

PRIVILEGES OF BRITISH PEERAGE

PROFIT AND LOSS IN HOLDING RANK.

Lord Astor Unable to Revert to the Rank of Commoner in Great Britain.

It has been an open secret ever since the death of the late Lord Astor that his son and heir, who has now become Viscount Astor, is very much dissatisfied in having to give up his seat in the House of Commons for one in the House of Lords, his dissatisfaction being little abated by the election to Parliament of his accomplished wife.

Unfortunately there has seemed to be no way out of his unwelcome situation, since while a Commoner may be elevated to the Peerage at the will of the Sovereign, there is no law nor warrant for a Peer to be reduced to the rank of a Commoner. Once a peer, always a Peer, is the inflexible rule. And while a son might refuse to inherit his father's land and house and fortune, it is impossible for him to escape the inheritance of his father's rank in the Peerage.

Lords Rejected Bill.

As a last resort, Viscount Astor had one of his friends in the House of Commons introduce a bill making it legal for a Peer to renounce his rank and title and become a Commoner; which the House promptly rejected by an overwhelming majority, largely on the ground that while perhaps Lord Astor might be justified in renouncing it for himself, he had no right to renounce it for his heirs. So, willy-nilly, the poor Viscount must be a Viscount still.

In this seeking to escape from the Peerage which his father worked so hard to enter, and which Englishmen generally are very glad to enter, Lord Astor aimed, of course, chiefly to be able to pursue a political career in the House of Commons, a far more interesting and influential place than the House of Lords. That would be his chief item of profit.

There are, on the other hand, a great many items of loss on the other side of the account, some of which may not be valued by His Lordship. For a peer enjoys various privileges and exemptions which are denied to all outside of that magic circle.

Thus, as a Peer, Viscount Astor is exempt from jury duty and from being summoned to serve on a sheriff's posse comitatus for quelling a riot or for any other purpose. He is also exempt from arrest in any civil action, and from being outlawed or having an attachment issued against his person in such action. Of course, he is liable for treason or other felony. But if he should commit such a crime he would not be tried, by or in any ordinary court, but would be summoned before a tribunal of Peers, sitting in a specially constructed court-room, probably in the centre of Westminster Hall, at the expense of the Crown.

He can be summoned as a witness in any suit, and as such must be sworn as any other witness. But when he is called upon to deliver judgment, he does so not on his oath, but on his honor.

If anybody utters a slander against him, it is a vastly more serious thing than the utterance of a like slander against a Commoner, being known in law as scandalum magnatum.

Peers Have Many Privileges.

A Peer also has the privilege of keeping his hat on in a court of justice, though for a Commoner to do so would be a serious offence.

It is an interesting fact that there is one member of the Peerage who is privileged thus to wear his hat in the presence of the Sovereign, and, strange to say, the Peer thus privileged is an Irishman. This is the Baron Kinsale (County Cork).—Baron Courcy, of Courcy, and Baron Ringmore, of Ireland. His unique privilege dates away back to the famous Sir John de Courcy, who conquered the kingdom of Ulster for King Henry II, and who was made Earl of Ulster in 1181. To him King John of England gave the privilege of remaining covered in the royal presence, and ordered that that privilege should be enjoyed by his descendants forever. That did not mean, of course, all his descendants, but merely the head of the family in each generation. This privilege was forfeited for a time by the twenty-third Baron Kingsale, who adhered loyally to the cause of King James II, and was in consequence stripped of all his honors and titles and outlawed. But William III soon pardoned him and restored to him all his dignities, including the privilege of wearing his hat at the very foot of the throne. The present Baron does not always exercise that right, but he jealously cherishes it as one of the most precious possessions of his ancient house.

It may be added that the title of Viscount, which Lord Astor wishes to get rid of, is next to the lowest in the Peerage, being just above that of Baron. The name is equivalent to "Vice-Comes," and was formerly merely the title of a county sheriff. It was never used as a title of nobility until February 12, 1440, when Henry VI made John, Baron Beaumont, "Viscount Beaumont." If Lord Astor should get rid of the title he would lose the privilege of being styled "Right Honorable," though that is a distinction which he might regain as a Commoner. But he would forever forfeit the privilege of being addressed by the King as "Our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Cousin."

Models for Youthful Women



No. 9215—Misses' Dress. Price, 25 cents. Suitable for small women; closing on shoulder and at underarm; two styles of sleeve attached to lining; two-piece tuck skirt, in two lengths, attached to waist. Cut in 3 sizes, 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 requires, with dart sleeves, longer length, 5 1/2 yds. 36 ins. wide, or 3 yds. 64 ins. wide; with puff sleeves, 4 1/2 yds. 36 ins. wide, or 2 3/4 yds. 64 ins. wide. Width around bottom, 1 1/2 yds.

No. 9204—Misses' Dress. Price, 25 cents. In two lengths; suitable for small women; front in two sections; two styles of sleeve. Cut in 3 sizes, 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 requires, with bell sleeves, longer length, 4 yds. 36 ins. wide, or 2 3/4 yds. 54 ins. wide; with dart sleeves, shorter length, 3 1/2 yds. 36 ins. wide, or 2 1/4 yds. 54 ins. wide. Width around bottom, 1 1/2 yds.

No. 9218—Misses' Dress. Price, 25 cents. Suitable for small women; closing on shoulder and at underarm; with or without peplum; two styles of sleeve, attached to lining; three-piece tunic; underskirt in two lengths, having front lining section. Cut in 3 sizes, 16, 18 and 20 years. Size 16 requires, shorter length, with peplum, 4 1/2 yds. 36 ins. wide, or 3 yds. 54 ins. wide; without peplum, longer length, 4 3/4 yds. 36 ins. wide, or 2 3/4 yds. 54 ins. wide. Width around bottom, 1 1/2 yds.

These patterns may be obtained from your local McCall dealer, or from the McCall Co., 70 Bond St., Toronto, Dept. W.

CANADA'S SIX THOUSAND BLIND

Idle Pity Giving Way to Practical Effort on Their Behalf.

You have doubtless been interested in what you have read or heard regarding the progress of a national effort on behalf of the blind of Canada. Do you realize just what this effort means?

Here are some of the things that are being done:

Industrial training and employment is being provided for the blind in centres established in Halifax, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Useful handicrafts and the reading and writing of embossed characters are taught in the homes of those blind people who for various reasons are unable to take training at one of the regular centres.

The product of the home-workers is bought and sold.

Personal contact is established with recently-blinded persons, and with cases which are sometimes so old that they become new in a very real sense. This work is done by an experienced Field Agent.

Books, magazines, and music in embossed types are circulated free to the blind of Canada. The monthly average circulation of books, etc., is close to eight hundred. The Institute also arranges for the transcription of music for any of its members at cost price.

An active publicity propaganda dealing with various dangers to which the eye is subject is carried on, and this is followed up with personal work, looking to the larger co-operation of medical men and nurses, employers of

labor, Boards of Education, etc., in the vital matter of preventing blindness.

A residence and training-centre, "Pearson Hall," has been provided where blind soldiers may find congenial conditions while taking vocational instruction. In this connection it may be interesting to know that the Institute has entered into an agreement with the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, under which the Institute has established an after-care department for Canadian Soldiers blinded in the war.

There are other things, but they may all be summed up by saying that the Institute endeavors in every practical way to advance the interests of the blind and to ameliorate the conditions under which they live.

Will you aid in supplying the most vital need of this work?

Then mail your cheque to the CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, 36 King St. East, Toronto, Ont.

Te Deum.

All thanks, O Lord of Hosts,
Whose arm has made us free!
Forgive our random boasts,
Confirm our trust in Thee,
Whose way is in the sea
That wards our coasts.
Give us prophetic eyes,
To watch the dawn unfold,
As out of dubious skies
Peace, with her wings of gold,
Cast in celestial mold,
Brings honor's prize.
In one triumphant line
Thy hosts with our parade;
The battle, Lord, was thine;
We but Thy words obeyed;
Grant us, who lent war's aid,
Thy peace divine.

Trapping Mink

The raccoon and mink try the trapper's skill. Their instinct and cunning warn them away from traps. But they can be profitably trapped in large numbers if the trapper uses a few simple methods and is persistent. The simple methods and is persistent. "When rule of successful trappers is, 'When you go out to look for mink look for muskrats,' since minks prey on the muskrats.

Their favorite haunt is along small streams, and if the weather is cold they will be found well up toward a spring where the water is warmest. They have their burrows under the ground and, like the muskrat, enter the holes through the water. If in a district where the streams have mud-dy banks they build slides, and it is near the slides that traps are most often set for them. But if anything is disturbed when the set is made they are quite apt to abandon the slide, and further trapping is useless there. The trapper they make is much like that of a muskrat, but when the two are united in the same district it is easy to distinguish between them.

It is their habit when coming out of their burrows and leaving the water to land at or near the same spot every time. Often their trail across a log, or where they have passed under or around a snag, is easily seen. At this point, just under the water and slightly screened with water-soaked leaves, the trap should be placed, with the chain fastened to a drowner. The trapper should take care that he leaves no odor of his own hands about the set. By splashing water over chain and trap, as well as where he stood, this is removed.

The mink is a rover and will travel a mile or two up and down the banks of a small stream in a single night. It is his habit to go nosing about old logs. Those about his feeding ground

A MOTHER'S TRIALS

Care of Home and Children Often Causes a Breakdown.

The woman at home, deep in household duties and the cares of motherhood, needs occasional help to keep her in good health. The demands upon a mother's health are many and severe. Her own health trials and her children's welfare exact heavy tolls, while hurried meals, broken rest and much indoor living tend to weaken her constitution. No wonder that the woman at home is often indisposed through weakness, headaches, backaches and nervousness. Too many women have grown to accept these visitations as a part of the lot of motherhood. But many and varied as her health troubles are, the cause is simple and the cure at hand. When well, it is the woman's good blood that keeps her well; when ill she must make her blood rich to renew her health. The nursing mother more than any other woman in the world needs rich blood and plenty of it. There is one always unailing way to get this good blood so necessary to perfect health, and that is through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills make new blood abundantly, and through their use thousands of weak, ailing wives and mothers have been made bright, cheerful and strong. If you are ailing, easily tired, or depressed, it is a duty you owe yourself and your family to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. What this medicine has done for others it will surely do for you.

In the Shadow of His Wings.

(91st Psalm).
How blest is the soul that has found a retreat,
When rude chilling blasts of adversity beat,
A fortress secure, what time trouble is nigh,
Neath the sheltering wings of the Father on high.
In that refuge serene he shall not be afraid
Of the snare of the fowler, tho' subtly laid,
No terrors disturb his sweet slumber at night,
Nor at noonday the arrow's swift venomous flight.
N'er phantom-filled darkness his heart shall dismay,
Nor sudden destruction that wasteth by day,
Tho' pestilence sweep o'er the land far and wide
And thousands are falling a prey at his side.
Misfortune and evil around he may see,
Yet safe from the scourge shall his dwelling place be,
For God's mighty angels, obeying His will,
In their hands will uphold him and shield him from ill.
Because firm is his trust in His mercy alone
Who Omnipotent reigns on His Heavenly throne
And pledges His promise forever to keep
Those who on Him rely in peace, perfect and deep.

WELL SATISFIED WITH BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Mrs. A. Bernard, La Presentation, Que., writes:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets for my baby and am well satisfied with them. I have recommended them to several of my friends who have also used them with beneficial results." The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which regulate the stomach and bowels and thus prove of benefit in cases of indigestion, constipation, colic, colds, etc. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Water on the Brain.

Do you get mentally fagged—and too quickly? Are you conscious that your work suffers from what has been called "mind fog"? Is it pain and tribulation to you to concentrate? Have you to "drive" your brain to make it do its work? Do you admit to yourself—that your mind seems to have lost its grip, its freshness, its originality? Then it's as likely as not that what you want is water on your brain!

What is the matter with you is abstinence from drink! As a nation we don't drink enough. Discern not the hand of a prohibitionist here, but the ideal and natural drink is water. The brain, and the whole body, needs a lot of it. Six pints per day is the minimum. And—with water still given premier place—it does not greatly matter how you get that amount.

Tea, coffee, milk, cocoa, mineral waters, are all mainly water, and each counts. Spirits are quite taboo for the brain. They may whip for a time, but the last state of a spirit-whipped brain is insanity.

Drink more—more water for preference. You'll see, and feel, the brain difference very rapidly.

And that's all there is in it! It's the watered brain that does the work. So water it!

Remarkable New Coal Range.

In the present coal situation a cooking range that shows a fuel saving of something like 85 per cent. will attract extraordinary attention. When, in addition, it consumes all its smoke and soot, and most of its ash, attention grows into wonder. Yet a new range does just that. The secret lies in the use of superheated air for the draft. Air enters at the bottom, passes under the ovens and up through the hollow fire-box lining. It is so hot when it issues from holes at the top that the coal gas is instantly ignited, and great streamers of flame, reaching 9 ft. in length, burst from the air holes and run entirely around the ovens to the flue, passing the incoming air channels. This explains the preheating of the air. The residue is actually less than the amount indicated as ash in chemical analysis of the coal.

Mr. Hoyle's rubbish-machine should help England to realize that income, but meanwhile many individual towns are doing valiant things on their own. Aberdeen in one day collected \$2,535 worth of bottles, a week's jam-jar collection in Sheffield realized 56,000, sold for \$600, while Glasgow is saving rubbish to the extent of nearly \$100,000 per annum.

Much has been achieved by attempting the impossible.

The mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands.

A number of five-ton concrete buoys have been constructed by the Public Works Department of Kingston, Jamaica. Each buoy is about 6 ft. in diameter, with cylindrical walls about 3 inches thick.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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MARRIAGE.

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A Dreadful Mistake.
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But to her surprise he was angelic during the whole visit—always did as he was told, and never misbehaved. As soon as he got home, however, he was his natural self again.
"Oh, Jimmy," she said, "you were so good while you were away, why do you start behaving badly now?"
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"You've forgotten one," broke in the man with the sour face, who had hitherto been silent.
"Which one?"
"Her tongue. It's a scarlet runner."
But—
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"And then I came home," he finished.
"And did you come in a train, daddy?" asked Johnny.
"Yes, sonny."
"And did you see the ears of the engine?"
"Of course not!" laughed daddy. "Engines don't have ears."
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