

# How Many of These Princesses Will Succeed in Marrying for Love?



Princess Adelgonde Bavaria



Princess Louise of France



Archduchess Marguerite Marie of Tuscany



Princess Hildegunde Bavaria



**W**ILL any of the princesses of Europe who are in the matrimonial market succeed in marrying for love? This is the question which troubles not only the sixteen pretty princesses who are most in the limelight but which in a still greater measure troubles double the number of royal guardians and ducal and kingly fathers.

In the unwedded portion of the royal daughters of Europe there is material which can be relied upon to become turbulent when it comes to affairs of the heart. Those who have shown a disposition to be "good princesses," and fall in love where the convenience of state dictates, have already been discovered from afar and picked out by papas and guardians, while of the numbers that remain some already have shown a disposition to throw to the winds the spirit of noble obligation when it comes to marriage. Several of the eligible princesses have in them the strains of Bavarian and Hapsburg blood, which causes the men to renounce their rights to contract odd marriages, and whose women take high places only to be removed by tragic deaths or still more fateful slights and mad adventures.

## Bavarian Princesses Old Maids.

Among the Roman Catholic princesses there are none in so pathetic a position as are the Bavarian granddaughters of the heir presumptive and the regent, who have in them the blood of the mad king of Bavaria. These four princesses, who rejoice in the names of Adelgonde, Hildegunde, Wiltrude, and Helmutrude, are the daughters of the Princess Ludiva, who is a half sister to Maria Christina of Spain. The younger ones have been discussed in the Spanish court as possible wives for the Spanish monarch, who, now that the German crown prince is disposed of, is the loadstone matrimonially for all Europe. It is no secret that if the royal mothers had their way an alliance would have been arranged between the cousins

only by a martyr to state reasons, but she will have to change her religion, as he can wed none other than a Roman Catholic princess. Outside the love she has been obliged to renounce, the Princess Patsy favors most Ethel Fritz, the second son of the Kaiser, who took a great fancy to her on his last visit to England.

## Olga and Ena Popular Beauties.

Two of the most popular unmarried princesses are Olga, daughter of the duke of Cumberland, who is 24, and Princess Ena of Hattenburg, who is not yet 20. The last named is quite pretty and is charming and unaffected, and it is a pity that she will necessarily be restricted in her choice of a husband. The chances are that Princess Ena will go to some petty German grand duke. She has spent most of her girlhood with her mother the Princess Henry of Hattenburg, and has been her special companion on motor and yachting expeditions. She has had the good times that one girl in a family of three brothers is always sure to have, and as she has just made her debut it probably will not be long before she is provided with a lover.

Princess Olga is the third daughter of the duke of Cumberland and is a niece of Queen Alexandra. She is one of the prettiest princesses in Europe, and is a great favorite of the queen, who frequently writes for her and her sisters to come up to Windsor castle to go about with her for informal shopping and for a general good time. She was talked of for the crown prince of Germany, but as far as is known, she has never had her heart to anybody, though she is known as having a "little way" which is fetching and which is decidedly a contrast to the stiff manner of her sisters.

Princess Thyra of Denmark, who is the daughter of the crown prince, has more of the look of the Danish family and of her aunt, Queen Alexandra, as she used to be, than has Olga. Princess Thyra, who is now 25, was at one time near to marrying the Grand Duke Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.



Duchess Sophie Charlotte Oldenburg



Princess Victoria Eugenie Battenburg

Princess Wiltrude Bavaria



Princess Victoria Patricia Connaught



Princess Olga Cumberland



Princess Beatrice Leopoldine Victoria Saxe-Coburg



Princess Helmutrude Bavaria



Princess Hermine Reuss



Princess Thyra Louise Denmark



Princess Clementine Belgium



The Infanta Maria Theresa Spain

married—morganatically, of course—to the beautiful Mme. Beauclerc, with whom he had lived for many years, did not in the least deter the princess, who finally loved the pretender, in spite of his being fat and over 40. Prince Victor was anxious for the match on account of the great fortune to which Clementine will be the principal heir, but Leopold, who could not afford to offend France, stopped the whole thing and gave his daughter a separate palace, income, and retinue of her own to buy her submission and breaking off the match.

The career of Princess Clementine has not been free from tragedy, as she was once betrothed to the prince of Flanders, heir presumptive to the Belgian throne, who met a mysterious death a few days before the engagement was to have been announced. Just now the mother of the king of Saxony has visited Belgium for the purpose of making a match between Clementine and her son, who is the latter's cousin. It is the king who divorced his wife because of her escapade with M. Dron.

## Louise Heroine of Paris.

Among the remaining Catholic princesses the one who is the most interesting, on account of her association with the king of Spain, is Louise Françoise, daughter of the late comte de Paris and sister to Queen Amelia of Portugal. She is three years older than the king, but is known as a merry and good natured princess, although a willful one when she chooses. She is brave, and once saved the life of her brother, the duke of Orleans, during a bear hunt. The bear attacked the duke and wounded his horse, and the princess killed the bear by a well directed shot. The little act caught the enthusiasm of the French people, and Louise is popular in Paris. The idea of a French princess has been popular in Spain also, and she was considered seriously as a match for the boy king until the idea of perhaps selecting a princess from Protestant countries began to take form.

## Infanta Loves Her Midshipman.

The Infanta Maria Theresa of Spain also has a mind of her own, and has contributed her share to the family dissensions. With the consent of her mother, she corresponded a little while ago with Prince Jenaro Bourbon, a midshipman in the Spanish navy, who is the brother of the prince of Asturias, her sister's husband. When the queen-mother went to Austria recently Emperor Franz Josef persuaded her that the Infanta must look for a husband among the Austrian grand dukes.

Accordingly, upon her return to Spain, the regent tried to break the old engagement. The Infanta, however, loved her midshipman, and resisted her mother with a temper and determination that surprised everybody. King Alfonso also backed her up, and violent scenes occurred in the palace. The queen is doing her utmost to further her own aims. She persuaded Prince Jenaro from accompanying his brother officers aboard the Nautilus on a recent trip, since which time relations have been, to say the least of it, strained between the Infanta and her mother.

The announcement has just been made of the engagement of the Archduchess Marguerite Marie, who also has Albertine among the list of her many names. She is to marry her second cousin, Prince George of Bavaria, who is the third son of King Leopold, and if the engagement goes through it will make more of the ties in which both sides are exposed to hereditary insanity. The archduchess, who is the daughter of the duke of Tuscany, is a beautiful girl of 20, and is infatuated with her cousin and he with her, but between them they stand in line for the insanity of both the houses of Bavaria and the Tuscany branch of the house of Hapsburg.

## Patricia Scorns Spain's King.

The idea that the Princess Patricia would be a suitable match for the king of Spain got abroad when the duke of Connaught and his daughters made a visit to Spain not long ago. The beauty of the Princess Patricia, who is only 18, won the hearts of the Spanish populace, and remarks about her as the intended queen which reached the ears of those in the royal carriage were of frequent occurrence. As a result of this, when Alfonso visited England recently Patricia was distinctly cold in her behavior towards him, and when she was included in a party which he visited the opera, arrangements were made to seat her well away from him so as not to start gossip afresh.

The truth is the Princess "Patsy," as she is called, has for two years been deeply in love with a certain captain in the army who is also a royal aide de camp. The captain returned this affection with the greatest ardor, but both knew that a match was out of the question. Now the captain has become engaged to a girl with a large dowry owing partly to the fact that the duke and duchess of Connaught strongly hinted to him that he would better seek a bride of his own rank.

If Patricia does marry the young Spanish king she will not

The match was proposed by her grandmother, Queen Louise, who was anxious to see her favorite granddaughter happily married, but after her death it was broken off. There are other princesses who are pretty but who are matrimonially restricted on account of belonging to small principalities, which does not make them popular with the princes of the great powers and still detests them from ordinary matrimony. Princess Sophie of Oldenburg and Princess Hermine of Reuss are both pretty girls, and the Princess Hermine is only 19. The Princess Feodora, daughter of the late grand duke of Schleswig-Holstein, belongs to a family that makes good matches, one of her sisters being the wife of the Kaiser and the other of Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia. Princess Feodora, however, has been of a serious turn of mind and has cared little for society. She is an authoress, and the Kaiser is especially proud of her achievements in this line. Gossip has also associated her name with that of the divorced King Frederick August of Saxony, but as Saxony is a hopelessly Catholic monarchy and the authoress is of the strictest Lutheran persuasion, it is not likely to come about.

## Beatrice Europe's Foremost Flirt.

The Princess Beatrice, daughter of the late duke of Edinburgh, has had more real lovers than have fallen to the share of any other Protestant princess. At one time the Grand Duke Michael of Russia was seriously infatuated with her, and as another she was reported engaged to Prince Arthur of Connaught, who, like herself, is a granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

The latest lover who has fallen in love with the charms of the happy, light hearted princess is young Waldorf Astor, who goes wherever the princess does if he can get there. The princess has not shown any signs of returning his attachment, and anyway a union between the two would be impossible. The princess has positively refused to fall in love with the Grand Duke Michael, and declares that she will have nobody unless she has the man she loves.

before this time, but restiveness is shown in Spain at the mere suggestion of any closer alliance with the house of Hapsburg, to which the Princess Ludiva belongs. Other instances in which the hands of the daughters of this family have even been considered have been rare on account of the taint of insanity which has been in the blood for three centuries, and which has been cultivated by repeated intermarriage.

## Wiltrude Most Beautiful Princess.

The strain, however, which provokes insanity lavishes beauty and brilliancy upon those whom the curse touches, and the next to the youngest in the family is considered the most beautiful princess in all Europe. This is Wiltrude, who is now 21, and who, besides having absolutely perfect features and wonderful dark eyes, is gifted musically and is a linguist, a writer in a small way, and an athlete, skilled in riding, fencing, and shooting, besides having other accomplishments. In spite of all this, there are no woos, and Wiltrude promises to be left severely alone by royal matchmakers in the same way that two of her older sisters have been.

The Princess Adelgonde is 35, and for the last four or five years has been in delicate health, while Hildegunde, who is three years older than Marie, is not a beauty, but is called the "sunshine of the king's court" on account of her good spirits and happy ways, which, by the way, are not a family trait, melancholy being more in evidence. Princess Helmutrude, who is only 19, looks like her sister Wiltrude, and promises to be almost as beautiful.

## Clementine in Wild Love Affair.

Clementine, the third daughter of King Leopold, is one of the older princesses, whose love affairs have kept everybody around the throne of Belgium in hot water. Always docile in other things, and the only one who could get along with the reprobate king, Clementine astonished him by making up her mind that she was going to have Victor Napoleon. The fact that the claimant of the French throne was already

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