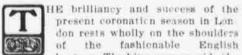
English Women Who Will Entertain





MRS. CEORGE KEPPEL.



of the fashionable English hostess. The king may provide the glitter and grand shows, but it is "up to" the feminine leaders of society, so to speak. to second his efforts and satisfy the many hundreds of thousands of foreigners with the sort of hospitality that lingers warmly in the memory of strangers. As long agaas last autumn some of the women, who have already assumed leading positions as entertainers, began to set their huge Park Lane and South Kensington houses in order for this spring's campaign.

The grand city mansion belonging to the duke of Westminster was, for example, done over from top to bottom for the exceedingly handsome young duchess, whose marriage made such a social stir a year ago, and who promises to become the most powerful hostess in English society. This lady is the second daughter of Mrs. William Cornwall's-West, who was a famous beauty in the day when Mrs. Langtry first appeared. The duchess' elder sister is the beautiful Princess of Pless and is one of the great ladies and leading beauties of Emperor William's court. All things considered, however, Miss Constance Edwina Cornwallis-West made a more brilliant alliance than her sister, when she matried the richest of the English dukes.

His grace of Westminster met with sharp family opposition when he announced his desire to marry Miss Cornwallis-West. He is even now only 23 years of age, his wife's junior by five years, and his stern, simple old grandfather, whom he succeeded, was bitterly opposed, not only to such an early marriage, but also to an alliance with a family whose achivements and ambitions have been no more strenuous nor intellectual than those of a flock of butterflies. The young duke has, nevertheless, followed the inclinations of his heart, and though his wife may not be a marchioness of Salisbury for brains, she is a beauty of the first-class, a lady of wit, ready tact, great enterprise



LADY GREY-EGERTON.





DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER

who visits England. She even persuaded the unsociable Ceell Rhodes to visit her at Warwick castle, the critical Marie Corelli adores her and Lady Warwick boasts that she never saw the American whom she could not win to complete friendship in half an hour. Lady Warwick is no respector of money or blue blood as a claim to her liking and hospitality, and her tiny London drawing room is filled with people whose elever minds, interesting achievements or charming personality have recommended them to her favor.

Lady Annealcy is an Irish beauty whose dinner invitations are regarded in London society as though they were prizes. She is the young wife of the aged Earl of Annesley, one of the few rich Irish peers. and socially she is most ambitious and successful. She is one of the few close friends of Queen Alexandra, and, unlike Lady Winborne and the marchloness of Londonderry, the other two most famous dinner hostesses, she never gives what are called "great spreads." Her guests are rarely more than twelve in number and her menus are short, but very wonderful.

Two of the most potent and popular ladies in London society whose entertainments are as carefully chronicled as the hespitalities dispensed by royalty itself are lacking both in titles and in great city homes. Mrs. George Keppel and Mrs. Cecil Powney are possessors of small houses, crammed, however, with objects of art, and they are both the friends of royalty. The king himself stoed godfather to Mrs. Keppel's little boy, and under the new and exclusive regime Mrs. Powney is invited to court quite as though she was a Mrs. Powney, as is now the duchess. fashion for specializing among hosteases. gives the most perfect little musical entertainments in London. She is herself an accomplished violinist, and Jan Kubelli, Jean de Reszke, etc., come to dine or breakfast and play and sing afterwards, quite in a friendly way.

Mrs. Keppel's specialty is for lions of the first magnitude. She knows more famous folk more royal men and

COUNTESS OF WARWICK.



and blessed with the looks and the gifts that will give her the leadership among the queenly hostesses of this regal season.

The Americans now in London take an every credit. This is Lady Grey-Egerton, and set in order a splendid old house in have inherited their mother's features and who, as Miss May Carolyn Cuyler, married Berkley Square that is said to be quite coloring. Sir Philip Grey-Egerton in 1893. Lady incurably haunted, and for the coronation Grey-Egerton's beauty of feature and color- season she is going to entertain her Ameri- intense interest to London's visitors, is andra. So hospitable is this countess and ing is beyond criticism and she has all the can friends especially. Very often this fair that blonde and enterprising social favorite so pleasing her manner that it is said she crisp wit and sweet friendliness of man-lady has been seen of late driving in and hostess, the countess of Warwick, wina first the acquaintance and then the

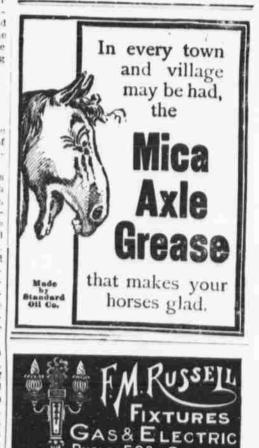


MRS. CECIL POWNEY

of the court receptions. Lady Warwick has few, if any, energies, is no fresh as a girl and maintains her

Another woman whose personality is of youth as marveleusly as does Queen Alexner typical of the well born American Hyde Park, accompanied by her remarkably Though her eldest son. Lord Brooke, was friendship of every person worth knowing

women than any other woman in England She does not assume to be witty, particularly wise, nor beautiful, but her grace of manner is said to be so irresistible that infinite pride and interest in one of the woman. Usually she lives at her hus- beautiful twin sons, whose romantic names sent out to South Africa a year ago, and crowned heads unbend in her presence, infinite pride and interest in one of the woman. Usually she lives at her hus beautiful twin sons, whose romantic names sent out to source and her popularity is so great that even smart hostesses who hails from the United band's country seat, Oulton Park, near are Philip de Malpas and Rowland de Bel- though her only daughter. Lady Marjorie, and her popularity is so great that even the band of her high old Chester, but last winter she rented ward. These boys were born in 1895, and is just about to make her debut at one "in critical gossipleg, envious society she



Princess from Punjab Studying in America



HE Princess Duleep Singh, with that the princess has never seen her native proper to study in any of the co-education under these circumstances, sho will be able her great Siberian hound and her country, she later having been born in Eng- colleges. To her there lurks the taint of to obtain a degree. haps the most interesting of the still she, her two brothers and two sis-

gether charming.

copper color of her skin and her exquisitely long taper-pointed fingers.

foreign personages in America ters are each supplied with unusually ceive all her teaching from women. In today. The princess' history, if so it may large incomes by the English crown and England or any other foreign country this returned to Chicago from a trip on which be called, is unique; her purpose in this given a residence at Hampton court. There, prejudice would have prevented her from country is unusual. She herself is alto- during the long, delightful summers, the princess and her sisters remain together;

As a daughter of the old king of the but when the winter comes she can not Punjab, she belongs to the highest cast stand the damp, foggy atmosphere of Eng- four years' course of study. among the East Indian royalties. To those land, so she gives full rein to her keen versed in such genealogy her personality desire for travel and adventure. Some- there are women able to give her the full proclaims her exalted birth, while from times her younger sister, who, however, is instructon for the first year, she is now her soft, large eyes sometimes flash senti- intennely fond of society, goes with her; studying diligently. Her second year she ments akin to those of her famous grand- or again, as this year, she ventured alone plans to spend in Philadelphia, where, at mother, one of the greatest insurrectionists to America. Twice she has been around the college, instruction for that term can against whom England ever held a re- the world, but never stopping on Indian be taken from women. In Philadelphia, straining hand. The almost perfect type soil, in accordance with the supervision of also, the princers found, when investigating of features, often identified with these the English officials. At present the prin- this subject, that there was one woman on people, belongs also to this princess and cess is making her second visit to America the board of college directors, and from seems somehow to be accentuated by the and this time she has come with a purpose, this incident she argues that ere long wish to study medicine, that eventually tions in the medical world of America.

At the time of the suppression of her she might practice it for the relief of the father's power he and his family were poor. In this noble ambition, however, she whether or not the princess will be able taken to live in England. India then be- is hampered by the traditions of her people, to get instruction for the last two years carnest not to have the advantage of every came a forbidden land to them. Thus it is which prevent her from regarding it as from women, and even if so, wheth r. able woman teacher in the country,

Without this, of equally Great Dane, forms per- land. Some time ago her parents died, but immodesty in receiving medical instruction course, she would not be allowed to pracwith and from men. Her desire is to re- tice.

receiving Instruction, and in America it still remains a problem to know just how far she will be able to progress in the

At the medical college in Chicago, where It has been for a long time her earnest many more women will hold similar posi-

The question which still perplexes is

she paid flying visits to Toronto, Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia. Her intention was then to find out just what were the possibilities of achieving her medical studies under the self-imposed conditions. Through most of these cities she passed incognito, her beautiful face and the unusualness of her questions attracting, however, attention to her wherever she appeared. Interest also was centered in the great dogs which shared her cabs, her rallway carriages and even accompanied her to the hotels.

Since her return to Chicago it has been learned that in New York the princess met. under social circumstances, a number of eminent physicians, who have determined to smooth out all possible difficulties which might stand in the way of a degree. Sha they argue, is animated by too intense a desire to learn, is altogether too much in

It is only recently that the princess has