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Something About the Latest Lexicographical Production.

When the Century Dictionary was placed on the market a few years ago, scholars of the United States and England at once recognized it as the standard authority in lexicography. It was believed that it would answer all questions for years to come. But this is an age of unparalleled activity and invention. New words are constantly being added to fill the want of the scientist and inventor, and these in course of time must come into common use. While the Century Dictionary was complete up to the date of its publication, the time that has intervened since then has warranted the publication of a new work—the Standard Dictionary. Its vocabulary is the largest of any dictionary in existence. It contains 301,865 vocabulary words and phrases, by actual count, while the Century has only 225,000. To comprehend this more clearly, let us take one letter, "A." Under this letter the Standard has, by actual count, 19,736 words, while the Century has but 15,621, a difference of over 4,000 terms under "A." If for no other reason, the Standard should have the preference, and no possessor of the Century can claim a complete lexicon with one-fourth of the words in the language omitted. The definitions in the Standard are models of clearness and perspicuity. They aim to define, not describe, merely. They are frequently shorter than those of the Century, while stating more facts and in clearer language. The necessity for condensation has been so great in the preparation of the Standard that the definitions have been worked over time and again so as to make them short, yet comprehensive. On numerous subjects where the greatest skill has been needed to give absolute accuracy in definition, the Standard will be found to be par excellence. Where the importance of the subject demands it, more space is devoted to definitions than in the Century. For example of these points see the words, agnosticism, alimony, amble, civics, co-education, dowry, evolution, nationalism, socialist. On the staff of the Standard are several of the best editors of the Century, whose previous experience is, of course, valuable. It is a common remark among them that the work on the Standard is much more exacting than it was on the Century.

Synonyms and antonyms are of the greatest value in giving clear distinctions between meanings of words, which often shade into each other very closely. No work extant is so full and clear in its treatment of synonyms as the Standard, not even works devoted entirely to the subject. Special pains have been taken to make this a distinguishing feature of the work, and an inspection of a few words, in this particular, will convince anyone that the work in this department is above criticism. For example see, acid, agriculture, alloy, altercation, benevolence, care, generous, get, knowledge. These words will also suffice to illustrate the feature of antonyms—words of opposite meaning—a most useful antithesis, enabling one to hit upon the exact term wanted, and a feature possessed by no other dictionary. The numerous examples of the proper prepositions to use are of great importance to all, especially to young writers and students. How often one is puzzled to know just what preposition should be used. Good examples of this feature will be found under the words, allure, animadversion, animosity, bind, and words above cited. This feature is not possessed by the Century.

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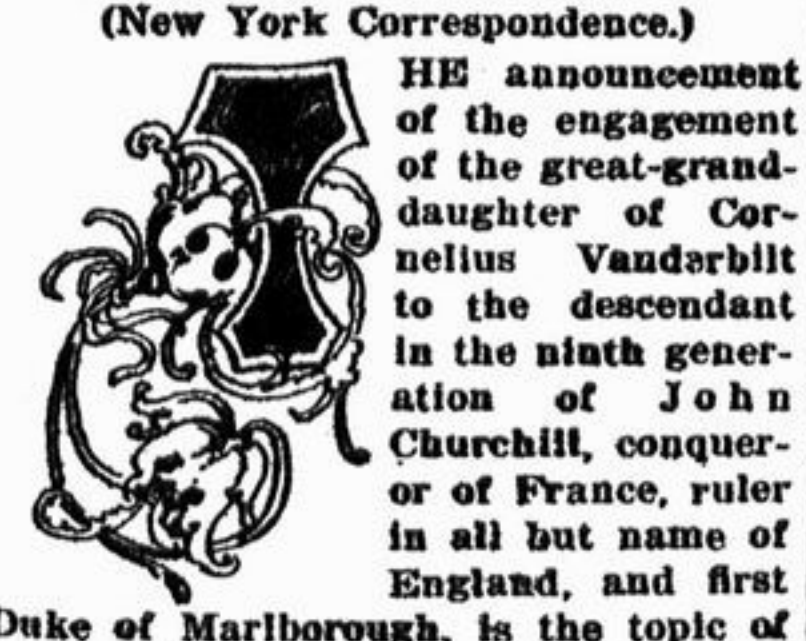
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Ludicrous Incident in a Church.
On Sabbath evening week, a clergyman from the South, who is remarkable for the simplicity and unceremoniousness of his manners, was officiating for a brother minister, when, after announcing the number and the verse of the first psalm, he discovered that he could not proceed further without the aid of his spectacles, and, stretching himself over the pulpit to the minister of the place, who was sitting in the baptism room below, he exclaimed, in a sufficiently audible voice, "I say, Mr. —, did you see my glasses?" The person thus addressed, without uttering a word, stepped up the pulpit stair, and removed the "glasses" from the worthy man's wig, to which they had been unconsciously exalted, and placed them upon his venerable nose.

The Tongue Caused the Trouble.
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DUKE AND HEIRESS.
MARRIAGE OF A VANDERBILT TO A CHURCHILL.

Their Lineages Compared—Both Spring from Strong Men Who Were Leaders in Their Time—The Duchesses Who Have Preceded.



(New York Correspondence.)
THE announcement of the engagement of the great-granddaughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt to the descendant in the ninth generation of John Churchill, conqueror of France, ruler in all but name of England, and first Duke of Marlborough, is the topic of the day in two continents. The two young people themselves were presumably less interested in the various reflections which the event will call forth than other people; but there can be little denying that a more notable engagement has not been announced in America since Jerome Bonaparte told a surprised and excited world that he desired to take to wife Miss Elizabeth Patterson, of Baltimore.

To begin with, the destination of the great American fortunes is becoming a matter of public concern, especially on account of the tendency of their inheritors, when women, to marry foreigners of noble birth—which suggests that in a few years from now political economists and sociologists will probably be studying some new tendencies which have established themselves in counter-balance of this tendency, for it is the inevitable law of human affairs that they perpetually seek to establish a stable equilibrium and never succeed. And now that an enormous slice of the Vanderbilt money will go to England to restore and maintain the state of Blenheim, it begins to look as though it were time for the first indication of a reaction to set in.

But that apart, the contrast and comparison of the great statesman and general of Queen Anne's reign and the great railroad man of the nineteenth century is most interesting. There is not space to make it here in full, but it has no end of suggestions.

For Cornelius Vanderbilt is not altogether dwarfed when he is placed beside John Churchill. True, Churchill was much the greater man. Not only had he the advantage of figuring in battles and Parliaments and Cabinets which provides the whole magnificent pageant of the history of a time for a background—and not only was he cast as a chief actor in an epoch of peculiar dignity and splendor—but in spite of his aversion and his time-serving qualities, he did have that greatness of soul which distinguishes the few majestic figures in the world's records. Cornelius Vanderbilt, on the other hand, was scarcely a figure in history at all, as it is written by the drum and trumpet historian, and as for greatness of soul, if he had it he was never given a chance to show it. Yet he had one faculty that Marlborough had, and it was what made him the first master of the science of transportation that the world has seen, and up till the present time the greatest—the faculty of altering and ordering conditions according to his own far-seeing sense, disregarding the objections and interpositions of smaller-minded men. Vanderbilt, in a material way, had genius—and genius means imagination. And John would

not have been ashamed of Cornelius—not by any means. He had a most profound respect for money, had John. He took it from women, which is what Cornelius, with his manly Dutch blood,



SARAH JENNINGS,
First Duchess of Marlborough.

would never have done, even in John Churchill's depraved day, not if he had died a pauper for refusing it. And then, too, though he was born a gentleman, John Churchill had had a very bare outlook of it at first as a young man, and if he had not had a sister, whom the Duke of York peculiarly delighted to honor—which, by the way, in those days was not thought so much discreet to a lady as we now suppose—he might never have worn a sword. So that he knew what it was to rise in the world. And in fine, one thing is probable; that Cornelius Vanderbilt could have commanded an army better than John Churchill could have built up the New York Central Railroad.

But now to look at the young people—Miss Consuela Vanderbilt is the daughter of William K. Vanderbilt and the grand-daughter of the late William H. Vanderbilt. She is about 18 years old, very tall, very vivacious and quite good-looking, with dark hair and a pronounced brunette complexion—she is heiress to one of the greatest fortunes in the world and has only one care in life, that her father and mother are divorced. Of course it can scarcely be expected that so young a girl should have as yet very pronounced characteristics, but her friends say she has much sweetness of disposition and charm of manner, and her executive ability has already been tested. As is always the case with the children of parents with great fortunes, she has been most carefully educated and trained to understand the responsibilities of her station, and to act as the mistress of a great establishment.

The young Duke of Marlborough is really one of the most promising of the young noblemen of England. Far from following in the footsteps of his father, whose reputation need not to be recalled, he has already made his entry into politics and intends to devote himself to a public career. He was made the mover of the address of the Lords in reply to the Queen's speech on the opening of the present Parliament, an honor generally conferred upon the most distinguished and promising of the younger members of the party in power. He is very young, having been born on November 13, 1871, so he is still short of his 24th birthday; his



THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH

school was Eton and his university was Cambridge, where he did very well at his books and also played polo and cricket in a manner to satisfy contemporary requirements. He is also said to have—ought to have—good taste in pictures, books and china; and altogether he is likely to do himself and his country credit. He is not likely to turn out a new Beaconsfield or Salisbury, but he may do as well as his grandfather, who was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland under Beaconsfield, and that will be doing infinitely better than any member of the Four Hundred whom Miss Vanderbilt might have married would ever have dreamed of doing.

The young Duke, Charles-Richard John Spencer-Churchill his name is, the ninth Duke of Marlborough and twelfth Earl of Sunderland, is really a Spencer by descent and a Churchill only by royal warrant. He is sprung from John Spencer, who was knighted about 1510, and whose descendants became Baron Spencer and Earl of Sunderland in the next century. It was the third Earl of Sunderland who took for his second wife Anne Churchill, the daughter of the great Duke, and after the death of the Marquis of Blandford, the son of the Duke of Marlborough, the Churchill titles were conferred to the children of Anne Churchill and her son Charles thus became the second Duke, and after the death of his half brother by the first marriage of the Earl of Sunderland, the fifth Earl. Beside the title of Duke of Marlborough the Sunderlands also acquired the titles of Marquis of Blandford, Earl of Marlborough, Baron Churchill, Lord Churchill of Eynmouth, in the Scotch peerage, Prince of Nellenburg of the Holy Roman Empire. The English peerages give the Duke as Prince of Mindelheim, but the Almanach de Gotha states that Nellenburg was substituted for Mindelheim in 1714.

Miss Vanderbilt's predecessors are worth glancing at. The first Duchess of Marlborough was, of course, Sarah Jennings, the confidante and favorite of Queen Anne, whose name will live in history as long as that of her illustrious husband—the woman who "having been the wife of John Churchill" would not marry another man no matter what his rank. As Anne Churchill and her husband both died before her parents the Churchill titles were never enjoyed by them.

Last September was the hottest in 150 years in Paris.
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