

## AMERICAN WOMEN ROMANCE STARVED

Noble Author Explains Why  
Europeans Attract the  
Fair Yankees.

### AMERICANS NOT CULTURED.

NEW YORK LEISURE CLASS DESCRIBED AS NOISY, ROISTERING, GOSSIPING AND SCANDAL MONGERING PEOPLE.

New York, Oct. 24.—"American women of society are simply starving for romance," said Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy in a talk regarding his forthcoming novel, "The Passer-By."

The book seeks to clear up the problem of why foreign men seem to be peculiarly fascinating to the American girl, the problem which puzzles the American man at every announcement of a new international love affair. And certainly it would appear that Prince Troubetzkoy, the husband of Amelie Rives and the son of an American woman who preferred an Italian nobleman for a husband, would be the ideal man to answer the question.

He is in the rare position of knowing not only the new and the old world civilizations but of knowing them from a point of view formed by a crossroads of the Anglo-Saxon and the Latin.

"Before we go further," said the prince, "let me say I do not aver that American men and women in my book are typical Americans; they are, however, typical New Yorkers. It is only New York people I know well.

#### Development of Taste.

"Indeed, four months out of the year I consider myself as much a New York man as anybody. I did not use to feel at home here. I know it sounds like the height of silliness, but I think the American attitude toward men's clothes had something to do with it."

"Do you remember the word 'dude'?" It was a term of contempt for a man who was not satisfied with being merely decently dressed, but went in for little niceties of style and harmony in clothes and who studied the art of being well groomed as a part of a gentleman's duty to himself. At that time a carefully dressed man was subject to caricatures in the papers and the cause of audible comment in public places. Today every man tries to be as perfectly dressed as he can; you can no longer describe or classify anybody by calling him a 'dude.'

"You can see this development in taste in the architecture of New York's newer buildings. Fifteen years ago they were building what was then New York's most magnificent hotel. It was considered the last word in that sort of architecture. Today, beside the great new retail stores near it in Fifth avenue it is a monstrous hodgepodge.

"Please understand, I do not say it is the improved taste in clothes or architecture of New York which makes me feel more at home now than at first. What I mean is that they are symbols of a finer point of view on the part of Americans themselves."

"In this inherited mental attitude of making an art of all endeavors, no matter how seemingly trivial, lies the strength of the foreign man in his appeal to women. In Europe there is a large class of men who have the leisure—or at least take it—to cultivate the art of pleasing, of making their association with other men and with women as agreeable as possible. They have taken all the little matters of dress and deportment and conversation and resolved them into a sort of beautiful mosaic of manners, of which every apparent triviality is a faultless part."

"Now all this takes leisure to accomplish, and if the American man is less attractive to a woman than the foreigner, it is because he is too busy—or has got into the habit of feeling too busy—to acquire the subtler graces of social life. Women are idealists and lovers of romance, and this, what I call precious, style of dress and manners make an instant appeal."

"The vagaries of New York taste are perplexing. It is surprising how large a market there is here for the mediocre and how almost impossible it is for the best in books and pictures to find a profitable public. It is the old story of being too busy to care about quality or cleverness as long as there is some sort of amusement to be had. Of course there is a small leisure class in New York who know and demand the best, but it is so small that it hardly pays to cater to it. But this class is growing, I think."

"Doubtless the next generation of New York's wealthy society will closely approach the European ideal of civilized living. At present society is suffering from a sort of money drunkenness. It is noisy, roistering, gossiping, scandal mongering. This, of course will come to an end for it will become tiresome."

"And in place of the spending, speed loving millionaires of today there will be developed a class of moneyed men such as there are in England and on the continent who will use their leisure for the benefit of the community."

"Rich men will go from the university into politics, where they will infuse a new spirit of public service divorced from graft, hypocrisy and demagoguery."

## OUR FOUR YEAR QUEENS



MARTHA (DANBRIDGE) WASHINGTON.

### Story of Home Life of First Mistress of the White House—Her Sweet Character.

Many a sweet girl dreams of being the "first lady" of America. To the uninitiated the pleasures of being mistress of the White House are very appealing, but with these pleasures come duties which take away the novelty of the situation and reduce it to a strenuous life, second only to that of the president himself.

Martha Washington stepped into the social position which came with her husband's election, as naturally as any lady could. As a Virginia girl, Martha Danbridge, and as the young wife of Colonel Curtis she had seen little of hardship, protected as she was by wealth and tradition; and she came to her position a stately, kind and plump lady, whose thoughts and ambitions lay all in the fulfillment of her social and domestic duties. She grew to be very much like Washington in manner, even in voice, and her mind moulded itself to his.

When Lady Washington took her position and her courteous title to the presidential court was at 3 Franklin Square, New York. Her journey from Virginia to the capitol was made a royal progress, with bells and cannon. At Elizabeth, N. J., her husband joined her, and they crossed the Hudson in a stately barge manned by 13 master pilots, all in white. She took up her rule courteously, though with a sigh for the quiet life to which she had previously looked forward. The eti-

#### Attended Household.

Mrs. Washington inspected her household daily, giving out stores and visiting dairy and cellar dressed in a white dimity gown, which, we are told, was kept spotless for a week, to be succeeded by the dimity that had been worn at dinner the week before.

Two years later, when Philadelphia became the capital, President Washington personally superintended the laborious moving. Mrs. Washington spoke of the eight years of her husband's private life as "lost years." And they were undoubtedly lost to her, but no one gave them up more graciously than the much loved wife who realized the value her husband was to his country in establishing a new world power on a practical basis.

## NORTHWEST MEN LOOK FOR WIVES

### Women Are Very Scarce in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

#### AVAILABLE SUPPLY IS GONE

ONE OREGON COUNTY MAN SPENT \$5,000 RAILROAD FARE FOR WOMEN SCHOOL MARMS, AND ALL ARE MARRIED.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 24.—How are the marriageable men of the Pacific northwest to find wives? This question is one that is being carefully considered by educators, ministers, boards of trade, commercial bodies and organization of men formed for the purpose of settling the question. It is getting to be a serious matter. In the fruit orchards, on the wheat farms, the dairy farms and chicken ranches, in the forests where men have hewn out a home, along the bays and rivers where men engage in fishing and other marine pursuits, in the small towns where the professional men and merchants are thriving and in the large cities, the same proposition confronts the men. They are making money, they can provide a good home, give a wife all comforts and pleasures. The men are the right kind, too, for they have carved out their own fortunes and have the spirit and snap of the west that is driving this country forward at a faster rate than any country ever went before. They are getting tired of single blessedness, they want wives, companions, some one with whom to share their good state.

But how to get them? The men are too busy to travel and spend the time necessary looking for a wife in the parts of the country where there are enough women to go around. Some do this to be sure and it helps a little for the wives thus found generally invite their sisters, cousins and best chums out west to see the country and the inevitable always happens. Some hustling young chap who never is beaten, falls in love and the very speed of the wooing wins the girl. But only a very small percentage of the men are thus provided.

The matter has reached the point where a general call for the consideration of the problem has been sent out and it is proposed to have a congress at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition next summer in this city at which the matter in all its phases will be considered and discussed. The women of the northwest are interesting, too. They have seen the terrible dearth of wives and with the unselfishness that is characteristic of women, they want to see the situation equalized. In New England there are almost twice as many women as men. And New England is further away from the Pacific Northwest than any other part of the United States. There ought to be a balance struck.

Some of the experiences in various towns of the state are typical of the general conditions. Only a year ago in Wenatchee, when the local telephone system was placed in operation, it was necessary to send to Seattle for girls to operate the line. In less than three months every girl resigned to get married. The acquaintances started over the wires between the girls and the young bachelors on the fruit ranches. The company sent to Seattle for old maids. But the old maid got married quicker than the younger girls. Then five girls were brought out from Minnesota under contract. For a third time the little girl of love got busy. The company flashed the contracts. The girls laughed and so did the men for it was impossible to get a jury to levy damages against the girls for getting married.

Many counties of Washington, Oregon and Idaho have given up hope of getting women school teachers. They don't want them for none stay beyond a year at most of them quit before the term is out. One county of Oregon has spent over \$5,000 in paying railroad fares for women teachers from the east. Now the hire only men teachers. But bringing out men only exaggerated the general condition for the men teachers soon want wives and can not find them.

Men who have started new factories have been compelled to send east for the female workers, but they have the same experience. More than half of the girls leave during the first year to get married.

It is a big problem, this question of wives for the men of the northwest, and all hope the congress next year can solve it.

With cheese. Any kind may be used, but it should be one that has a strong cheese flavor; something not too delicate. These slices are then rolled, put in the oven and baked. They are served hot and give to the light luncheon a splendid flavor.

Miss Jessie Mann entertained last evening at her home on South Eighth street.

Mrs. George Cutter gave a delightful child's party yesterday afternoon at her home, 204 South Seventh street. The affair was given in honor of her little son, Master Roland, and was also to celebrate his sixth birthday anniversary. Games and music were features of the afternoon. Luncheon was served in the dining room which was attractively decorated with red bells and ferns. Master Roland received a number of pretty gifts.

The invited guests were: Master Howard Feltman, Miss Mable Roser, Master Roland Feltman, Miss Francis Roser, Master John Kleasner, Master Clever hostesses now serve a delicious little tidbit for luncheon or with afternoon tea that is made of cheese and bread in the following manner. The bread is very light and cut quite thin into slices. It is then spread

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## Woman's World

It cannot be made to emphatic that the poor girl of the great middle classes, who earns a scanty weekly or daily wage, should eschew the large hat.

Even for the modish world it is not likely that the recent craze of the large hat will last more than to the middle of winter.

Several one-piece empire princess robes of black broadcloth have been noted of late at small luncheons and at weddings.

October is the month eminently suited to the wearing of satin wedding robes, instead of the misty chifons and other exquisitely thin fabrics that will rule the bride's choice during the summer months and which are generally more appropriate in September than the heavier, long-time honored satins.

October is certainly not the month for novelties in wedding gowns.

The woman who takes as her life motto, "Do it at once" is the woman who is not tormented by an accusing conscience. The modern prayer for forgiveness is chiefly for things we have not done.

The only time one is sure of is the present; putting to some more convenient moment is to lay up for oneself a reputation of rudeness instead of culture.

To be worn with an all-white gown is a bandeau of pearl-colored scales, studded with larger pearls. On one end is a knot of pearls while on the other and appears a bow knot of the material as the bandeau.

The plaited braid belt is one of the season's novelties.

Caracula and ponyskins are prominent among early furs.

Simplicity will be the slogan of the winter's millinery.

There is a strong vogue for double-breasted coats for men.

Many tailored shirtwaists are in light wool, smooth surfaced.

Plaids are much worn and form some of the smartest fall suits.

Long sleeves are invariable with the new tailored shirtwaists.

Embroidery figures on stockings for afternoon and evening wear only.

Most of the new coats are perfectly straight all around the lower edge.

Green is the color of the moment in men's wear, the tones being dark.

The blouse that matches the suit has, to some extent, replaced the separate blouse.

*Ancient Glassmaking.*

When the council of ten ruled Venice they issued a decree regarding the art of glassmaking. It runs: "If a workman carry his art beyond the limits of his country to the detriment of the republic, he shall be destined to return. If he disobey, his nearest relatives shall be imprisoned. If, in spite of their imprisonment, he remain obstinate in his wish to live abroad, an emissary shall be sent off to kill him."

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