

disapprove the match, on the ground that the Duke is too young to "settle down;" and here, remembering his father's career, one is bound to own that they are acting a really friendly part to the fair girl whom he has chosen. However, his young grace is madly in love and determined to be married in July. We shall see.

I must not omit to add that Lily of Marlborough was at the Drawing-Room in a wonderful gown of steel-embroidered white satin, a train of leaf green lined with pale blue, and a profusion of almost priceless orchids—sent her by her stepson's orders from Blenheim. The young Duke and Duchess have gone for a month's continental trip.

I hear that Miss Helen Gould and Miss Leiter are expected. How can you trust them out of America? A certain coterie of young men—more noted for smartness than for financial soundness—has already hatched plans for the capture of these rich ladies; and bets—if one can believe the wicked things that one gets brought one from the clubs—have been freely made on the result. I told my informant that I considered this a disgrace to the English name and to the once-honored title, "English gentleman." He merely laughed and said that "a fellow had the right to do the best he could for himself." So, although I have not the pleasure of the personal acquaintance of any of the ladies mentioned, I beg respectfully to offer them a word of warning as to the sort of thing which is going on, and as to what they may expect when they reach here. Needless to say, our "smart set" includes many honorable men who would gladly kick the impertinent young fortune-hunters whose schemes I have revealed to you. Pray, do not imagine that all our gay bachelors are seeking to entrap dollared beauties! There is one "nice boy" of royal blood who is ardently attached already to Mrs. Astor, although he has seen little of her. His is a case of genuine feeling. It is not certain whether his declaration will ever be made, however.

The Queen has been really cross once or twice lately, I hear, over the false reports that all the papers have been spreading about the Grand Duke and Duchess of Hesse, who do quarrel often; but who are certainly not going to be divorced or permanently separated. An effort is being made to find the person who started the reports. If he is found to be the individual suspected a degradation from a very nice position will be the punishment, as Her Majesty means "to have an example made," she says.

Lady Randolph Churchill is much in evidence just now, and looks very well. I wonder if there is any truth in the tale of her engagement to marry! She, and your other charming patriot, Lady Leiter-Kaye, were observed of all observers, in the Royal Pavilion, at Sandown, when the Prince was there. Reuben Sassoon was also with the Prince, who seems to have resumed his old fancy for him.

People say that this will be a gay season—at least in the highest circles. For one thing all the Rothschilds will entertain largely, on account of the debut of Lord Rosebery's two charming girls, who are to have as good a time as their relatives can give them. By the way the Queen has promised to visit Ferdinand de Rothschild, at Waddensdon court, this month. She will drive over from Windsor and spend the day.

Lady Ilchester's fancy ball, at Holland house, will probably come off this summer. She postponed it last year so as not to clash with the Duchess of Devonshire's famous function.

A friend of the Russian Embassy tells me that there is much uneasiness on account of the Anglo-American alliance now on the tapis; certain high Russian grandees are furious.

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## Fashions of the Day.

My Dearest Adelaide: The hot weather of last week caught us in attire that made white dresses and thin material one's idea of heaven. I venture to say there is not one in our set that has not put everything else aside to get under way at least, the supply of white costumes. There is no question but that white will be the twin of black in fashion's color scheme for summer. Dotted musline, plain organdies, mousseline de soie, taffetas, China silks, linen, duck and pique, anything and everything that is cool-white.

Taffeta silk makes the prettiest foundation for thin white dresses. The slip should be made separate, and in the princess style, either with or without sleeves, high neck or decollete. In every instance there must be some sort of a train in the back, varying from two inches to ten inches in length. The flaring flounces are used on these slips, and on petticoats the same as on dresses, and nothing can be more dainty or graceful in effect.

As I have told you before, and cannot tell you too often, all skirts—petticoat and dress—must be cut to flare decidedly at the edge, or from the knees down. The flounce set on to what is known as the "apron-front"—which is pointed, and runs up high at the sides and nearly to the waist line at the back—is most becoming unless one is extremely slender. Why this cut has been revived again, as it has, is a mystery. There is not a line of grace in it. The flounce that runs straight across the front, and from the side-back commences to deepen into a train at the bottom and widen into a rounding line about half way up the back, has the exact swing that makes "walking easy," as Louise said about a cloth costume that has just been sent home.

The lower edge of this skirt has a flounce at least eight yards round. It has the swing and the flare accentuated. Louise is simply stunning in it! And, you know, we never thought Louise, with all her sweetness, so very startling in style. This Fifth avenue tailor certainly has discovered her. The dress is black cheviot—made close, clinging, plain. The bias circular flounce is set on with a narrow downfall fold of the goods. It is in width about two-thirds of the way to the knees in front and at the sides, and runs up the skirt about a quarter of a yard deeper at the back. The train insisted upon making it still longer, but Louise said no.

The waist is positively swell, in the full meaning of the slang. It is plain and buttoned with black tailor buttons, close together, straight down the centre. Can you imagine the relief after all the cross-cuts, side hooks, laps and frills and fussing we have had? The neck is finished with regular turn-down coat collar and lapels, showing a stock and ascot of white silk. Around her waist—by order of the autocratic tailor—she is wearing a log chain of polished silver, white in effect, with chatain pendants all in the white silver. The hat is white rice straw with black chiffon around the crown, and at one side are four black ostrich plumes, falling in all directions forward and upward, but starting from a handsome cut steel buckle, which holds them firmly to the crown. With the costume she wears patent leather shoes and white gloves. It is really the most fetching costume I have seen in many a day.

The dress is lined with black and white striped taffeta silk. The lining in the skirt and flounce is not made to hang separately. Material and the silk are cut and made to hang firmly together. The flounce is finished around the bottom with a stiffening that is about three inches in width. The waist, of course, is not lined with the

silk throughout. It is only faced with the silk with a lining of percaline. Silk waist linings have lost favor, excepting in blouses.

Speaking of separate hanging skirt linings, it is only in thin dresses, that the free lining is satisfactory. The princess style for the under dress or slip, for the foundation of these dresses, will be the popular thing. It obviates unnecessary bunching, belts and gathers at the waist-line, and gives firmness to the flimsy materials that are to be universally worn.

It is quite the thing to wear our flag colors—not in costumes, but in badge, button or jewel. An exquisite corsage pin that I saw the other day was a small flag in jewels; rubies and diamonds for the stripes, and sapphires and diamonds for the blue field and stars.

Earrings are being worn again. The solitaire screw earring is still fashionable, but drops are to the front with their glitter, whether or not they are as becoming or as youthful as the former.

Necklaces will be a special feature of the summer toilette, as the half round, pointed or "V" shape and square neck are established styles for the hot days. You see, Adelaide dear, we discovered that our necks were getting ruined with too much "choker," and we have all gone into training, as it were, to recover our lost charm, and the low cut neck is to help us out. You cannot get back the full, round throat without plenty of room for the muscles to expand.

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In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.  
In the Matter of the Application of Nancy J. Tucker as Administratrix, for License to sell Real Estate.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

This cause comes on to be heard upon the petition of said administratrix and the proof offered in support thereof; and it appearing therefrom to the court that there is not sufficient personal estate in the hands of said administratrix to pay the debts of said estate and the expenses of administration, and it further appearing that the real estate of said estate should be sold to pay the same, it is, therefore, ordered and adjudged that all persons interested in said estate be, and they hereby are directed, to be and appear before the undersigned, Charles L. Hall, as a judge of said court at the Equity Court Room in the County Court House in the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, State of Nebraska, upon the 20th day of July, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any there be, why a license should not be granted to said administratrix to sell so much of the real estate of the deceased as shall be necessary to pay the debts of said estate.

It is further ordered that service of this order shall be made by publishing the same four (4) successive weeks in The Courier, a legal newspaper of said county.

Dated this 6th day of June, 1898.

CHARLES L. HALL,

As Judge of the District Court.

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