

GWENDOLYN FIELD'S BETROTHAL TO ENGLISHMAN INCREASES LIST OF U. S. FORTUNES TAKEN ABROAD

Chicago Heiress' Engagement Proves Disappointing to American Society

LIVED IN ENGLAND SINCE CHILDHOOD

Inherits Part of Grandfather's \$200,000,000 Estate When 21 in May

It is difficult to think of dimpled Dan Cupid as a bridge-builder, a merry, prankish artisan throwing a span clear across the Atlantic. But he is. The bridge he has built is not of masonry and steel, but is strong enough to bear more than a billion dollars that international marriages have transferred from this country to Europe.

Money made here in a hundred ways and more, in great trans-continental railroads, in dusty coal mines, in wealth-spouting oil wells, in vast retail enterprises, finds its way to England and the Continent at the call of chubby Dan.

Miss Gwendolyn Field is the latest American heiress to plan an international alliance. Next May, when she is twenty-one years old, she will inherit a half million dollars from the estate of Marshall Field, of Chicago, her grandfather.

London has just heard the announcement of Miss Field's engagement to Charles Edmondstone, heir of Sir Archibald Edmondstone, whose baronetcy dates back to 1774.

The family seat is near Glasgow. Miss Field has lived in England since early childhood with her aunt, Lady Beatty, wife of Earl Beatty, famous English admiral.

Only as late as last year the youthful heiress thought perhaps she would marry an American. She said as much when visiting this country nearly twelve months ago.

Engagement Disappointing to American Society

Announcement of the engagement was a disappointment to American society in general. Just as Chicago's elite were grieved and slightly chagrined to have young Marshall Field and his pretty wife, formerly Evelyn Marshall, of New York, forsake the home city for New York—Chicago has always claimed the Fields—so is New York disappointed that Miss Field's marriage to an Englishman will prevent her establishing a residence in New York comparable to her brother's new Long Island home. And just as Chicago blames Mrs. Marshall Field, who is of New York stock, for alienating her young husband from the city of his birth, the London relatives of Miss Field are held responsible for the international alliance.

Miss Field will be twenty-one years old next May and at that time she will come into possession of the



Miss Gwendolyn Field as she is today

Gwendolyn at the age of four years

1908, three years after the death of Marshall Field, Jr. The bulk of the estate went to Marshall Field, third of the name, and to his brother, Henry Field, now dead. Most of Henry's estate also went to his brother.

Henry Field's death followed soon after his marriage with Nancy Per-



The late Marshall Field, Sr., founder of the vast Field fortune

kins, a niece of Lady Astor and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, of New York. Two years ago Mrs. Nancy Perkins Field was married in the London home of Lady Astor to A. Ronald Tree, of Chicago.

Through the marriage of the widow of Henry Field, a singular family relationship was brought about. Mr. Tree is the son of Lady Beatty, wife of Admiral Earl Beatty. Lady Beatty is a daughter of Marshall Field, 1st, and the aunt of the late Henry Field, as well as of the present Marshall Field and his sister, Gwendolyn.

Chicago Grieved at Losing Captain Field

Soon after the death of Marshall Field, 2d, in 1905, the three Field children were taken abroad by their mother to be educated. With the opening of the World War, Marshall Field returned, not alone to do his bit with brother soldiers during the conflict, but later also to assume the business responsibilities he inherited with his vast fortune. He served in the army with the rank of captain. He became a member of a firm of brokers on La Salle street, Chicago's Wall Street. He and his wife were leaders in the younger social set. Then, influenced by his



Mrs. Marshall Field, 3d, from a late photograph taken in England

2021 to visit her brother and his wife. It was on that occasion that she announced that she expected to marry an American. A pretty, smiling girl in a plain, faultlessly tailored suit of dark blue, with the skirt longer than most American girls her age were wearing, with heavy wooden "stockings" and "sensible" brown shoes, without a trace of powder or lipstick on her fresh countenance, she looked like an English schoolgirl.

"Are you going to marry an American?" she was asked.

"Yes, but I haven't met any young men yet, but I suppose I shall," she replied.

She stayed with her brother and his wife, who she called for England, Chicago relatives of the family, the Stanley Fields, expressed their surprise at the announcement of the engagement and said they had no knowledge of the young man nor of the romance.

In the meantime, Miss Field was receiving her education in England and her first grown-up glimpse of her native city was in 1920 on the occasion of her social debut. It was a short glimpse, for she went on to Santa Barbara for a short stay. She became a part of the great world of London and frequently there were reports of her engagement to sons of leading English families. She had been presented at court. Miss Field came to America again in

land. The future husband of Miss Field has a younger brother, for whom she is christening in 1922, the late King Edward VII school sponsor. The oldest of the three sons of Sir Archibald was killed in action during the battle of the Somme in September, 1916. His younger son is Dunrobin Castle, Blandford, Dorsetshire, near Glasgow, one of the most beautiful of the old Scottish homes, which has been in the family for centuries.

Mrs. Marshall Field, the pretty sister-in-law, is gratified at Miss Field's alliance with one of the oldest of Britain's families, and in the title, green one of the best ones, as it is of its rank. Mrs. Field is a brilliant social strategist, it is said, and has in her pretty blond hair and intelligent face a certain resemblance to her own mother-in-law, the late Queen Victoria. It is reported, too, that some day the Marshall Fields, who have moved from Chicago to New York, will eventually leave out of the family, when there is some opportunity for distinguished services in the crown and a fitting reward.

Miss Field's property, valued from the \$200,000,000 estate of her grandfather, includes, besides cash, 400 shares of Pullman Company stock, valued at about \$45,000, and other stocks and bonds worth approximately \$100,000. She also was given a third interest in the "200s and 300s" of the estate of her father.

Reference cannot be made to the will of the late Marshall Field without recalling the on-lash fight against it by Peggy Marsh, London, and her sister, the young Captain Field, who was named Henry Anthony Marsh. The purpose of young Field and the choice of name, which shortly after the death of Field, in which she herself had a part to play, was to secure for her a settlement of a trust fund for her maintenance, which was made by her brother, Mrs. Marsh, who has since become a Vanderbilt partner in the United States. Field's claim on behalf of her son was a share in it, as was the case with the late Captain Field, who was named Henry Anthony Marsh, her only grandchild. The suit, based upon the use of the terms "issue" and "issue of issue" in Article VII of the will. This article established a trust fund of \$5,000,000, the income of which, upon the death of Marshall Field, was to be paid to the three grandchildren, Henry, Marshall and Gwendolyn. Former Governor Edward E. Dumm, counsel for Peggy, contended that her child, as the "issue" of Henry Field, was entitled to receive two-fifths of the income from the trust fund until he attained the age of twenty-one, at which time

Second Relative of Merchant Prince to Marry into British Nobility

FIANCE IS SCION OF OLD FAMILY

Said She'd Wed Own Countryman, but Had Not Met Him

\$2,500,000 was spent in building the Sutherland house in London.

Gladys Vanderbilt, a daughter of Cornelius and a cousin of the Duchesses of Marlborough, married three years later, a member of the Hungarian feudal nobility, Count Laszlo Szechenyi. Her fortune in her own right was \$12,000,000, but the precise sum which figured in the transaction is not known except to the parties concerned.

The widow of Marshall O. Roberts took a fortune similar in amount to that of the Vanderbilt brides when she married Ralph O. Vivian, of England.

Anna Gould, daughter of Jay Gould, married Boniface, the Count de Castellane in 1885, at the home of her brother-in-law, New York, and the wedding settlement gave him conjugal rights over \$10,000,000. For eleven years he spent the money, then his wife divorced him and married his cousin, the Prince de Sagan, or the Duke of Talleyrand, as he is usually designated.

Rich American Women Who Wed Foreigners

Other American women who have married foreigners and whose income is spent abroad follow:

Mrs. H. H. Spender Clay (Pauline Astor)	\$10,000,000
Lady Evelyn (Miss Bradley-Stuart)	15,000,000
Baroness Bessie (Mrs. Olynia)	8,000,000
Livermore Emma (Mrs. Olynia)	8,000,000
Hon. Mrs. John Campbell (Nancy)	6,000,000
Hon. Mrs. Frederick Guest (Amy)	5,000,000
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Captain Marshall Field, 3d, brother of Gwendolyn and inheritor in the Field estate

the boy should receive two-fifths of the estate fund. Miss Marsh lost her case and it was taken to the Supreme Court of Cook County, which, in turn, held that Henry Anthony Marsh was not entitled to a share in the Field millions. After reviewing the case for some length the Court said:

"We are of the opinion that there is no distinction to be drawn in the construction of the term 'issue' as used in the fourth paragraph of the seventh article of the will, and the term 'lawful issue' as used in the ninth paragraph of the will. The use of the word 'lawful' does not restrict or extend the construction of the term 'issue' in the absence of specific and plain language of the will showing that the testator intended to make such a distinction in construction. Moreover, it is to be noted that the testator, in the construction of the term 'issue' in the ninth paragraph of the will, provided for the same in the case of a male child, and in the case of a female child, and that the same of issue will be both large and distinguished, owing to the family attachments of young Edmondstone and to the high favor in which Earl Beatty is said to be held by the crown.

Peggy Marsh's Fight Against Will Recalled

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Another Big Fortune Will Leave America

Miss Field's marriage to the young Englishman will mean some four million American dollars exported to another country. It has been estimated that within the last thirty-five years more than a billion dollars or possibly twice that amount have gone out of the United States as marriage settlements.

Attention has been focused on the Lewis fortune, which is interesting, if not surprising, the throne of Greece, Princess Anastasia, formerly Mrs. William B. Lewis, was left in sole control of the fortune of the triple-ling, except for a legacy providing for their son. After spending some time abroad, the royal marriage settlement, quickly succeeded by that of her son, William B. Lewis, Jr., to Princess Xenia, niece of King Constantine. The Lewis fortune was estimated at \$10,000,000.

International marriages have thus far cost the Vanderbilt family about \$20,000,000. Consuelo, daughter of William K. Vanderbilt, became the Duchess of Marlborough in 1905. Millions in cash accompanied the marriage, for the money was needed to repair Blenheim Castle. The sum of



Lady David Beatty, wife of the British admiral, formerly Miss Ethel Field, of Chicago

One of the latest of the international marriages was that of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, of London, who was married to the same Duke of Marlborough's cousin, the Prince de Sagan, or the Duke of Talleyrand, as he is usually designated.

Lady Beatty, Gwendolyn Field's aunt, also is numbered in the list of American women who are spending American incomes in foreign lands. Her fortune is estimated at about \$8,000,000. However, regardless of the wealth pretty Miss Field will bring to her English home, it is said to be a love match. Handsome, youthful, a hero of the war, of ancient lineage, what more could even an American heiress want?