

## Woman's Section



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If the Prince of Wales Were to Look Through Gabby's Eyes For a Bride He Would See the World's Choicest In This Group of Intelligence and Charm

### Rondeau

She has charming eyes; she knows it;  
Side-long glances oft disclose it,  
Warming me with passion tender,  
Ink's no medium to render  
All their beauty—don't suppose it!—  
I've no other, hence I chose it,  
Madly hoping as it flows it  
May plead for me.

Doubtless she has other beaux—it  
Matters not; her manner shows it  
Is not vain for me to send her  
Little gifts; this rondeau slender  
She, perchance, will not oppose! It  
May plead for me!

—Howard Willard Gleason in The Villager.

By GABBY DETAILS

IN A VERY short time the young prince of Wales will be sailing the deep blue sea bound for America—the country from whence so many of his titled countrymen have plucked the nation's fairest flowers for their brides and the nation's greatest fortunes for the rebuilding of their own treasures. Ambitious mothers in the east are fluttering around Newport and other fashionable resorts in anticipation of the young prince "Charming" with plans for elaborate entertainment during his sojourn in the United States.

And, speaking of royalty American-bound, there are also the Duchess of Roxburghe, the former Miss May Goelet, who is due to be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ogden Goelet, of Newport; the Countess Nada Torby, one of the most beautiful women in England, and Lady Decies, the former Miss Vivien Gould. Society has it that Lady Decies expects to be in Newport to take part in the proposed festivities to be given for the prince.

So, with such a notable quartette as this coming over, is it any wonder that in New York the Blue Book is being scanned, dressmakers and tailors being worked to death and caterers and decorators being swamped with orders? Royalty is coming, especially the prince, and society stands breathless—breathless, perhaps, because it has leaked out that the prince intends avoiding social functions and formal affairs.

There is no question that a great part of the British public would much rather see the prince married to an American or a Canadian than they would to a princess of one of the comparatively unimportant kingdoms of the Old World. It is generally assumed that if the young prince finds a wife here it will be from one of the socially prominent, well established families. There are several charming young heiresses of the New York set who are of a suitable age to make a match with the prince,

and they have written so enthusiastically that American girls are just hoping that the supply of eligible princesses—now said to be limited to the Italian reigning family—will be completely exhausted before the prince makes up his royal mind as to which one he will marry. If he does not choose an American he may make his choice in Canada.

Prominent among them is Miss Flora Vanderbilt Payne Whitney, the debutante daughter of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. The latter was Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, the elder and favorite daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. Her husband, Harry Payne Whitney, was the oldest son of the late William C. Whitney, the greatest street railroad magnate in America.

Miss Flora Whitney is one of the greatest heiresses in the country, destined to inherit a large part of the Vanderbilt and Whitney fortunes, representing an enormous accumulation of railroad property and real estate in New York. Through the Payne side of the house she will also receive a share of the "Standard Oil" millions.

Another attractive Vanderbilt heiress is Miss Grace Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr. She would be a debutante this year but for war conditions. Miss Muriel Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., and Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, are two other charming young heiresses who are just approaching debutante age.

Miss Caroline Stevens of the noted Castle Point (Hoboken) family, and Miss Helen Fish, daughter of Hamilton Fish, are charming members of families that not only possess great wealth, but have been prominent in New York since colonial times. The Astor and Harriman families can also offer a winsome selection of young buds to attract the prince.

But in this entire list of New Yorkers, none of them compare in beauty, or charm, or originality to the bouquet of beautiful blossoms surrounding the Prince on this page. And yet Gabby wonders if they are looking for Princes—these modern girls whose fancies run, not to titles, but to real men and world events. Whether or not they are seeking a title, Omaha is proud of its young womanhood—even more proud than England is of her young prince.