

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Officers Show How Army Does Baking



WASHINGTON. — Improvements in present-day methods of baking bread in the field for the army over the methods of only a year or two ago were seen in a demonstration at the Washington barracks the other day, before a delegation of officials from the war department. Those present were Gen. Henry G. Sharp, commissary general of the United States army; Col. David L. Brainard and Maj. Henry G. Cole.

One of the feats performed was the loading of an oven, capable of doing the cooking for a hundred and fifty soldiers, on a wagon in seven minutes and three seconds. This was about one-third of the time which a similar demonstration in oven packing had consumed two years ago, according to the officials.

No housewife or French chef could have turned out a better dinner or whiter, brown-crust bread than did the cooks in the open air with their "take-down" ovens, in the opinion of the watchers.

Roast beef, that sent up a savory odor, onion gravy that tempted the palate, and strawberry shortcake, covered with delicious icing, were only a few of the things which were on the bill of fare. Capt. M. A. Elliott, Jr., who is in charge of the bakery at the barracks and who conducted the inspection, assured his visitors that no "frills" had been added for the occasion, but that it was an ordinary noonday meal.

The bakery at the barracks is known as field bakery No. 1, and comprises one-third of the entire cooking staff of the United States army. It has facilities for cooking for 19,000 men, although only about one-third of the facilities were in use. The corps there includes one officer and 65 men. This section also is a school for those who wish to become army cooks.

The demonstration included the use of the older clay ovens and the kind used in the Civil war, and down to the present day type, which can be knocked down in a few minutes ready for transportation in the army wagons.

In the school where the men are taught to cook are hung charts showing food values. Besides this there is an equipment of experimental apparatus, including an electrical oven, used in teaching them the scientific as well as the practical points in cooking.

Finds Huts Upon a Lonely Island

QUIDNUNCS at Washington, those gentlemen who are always asking, "What now?" enjoyed a considerable thrill of mystery and curiosity in discussing the recent report of Rear Admiral Southland, who on board the West Virginia visited Palmyra Island and 51 of lesser isles, lying about 1,000 miles southwest of Honolulu, about 90 miles from Fanning Island.



The Palmyra group, says Chapple's News Letter, was proclaimed a part of Hawaii in 1852, but since it has appeared to the state department only recently that Great Britain had annexed them in 1859, Rear Admiral Southland was dispatched with the West Virginia to explore the group thoroughly and especially to search for any public monuments conflicting with the United States' claim to the islands. His report on this point is very clear and explicit, to wit: "The results are definite in making it clear that no flagpole, notice board, monuments or other surface objects indicating an endeavor to claim sovereignty on the part of any nation exists on this island." No living person was found in the archipelago, although bird life abounded.

densely wooded slope of Islet 51, the presence of which was thoroughly screened from anything by the closest search. Two of the huts were roofed with corrugated iron and one with thatch, and there were stoves, tables, shelves, jars, bottles and other evidences of a continued occupation at no very distant period. One hut, with a new door and good lock, contained a large number of cedar cases of Oriental make, several of which had been labeled by pasting a slip of Japanese paper on the ends and writing over it. One case was thus labeled: "This case contains ammunition, May 7."

While there is no harbor at which a vessel might coal or a naval base be permanently established, the group could be used for the accumulation of supplies or the rendezvous of an expedition intended to carry out a design dependent for its success on secrecy.

Human "Goat" in Postal Department



A HUMAN "goat" was discovered the other day in the postoffice department. No, it was not Postmaster General Hitchcock.

John R. Rhoades is employed in the supply division of the department. It is the principal duty of Rhoades to nail together the large boxes filled with postal supplies for postmasters in every section of the country.

As is customary with those who are engaged in a similar task, Rhoades took up a mouthful of wire nails. By some unforeseen circumstances one of the nails escaped his fingers when it was about to be pulled from his mouth, and went down his throat.

He was choked for an instant. Then some of his co-workers called up an ambulance. They thought he would choke to death unless medical aid was

rendered at once. The ambulance from the Providence hospital arrived and Rhoades was hurried to the institution. The physicians at Providence were especially busy when Rhoades arrived. He waited for half an hour. No one came to his assistance.

"I can't afford to wait any longer," declared Rhoades. "I will be doctored if I stay away from the department any longer."

He left the hospital and returned to his work. The nail was still clinging to some part of his internal anatomy.

"How does it feel to have swallowed a nail?" Rhoades was asked.

"Well, I have swallowed many a fish bone, and I don't feel any other sensation than that created by taking into my system one of the small bones of a shad," he replied. "I can breathe all right, and feel absolutely no inconvenience, but I would like to have this nail removed. I waited long enough at the hospital today to have my appendix taken out, but apparently the physicians were too busy to attend to my case. I felt compelled to get back on the job, for postmasters all over the country are howling for their supplies."

Electrician Fries Eggs by Wireless

ELECTRICAL discharges of hundreds of volts, an electric globe burning without any wire connection, egg frying by wireless, wireless telephony and telegraphy, and other electrical phenomena, and also wonders of liquid air, were demonstrated in a lecture by Professor L. H. Wood and Henry L. Transtrom, an electrical expert, at the Washington Foreign Mission seminary.



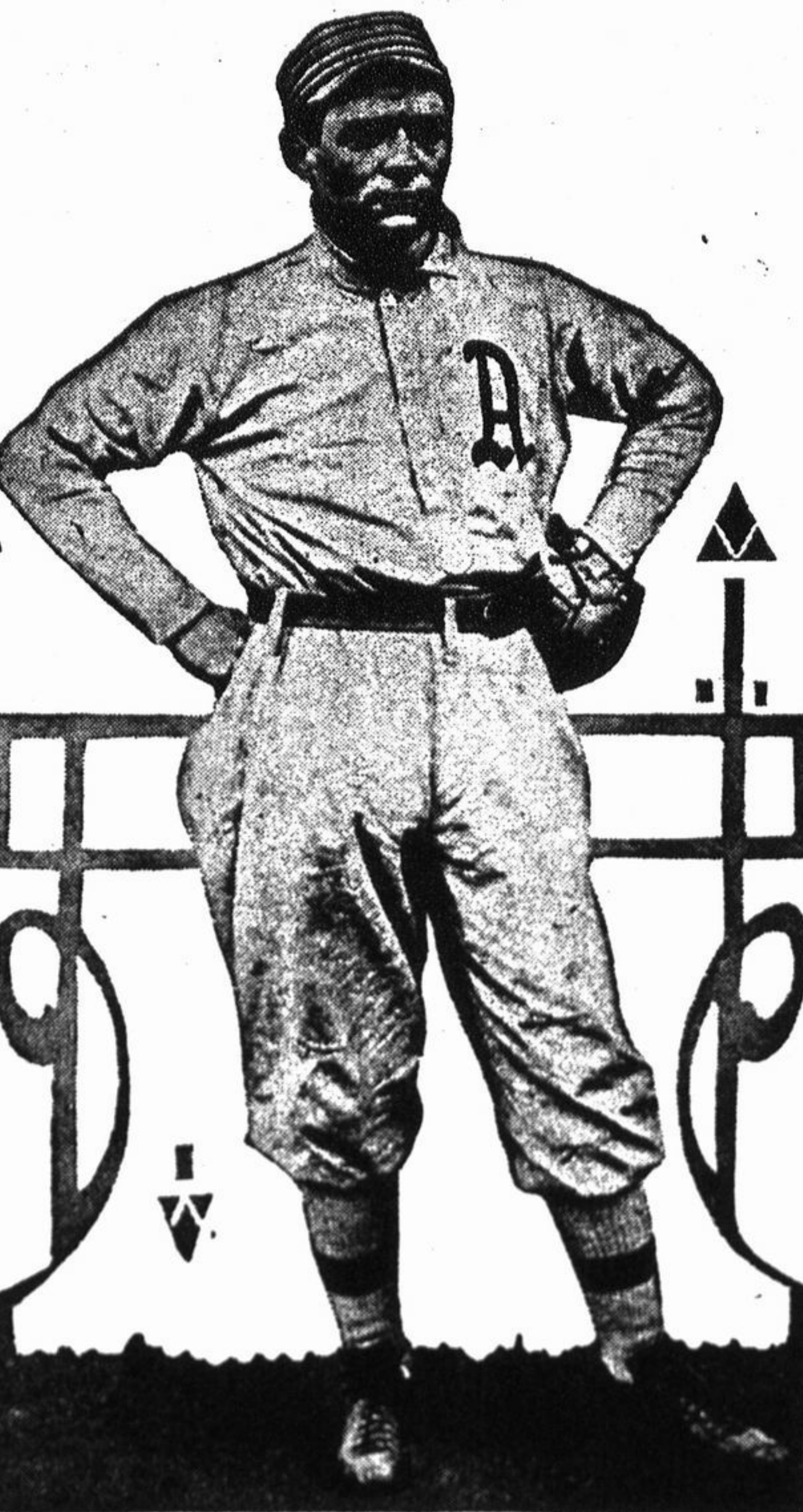
The electrical discharges were seen flashing in long specterlike streams, which snapped and crackled like lightning. By changing the terminals, the flashes resembled small electric fountains. Mr. Transtrom, holding his hand near one of the terminals, received into his body a current of at least 200,000 volts without any injury.

The auditorium being darkened while wireless telegraphy was demonstrated, it was illuminated by the brilliancy of the discharges, the noise of which was deafening. The lighting of a common incandescent globe by wireless followed. A hollow copper ball floating in a jar of water was rotated with great rapidity; and a heavy copper ring was suspended in midair, and then thrown upward several feet, also by wireless.

A wonder to the audience was the frying of the egg without any visible power, but there was heard the sizzling and the low hum of the transmitter, which was not connected with the pan. Two hundred of the audience passed through the receiver of the wireless telephone a voice that came from

Professor Wood is a teacher of science in the seminary and Mr. Transtrom a student. Mr. Transtrom has constructed much wonderful electrical apparatus.

CLEVELAND FANS BECOMING DISSATISFIED



Manager Harry Davis.

Harry Davis, leader of the Naps, is having a hard time trying to figure out a winning combination, and if the Naps continue to show poorly, the "cry for Stovall" will surely be heard in Cleveland. At the beginning of the

season Davis figured on a pennant, but his prize outfield, his crack infield, his wonderful pitching staff and his unbeatable catchers are not standing the gaff. One big drawback was the accident to Napoleon Lajoie.

NOTES of the DIAMOND

Minneapolis fans are beginning to intimate that Rube Waddell is all done.

Owens Bush has scored the most runs of any player in the American league.

Tommy Griffin, secured by Sioux City from St. Joseph, is going well in new company.

Erwin, the Brooklyn Giant, is carried more for the batting ability than his catching skill.

There isn't a point overlooked when Kid Gleason is directing the base running of the White Sox.

Infielder Schmidt of Wichita, is in a hospital at St. Joseph, following an operation for appendicitis.

"The Boston fans always did like a winner," says a paragraph. Boston fans are bound to be unique.

Sam Merets is out of baseball. He has failed as an umpire on the coast and has dropped out entirely.

Doc White is again ready to take his turn in the box for the White Sox. He had been a sufferer from lumbago.

Billy Rhines, the once famous Cincinnati pitcher, will manage an independent club at Ridgway, Pa., this year.

Tris Speaker of Boston has made the most hits, while Milan of Washington has the most stolen bases to his credit.

Heine Peitz is getting so good in his old age that Hank O'Day is threatening to use the veteran coacher in a game soon.

Ball players say the reason they can't fatten batting averages off Walter Johnson is that they can't hit what they don't see.

Johnny Kling is much impressed with the work of the Giants. He thinks they'll stick in the lead and never be headed.

Tim Murnane rises to remark: "When it comes to calling a turn on a base runner, Thomas of the Athletics is the headliner."

Henry Jasper, pitcher, who has been with the Anaconia, Okla., team, has reported to Manager Hank O'Day of the Cincinnati club for a trial.

Baseball experts figure that Russ Ford will be about ten times more effective now than he has been this season. He has Sweeney back to catch him.

The Phillies passed up Kid Gleason, and now the "Old man" is giving Jimmy Callahan's White Sox the benefit of his baseball knowledge. And make no mistake about Gleason possessing "Baseball brains."

GOOD WORK OF BOSTON TEAM

Players Batting and Fielding in Excellent Manner—Cicotte Strong in "Jinx" Line.

Although Boston's pitchers have been going rather poorly of late, the team has been batting and fielding in good style, and Manager Jake Stahl has the players and the Boston populace with him in his efforts to contribute a winning team.

In Cicotte, Hall, O'Brien, Woods, Pape, Boston has a strong quintet of pitchers, and with Carrigan and Nune-maker in the catching department, Stahl is also well fortified. The new manager has a strong infield and outfield, and, what is more, he has the players working in harmony.

"Knuckles" Cicotte, the little twirler, is being dubbed the "tough-luck



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kid" by the other Red Sox players. Ed is in better condition this year than for several seasons, and lighter in weight, but still strong in the "jinx" line.

Capacity of Big Parks. The seating capacity at each major league park this year is roughly estimated as follows: National league: New York, 40,000; Brooklyn, (Washington Park), 15,000; Boston, 9,000; Philadelphia, 20,000; Chicago, 30,000; Cincinnati, 25,000; Pittsburgh, 28,000; St. Louis, 22,000. American league: New York, 14,000; Boston, 27,000; Philadelphia, 25,000; Washington, 18,000; Chicago, 22,000; St. Louis, 20,000.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

U. S. STUDENTS FRIVOLOUS?



Dr. Nitobe is president of First Higher college of Tokyo. He says that he does not find the boy students in the United States occupying the high moral plane that he had expected. Also that he observed that the men are for less serious in the work than the Japanese students. "In this country there is not the application that is characteristic of the Japanese students," said Dr. Nitobe. "Here one finds less grinding, less midnight oil is burned and there is less disposition to take the course seriously. Probably we are too serious in Japan. I sometimes think we are. Yet I do not think that the average student here really has his heart in the work."

If his complexion were a shade lighter, a short heavy, spectacled man who has been nearly a month in this country studying conditions and lecturing at universities, could easily pose as Rudyard Kipling, the great English author. He is Dr. Inazo Nitobe, Tokyo, Japan. So much does Dr. Nitobe resemble Rudyard Kipling, at one view of his countenance, that it is really startling. But it is a one view effect only. When he turns again he looks only like the typical Japanese that he is.

His mind is filled with impressions that are registered by two sharp brown eyes that look through heavy spectacles. Dr. Nitobe, who has been studying the country, and its people, and incidentally has been giving some thought to the student while lecturing at universities, is the first representative of the pedagogues who are to come to this country under the arrangement provided by means of the Carnegie fund. Dr. Nitobe is president of First Higher college of Tokyo.

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TO FOUND NEW CITY OF ZION

Mrs. Jane Dowie, widow of the late John Alexander Dowie, first apostle of Zion, is attempting a reconstruction of the Zionist movement in Chicago.

Believing herself divinely inspired to carry out the work her husband began, Mrs. Dowie came to Chicago last fall and gathered about her the few remaining members of the prophet's original flock. An exile from Zion City and the tabernacles her husband founded, she planned to rebuild the Zion congregation with the aid of Gladstone Dowie, "unlashed" son of the departed Elijah II.

The younger Dowie was in full sympathy with the plans of his mother, but apparently lacked the divine inspiration for the task she has undertaken. He had already resigned from the present church at Zion City following the assumption of absolute control of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, general overseer and successor apparent to the first apostle and is now studying for the Episcopal ministry.

Mrs. Dowie has not allowed the defection of her son to dismay her, but has regained spiritual communion with nearly 1,000 of the original congregation. The rennon of the present flock, she declares, does not mean a schism from the religious teachings of the parent church.

Faith healing, as in the original Zionist code instituted by John Alexander Dowie, occupies the most prominent place in the work of the reconstructed congregation. Mrs. Dowie claims the power to heal all bodily ills through the medium of prayer and administers to the needs of her own little group of followers.



VICTORIA WINNER IN SPAIN



Queen Victoria of Spain is slowly but surely winning the affection of the Spanish people, who at first strongly disapproved of her and her English ways. In fact, if King Alfonso succeeds in keeping his throne it will be due in part to the domestic virtues of his wife. Queen Victoria has set a new fashion in Spanish society, that of mothers taking personal interest in their children.

Queen Victoria practically devotes her life to her babies. She oversees the work of the nurses and occasionally may be seen on the grounds of the palace wheeling the Princess Beatrice in her specially imported English perambulator just like any English mother. All this is in defiance of the rigorous court etiquette of Spain, which demands that a queen should leave the care of her children entirely to others.

When the prince of the Asturias was born, according to historical custom, a peasant woman from Catalonia was engaged to act as nurse to the heir to the throne. She was a very handsome Catalonian and wore the elaborate and picturesque national costume, but Queen Victoria soon discovered that she was entirely ignorant of hygiene and modern ideas concerning the care of a baby. The result was that the queen firmly refused to deliver the young prince over to the new nurse and no expostulation moved her from her position.

She finally gave the Catalonian peasant a sum of money as well as a new outfit of clothes and sent her back to her native province.

AMERICAN WIDOW WINS NOBLE

A white and gold gown, with a collar and tiara of diamonds and sapphires, won for the beautiful Mrs. Wylie Reynolds of Jackson, Mich., an Italian nobleman with the blood of Bourbon kings in his veins, and Paris dressmakers and modistes are busy upon one of the most elaborate trousseaus which has left the city since Princess Marie Bonaparte married Prince George of Greece, in 1907.

Mrs. Reynolds is the widow of a millionaire banker. The Italian nobleman whom she has won is Baron di Francisci, son of Marchese di Triandra. His family is connected with the Bourbons of Parma and the Bourbons of the Two Sicilies, who are themselves branches of the oldest royal house in the world. Baron di Francisci is even richer than his fiancée, and takes an active interest in the life of his country. Added to these is the fact that he belongs to the oldest Neapolitan nobility, all of which make him, in matchmaking eyes, the best catch of the season.

The widow met the baron at a reception given by her. She wore the diamond and sapphire tiara and white and gold gown.

