

Arthur Sassoon

Count Ruchley at
The Army He Organized

Tulcha Lodge

Mrs. Arthur Sassoon

I am told the Whites still mean to keep on their London house and have no intention of moving from it any of the furniture. They contemplate making large purchases for their new Paris house.

On the historic journey to South Africa, the majority of the men who enjoyed it are never likely to be forgotten by them. Champagne and other choice wines flowed freely and there to be found at the summit of the banquet on their way out. On the way home, however, funds having become low, no alcoholic drinks were mixed free with the carboys provided themselves for the occasion. The men were left with the carboys fully marked after each drink which struck either on board as being peculiar considering the generosity with which they had fed themselves on the outgoing journey, the fact which was supplied from the funds.


LADY MARY.

One of the most remarkable episodes of Count Puckler's anti-Jewish campaign was the formation of a small army of mounted regiments for the purpose of frightening Jews from his own

HIS BATTLE CRY.

barous conduct, and the French, who had

CHILDREN OF ANAM.



back in the sunshine of royal favor. One of them, Arthur Sassoon, has just enjoyed the distinguished honor of ennobling his majesty at Dalman Lodge in Scotland—and not for the first time, either. There is no more striking example of the power of wealth to carry one to the pinnacle of social distinction than the triumphs by the Sassoons. The story of their rise is as romantic as a chapter from the "Arabian Nights."

WAS A BAGDAD JEW.

Abdallah Sassoon, the father of Arthur Sassoon, was a Bagdad Jew. In estimation the son of a British aristocrat, the special social gulf between him and a Bagdad Jew is about as broad and as deep as that which separates a action of one of the first families of England from a beggar.

This is a mere statement of fact. So far as it is in the power of pedigree to confer distinction the Sassoons could claim to be far superior to the premier families of the British Empire, the kingdom of Norman blood. For old Abdallah Sassoon traced his descent from Shephath, the fifth son of David.

For ages the family had been settled at Bagdad. They had the Semitic talent for making money and keeping it and transmitted the gift to their posterity. As merchants, bankers and financiers they waxed rich generation after generation.

A black and white illustration of a family of five in traditional Chinese clothing. A woman stands in the center, flanked by two children. A man sits on the right, and a young child sits in a wheeled chair on the left. The style is a detailed woodblock print or engraving.

The larger of the little boys pictured herewith is now king of the Asiatic country of Anam. His father was deposed recently on account of his barbarous conduct, and the French, who have held a protectorate over Anam for several years, made the little crown prince king under a regency.

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There is a story of a student of So. 34 as it is in the power of pedicure to confer distinction the Saneoons could claim to be far superior to the premier peer of England or any other man in the kingdom of Norman blood. For old Abdallah Saneoon traced his descent from Shephathah, the fifth son of David.

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The edge of Abdullah's pile aroused the envy of his Mohammedan neighbors. They formed a plot to murder him and took his property. Abdullah got wind of it. Hastily gathering together what treasures he could carry, he fled with his family to the mountains, leaving no trace of his whereabouts. He was performing much of his possessions.

Bombay or Bagdad—it was all the same to him as to getting for making money. The first refusal, too, originally from Mohammedan neighbors, was a—ah, even at that time, cornered most of the lucrative business in Bombay. They presented Abdullah's intrusion as a great insult. They tried to crowd him out, but Abdullah was more than a match for them. He stuck and was soon making money faster than any of them.

Now he had changed his habits, he still clung obstinately to his patriarchal mode of life; and insisted that all the members of his family should retain the distinctive mannerisms of the East. He was unwilling one of the family did be content to let them wear European clothes. "Let them see what side you are on," he remarked, as he gave them leave to wear the southern garb of western civilization.

At Abdallah's house in Bombay, one of Arthur Sassoon's sisters, Aziza Sassoon, was married. Hearing in mind