and heir, the present marquis, was but 3 years old at the time, and during his long minority which ensued Lord Downshire's Hill had, as guardian, plenty of time not only to restore order, but likewise to amass a handsome sum of ready money, which was at the disposal of his nephew when he came of age. This fortune has been still further increased through the recent sale by Lord Downshire of most of his estates in Ireland to his tenants, under the land act, for a sum of about \$10,000,000. Lord Downshire is inclined to be a dreamer, is interested in flowers and music, while among his hobbies is engineering, and at his country place at Hillsborough he has a miniature railway, with a mile and a half of track, on which he drives a miniature engine, and which cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

His uncle, Lord Arthur Hill, was for many years controller of the household of Queen Victoria, and one of her particular favorites. Lady Arthur is altogether well known as her husband and the composer of many pretty and popular songs, among them that entitled "In the Gloaming." She was formerly the paid companion of his mother, and he encountered no end of

opposition to his marriage on the part of his family Queen Victoria, however, favoring the match, the romance of which appealed to her. His son is well known in New York, where he is a frequent visitor.

While everybody knows that the rose is the floral emblem of England, and figures as such in the insignia of her orders of knighthood, and in the heraldic devices of her reigning family, yet few are aware of the origin of the connection between England and this particular flower, which she has taken from the Orient. A few words of explanation of the subject, thereby complying with the request from some readers, whose interest in the matter has been aroused by the announcement that at the banquet given by the St. George's Society of New York the other day, the members and their guests had worn boutonnières of red roses, in honor of the fact that their principal guest, Ambassador Bryce, had been on two occasions chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The rose was unknown in Europe prior to the ninth crusade, but was brought back by Thibaut, the Count of Champagne, from Palestine, where it flourished on the plains of Sharon, and on the slopes of Carmel, to his castle of Provins. Throughout all his weary wanderings, from the Holy Land to his home in France, the Count carefully rose, and managed to acclimate it in the gardens around his castle, where it multiplied exceedingly. The fame of the flower spread throughout France, and by reason of its having come from the Holy Land it was regarded as so sacred that it was in great demand for altar decorations and for bridal wreaths.

Before Count Thibaut died he gave his daughter as wife to Edmund, Duke of Lancaster, son of the famous John of Gaunt. After the count's death the Duke of Lancaster had to fight for his wife's inheritance, and when he returned to England and settled there, he brought back with him as many as possible of the red roses, known then as the Rose of Provins, which was easily corrupted into Roses of Provins. So passionately fond was he of these flowers, and so devoted was he to his beautiful wife, that he adopted the red rose as his heraldic badge, and as his armorial bearings, and was wont to describe his consort as his lovely "Rose of Provins." They both lie buried in Westminster Abbey, and their tomb is covered with sculptured roses. His descendants naturally retained his badge and his armorial bearings; and thus it was that the rose became identified with the present reigning family of England is descended. Let me add that the ruins of the castle of Provins still exist, and that its gardens are to this day crowded with crimson roses, descended from that single plant which Thibaut, the "Troubadour" Count of Champagne, brought back from the Holy Land at the close of the last and ninth crusade.

Many historic memories are evoked by the legal proceedings brought by Mrs. Thomas Nairne against her husband in the London divorce court for restitution of conjugal rights. For Thomas Graham Nairne, who declines to live with his wife on account of her intemperance, is one of the Nairnes of Dunstable, in Perthshire, and his elder brother, William, owns the estate of Dunstable Castle in the ruins of that Dunstable Castle in which the fifth act of "Macbeth" is placed. Indeed, the phrase "ill Bannam wood remove to Dunstable" passed into the language. The Nairnes are one of the most ancient houses in Scotland, and were flourishing as far back as in the reign of Robert III. of Scotland. The name of the family, which can claim many ties of kinship with the royal house of Scotland, appears on many pages of the history of the northern kingdom. One of its best

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known members was probably Lady Nairne, wife of the fifth Lord Nairne, daughter of Lawrence Oliphant, and godchild of the young pretender. She has to her credit many fine old Scottish songs, some of them original, others old national airs to which she had set appropriate words, among the best known being "The Land of the Leal," "The Laird of Cookpen," "Charlie is my Darling," and "Culler Hecart." On the death of her only son without issue, her husband's peerage passed to Margaret Nairne, wife of the Count de Flahault, French ambassador to the court of St. James. On her death the barony of Nairne went to her daughter Emily, mother of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who inherited it on her demise as tenth Lord Nairne.

In view of Lord De Ros' death a few days ago, it may be just as well to state that it was not either himself or yet his father, the Earl of De Ros, peer of the line, who was the principal figure in one of the greatest card scandals of the nineteenth century, and which convulsed English society a few months before the accession to the throne of Queen Victoria. The second Lord De Ros, however, the 22nd, was publicly charged with cheating at cards at the Travellers' Club, in London. For full two years previously he had been suspected of unfair practices, and the only reason why he was permitted to go on cheating was that several of the men who subsequently became his accusers, were wont with more cynicism than honesty, to bet on his hand. The matter might have gone on indefinitely had not a weekly newspaper, known as the *Satirist*, got hold of the story, and published an account of the cheating. De Ros was then compelled to bring legal proceedings against the paper, which was owned by a man of the name of Cumming. There were almost as many peers who went into the witness box for the purpose of excusing Lord De Ros on the ground of "aberration of mind," as there were noblemen who figured as his accusers, chief among the latter being Lord Henry Bentinck, and the great sportsman, George Payne. The jury decided in favor of the *Satirist*, which was a great victory for the public, as it was a declaration that Lord De Ros was guilty of the practices imputed to him. On the following day he left England forever, after being permitted to resign from all the clubs to which he belonged. He died a couple of years later, in the utmost obscurity, and completely ostracised by society, both in England and abroad.

King Edward has developed of late a pronounced liking for young Winston Churchill. He kept him in his immediate entourage throughout the greater part of his stay at Blarritz, and Winston's return to England has been followed by the announcement of his elevation to membership of the privy council, which is regarded in London as a token of royal favor rather than as a political promotion. The honor does not give him an increase of pay, which is under secretary of state for the colonies, amounts to \$7,000 a year. But it adds enormously to his official status and political prestige, and endows him with the prefix of "Right Honorable" to his name, and invests him with all sorts of official investitures in his official relations, as well as at court and in society.

The King, it is said, appreciates the good taste and, at the same time, the independence which Winston displayed in his biography of the latter in dealing with the quarrel of the late Lord Randolph's espousal of the cause of his brilliant but misguided brother, the late Duke of Marlborough, and it served to imbibe his character, to affect his life, and to mark his career.

Few British peerages have furnished a greater amount of romance to the annals of the aristocracy, or have been more frequently a source of litigation, extending over hundreds of years, than the batony of De Clifford, now held by Jack Russell, whose actress wife, formerly Miss Eva Carrington, of the Gaiety Theatre, in London, recently has presented him with a son and heir. If the infant inherits anything of his mother's comeliness and her steel which is 6 feet 10 inches, and will prove at least an ornament to King Edward's nobility.

The present Lord De Clifford, who must not be confounded with Lord Clifford of Chudeleigh, is the 25th peer of his line. The barony was conferred in December, 1299, and the fourth in the list of English barons. But even before the creation of that peerage by writ of summons in 1299, it is known to have been held by tenure by four earlier barons, so that in reality the present Lord De Clifford is the 29th holder of the 25th of the line, and the present baron of De Clifford.

The seventh Lord De Clifford married Elizabeth, daughter of Lord Percy, the famous "Hotspur," and, the ninth Lord having been killed in battle while fighting for King Henry VI. in the war of the roses, his widow, brought him up as a shepherd, and it was not until he had attained the age of manhood that his identity was disclosed and that he was placed in possession of his honors and estates. Another ancestor of Lord De Clifford was that handsome peer, having worn Queen Elizabeth's glove, set in diamonds, as a plumage to his hat.

Like so many other of the peerages by writ, the barony of De Clifford has repeatedly descended through the distaff side, and thus it happens that today it is no longer De Clifford, but Russell, owing to the fact that Sophie, Baroness De Clifford in her own right and 22nd holder of the peerage, married John Russell, nephew of the sixth Duke of Bedford.

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