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The American Wonder resembles very closely the Dawson's Golden Chaff, both in appearance of the growing crop and in the quality and the appearance of the grain. The Tasmania Red is a bearded red chaffed, red grained wheat. The straw is somewhat weak but the grain is of excellent milling quality. The Imperial Amber is a bearded, red chaffed, red grained wheat of fair strength of straw and of good average quality for bread production. The Crimean Red is a bearded, white chaffed, red grained wheat, rather weak in the straw but excellent for bread production.

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On his seventeenth birthday—an important occasion, for the Prince had been appointed colonel in the army, and had received the Order of the Garter—a long memorandum is addressed to him by his parents. Every sentence is full of loving counsel: "A new sphere of life will open for you, in which you will have to be taught what to do and what not to do, a subject requiring study more important than any in which you have hitherto been engaged. For it is a subject of steady and the most difficult one of your life, how to become a good man and a thorough gentleman. To the servants and those below you, you will always be courteous and kind, remembering that by having engaged to serve you in return for certain money payments they have not surrendered their dignity, which belongs to them as brother men and brother Christians. You will try to emancipate yourself as much as possible from the from the thralldom of abject dependence for your daily wants of life on your servants. The more you can do for yourself and the less you need their help the greater will be your independence and real comfort." Then there is a confidential letter of instructions for the guidance of the gentlemen appointed to attend on the Prince of Wales, who by their example are to train him to be the first gentleman in the country. On dress and manners this memorandum has much advice to give these young men. "A gentleman does not indulge in careless, self-indulgent, lounging ways, such as lolling in armchairs, or on sofas, slouching in his gait. . . . In dress he will never give in to the unfortunately loose and slang style which predominates at the present day. He will borrow nothing from the fashions of the groom or the gamekeeper. . . . A gentleman having gained the prestige in society of good dress and appearance, and courteous manners, must maintain the good opinion of his companions by showing intelligence in his conversation, and some knowledge of those studies and pursuits which adorn society and make it interesting. Mere games of cards and billiards, and idle gossiping talk, will never teach this, and to a Prince, who has usually to take the lead in conversation, the habit of finding something to say beyond mere questions as to health and remarks upon the weather is most desirable."

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