

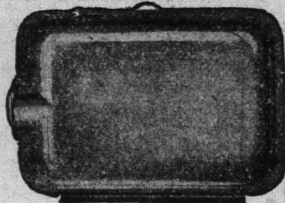
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The Woman Who Sways the Kaiser.

AN AMAZING ROMANCE OF A GROCER'S DAUGHTER.

This American Woman's Influence Over the Kaiser and His Wife Alarmed His Ministers—It Was She Who Inflamed the Hatred of England Which Has Centinuated in the War.

When Esther Lea first opened her eyes on the world in New York more than seventy years ago he would have been a very bold prophet who had predicted that the infant so modestly cradled would one day be a Princess in her own right; that she would have an Empress for grand-niece, and that, far more than any other woman of her time, she would mould the history of the world in her clever hands.

Such a prophet would, indeed, have been laughed to scorn; for Esther's father was then serving customers behind the counter of his modest grocer's shop in Front Street, New York; and had only just been able to move his family from its upper rooms to a more comfortable home in College Place.

Esther had thus neither birth nor wealth to start her on any career of ambition; she seemed, indeed, as far removed from the glittering circle of Royal Courts as from the planet Mars. But the child had the still more valuable dower of beauty and a clever brain, which has carried many a child even more obscurely born, to the dizzy heights of power.

Before Esther had turned her back on her school-books her beauty and her charm had drawn many a lover to her feet; but the grocer's daughter would have nothing to say to any of the prosperous young business men who would so gladly have made her wife. She had already set her heart on a very different sphere, and would say jokingly to her mother: "I shall be a great lady some day."

A Prince as Husband.

She had just reached the verge of young womanhood when her father, having accumulated a small fortune, died; and his widow carried off her three beautiful girls and her son to Stuttgart to complete their education—thus unconsciously playing into the hands of Fate.

In the Wurttemberg capital the arrival of the three "American beauties" caused no little sensation; and it was not long before the eldest of them found a husband in Baron von Waechter, a handsome and courtly diplomatist, who, within a few months of his wedding day, was sent as Ambassador to Paris, to which city, Mrs. Lea and the rest of the family quickly followed her son-in-law.

Thus Esther's opportunity had come at last. She was now in the first radiant bloom of her beauty—"a tall figure of mingled stateliness and grace; a little head, with a coronal of glorious brown hair; eyes blue as violets and dancing with the joy of life, illuminating an oval face with the daintiest features, dimpled cheeks, and a rosebud of a mouth."

Such is the enthusiastic picture drawn of her at this time; and one cannot wonder that even in Paris, that city of fair women, the American girl should be hailed as a new revelation of female loveliness.

Nor was it long before her retinue of lovers included the Prince of Schleswig-Holstein, who, although a widower who had seen more than sixty years, was a strikingly handsome man, and still so susceptible to the charm of beauty that he lost his heart at first sight of Esther's loveliness and gave her no peace until he had made her his morganatic wife.

The grocer's daughter, although she was but the "left-handed" wife of a Prince, had thus early found entrance to the closely guarded inner circle of Courts; and as Countess von Noer (a

title conferred on her by her husband) was welcomed by the highest society of the Continent. But the Prince was not long destined to enjoy his new-found happiness. Indeed, within a year, he left a widow and his entire fortune.

For a time the Countess made her home in Vienna, where she became so popular with Franz Josef and his Court that he created her Princess von Noer in her own right.

It was not likely, though, that a woman so lovely, so gifted, and so well gifted should long remain unclaimed, and almost before she had discarded her weeds we find her standing again at the altar—this time with the young and handsome Count von Waldersee, a soldier of considerable gifts and charm who stood high in the favour of the Emperor William and Bismarck.

Arranged the Kaiser's Marriage.

The grocer's daughter had now the hall of fortune at her feet. She had become a power—in a position, through the old Emperor's admiration of, and affection for her, to influence Prussia's policy at home and abroad.

In order to make her position unassailable strong she now set to work to arrange a marriage between the young Prince William (the Kaiser of to-day) and the Princess Augusta Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, grand niece of her first husband, a girl to whom she had been more than a mother. And so cleverly did she "pull the strings" that one day in 1881 she saw her devoted "child" (as she called her) blossom into a future Empress at the altar.

She had already succeeded so well in winning the devotion of Prince William that he invariably addressed her as tante (aunt). Now that he was, in fact, her nephew, wedded to a wife who was passionately attached to her, the future Emperor became still more devoted to her.

"It is really absurd," wrote a lady of the Court at this time, "to see what a fuss Prince William makes of the American Countess. He is her shadow; often spends several hours daily in her company; and I really believe consults her as to what he shall wear, eat and drink!"

But it was when William came to his throne in 1888 that the Countess' power reached its full scope. Her influence over the young couple was so great that it alarmed William's ministers, and drove his mother, the Empress Frederick, to despair.

"I can do nothing," she wrote. "William is the veriest puppet in the hands of this clever and designing American woman. He takes no step without consulting her first; and he follows her advice rather than that of his wisest ministers. What is worse, from my point of view, she estranges my son more and more from me, and makes him oppose my slightest wishes."

Responsible for the War.

To his subjects his slavish devotion to the Countess was for years an unfailing cause of amusement; and at one time, "I must ask Aunt Esther," was a catch-phrase throughout Germany.

It is said by those who profess to know that ever since his accession to the throne the Kaiser's policy has been inspired and directed more by the grocer's daughter than by all his ministers combined.

It was she who counselled the daring and historic step of "dropping the Pilot"—dismissing Bismarck and taking the reins of Government into his own hands. With the "man of iron" out of the way she could rule the Emperor as she willed—he had been her only rival and obstacle.

It is she who has invariably encouraged his autocratic rule; has fed his vanity until it has turned his brain; and has inflamed the hatred of England which has culminated in the most devastating war of all time.

Apart from her political mischief-making, however, the Countess is a lovable woman, with a large heart and a boundless charity; and she has never lost her affection for the land which gave her her obscure birth.

She still retains traces of the beauty which once dazzled Europe; and although her hair is white as driven snow her figure is as erect and queenly, and her complexion almost as clear and brilliant as when, at first sight of her loveliness, the princely widower lost both head and heart half a century and more ago.

Fresh Salmon, Fresh Halibut, at ELLIS'.

OFFICER ASSAULTED. — Const. Power, who was on special duty at the Post Office Saturday evening, was assaulted by an inebriate.

A Special Meeting of the Saint Bonaventure's Ladies' Association will be held in the Aula Maxima on Tuesday, June 27th, at 4 p.m., to make final arrangements for "Sports Day". Refreshments will be sold by the ladies on "Sports Day" for the W. P. A. and the Patriotic Funds. FLORENCE O'DRISCOLL, Hon. Sec'y.—jun26,li

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The Call.

It came to the boy on the farmland. When the sunset was tinting the west;

Was it brooklet or zephyr or night-bird
That whispered the mighty behest?
What matter? He turned from the hillside

And followed where stern duty led;
The boy of the plough is a soldier now
Whom Freedom has reared and bred.

It came in the gay, crowded ballroom,
Through the beat and the crash of
the band;

Was it sob of a harp or viola
That murmured the great command?
What matter? One heard and departed

And travelled a toilsome way;
The youth of a dance is the man of
the lance,
A soldier made in a day.

It was not for the hate of the foe, man,
It was not for the sake of the gain,
That our lovers have answered the bugle,

That our sons lie asleep with the slain.
God's call came clear as the dawning
To stand for the right and the good,
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—Lillie A. Brooks.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Brides.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Shavah."

A bride is a young woman who is about to cease thinking of floral bells, wedding presents, and handsome clothes, in order to fix her frenzied attention on wash women, dirty dishes, dust on the piano, and the price of beefsteaks.

This is because the bride is a young woman who has just been or is about to be married. Being a bride is a very joyful and popular experience, and is written about profusely, but getting over being a bride is not embalm in literature very much, except in letters to mother.

A bride is a beautiful vision in silk and chiffon with a long veil and a bouquet and a sad father in a new dress suit whom she has to propel to the altar by the arm. It takes about six weeks and \$1,000 to make a first class bride who will cause any excitement among the society editors, and families who are about to have a bride do not generally buy a new automobile that year.

Brides are fragile and delicate to look at, but as a matter of fact they are very durable. A bride goes to three receptions and two teas and a box party each day for a month before her wedding, and spends her spare time standing while dress-makers hang clothes on her, yet very few brides are trundled up the church aisle in wheelbarrows. On the other hand, the young man who plays the solo part in the responses usually comes to the church in a state of collapse, and has to be punched twice in the ribs before he can revive sufficiently to hoist the ring out of his vest pocket.

There are three kinds of brides—conventional, extemporaneous and habitual. The conventional bride goes to church with her relatives and a chorus of girl friends and gets married according to Hoyle, and the announcements in the society papers. The extemporaneous bride goes to St. Joe, Michigan, with her gentleman friend and tosses up to help decide whether they shall get married or go to the moving-picture show. The habitual bride buys a wedding dress which will wear well, retains a lawyer by the year, and gets married whenever she changes her taste in mustaches and table manners.

Brides are very happy and overlook things so easily that they can be kissed almost with impunity even by guests who only sent salad forks. One of the finest forms of sport next to duck shooting is to throw an old shoe, as she is leaving town at a bride. The person who knocks her hat off without damaging her features usually gets as much applause as if he had done something worth while.

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Be careful of that nasty cough that follows measles. Use Stafford's Phoratorine Cough Cure. Price 25c. Postage 5c. extra.—jun6,tf

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Your Boys and Girls.

The system of delivering milk in bottles is a conceded improvement in a great many respects over the old system of measuring it out from a can as it may be wanted, but a manifest weak point of the new method is that no means of carrying the bottle is offered except the questionable one of carrying them by grasping the bottles by the neck.

Any contamination on the hands is immediately transferred to the bottle and thence to the milk. Of course, the milkman has a wire basket in which to transport the bottles, but in transferring them to and from this the bottles are necessarily handled in the manner outlined above.

It will be readily seen that the desired results of the improved system are thereby defeated to a great extent. In a few cases this condition has been met by wrapping the neck of the bottle with a piece of wax paper, held in place by a string. This effect is taken care of in a simpler way by a newly patented bottle closure, which not only protects the fluid contained in the bottle, but at the same time encompasses the entire top of the container in such a manner that contamination of the surface surrounding the opening of the bottle is prevented.

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