

GLADYS DEACON RARE PRIZE

Beautiful American Girl Has Refused Host of Suitors.

ROTHSCHILD HEART ON THE LIST

Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Coaching Trips in England Attract More Attention Than the King Himself.

LONDON, May 23.—(Special.)—The hearts of many bachelors in English society are beating more rapidly than usual just now in anticipation of the coming visit of Gladys Deacon, that beautiful American girl who seems to possess an unequalled faculty of inspiring affection.

There is a little secret I must tell you. I have it on trustworthy authority that the American girl's reputation for beauty has accomplished what we all believed to be impossible. It has aroused the interest of Walter Rothschild, who was supposed to be chaste.

Determined Not to Marry. Intimate friends of Miss Deacon, who keep up a constant correspondence with her, tell me that she has made up her mind never to marry. It does seem reasonable to suppose that if she had not made a resolve of the kind she would have "popped off" long ago.

There is a story about which says that she is still in love with the king's heir. Those who know her say that had she been the man in that memorable affair with the German prince she would have willingly given up her inheritance for her lover and that no amount of paternal anger would have turned her from her purpose.

The forthcoming court will witness the presentation of several very interesting brides of the last year. One of them, Lady Alastair Innes-Ker, who was Anna Broom before her marriage, is the belle of the season.

Crown Jewels Her Jewels. Another American matron to be presented is the Hon. Mrs. Robert Grosvenor, whom you will perhaps better recall as Florence Paleyford. She, too, has a fine collection of jewels.

Americans Invade Paris. Does that all-conquering individual, the American hostess mean to buy up all the historic houses in Paris as well as in London? The palatial dwelling which Mrs. Cilla F. Huntington has just acquired in the Gay City once belonged to the Empress Eugenie.

The Dear Old Days. Everybody remembers the famous "Letter deal" which collapsed in June, 1904, with a loss to "Joe" Lester of many millions of dollars, the bulk of which and much more producers of the country received for the price of wheat was run up from below the dollar mark to \$1.10.

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KING'S HORSE IN THE DERBY

Sentiment for Once Controls Betting of Public.

TURF COSTS RULER PRETTY SUM

As Prince of Wales, English Monarch Won Premier Event Twice—Victories of Perseus.

LONDON, May 23.—(Special.)—If the ardent wishes of millions of his loyal subjects could have any influence on the result, King Edward's Perrier would win the coming Derby in a canter. And, though sentiment has never yet added a stride to the performance of a race horse, Perrier is strong in the betting and will probably go to the starting point near the top of the odds.

Yet there is undoubtedly no reason known to the hard-headed fraternity of "regulars" why the king's horse should be fancied above several others in the race. On past performances he certainly does not justify the betting. Although some of the extreme writers in the English press have fallen over themselves to hail Perrier as another Perseus, the fact is that he is nothing of the sort. He is a fine, useful colt; nice disposition, and a genuine galloper. In the latter respect he does resemble the famous horse of 1896, but otherwise there is no comparison between the two.

The genuine regard in which the king is held by all who follow the horse world here either for sport or for the almighty dollar, has set at naught all the figures of the "dope" sheet. It is not strange that the English race followers should love King Edward and allow their hearts to run away with their judgment over his horse. To say that his majesty is a "pillar of the turf" is putting it mildly. He is the pillar. It is very possible that were not Edward the Seventh so strong a supporter of the sport of kings its enemies would successfully endeavor to do in the United States.

King Spends Much Money. The king has supported racing, not only with his heart but with his pocket. His connection with the turf has cost him a pretty penny, and he has been "getting" his interest in it for some time. Since he disappeared, time and time again the slowness of the royal purse and the heavy cost of maintaining his racing stud during lean years, have led to rumors that he intended abandoning racing. But I don't think the idea ever entered the king's head. It is the easiest thing in the world for a grand sportsman when success comes thick and fast to your credit, but it is quite another matter when it is "all going out and nothing coming in."

Of course, the king has had fat years. This is his first Derby entry since he ascended the throne, but as prince of Wales he had two years that will go down into turf history. His first year, when his horse, perseus, won the Derby, since the turf was instituted in England, I don't believe there was ever another scene to rival in enthusiasm that when the prince led his famous horse to the paddock after the close and intensely exciting finish. Perseus had been beaten in a previous race by Leopold de Rothschild's St. Frangois, which ruled favorite in the betting for the Derby. But to the delight of the crowd the purple and gold of the royal owner came home in a grand finish by a short neck.

Part of Diamond Jubilee. With other horses in the same year the king won the Manchester cup and the One Thousand Guinea. His second and last really successful year to date was 1892, when Diamond Jubilee swept that part of the boards in which colts are allowed to compete. Then followed seven years of meager success of the kind that has made more than one man with well filled pocket-book resign ownership. So that if a victory should come to him this year and he should win the event, it would be the first of every man who races a horse, he be commoner, lord, prince or king, few will begrudge him it.

Of the horses of American owners in the Derby, only one has attracted any attention. W. K. Vanderbilt's Seaside II, because of his performance in racing, was favored by some, but those best acquainted to judge with whom I have talked consider that he has only an outside chance. His sire is a stoutly bred horse named Elf and his dam is Sea Sat. This he belongs to the famous Herod line, which has not been very prominent in racing since the last few years. Although Seaside II did nothing to speak of as a 3-year-old, he attracted a whole lot of attention on April 1 last, by winning the prix Lagrange of \$3,000, beating with great ease at level weights Monitor, who was supposed to be the best of the French 3-year-olds. Immediately afterwards he was sold at \$100,000 in the betting on the Derby, whereas a month previous as high as \$10 to \$1 had been laid against him.

Other Good Horses. On April 18 he was beaten in a weight-for-age race by a horse named Blisou, and since then his chances of winning the Derby have not appeared so strongly to the betting public as they did when he was sold in Paris that the American millionaire owner had a better horse in his stable in Schuyler, but that there is some doubt in his mind as to whether that horse has retained his last year's form. A good line on Seaside's chances will, of course, be afforded a few days hence by the English race. Mr. Vanderbilt's candidate is entered for the French Derby, which is run on the Sunday preceding the Wednesday of our own. His ultimate position in the betting will depend upon his performance then.

The other American entries still left in the race are five in number. They are a colt by Phant-imp and one by Phant-imp, both belonging to James Maden; and a colt by Hamburg-Harley Bury, and a colt by Hamburg-Harley Bury, and a colt by Sandringham-Vesper, all belonging to Harry Payne Whitney. They are still in the United States, and nothing is known of them on this side of the water.

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Now, here's a young woman who wishes to get married," said Dr. Hurty, as he scanned papers taped-over by her desk and in other ways showed that he was severely agitated. "But how's she going to get married when she can't prove that she is alive. I have no record of her birth here. She was born in 1883, and that was before this department began keeping birth records. You see, the laws of Germany are strict. For a long time they have known of the importance of keeping birth records. She may be able to get an affidavit as to her birth. The laws of Germany may admit that, but I am not sure."