

## Tom Paine's Old Farm To Be Sold



SILHOUETTE OF THOMAS PAINE.

THE announcement that the estate in New Rochelle, N. Y., once owned by Thomas Paine is to be sold recalls the theory that this bold and fearless thinker was the real author of the Declaration of Independence adopted 130 years ago next month. Paine was chiefly known at the time of the Revolution and for some years afterward as a writer on political subjects. It was not until later years that the religious writings appeared which earned him a reputation as a critic of the orthodox theology of his time. He was never an atheist, but his attacks on accepted beliefs alienated many of his earlier friends and obscured for years the fact that his services to his country were of great value.

Paine was born in Thetford, Norfolk, England, in 1737. His father was a Quaker and staymaker, and Paine was brought up to his father's trade and also to his beliefs, but he did not adhere to either very long. He was a Methodist preacher in London, a tobaccoist at Lewes, Sussex, and an exciseman before his departure from his native land in 1774. He had made the acquaintance of Benjamin Franklin during the latter's residence in England as agent for the colonies, and this statesman's influence found work for his pen when he arrived in America. The work that attracted the most attention at the time and that upon which his character as a patriot is chiefly based was his pamphlet entitled "Common Sense," in which he advocated absolute separation from the mother country. It came out early in 1776 and greatly influenced the movement which resulted in the adoption of the Declaration of Independence later in the year. Whether he wrote that immortal document or not, he furnished many arguments that



PAINE MONUMENT, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. were used in effecting its passage. As to the question of Paine's possible authorship of the Declaration, the theory has been advanced that he wrote a paper of similar import and showed it to Jefferson and Franklin, with whom he was on intimate terms, that when these two were appointed on the committee to draw up a declaration Jefferson went to Paine to get his draft and, using it as a basis, wrote the document whose authorship is usually credited to him.

On account of his authorship of "Common Sense" the American Philosophical society admitted him to membership, the University of Pennsylvania conferred upon him the degree of M. A., and the state legislature voted him the sum of \$500. He served a short time in the army as aid to General Nathanael Greene, and in 1781 he was influential in obtaining loans from France and Holland for the new nation, and so much were his services in this and other ways appreciated that congress voted him \$3,000 and the state of New York gave him the farm at New Rochelle where he spent the closing years of his life. The estate was originally one of 300 acres. Paine died at New Rochelle in 1809, and his body was buried on his farm, but in 1819 it was taken to England by the Radical William Cobbett, with the hope of arousing enthusiasm for the republican ideas of which Paine was the exemplar. The monument for which Paine provided in his will still stands near his first grave. The occupant of the old farmhouse for the past forty years has been Wesley See.

The stormiest period of the life of this writer and sage was that portion passed in France in the closing years of the eighteenth century. He was received as a hero by the revolutionists and made a member of the national assembly, but his republicanism was not radical enough to please the Jacobins. He voted against the beheading of Louis and was thrown into prison by Robespierre. He was released through the efforts of James Mouroe.

### A ZEALOUS WORKER.

#### Bishop Grafton, Whose "High" Views Have Been Criticized.

The Right Rev. Charles C. Grafton, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Foud du Lac, Wis., who has been accused of heresy by the rector of one of the parishes in his diocese, is known as an "advanced churchman." His "high" views have often been criticised by members of his communion, but he has never been called to account for them by the authorities of his church. He is widely known for his missionary zeal. His views on celibacy of the clergy have sometimes been likened to the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church on this subject, but the bishop has explained that he does not advocate enforced celibacy, but rather that ministers should refrain from marriage for at least five years after ordination in order to give themselves to self sacrificing work for the benefit of humanity and in order to know thoroughly what their calling is before choosing a partner for life.

Bishop Grafton is now in his seventy-seventh year, and his career is full of



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BISHOP CHARLES C. GRAFTON. episodes showing his devotion to a life of good works. He was a young clergyman in Baltimore when the civil war broke out, and it was he who, with a certain charitable lady of the city, took the wounded soldiers of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, in the face of popular bitterness, from the railroad depot, where they were lying in neglect, and carried them where he could assist in nursing them back to health. Though he was a staunch Unionist he never during those days of civil strife lost the affections of his Baltimore flock. His reputation for eloquence and pastoral success led to his being called to a leading parish in Philadelphia, but he declined the call and went to England to seek co-operation in organizing a band of evangelists whose work should be that of preaching from place to place to masses of people. These evangelists were afterward known as the Cowley Fathers.

He returned to this country in 1872 and became rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston, from which he was called in 1888 to the bishopric he now holds. He was a mission worker in England during the cholera scourge and became a cholera hospital chaplain, working also in the slums in ministries to the most destitute and degraded.

#### Shadow Buff.

To play shadow buff you should fasten a sheet up at one end of the room so that it will hang quite smooth. "Buff," not blinded, seats himself on a low stool, with his face to the sheet, and a table, on which is a lighted candle, is placed about five feet behind him. The rest of the lights in the room should be extinguished. "Buff's" play-fellows next pass in succession between the candle and him, distorting their features in as grotesque a manner as possible, hopping, limping and doing everything to make their shadows as unlike their natural looks as possible. "Buff" must try to guess to whom the shadows belong, and if he is correct the player whose shadow he recognizes takes his place. "Buff" is allowed but one guess for each person.

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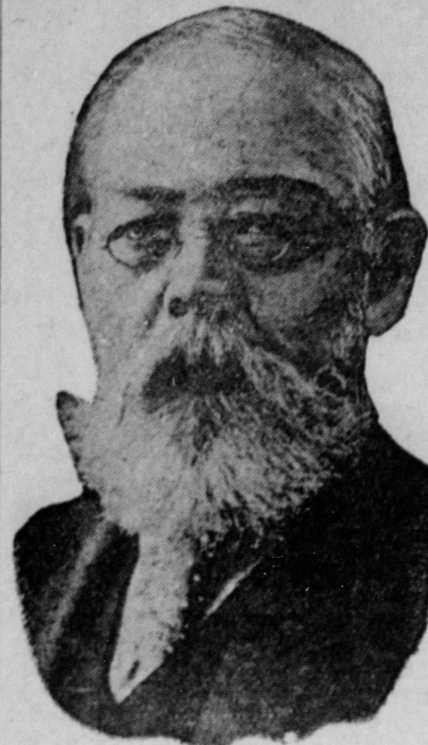
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### VISCOUNT AOKI.

#### Career of Japan's First Ambassador to the United States.

Viscount Siuzo Aoki, first ambassador of Japan to the United States, who was officially received by President Roosevelt a short time ago, is a figure of especial interest for several reasons. In view of the warm friendship existing between Japan and the United States and the admiration felt in this country for the way in which the Japanese conducted their campaign in the war against Russia any one representing them at Washington would be received with sincere cordiality. But in the cabinet. Viscount Aoki ranks close to the American republic the mikado selected one of his most valued subjects and a man who at the first vacancy will, it is said, be admitted to that powerful circle of advisers of his majesty known as "the elder statesmen." Among these counselors are such men as the Marquis Ito, Field Marshals Yamagata and Oyama and Counts Matsukata and Inouye, and, though they have no definite standing in the government of the realm, they are more powerful than the cabinet. Viscount Aoki ranks close up with these men and is reputed to be the most prominent man in the northern half of the island of Nippon.

The viscount is also a character of unusual interest from the fact that he is the first Asiatic diplomat to introduce a European wife to the ambassadorial



VISCOUNT SIUZO AOKI

circles of Washington. For the Viscountess Aoki is a German and a baroness in her own right. She was Fraulein von Rad-Funkhazen, a member of one of the most aristocratic families of Germany, and at the time she married the viscount was the Baroness von Ralden, widow of a German cavalry officer. The new ambassador is sixty-one years of age and has been twice minister of foreign affairs of his country and twice minister to Germany, where he studied as a boy.

#### Sanguine Twisters.

A good merry-making game is trying to repeat difficult sentences over and over again. One of the simplest and best of these is "mixed biscuits." Another is "gig whip," and even worse than that is "six thick thistle sticks." Peter Piper fades into insignificance when compared with such jaw breakers. Having mastered them, attempt "She stood at the door welcoming him in" and proceed to the direction which the writer has been obliged to give, "Stop at the shop at the top of Sloane street." Should any member of the company feel sure of the prize thus far, an antidote to conceit is: "There was an old woman, and she was a thistle sifter. She had a sieve of sifted thistles and a sieve of unsifted thistles, and she was a thistle sifter."

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