

## The Courier's London Letter.

Many people in the larger cities heard Lady Henry Somerset speak on the subject of temperance when she visited the United States two years ago.

In Boston after her address given before the Professors of Harvard, many papers voted her the finest woman speaker ever heard in that city.

The story of her life is interesting as a type of the *fin d'ecle* woman.

She was born in the noble family of Summers of a French mother and English father. From her mother she inherited a charming personality and exquisite taste in dress; from her father great wealth and a great name.

In her eighteenth year she was married to Lord Henry Somerset, whose banishment from the country a few years later, left her a widow in everything but name.

Wealthy, charming and titled, Lady Henry was of course received by society with open arms. The Queen called her by her first name and she had known the Princesses from childhood. Her father gave her an ancestral castle for her summer home, and a house in Park Lane for winter, which should be quite her own and not connected with her husband's estates. However, she was not at heart, a part of this London in which she moved and her revolt was a startling one.

There was a small gathering at Marlborough House with the Prince of Wales as the bright particular star. Every one has heard how the poor Prince suffers from ennui and therefore it is the sacred duty of his friends to make him laugh as often as possible.

Some one thought of a funny story but it was too indecent to tell in English, so as everyone present understood French he proceeded to relate the anecdote in that language.

Before it was half finished Lady Somerset rose and left the room. It took the little company a moment to get its breath after this unprecedented occurrence, then of course they were scandalized at such actions.

Lady Henry walked on out into the softly lighted garden and wandered aimlessly about thinking of the people she had left. Her life seemed unsatisfactory and she longed for something broader and better. At last the thought came to her to take her little boy, her only child, and go to the Priory, the estate he would inherit on coming of age and devote her time to study and his education.

The Priory is a beautiful old English structure full of historic interest, but like so many of these buildings unsanitary. Lady Henry decided to build a modern cottage on the estate for herself and child and in the meantime remodel the larger building into a luxurious house for her son when he should be of age. One day in this secluded spot Fate brought to her hands a book by Francis Willard.

She was fascinated by it and saw in the helping of England to temperance a noble life work. She decided to go to America and meet Miss Willard and since that happy day they have been friends as devoted as two lovers. One who has never visited England cannot realize the intemperance that exists among the women of that country and it was to these poor souls that Lady Henry decided to give her special attention.

She returned to London and started a home for inebriate women, where they were furnished with outdoor work, kindly treated and in every way drawn from their old habits.

A summer home for poor children came next with the usual inducements of plenty of milk and all the daisies they could carry home.

"The poor you have with you always," and having once taken up the

lane, the bait and the bind, lady Henry found herself appealed to on every occasion. She spoke at radical meetings, crossed over to France to make soup for the Armenian sufferers, upheld Mrs. Chant in an attempt to suppress the bar at theatres and (hardest to bear) was criticised and cartooned by the papers.

Most of her old acquaintances dropped her like a hot cinder but she has gone on without them giving her own time and money to her chosen work. Always ready to plead some cause for humanity's sake.

England is noted for its conservative attitude towards innovations and a woman born in the inner circle seldom touches that great outside world which surrounds her. One cannot help wondering what this brave spirit will accomplish before her life is done.

"I see Harduppe pursues the even tenor of his ways."

"Yes, he never asks for less than that."

Ethel—Jack hasn't shaved in a week.  
Edith—Your face doesn't show it.

"Who is your family physician?"

"We haven't any."

"Don't any of you wheel?"

"I'm not surprised to hear that you are to be married again; your husband hasn't been dead over six months."

"Yes, but he is as dead as he ever will be."

Mr. McK. Man—Do you think the advance agent of prosperity is still out of sight?

Mr. Gotham—Well, I think he's papering the town, at any rate.

The motto of the Prince of Wales is "Ich dien"—"I serve." That's right. They also serve who only stand and wait.

## When the Curtain Fell.

The Leading Lady—How did you feel tonight, playing Othello with a sprained ankle and a cane?

The Star (with intention)—Oh, it wasn't the first time I went on with a stick!

(Then the stage hands separated them.)

Dyer—Dr. Killen always makes his patients pay cash.

Duell—Why?

Dyer—He says he has so much trouble collecting from their heirs.

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S. L. GEISTHARDT, Attorney.  
ORDER ON ABSENT DEFENDANTS

In the Circuit Court of the United States, for the district of Nebraska. At a session of the circuit court of the United States, for the District of Nebraska, continued and held pursuant to adjournment, at the United States court room in the city of Omaha, on the 29th day of July, 1897, the Hon. W. H. Munger, judge, being present and presiding in said court, the following, among other proceedings, were had and done, to-wit:

Charles Jörn, as executor of the last will and testament of John Jörn, deceased, complainant, vs. David Housel, et al., defendants No. 182 "S." in chancery, order on absent defendants.

And now, on this 29th day of July, A. D. 1897, being at the may term, A. D. 1897, of the said court, it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the said court that this is a suit commenced to enforce a mortgage held by complainant a lien upon real property within the said district, and that John M. Sharon, David B. Welch, Charles A. Hanna and the Harrison National Bank of Cadiz, O., a corporation. Defendants herein are not inhabitants of, and have not been found within the said district, and have not voluntarily appeared in this suit, on motion of complainant's solicitor, S. L. Geisthardt, solicitor for the said complainant, it is considered by the court and ordered that the said defendants above named, be and are hereby

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directed to appear and plead, answer or demur to the complainant's amended bill of complaint, on or before first Monday in October, 1897, and that in default thereof, an order be entered in this cause, taking the said bill pro confesso.

It is further ordered by the court that at least twenty days before the said first Monday in October, 1897, a copy of this order be served upon said John M. Sharon, David B. Welch, Charles A. Hanna, and the Harrison National Bank of Cadiz, O., a corporation. The said defendants, wherever found, if practicable, and also upon the person or persons in possession or charge of the real property described in complainant's bill of complaint, if any there be; or in lieu thereof a copy of this order be published for six consecutive weeks in THE COURIER of Lincoln, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said district of Nebraska.

[SIGNED] W. H. MUNGER,  
Judge.

The United States of America }  
District of Nebraska. }

I, Oscar B. Hillis, clerk of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an order entered upon the journal of the proceedings of said court in the cause therein entitled; that I have compared the same with the original entry of said order, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

Witness my official signature and the seal of said court, at Omaha, in said district this fifth day of August, A. D. 1897.

[Seal] OSCAR B. HILLIS,  
Clerk.  
Endorsed: Filed July 29, 1897, Oscar B. Hillis, clerk.  
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New England Loan and Trust Company

v. Thompson.  
To Annie Pitts and William Pitts, her husband, Philip K. Ketrick and Frank S. Bolan non-resident defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified that on August 5, 1897, New England Loan and Trust Company, an Iowa corporation, as plaintiff, began an action against you and other defendants in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, the object of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage on the following land in said county, to-wit: the south west quarter of section number 21, in town number 12 north of range number 5 east of the 6th Principal Meridian, made by James Thompson, and Sarah Ellen Thompson to New England Loan and Trust Company, dated April 25th 1887, to secure the payment of promissory notes of said James Thompson, to said New England Loan and Trust Company for \$162.50 on which there is now due \$93.99 with interest from May 1st, 1897, at ten per cent per annum pursuant to coupons; Plaintiff prays for decree of foreclosure and sale of said land to satisfy said liens as aforesaid, for deficiency judgement and general relief. You are required to answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 27th day of September, 1897.

New England Loan & Trust Company,  
Plaintiff.  
By S. L. GEISTHARDT Attorney.

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SHERIFF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Emma G. Burwell is Plaintiff, and Wesson G. Miller et al Defendants I will, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 28th day of September, A. D. 1897, at the east door of the Court House, in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described lands and tenements to-wit:

Lots nine (9), ten (10), seven (7), eight (8), one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6) of Miller's subdivision of lots seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), of block forty-eight (48) of University Place, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 28th day of August, A. D., 1897.

John J. Trompen,  
Sheriff.

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