

# HER DOWRY

Prevented Trouble In A Banking House

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

SPEAKER'S NEW EARL CAME TO THE RESCUE.

By His Act House of Baring Was Able to Weather the Storm—He is Spared for the Perfection of His Manners.

Spencer's new earl has been a member of the House of Lords for four years. Back having been raised to the peerage by Lord Althorp in 1906, on the occasion of his appointment to the office of Lord Chamberlain, which he still holds. He is a half-brother of the late Earl, and is a widower of a sister of Lord Revelstoke, and of Cecil, and Horace Parry, all three of whom are well-known in America. Moreover, he is a man of very chivalrous instincts, and of a sense of honor unfortunately rare in these modern days. For on one occasion of the troubles of the great banking house of Baring, some fifteen years ago, he, although possessed of no fortune of his own, voluntarily came to the rescue of his father-in-law, the late Lord Revelstoke, and of the other banking relatives of his wife, by strenuously to them their dowry. It was by sacrifice of this kind that the House of Baring was able to weather the storm. And now that it is once more on the high tide of prosperity, the money thus surrendered by the persons familiarly known in the House of Commons as "Bobbie," Spencer, has been restored to him. But at the time when he turned it over to the committee of liquidation, formed by the leading bankers of London, it seems doubtful whether he would have given it again.

The new earl is noted for the perfection of his manners and of his attire, his collar, in particular, being as famous in their way as those of the late Mr. Gladstone. It is this that caused his commencement of a speech in the House of Commons with the words, "I am not an arraigned prisoner," to which he made his reply, "among the subscribers which were attached to him in the lower house, was that of 'Bradlaugh's Babe,' owing to his political connection with Northamptonshire, with which county, the first professor atheist to occupy a seat in parliament, was identified. That he is a man of some pluck is shown by the fact that at the time when his half-brother, the late earl, was vicero

of Ireland, and in constant danger of assassination, and in constant danger of accompanying him in an unofficial capacity, everywhere in and around Dublin, no matter whether walking or riding, for the purpose of protecting him. He succeeds to the ownership of a very stately mansion in London, known as Spencer House, overlooking Green Park, and formerly leased by Mrs. Ogden Goelet, of New York, now rented by Baron de Forest.

Althorp, his country seat in Northamptonshire, has been in the possession of the Spencers since long before the reign of Henry VIII, and although the celebrated library was sold by the late earl to Mrs. John Rylands, for the Rylands' public library at Manchester, yet the house remains full of treasures of every kind, including no less than twenty paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds, thirty-two by Lely, Raphael, Rubens, Murillo, Holbein, Raphaell, Bellini, Guido, Della Robbia, Mantegna, and Guido Reni.

The Spencer plate is also extremely valuable. It comprises two plates which are the largest pieces of fine gold plate in any private collection, and a silver wine ewer as large as

the bath all three inherited from the first Duke of Marlborough.

Perhaps the most cherished pieces in the collection of plate are, however, the gold casket, in which the third earl received the freedom of London when he was chancellor of the exchequer, and a beautiful silver gift-jug, one of four provided by penny subscriptions from the nation, for Lord Althorp, Lord Russell, Lord Grey, and Lord Brougham, in recognition of their efforts in passing the reform bill, in the early part of last century.

The poet Edmund Spencer, author of the "Faerie Queen," was a frequent guest at Althorp, and many of his poems are dedicated to the daughter of Sir John Spencer, then the owner of Althorp, who was being married to the young girl; and among the memorials of the poet at Althorp, is a wonderful copy of Bueham of a picture of the poet, painted by an artist of the Elizabethan era.

To Americans, Althorp possesses an additional interest in the fact that Lady Spencer, wife of this Sir John Spencer, was sister of Margaret, wife of John Washington, from whom Gen. George Washington was descended.

Lawrence Washington was not only the kinsman, but the most intimate friend of Sir John Spencer's grandson, Robert, first Lord Spencer, of Althorp, and helped him to entertain Queen Anne, consort of James I, and their eldest son, Henry, Prince of Wales, when they visited Althorp in June, 1603, for which occasion Ben Jonson wrote his "Masque of the Fairies," which was performed in the park on June 26th.

Lawrence Washington died in 1616, and was buried in St. Mary's church, just above the wooded slopes of Althorp, and bordering on the church yard are oak trees which were already growing at the time of the acquisition



A CHANTECLER GOWN OF FLAME RED SATIN.

The bright red shade, rather of the brick and coral than the scarlet tone, are having a great vogue in Paris now for indoor costumes. This dinner gown of Chantecler pink satin—or really a rich shade between flame and coral—has Chantecler motifs embroidered on the bodice, and this bodice buttons, at back and front, over a little shoulder strap, to which the sleeves are attached. The overskirt, turning up and buttoning back on itself, is a graceful motion for a gown of this sort.

### THE SPORT REVIEW.

Notes on Baseball and Other Field Events.

Tommy Burns is organizing a Canadian Indian lacrosse team to tour Australia.

May Wax will be in the races at Gouverneur, N.Y., and Waterdown.

Lacrosse matches—Tremblant, & Montreal, & Toronto; 14th Capital, &

Nationals, 3rd Cornwall, 1.

Mr. Hudson, Oshawa, sold his great little pacing stallion, Joe Patchen, to Ted McKenzie, of Winnipeg. The price is not obtainable, but gossip has it that Mr. McKenzie paid \$12,000.

A new world's pacing record was set by Minnie Hart, at Galtshurst, B.C., when a mile was covered in two minutes flat. Minnie Hart is a son of Hart and Law and was purchased by J. H. Sage, of Minneapolis, a year ago for \$45,000.

George Little, former manager of Jack Johnson, has now taken Sandy Ferguson, the big heavyweight, of Boston, under his management, with the hope of eventually forcing the world to meet him for the heavyweight title.

The Ottawa Rough Riders will be weakened by the absence of some of their best men, who will remain out of the game this season because of the trip of the Ottawa Rowing Club eight to Henley next year. The ornate are not taking chances of being injured.

The National League was organized in 1876, and no club has won the pennant four times in succession since its organization, though Chicago (2), Boston, Baltimore and Pittsburgh have all won the pennant three consecutive times. The American League was organized in 1900, and no club has yet won four consecutive pennants.

P. D. Wilson, Ottawa, who represented McGill as honorary secretary treasurer of the J.R.F.U., intends taking a law course at Osgoode Hall, and has resigned the above offices. He has nominated Allan Johnson, another Toronto boy, a student at McGill, for the position, and it is likely that Mr. Johnson will continue for the remainder of the present year.

A statement that the Jeffries John

son fight pictures would likely appear

in Toronto shortly is untrue. First,

it is against the law as decided by the Ontario government, and second,

the customs authorities will not al-

low the films across the line. The only

way those interested in them can view

the pictures is to go to Buffalo, or

Rochester or Montreal—the nearest place

where they are shown.

G. A. Comiskey's recently installed

lights received their first real try

out at the American League ground

at Chicago, when the Illinois Athlet-

ic and Calumet Lacrosse teams bat-

ted for over two hours in a fat-

match in the glare of over one mil-

lion candle power of light, which con-

sists of a portion of the light plant

that will give Chicago night baseball

in the near future. The plant proved

itself equal to the occasion, for the test

held up what was expected.

Chicago Tribune: The track

for the horse racing season is at its

lowest ebb. Those who used to wad-

through the mud to play that game are now unlikely to do so.

They have been deprived of the actual thing, to

long that they have forgotten what it looks like, probably. When we hear that cry "Stop Gambling,"

it sounds like those we are inclined to re-

member, it is a cattle-fish stall, to let

something else get by.

At the time for the power boat

race through the Niagara, Whirlpool

Rapids draw near the entry list begins to dwindle. The race is set for Sept. 17th. Out of twenty possible entries, more than half have advised

the committee in charge that they

cannot prepare for the race this year

and suggest postponing it until next

season. Claus P. Larson, of Cleve-

land, is building a fourteen-foot boat

which he says he will go through

the Niagara Whirlpool Rapids regard-

less of the "Penton cup" contest. It

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WILL WELCOME QUEEN'S OWN.

London, Aug. 27.—The British army is looking forward to the arrival of the Queen's Own Rifles from Toronto, and every preparation is being made for their reception at Bushrook Green, where the first division takes them over on Monday. The field training will last from September 13th. Probably some civic entertainment will be offered. Special arrangements are being made for the regiment's visit to the tower of London. The king will probably inspect them at Buckingham palace.

Money to Secure Engineers.