

BEAUTES OF THE NATION'S CAPITOL



Miss THERESA LAUGHAN



Miss ANNA COCKRELL



Miss GRACE PETERS



Mrs. DE FARIMOND



COUNTESS MARGERITE CASSINI



Miss ANITA POOR



Miss EVELYN WALSH



Mrs. DOWIE

WASHINGTON is rapidly coming to be known about the world as "The City of Beautiful Women." Certainly the assemblage of handsome girls and matrons to be seen at any of the notable social affairs of the capital is strikingly more remarkable for the number and variety of its beauties than similar gatherings in any of the greater cities of America.

It may be that the shining stars of Washington's femininity are less obscured than those of larger, more crowded, and less exclusive cities. It may be that the diplomats of Europe, by bringing the fairest of their countrywomen to share their distinguished exile in America, have set forth a challenge to the statesmen of this country to match their wives and daughters against the loveliest of the old world. But whatever the cause, the fact remains that within the last decade there has been a notable increase in the number of beautiful women who help to illuminate the otherwise humdrum life of this nation's capital city. And if there was a challenge implied in the coming of so many beautiful foreigners it has been so ably met and answered that the American girl now equals in numbers and pulchritude the group of beauties typical of the best blood of Europe.

Of these Mrs. De Farimond, wife of Lieut. Commander De Farimond, naval attaché of the French embassy, is one of the most brilliant examples. She was Miss Ivy Langham, and her sister is the baroness von Sternburg, wife of the German ambassador. How well the young American beauties withstand comparison with their rivals from across the seas is sufficiently demonstrated by the penchant which the handsomest, richest, and most blue blooded of the corps of foreign diplomats at Washington display for the girls of the United States.

The young Countess Margerite Cassini, the statuesque, almost heroic figured daughter of the Russian ambassador, is regarded as one of the most beautiful, as well as one of the most intellectual women in Washington. Her noble proportions, distinguished carriage, and exceptional appreciation of becoming apparel would mark her as a striking personage in any court assemblage. Miss Grace Peters, daughter of Commander Peters of the United States navy, is an acknowledged beauty of a distinctly American type. A dark eyed blonde of faultless figure, with features of classic mold and an expression of winsome thoughtfulness, she is admired with almost equal loyalty by both men and women.

Miss Anna Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell of Missouri, is a representative type of the fairest of western girlhood. She, too, is of a serious turn of mind, but a vivacious conversationalist, and one of the most popular girls in Washington society. From the families of the senators and congressmen comes the bravest array of native beauty, and the young matrons are able to muster as many handsome personalities as the maids can present. Mrs. Bowie, wife of the distinguished representative from Pennsylvania, is one of the comeliest of the young wives of the capital. Miss Theresa Laughran, Miss Evelyn Walsh, and Miss Anita Poor are three of the sturdiest and most celebrated Washington beauties of the younger set.

