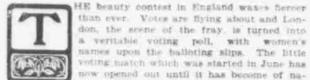


The countess of Chesterfield, who was Miss Enid Wilson, and whose marriage free years ago was the event of the year, is regarded as so nearly perfect in feature that, if an improbement were suggested, it would be impossible to attempt a change.

Sybil duchess of Wesimoreland, is the daughter of the earl of Rosslyn. This portrait of her, painted by Eilis Roberts, shows her to be blond in type. She is what is called an old English beauty.

Consuelo, duchess of Marlborough, is thought by many to be the pretilest 'woman in the kingdom. Though not an English-woman she has lived so long abroad that she has the English manner. Her beauty is, however, distinctively American.



than ever. Votes are flying about and London, the scene of the fray, is turned into a veritable voting poll, with women's ames upon the balloting slips. The little

sting match which was started in June has ow opened out until it has become of na- masculine. tional importance.

Who is the prottiest woman in the united kingdom? That is a question which must be decided ere long. When it is known the woman will become famous and she will It is known the woman will become failed and and an and all of King Edward's of Wales and attended lively house parties, were of the day. Not since the eleventh century has there been such Queen Alexandra type. The king, who is immensely sen-

Once upon a time Louis XL, desiring to learn the handsomest woman in England, offered a prize for a portrait of the handsomest of his subjects. Two led the contest. One was a milkmaid, who, with butter bowl in hand, wandered through an orchard. The other was a court favorite. Clothed in cloth of gold and gold lace-which was invented by Louis X1 -she appeared upon the canvas resplendent. She won the prize, for Louis XI, was immensely pleased at the subtle flattery of the wearing of the gold have.

King Edward VII. has no such fad as the making of





any special brand of lace. His taste in frees is cosmopolitan. Hut when it comes to court beauties he is more decided in his tastes. He likes the type of woman with these peculiarities.

She must be feminine in type, not strong featured nor

She must not be too large. She must be oval faced.

And she must look like Queen Alexandra.

timental, has always admired women of the Alexandra style. One after one favorites came before him and were selected as card partners, cotillon leaders, hunting companions, and the like. Yet all were something like Queen Alexandra in complexion and style. It was the highest and the most subtle compliment he could pay his wife. Compelled to attend functions, from which she was barred by ill-health, he made it known that he preferred women of her stamp and kind. .,16 -54

## Beauty Questions to Vote Upon.

The beauty contest in England is divided into questions which are as follows: First-Which society woman in England has the pret-

tiest figure? Second-Who dzesses the best? Third-Who has the most classic features? Fourth-Who is most distinctively English?



Fifth-What woman, not English, is the most beautiful ember of English society? Sixth-Who has the most beautiful hair?

are you prejudiced by preconceived notions? Eighth-For whom would you cast your vote if you

could east only one vote? - 25 .4

## Old Favorites Get Many Votes.

thought Mrs. Bradley Martin the most heautiful woman allor society favorities of New York have received their in England on account of her charities, adding the old quoteadage, " Handsome is as handsome does."

ceived many votes. The latter is now Mrs. George West, and well poised, as, for example, the head of Lady Cur-the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Corrwallis West, Lady gas and of her sister, the countess of Suffolk, who is reto the heauty of ten years ago.

But the great majority have been cast for the younger tioned. leaders. These are mostly young matrons, for in England the unmarried woman is still a girl, andly worth considering from a social standpoint until she is married; and in the contest, the votes are about evenly divided between American and English matrons. At one time the decision stood like this;

Consuelo, duchess of Mariborough, in the lead. Then

Miss Gladys Wilson, one of the beautiful Wilson girls, is acknowledged to have the most classic features in all Europe.

Mrs. Frite Ponsonby is of the owal faced type of beauty. Her features are admired by artists who are in search of the Irish type.

The countess of Warwick, though she is now in her fully matured years, stands easily among the most beautiful women in England. As Lady Brooke she "was the prettiest young matron in England.

The Viscountess Castlereagh is one of the youngest and most beautiful of English matrons. She has perfect eyes and a lobely mouth. She is interested in movements for the improbement of her sex and active in politics.

## came the princess of Piess.

Following her was Miss Wilson, and second to her came Lady Brooke, now the counters of Warwick, who is advelorant in society, but more beautiful r un ever, Then Seventh--What is your favorite type of beauty and came the string of popular favorites, with Queen Alex-

andra loyally placed near the head. .4 

## American Beauties in Favor.

Mrs. Chargence Mackay when abroad was frequently called the most beautiful woman, and Lady Curson has These questions have been answered in various ways, been named as a beauty too often to be counted out. At ome saying that they were prejudiced in taxor of this one time she was in the lead. Other beautiful American me and some in favor of that one. One voter said he women have been in the voting context, and all the pop-

The English ideal is tall and siender. Miss Letin To the surprise of everybody such old favorites as Faget, partly English and partly American and Miss Mrs. Cornwallis West and Lady Randolph Churchill re- dividys Deacon are both of that type. The head is small

William Beresford, once Lily, duchess of Mariborough, markable for her height, the length of her neck, and for also got many votes, showing that there were those true her beautiful little head, well set upon her slender shoulders, which, though slim, are wide and elegantly proper-

