

PAULINE ASTOR TO WED
DUKE OF ROXBURGHE.

A Character Sketch--By H. Jerome Taft.

According to the latest fancy of Dame Rumor Miss Pauline Astor has become engaged to the young Duke of Roxburghe. The rumor has gained circulation through that particularly swell set in which William Waldorf Astor has been a conspicuous figure in London for the past two seasons. This not to be wondered at, for coupled with a very charming personality the fabulously wealthy debutante could command an almost unlimited amount of the gold that glitters, and as it seems to be an inherited preference among the mem-

Since Miss Astor's debut in English society she has been a pronounced favorite, her beauty was not her only charm, her vivacious sunny nature endearing her to every one. The fact that she will enjoy a dowry estimated at twenty millions, did not decrease her popularity and she was eagerly sought by a hundred of London's most eligible young men.

She entered early, however, a dislike of such attentions and while kind to all, seemed to possess the happy faculty of discriminating between those that deserved and those that did not deserve her care. The young Duke of Roxburghe has always enjoyed her warm admiration and friendliness and their engagement is attributed to generally by the very rapt attentions which the young nobleman has been paying her. Miss Astor with her father and several friends is now visiting the Duke's ancestral seat just on the border of Scot-



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The first member of his family to attain international fame was John Ker of the Forest of Selkirk. He was prominent in affairs of state and was rewarded in 1817 by a charter from the King to all lands and tenements in Aird townburn. His descendants, Robert Ker, was knighted and raised to the peerage in 1669 as Lord Roxburghe, and was shortly after created Baron of Caerford and Claverton and Earl of Roxburghe. He was succeeded in these titles by his grandson, Sir William Drummond, who

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FLOORS CASTLE THE HOME OF THE FUTURE
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with beaming eyes for the past few months, Miss Astor may not accept all the lurid traditions of her illustrious ancestor yet. The governing hand of Mrs. Grundy is at the tiller and circumstances may become such that the dainty little beauty will consent to link her fate and fortunes with nobility and thus relieve the distress of her father's social aspirations.

Richmond and Tidewater Railroad. Editor of The Times: Sir--Will you allow me space in your paper to present to the citizens of Richmond an enterprise which, if secured, will be of inestimable value to our merchants and citizens generally.

The fact that Richmond, lying within one hundred miles of the most fertile and thickly populated section of Virginia, and, in fact, one of the finest sections of country to be found in the United States, being almost entirely isolated and cut off from trade communitations, argues that it is in the public interest, and that it is the duty of the community, not to neglect so important an enterprise as is contemplated in the building of the Richmond and Tidewater railroad.

Consider, if you please, the section of country this line proposes to open up, a section so well adapted to the cultivation of farm products and so well situated under the sun. The Tidewater section of Virginia has well named the garden spot of earth, fertile soil producing all kinds of garden and farm products, the climate so mild as to permit the shipment of early vegetables to Northern markets some weeks in advance of more Northern sections, thereby obtaining fancy prices and so on. The streams abounding in sea-food products, a section splendidly adapted to cattle raising.

I say, I consider such a section of country lying right at our doors with practically no means of communication, makes a thinking man wonder why such an opportunity as this is so long neglected.

A gentleman from that section, who is thoroughly familiar with the situation, Young Men's Business Association, and the amazing statement after investigation that something like \$5,000,000 annually, was spent by the merchants of that section in Baltimore, and that section in Baltimore, and that section in Baltimore, but could not get for lack of transportation facilities.

Now it is proposed to build a road from Richmond penetrating the counties of Hanover, King William, King and Queen, Essex, Middlesex, Gloucester and Mathews, thereby diverting this trade from Baltimore to Richmond, which, by every logical reason, is entitled to it. It is proposed to have the construction of the road to aid in the construction of the road.

Elections have been held in several of the counties, and this proposition was defeated. I think, in two, and carried in the third, Gloucester voting in favor of the road. The other counties only lost by a small majority, and for no other reason than that the people had not been educated as to the importance of the project, combined with the opposition brought to bear by the steamboat companies and the merchants of Baltimore.

It appears that the sentiment among the best class throughout the section is in favor of the road. The fact of Baltimore doing so much to defeat the proposition makes it all the more apparent that Richmond has much to gain by the construction of this road. The authority for the payment of advertisements, notices or proposals for any Executive Department and Bureau thereof, except in pursuance of a law, Treasury Minute dated October 15, 1898, in which he holds that there is no authority for the payment of advertisements, notices or proposals for any Executive Department and Bureau thereof, except in pursuance of a law.

JUMPED THE WITNESS. Representative Jacob Voss, of the 19th Virginia District, has secured a favorable report from the Committee on Claims in the case of W. E. Craig, Mr. Craig, who is now dead, was United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia in 1880. J. G. Wood was a witness against several parties for violation of Internal Revenue laws. Wood testified that he saw Craig, by parties defendant in the case it was claimed for the purpose of intimidating other witnesses. Wood was then arrested for assault by State authorities and in accordance with instructions from the Department of Justice, Mr. Craig defended him. He was told there was no appropriation from which he could be paid for the time he was in the hospital, which means so much to the people of the district, which means so much to the people of the district, which means so much to the people of the district.

OFFICER'S HATS. The Secretary of War has amended the regulations pertaining to uniforms so that paragraph 11 reads with regard to the fatigue hat for all officers: "Of black or drab felt, according to pattern, to be worn in the field and in garrison only on fatigue duty and at target practice. Officers' hats are to be of gold and black silk intermixed, according to pattern in the office of the Quartermaster General."

ARMY ORDERS. First Lieutenant Frederick B. Slater, 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers, is under orders to proceed from Washington to Norfolk in connection with the muster-out of the 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers. He will return to this city on completion of the work. Private Adoniram J. Reed, Battery E, 4th U. S. Artillery, now at Fort Monroe, has been ordered to be discharged without benefit of pay and allowances and final statement, except for deposits will not be allowed him.

Other discharges are as follows: Private James A. Keaffer, Battery I, 8th U. S. Artillery, and private William B. Paul, 1st U. S. Cavalry, both at target practice; privates Charles J. Shafer and Jefferson D. Wilson, Company C, 1st North Carolina, at Winston, and Claude C. Harbee, Company S, 1st North Carolina, at High Point.

ALL RIGHT NOW. In the annual report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission is the following bearing on a case recently appearing in the press at length: The railway company carried coal from mines in West Virginia and Virginia to Cincinnati were the subject of an inquiry held at Washington in November. The railway company carried coal for much less than its published rates, and in fact rendered the service for less, if not all of the coal shipping interest under rates provided for in written contracts with shippers, which it fixed from time to time upon special application.

The witnesses in this inquiry testified with exceptional frankness, and the carrier under investigation evidently desisted that all the facts should be disclosed. The charges therein shown were plainly prohibited by the statute, issuance of an order by the commission was deemed unnecessary.

Mr. Campbell Very Ill. Mr. Charles S. Campbell received a telegram yesterday announcing the serious illness of his brother, Mr. William H. Campbell, in Memphis, Tenn. Mr. William Campbell left here in fine health a week ago to accept a position with Thomas, Barnes & Co. in Memphis. He has signal meningitis, and is at a hospital. The doctor in charge of the case says he will recover. As soon as able to be removed he will be brought home.

DEFENSE IN THE USE OF TIME CLOCKS.

Must Have More Help or Turn Out the Old Clerks.

PAY OF CUSTOM OFFICERS.

The Secretary of War Changes the Fashion of Army Fatigue Hats, Railroads Carried Coal Cheaper Than Published Rates.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14--Special--In an interview defending the use of time-clocks and stating the need of more clerks in his department, Mr. Henry A. Castle, auditor for the Postoffice Department, makes the remark which will read more fully the other day: "If Congress does not give me substantial assistance in the matter (give more clerks) I shall be put to the necessity of turning out a large number of old clerks, replacing them with young, energetic workers who are capable of doing more work. This is a hard thing to contemplate, but something must be done."

There has been such strong opposition to a civil pension list that it seems a little strange that a division chief will acknowledge that there is practically one in operation now.

PAY OF CUSTOM OFFICERS. The Secretary of the Treasury in conformity with the law has transmitted to the House an abstract of the official enrollments of the officers of the Customs Service received by them during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898. Those in Virginia and North Carolina follow: Albemarle, N. C., Kenneth R. Pendleton, \$1,215.15.

Alexandria, Va., Thomas W. Robinson, \$1,187.50; Marshall, Va., King, \$737.73; Bedford, N. C., John D. Davis, \$1,137.53; Christopher D. Jones, \$652.30; Cherrystone, Va., Robert L. Arlworth, \$715.85.

Newport News, Va., Lewis P. Stearnes, \$1,067.70; Jesse W. Elliott, \$457.20; Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., Le Roy H. Shields, \$2,264.63; George E. Bowden, \$150.30.

Panico, N. C., Stephen H. Lane, \$1,824.14; Petersburg, Va., Thomas I. Shipper, \$2,313.19; Richmond, Va., Charles M. Wallace, \$2,234; John S. Bethel, \$454.50; Tappahannock, Va., W. R. Robinson, \$477.20.

Wilmington, N. C., Wm. R. Keanan, \$1,697.71; John C. Dancy, \$845.57. In the case of Petersburg, \$2,600 was for storage, a larger amount than was received from the same source by collectors at any other port with the exception of Mobile, which was the same amount. The Petersburg office had no fixed salary stated and the receipts from fees were \$213.10.

MUST HAVE AN ORDER. The Assistant Secretary of War makes public, for the guidance of all concerned, a decision of Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury Mitchell dated October 15, 1898, in which he holds that there is no authority for the payment of advertisements, notices or proposals for any Executive Department and Bureau thereof, except in pursuance of a law, Treasury Minute dated October 15, 1898, in which he holds that there is no authority for the payment of advertisements, notices or proposals for any Executive Department and Bureau thereof, except in pursuance of a law.

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Temple, Pemberton, Cordes & Co. General Cleaning-Up Sale Before Stock Taking.

OWNERS of prices with us means no deterioration in quality. We continue this week our general cleaning-up sale with renewed energy and new arranged prices. The time is limited, therefore enticing, quick-moving prices prevail throughout our entire house. Every department contributes its quota of new, fresh and seasonable merchandise, marked at convincing low prices.

- Silks. 24-inch Black Satin Duchesse or Tucked Waists, extra value 75c. 23 inches wide, extra weight and finish, the \$1.50 quality, now \$1.35. The \$1.75 quality, now \$1.50.
- Printed China Silk. 50c quality, now 25c.
- Satins. Black and full line of colors, the 50c quality, now 40c.
- Surahs. 75c and \$1.00 qualities, now 65c.
- Plaid and Figured Taffetas. 75c and 50c quality, now 45c.
- Plaid Figured & Striped Taffetas. extra good qualities, pleasing sateness, \$1.5, \$1.50 and \$1.75 quality, now 75c.
- Moire Velours. black and colors, extra weight and finish, the \$1.25 and \$1.50 quality, now 25c.
- Evening Silks. The \$25.00 Jackets now \$15.00. The \$30.00 Jackets now \$19.00. The \$37.50 Jackets now \$25.00.
- Silk Poplins. extra quality, weight and finish, in a full line of evening tints, the \$1.25 quality, now 95c.
- Brocaded Satins. Strikingly handsome patterns in complete assortment of all the fashionable evening tints, the \$1.00 quality, now \$1.25.
- Black Silks. Brocaded Gros-Grains, Taffeta Finish. extra weight and finish, effective patterns, the \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 qualities, now \$1.25.
- White Goods. 8-4 White Organdy, very fine sheer, the usual 40c quality, special at 25c, better grades at 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Three Specials in White P. K.'s. The 16-2-3c. quality now 15c. The 25c. quality now 16-2-3c. The 50c. quality now 25c.
- Four Satin Duchesse Specials. 21-inch Black Satin Duchesse or Tucked Waists, extra value 75c. 23 inches wide, extra weight and finish, the \$1.50 quality, now \$1.35. The \$1.75 quality, now \$1.50.
- Velvets. New line of colors, the \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality, now 60c.
- Ladies' Tailored Jackets. The best goods, made in the best manner, nicely lined and thoroughly high-class goods in every respect, and marked at prices to quickly move them out.
- Table and Bed Linens. The best Scotch Irish Linnen makes, at especially advantageous prices. Housekeepers and keepers of hotels and restaurants will do well to examine our stock before buying.
- Damasks. Extra heavy Flemish Bleach, strictly all pure flax, the usual 95c quality, now 70c. 84-inch Full Bleached Scotch Damasks, good weight and finish, the usual 55c quality, now 35c. 78-inch Extra Heavy German Damasks, extra heavy weight, the \$1.25 quality, now 95c. 68-inch Extra Fine and Flemish Scotch Damasks, the \$1.25 quality, now \$1.00. Full Bleached Extra Heavy Scotch Damasks, the \$1.50 quality, now \$1.25.
- Napkins. Some slightly soiled from handling at greatly reduced prices. 12-1/2 Napkins now 95c a dozen. 15-1/2 Napkins now \$1.19 a dozen. 18-1/2 Napkins now \$1.36 a dozen. 22-1/2 Napkins now \$1.92 a dozen. 25-1/2 Napkins now \$2.29 a dozen. 30-1/2 Napkins now \$2.89 a dozen. 36-1/2 Napkins now \$3.49 a dozen. 42-1/2 Napkins now \$4.09 a dozen.
- Towels. 16x28 Fringed Huck Towels, the usual 12 1/2c quality now 8c. 16x28 Hemmed Huck Towels, extra weight and quality, the \$2.00 quality, now \$1.65. 16x28 Hemmed Extra Heavy Huck Towels, the \$2.00 kind, now \$1.35 a dozen. 22x44 Extra Heavy and Large Fringed Huck Towels, the usual \$1.00 quality, special at 85c. 28x48 Extra Quality 11 L. all-line Huck Towels, the regular \$1.00 value, special at \$1.00.

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LITERARY GOSSIP.

Hall Caine's novel, "The Christian," seems to be occupying the attention of the critics just now. The Quarterly Review says that "Mr. Hall Caine in 'The Christian,' under the pretense of showing the orthodox creed in action, has treated us to a re-peat of unscientific and degenerate mysticism."

another book, entitled "The Right Side of the Car." Will Allen Dromkole has many friends in Virginia who will enjoy her last book, "The Valley Path."

Some have thought that that much-talked-of novel, "The Golly," had value from a historical standpoint. Mrs. Vynell, the author, says that the account of conveying the firearms from the Lombardo-Venetian using, from Southampton to Brighthelm and Fuenza was the only actual piece of history in the book.

Many books have been written about our new colonies and how they should be managed. One of the latest is by Benjamin Kidd and is entitled "The Control of the Tropics." Naturally we are interested in the subject, but it does not have a little dash of imagination. Whitman figure as a prophet of expansion. Rev. Arthur Copeland professes to discover in the following lines from Whitman's poem, "A Broadway Fagot," a prophesy of imperialism.

I chant the new empire grander than any before, as in a vision it comes to me; I chant America the mistress, I chant a greater supremacy; I chant projected a thousand blooming cities yet in time on those groups of sea islands; My sailships and steamships threading the archipelagoes; My Stars and Stripes fluttering in the wind.

BOY DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED. Probable Smallpox Cases in Hampton. McKinley's Brother Served.

Bishop Horner Here. Bishop Horner, the newly consecrated Bishop of Asheville, has arrived in the city, and is the guest of Mr. John M. Taylor, at 220 east Franklin street. Bishop Horner will preach the sermon at the unveiling of the McKinley Memorial Window in the Monumental church at the 11 o'clock service this morning.

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