

MILLIONS AWAIT FORTUNATE HEIR.

Next-of-kin of Rich Mrs. Blake,
Who Died in London in 1876.
May be in America.

SEARCH WILL BE INSTITUTED

British Government Will Claim all
This Wealth Soon Unless Lawful
Claimant Is Found.

Special Correspondence.

London, Sept. 8.—For the past 27 years people in various parts of Ireland, Australia and America have been troubling themselves with the alluring prospect of being the heirs of the late Mrs. Helen Blake who died in the fashionable Kensington quarter of London in 1876, leaving close upon \$2,500,000, with no will and no heirs. The life story of Mrs. Blake was evidently romantic. It is proved beyond doubt that at the time of her marriage to General Blake—about the year 1820—she was a simple Irish girl of humble origin named Nellie Sheridan, and as her husband—who came of a rich family—was disinherited for marrying her, these millions must have accumulated subsequent to the marriage. The record of the British treasury shows that it succeeded to the sum named in the absence of any one coming forward at the time of Mrs. Blake's death to prove their title.

During the last two or three years a family named Casey in Baltimore have been appealing to the British government with the view of convincing it that they are at least lineal descendants of the deceased. Other claims have come from Chicago and Boston.

The government has advertised the property in the usual way and there being then no indication that there was a legitimate heir, it became entitled to the fortune. Now, however, a new actor has appeared on the scene, and although claiming no relationship with the deceased, he is going to bombard the treasury with evidence which he hopes will render it impossible for the department to retain money which does not morally belong to it. There is no question about the man's bona fides. He is a retired Indian civil servant, a member of the East India Service club in St. James' Square, London. His name is J. D. B. Gribble, and he is going to be assisted in his investigations by J. K. Lamont, a member of the Scotch College of Heriots who is his private secretary. Both men are now in Ireland securing the counties of Longford, Roscommon, Leitrim and Galway for parish registers, which may help to throw some light on the antecedents of Mrs. Blake.

They will leave for America in about two weeks and go direct to Baltimore, where they hope to get the remaining materials to build up the family tree. Mr. Gribble's appearance on the scene is not prompted by pecuniary motives. An old friend whom he met in India who felt that he had a title to a fortune of Mrs. Blake's millions asked him on his return to England to look into the matter. Mr. Gribble amuses himself with research of this kind, and was glad to avail himself of the opportunity his friend had given him.

The greatest difficulty that Mr. Gribble will have to encounter in his investigations in Ireland arises from the fact that the parish registers were imperfectly kept at the date of Mrs. Blake's birth and the registration act had not become law. Mr. Gribble is not troubled, however, with the legal difficulties of the question. If the treasury should raise the plea with which the statute of limitations provides it, he will go to the king and voice his assistance. He is determined in any case before he returns to India to find the next of kin or knock the bottom out of the story that they exist at all.

JOHN D. JR.'S HORSES.

Only surpassing his hatred for automobiles is the love of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for horses, and society has been interested in the young millionaire's efforts to boom the horse as against the auto. His often and open expressed antipathy to the machine, and of all vehicles is shared by his father and has caused the Rockefeller estates on the Hudson to be placarded with signs, "No Autos Allowed" and "Autos Keep Off."

Mrs. J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., is not a whit behind her husband in the love of horses, and the star feature of the Westchester horse show, Sept. 22, 23 and 25, will be her debut as an aspirant for prizes.

She will drive a team of coal black high-steppers in competition. The team is one of the most magnificent in America, and Mrs. Rockefeller's friends know her as a fearless and graceful handler of the reins.

Miss Ethel Rockefeller, niece of the Standard Oil magnate, is also a devotee of the horse. She will drive six different teams, besides showing before the grand stand a number of costly saddle horses, most of which are recent additions to the Rockefeller stables.

Mrs. Henry Siegel will ride her fine saddle horse Francis, while her daughter, Miss Georgine Wilde, will drive Winton.

Miss Mary Catlin, daughter of W. H. Catlin, will enter, among other horses, her high-stepping pair, the Herald and the Squire, with which she won a red ribbon in a class of eleven pairs at the Bay Shore show.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will exhibit a score or more valuable horses from his stables.

One of the features of his share in the show will be his new bracks and the horses that he purchased especially for it. Before the horse show Mr. Rockefeller, with his wife, contemplates a coaching tour of the south.

Howard Willett will have about thirty horses entered, including Heathcote, the champion high jumper of the world; Lookhere, and his famous four-in-hand with which he won a blue ribbon at the last Westchester show.

Other exhibitors include Richard Carman, Mrs. Carman, J. Campbell Thomson, W. H. H. Martin of Belle Haven, H. N. Potter, C. Oliver Iselin, E. H. Weatherbee, Miss Darrington, A. C. Bestwick, Mrs. Henry M. Flaxlor, Mrs. J. D. Archibald, Frank J. Gould, E. S. Reynold, Miss Haight, Miss Sande, B. L. Sackett, Miss Van Schick, Henry Steers, Mrs. Oliver Harriman, Mrs. Trenor L. Park, Mrs. Marion Story, N. C. Reynold, Mrs. T. L. Martin, Louis Fitzgerald, R. T. Wainwright and Mrs. Gnatvia.—New York American.

SIMILARLY AFFECTED.

"During the recent trial in New York of Samuel J. Parks, a walking delegate on the charge of extortion, ex-Chief of Police Devery appeared for a little while in the courtroom."

"I have no particular business here," Devery said; "only Parks is a friend of mine, and I want to give him my moral support."

Then before he left, Mr. Devery told

a story about a young doctor. "This young doctor," he said, "had the habit of drinking too much in the evening after working hours. One night his best patient, a rich and strait-laced old woman, sent for him, and he decided he would make a call on her."

though he was pretty far gone, and he knew it. "So he took another drink to brace him, got into his carriage and drove to the rich old woman's house. He found her in bed. He asked her a question or two, ashamed all the time of his thick

voice, and then he took hold of her wrist to count her pulse. "But he found he couldn't count her pulse; he was too far gone even for that. Turning a deep purple with mortification and shame, he said, 'Drunk by Jove, and without another word he

staggered out of the room and went home. "Next morning, as he lay in bed, putting off getting up because his head ached, a letter was brought to him, and he opened it with a groan, for he recognized the handwriting of his rich

old female patient, and he knew that now she was giving him his dismissal. "But when he opened the letter, and dropped a check for \$150, and he read something like this: "Dear Doctor—I know only too well that you discovered on visiting me last

night the unfortunate and shameful condition in which I had placed myself by accident; but I trust that you will regard what you witnessed as a professional secret, and I enclose a small check that will, I hope, be sufficient to repay you for your trouble."

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