BEAUTY TRIPS BLITHELY OVER BALDHEAD ROW TO BEJEWELED LUXURY OF OLD-WORLD NOBILITY

War's Aftermath Emphasizes Rise to Position of Many Fair Stage Celebrities

Some day I mean to wed a Duke, don't doubt me! And none will dare to hint rebuke about me. The biggest swells will come to me On Thursday afternoons for tea, And Emperors will make their bows When I'm at Cowes.

-Gaiety Girl's Song.

From the stage to the peerage! From pink tights and paste gems to glittering coronets and ancestral

From the glare of footlights to the gallantry and glamour of the Not the easiest road to travel! But a romantic and thrilling one,

and stately ladies of Shakespearean repertoires. It may seem a far cry from mimicry to reality, but it really is no Barther than the distance from twinkling legs of alluring ladles of the

Countess Poulett, for

merly Lillian Sylvia Storey, daughter of an actor and herself an

shorus to baldhead row; no farther than from back stage to proscenium. Events prove it, despite the wellknown antipathy of nobility to the back to her singing. She sang at Mur-

Events prove it, because even younger sons of noble houses and heirs presumptive have no more sleep in the wardrobe—this future serviceable defensive against a bat- duke among the umbrellas and the cory of provocative eyes than the One night he eriest commoner.

Events prove it, because the little commoners with wines and quiver is

youngster with wings and quiver is out among the guests. He instantly no respecter of persons at all, coupling the hearts of downstairs and upstairs, of poverty and riches, of beauty and stupidity, ugliness and brains-and the permutations and combinations of all those quali-

May Etheridge, former Galety girl, married Lord Edward Fitzgerald, third son of the Duke of Leinster, in 1914. Today she is the Duchess of Leinster and the first actress-duchess during the last hundred years.

About a hundred years ago, Harriet Mellon, famous Drury Lane star, became the fifty-year-old bride of the twenty-six-year-old Duke of St. Albans. This young Pendennis lived happily with his Fotheringay until 1832, when she died.

Between the dates of her death and the assumption of the Duchessship by May Etheridge this year, there have been no actress-duch-

Weds the Sweet Little, Neat Little Pajama Girl

But May, the "sweet little, neat little pajama girl," on the stage since she was thirteen, knew there was going to be another one soon. for hadn't she gone to an old gipsy,

and one which has attracted chic and gay chorines even as it has the dark

Duchess of Leinster, who May Etheridge, a Girls of the Gaiety Choruses Doff Pini Tights and Paste Gems to Reign in Homes of Wealth and Name

"Indeed! Really!" fluted her polished acquaintance, who knew quite well enough. "Ladies in our position wouldn't—ahem—ah—enjoy it at all!"
"No," came back the answer, firmly polite. "I'm sure you wouldn't. Stage life would be far too serious for you. Nearly every Gaiety girl is obliged to think occasionally."

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"He would only allow me six such the wounded, and was active in all the war service of the community in which she lives.

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It was a knock-out, but it was by these tactics, used many times, that the newest Marchioness, showed, in spite of the silly songs she may have once sung, she was a woman of resource and some thought and dignity.

Scrubwoman Beauty Dons \$100,000 Worth of Jewels

When Frances Belmont, of Brooklyn, daughter of a bricklayer, played in "My Lady," she was cast as a scrubwoman, and sang: "When Maggie Doolan scrubs the floor You can bet the floor is clean!" At that time, if you had told her the was going to marry Francis Denzil Edward Baring, Fifth Lord Ashburton, she would have laughed at you, and perhaps, being of a merry nature, would have sprinkled you with a few soapsuds.

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While she was playing this energetic and very capable acrubwoman, Lord Ashburton was Ambassador to the United States. He was helping direct the affairs of the world, while Frances scrubbed the stage floor and delighted the hearts of jaded business men.

Nevertheless, strange things are not anticipated. Frances Belmont was so seductively beautiful that she bound to happen when strange things are not anticipated. Frances Belmont was so seductively beautiful that she was placed in the famous "Florodora Sextet" in 1901, and, as did each one of that sextet of beauty and rollicking gaiety, she became known the world over.

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In 1905 she met and married Earl Roshim," she declared, "because I couldn't ger fid of him. He is one of the most persistent men I have to get rid of him, the is one of the world conflict. Si married him," she

A year or so previous to 1908 Lord Ashburton was presented to her, and in 1906, at Passy, the two were married. And it was a brilliant marriage, the like of which had not been seen for many years. Instead of dragging his bride off to a secret wedding. Lord Ashburton gathered titled folk about him and did the thing up brown. His wife wore the Ashburton jewels, val-

The fifth Earl of Roslyn got into the public print originally not by marrying an actress, but by becoming an actor himself. He played indifferently under the name of James Erskine, and his first matrimonial venture was with Beatrice Irwin, a member of the same company. But they were shortly after divorced and Earl Roslyn ventured a second time with the American actress. second time with the American actress, Anna Robinson, of Minneapolis.

In 1905 Anna Robinson was a household name. Originally she had been an artist's model, and then she went on the stage. Her inexpressible beauty and her ability won her not only fame but an immense fortune, which she is said to have annut lavishly.

Wasn't Worth Trouble

The eccentric Lord Russell, who later married the woman who wrote "Elizabeth and her German Garden," met and married Mabel Scott, a Gaiety girl, in 1890. Mabel said that she married him for his title, and then left him after four months. According to Mabel, the title wasn't worth the trouble.

She said her husband forced her to act as his valet, beat her, locked her in her room without leaving her a stitch

The trial was one of the most e travagant in recent years, and if Mal got no alimony, she certainly got a lof publicity.

"I love her and she loves me," we the excuse the Honorable Henry Lyn hurst Bruce, son and heir of Lord Abedare, made when he married Camil Clifford, of Boston, Mass., in 190 She was a statuesque blonde, born Christiania, Norway; a children's maup to her fifteenth year, she steerag to America.

The Honorable Henry was a wealthy in his own right, and he con ageously opened a public garage. I met Miss Clifford while she played in

Prince of Pilsen."
Immediately after their marriag

Miss Rachel Estelle Berridge, now to Countess of Clonmell, who on the sta-before her marriage was Denise Orns starring in the "Hon'ble Phil," in 1907 married Captain John R. Yarde-Bulls eldest son of Lord Churston. The mar-

eldest son of Lord Churston. The marriage was kept secret for some time, by when the news leaked out, peerage we quite ready to receive the actress.

One of the catches of the season 1906 was Jack Southwell Reset twenty-fifth Baron de Clifford wowned 18,000 acres in County May Ireland, and other large estates. To ty-one-year-old Eva Carrington, a foot-high beauty, played at the tin a comedy called "The Catch of Season."



The note that shocked a king brought

Camille Clifford married Hon. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce, heir of Lord Aberdare

Lady Clonmell, formerly

Rachael Estelle Berridge Vesta Tilley, from whom me of their fashions, was one of the first impersonators to appear on the small and she is said to have been the seat. Her "Algy," in spats and free coat, or in monocle and dress suit, in figurally was a sight for tired to the coat. coat, or in monocle and dress sur, in fiannels, was a sight for tired to And when Sir Walter de Frece at her, he straightway stumbled into the deepest sort of love, and married her.

When Sir Henry de Bathe learn that his twenty-eight-year-old son, thonorable Hugo Geralde de Hathe, he married forty-seven-year-old

Honorable Hugo Geralde de Bathe, married forty-seven-year-old Langtry—famous on the stage as "Jersey Lily" or "Mrs. Lily Langtrs, slthough her name was Emille Charlet—he threw all his son's clothes of the window and refused him admission to the house. That was in 1809. But he repented. Mrs. Langtry considered "the most beautiful wome in the world." Her Lady Macbeth, Rosalind, were milestones by which mark the history of the best that is the theatre.

Fashions of women throughout

Fashions of women throughout a world followed her lead. There Langtry hats, Langtry parasols, Langtry boas. No father-in-law could with a standard and a second standard and a second standard and a second s

try boas. No father-in-law could we stand such a person.

Before her marriage to the He Hugo, her name had been linked with that of the Prince of Wales, let King Edward. They were good free and their friendship was only disrupt after, it is said, Mrs. Langtry drops a piece of ice down the Prince's backlady de Bathe toured America 1915 with a short play. She was the sixty-two, and her beauty as notered that the said of the characteristic of the characteristic

And so on go the ladies of the char and east. Nothing is too high for the whether it is hats to kick or perto conquer. Some of their conquering the end are disastrous, but the pority of them are successful.

Marchioness of Headfort, who was pretty Rosie Boote

and hadn't the old gipsy read her

"I see love, riches and the straw-Hugo de Bathe berry leaves of a Duchess for you," whispered the seeress, and May believed her.

And one night she met the twentyone-year-old Lord Edward, then houtenant in the Irish Guards. He was poor, he wasn't likely to carry on his father's title, but lian Cupid didn't give a hang about that. It was said to be a case of love at first sight—cerseeking a heavy dowry.

His parents strenuously objected to their meeting each other, kidnapped their son and took him abroad. He was allowed to return to London, however, when he promised to break his

They honeymooned in Canada, lived in a woodman's but, and returned to ald's milk punch.' England with but little in the family exchequer and war just peeping over the horizon. When the Germans swept across Bel-

wife sorrowfully—there was a little beby just come, in the month of May, and the purse was empty as ever.

And the Duke, who has tried his limbel at a number of jobs, decided that his biggest honorariums would come with great risks.

became a favorite almost as great an tainly the "pajama girl" was not de- attraction as his talented mother-this ltherately "out" after a title, and cer-tainly Lieutenant Fitzgerald wasn't of Leinster, Marquis of Kildare, Earl

Lily Langtry.

was made an honorary member of the willing to prove it. tended by a unique celebration. Sented on a beflowered high chair, the baby don, he decided all is fair in love and dience with bibs and milk notices war, and ran away with his singing containing something a little stronger then milk; in fact, something so deli-

The Inke of Leinster died this year. and the title fell to Lord Edward, carried with it no wealth. And the to stem the ruthless tide. He left his And the Duke, who has tried his hand at a number of jobs, decided that

Last year, a merchant and the Duke overheard him-declared that a motor-tar couldn't beat the fast Great Northern Express over the 522 miles from London to Aberdeen. The Duke in-When Gerald was one year old he bisted that it could, and said he was

Daredevil Duke Wagers

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on Race and Wins \$15,000

In the merchant wagered S15,000 that it couldn't be done. The Luke of Leinster took him up, won his rece and the stakes.
Shortly after, the daredevil Duke published the fact that for a round sum he would cross the Atlantic Ocean single-handed in a twelve-ton ketch; but before he had opportunity to select his eggshell of a boat, internal troubles in Ireland broke out following peace with England, and he joined the army of the Irish Free State.

He is now fighting, and his wife waits for him with her sturdy little boy.

Nobility of England has learned to love

The twenty-two-year-old officer sat in a box one evening and Rosic, singing and the Marquis a Protestant, she obtained a special dispensation to marry him, and she did, in 1901.

Today, the Marchioness, mother of two golden haired sons and a daughter, is a devoted parent and an honor to the perage. But she had a difficult time living down the coolness of the society to which her title gave her carte blanche.

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Courteous always, he sent notice of

on Pretty Rosie's Hubby Fourth Marquis of Headfort, Lieutenant Geoffrey Thomas Taylor, quar-reled with the family, resigned his lieu-tenancy in the fashionable First Life Guards and insulted King Edward for the sake of Rosie Boote, of the Gaiety Theatre.

The note that shocked a king brought forth, too, a vituperative denunciation of the "misalliances between the peer-age and chorus girls."

But the Marquis was determined, and so was Rosie. Since she was a Catholic and the Marquis a Protestant, she ob-

this singing "pajama girl" as one of

their own.

But she is not the only piquant Gaiety girl who is now a woman of infinite charm and distinction among the titled heads of Europe.

In 1908, Sylvia Lilian Storey daughter of Fred Storey, actor, dancer and scene painter, married William John Lydston, seventhe Earl of Poulett. She was seventeen and he twenty-four, and

was seventeen and he twenty-four, and they married in spite of vigorous disapproval.

She was playing in "The Gay Gordons" when the Earl met her. He wasn't at that time an Earl. In fact, his succeeding to the title was disputed by the notorious "organ-grinder Earl," whose story was gossiped in two conti-Lady Ashburton, ence just william's father, the sixth Earl, his attachment to his King. But he did it unwisely. when he was a young man, was "wild-oatier" than his son. One night, while He wrote:
"The lady I am about to marry is
Miss Rosie Boote, of the Gaiety Theatre, who doubtless is known to your
Majesty."
"Whether the Marguis intended it or intoxicated, he lost an important bet, and his penalty was to marry the first woman he met after leaving the victor. Meeting Elizabeth Lavinia Newman, Whether the Marquis intended it or daughter of a pilot, he married her. Their child became the "organ-grinder not, the implication in the letter dis-turbed the King. King Edward was a rather lively young man himself years The sixth Earl later would have before, it is reported, and the subject was a delicate one. The insinuation in the letter seemed to him to be crass nothing to do with the pilot's daughter. There was a divorce and he remarried twice. The present Earl is issue of the third marriage. King's Wrath Is Visited

effrontery.

And he let the young Marquis realize it. The King declared that if the Marquis married Rosie Boote, they both would be victims of a most complete and telling kind of social ostracism.

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