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THE HUMBLE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT VANDERBILT FORTUNE

THE recent marriage of the putative and if the Vanderbilts gave it a HE recent marriage of the putative throught they surely were not prompted to point to it with pride Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, when even aristocratic Newport bowed the derbilt and his thrifty helpmeet accumulated what nearly all millionaires

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knee and gladly swelled the chorus of acclaim, naturally attracts attention to one of the richest young men in the world and to a genealogical tree that has borne wonderful fruit within the limits of the century just come to its close, for there are people now Hving who can remember when said tree was virtually planted, when the foundations of the Vanderbiltian fortunes were laid and by whom. They do not go back, of to the time of the old Dutch tarief, Jan Aersten Van der Bilt, who ettled near Brooklyn about the year the nor even to the historic removal of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's greatgreat-great-grandfather to New Dorp, Y. in 1715. Unlike another family millionaires whose fortune was made in New York, the Vanderbilts have not had the benefit of a possible abfuscation whereby their first Amerian ancestor may be set down as a foreign nobleman in disguise. He was just plain, everyday farmer, and the more norm ancestor, to whom the family synboard points as the originator of its illons, could not boast even the simple dignity of a son of the soil, for he ady chandoned the spade and plow and took to peddling clams and oysters. The history of the Vanderbilt family. in short, is that of many another in ; America, up to a certain point. Its naive strength or genius lay dormant for many years, then suddenly burst forth in the person of the one who made it amous and fortunate. The name first came prominent when the farmer waiman, Cornelius Vanderbilt, having coumulated a small sum through unmitting toil, launched forth as a ounder of steamship lines and a reno-

ttor of railroads. It is a striking commentary upon the apidity with which fortunes may be ccumulated in this country by one

assessed of ordinary sagacity who who grew rich by their own efforts have sizes the opportunities of the moment, agreed is the hardest to obtain-their hat the house is still standing in which first thousand dollars. Cornelius Vanderbilt laid One stormy night, the story goes, a way the first nest egg of his future certain capitalist of New York, William illions. It is the old Bellonia hotel, in Gibbons, was at Perth Amboy, N. J., looking for some one to take him across out 1803 and is now used as a tene- to Staten Island. The regular ferrynt house. During the recent festiv- man refused, and none of the boatmen is attendant upon the Newport wed- would go, the sea was so rough. Finaling it stood neglected and forlorn. Iy he called out, standing in the tap-

THOMAS A. EDISON'S BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE.

LIRED GWYNNE VANDERBILL

The picture presented herewith will be a revelation to those of Edison's Imirers-and they are legion-who imagine him constantly surrounded with hiring machinery and with his nose perpetually applied to the electrical adatone. He has been invariably described with the accompaniments of his ventions and various "shops," but rarely with the accessories of domesticity. In one of the most attractive of the suburbs of New York, known as the Oranges, stands the beautiful residence shown in the accompanying illustra-



pany, threw many a favor in his way. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT 15

HOW THE FOREIGN MAILS ARE EXPEDITED.



HANDSOMEST CARDINAL IN THE WORLD.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT'S OLD BELLONIA HOTEL

Cardinal Vaughan, whose portrait is presented in the accompanying illustration, is said to be the handsomest cardinal in the world. Although he is now 68 years old, he is erect and stately in his bearing, and his frame shows slight traces of the hard work he has undergone as a missionary and as the working bishop of a poor parish before he was raised to the high dignity he now bears as archbishop of Winchester. He is not the only member of his

room of the old tavern: "Where's the! Under their management the hotel man to row me across? Name your became one of the best paying properprice. I've got to go!" Stalwart ties in the state, for the proprietors not 'Corny" Vanderbilt, the oysterman, only "hustled" for patronage, but perstalked in just then, took a drink and sonally saw to it that their guests got then said to Gibbons: "All right, cap'n. the best they had. After the sturdy I'm your man. Let's start." An hour captain and future commodore had later the two landed at Tottenville, steered the travelers to this haven of drenched to the skin, but the capitalist rest his good wife welcomed them at had been able to keep his engagement the door, satisfied their bibulous wants and did not forget his friend. He hand- from behind the bar and even, it is ed young Vanderbilt his fare and a said, cared for their horses, did the card, telling him to call at his office weekly wash and scrubbed the floors. when he was next in New York. He This was pretty good for a near andid so, and the result was the captaincy cestor of a duchess; but the duchess of an oyster smack, with which Van- was not then considered a possibility in derbilt began to make money. When the Vanderbilt family, even though her he had saved about \$200, he leased the future husband's famous ancestor had Bellonk A the suggestion of Gibbons, received his great rewards from Queen who, as president of the New York and Anne longer ago than when the first New Brunswick Transportation com- Vanderbilt settled on Staten Island. However, it shows how near the soll By the aid of his patron Vanderbilt be- the genealogical tree then trailed its

came captain of the first steamer on branches. like Antæus, perhaps, receivthe line, and as his wife attended to ing renewed vigor from this touch of ed in so many places, apparently at althe wants of the passengers, who trans- earth. Here the commodore's son, Wil. most the same time, that many now referred at New Brunswick to the stage liam H., passed several years of his gard De Wet as something of a myth and had to stop over at the hotel, the early youth, his son Cornelius, the fa-thrifty couple made money rapidly. early youth, his son Cornelius, the fa-ther of Alfred Gwynne, being born on tery. Now that "Boba" has been made the Staten Island farm to which "Bill," an carl and presented with the garter as the commodore always called him, in recognition of his "thorough work retired for his health before beginning in crushing the Boers," it seems rather his own great career as a financier.

dore was about 26 when his good angel and a good many more of his countrycame to him in the person of Capitalist men are still very much allve. Gibbons. On the latter's death he suc ceeded him as president of the transportation company. At the age of 40 he

was worth \$500,000, and at his death, in through practically two years the 1877, he left a fortune estimated at | French govern-\$100,000,000. William H: Vanderbilt inherited \$85,- 'm a d e an an

000,000 from his father, and before his nouncement of death had doubled it. Cornellus, his great interest to son, who died in 1899, left an estate offi- philatelists, as cially appraised at \$72,500,000, of which the accompany sum \$44,500,000 has fallen to his third ing illustration son, Alfred Gwynne.

The events that led to the nominal has accepted de disinheriting of the eldest son, Corne- signs for three llus, need not be repeated here, but vignettes to re through the generosity of his brother place those en he was given \$6,000,000 in addition to graved in 1877 what had been left him, his total being each vignette to that received by each of the other chil- be impressed upon a series containdren. A great deal of sympathy was ing five stamps of different colorawasted on his having been cut off with a beggarly million and a half, but there eems little prospect of the tradition so often quoted respecting rich families-"from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves"-receiving any confirmation in the future career of the Vanderbilts. The "shirt sleeves" of the ancestor may be discerned, it is true, but there is little likelihood that they will reappear in the those of 40 and 50 centimes and 1, 2 and present generation.

A SNAP SHOT OF GENERAL DE WET.

This snap shot of the elusive Boer general, De Wet, was taken on the wing, so to speak, as he was flitting past an outpost. It is his latest portrait and may be the last, unless the

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floa. It is called Glenmont and forms one of the aristocratic colony of Llewel-lyn Park, at West Orange, N. J. Here, where the skill of the landscape garer has improved if possible upon nature, set in the center of a 13 acre plot, s Edison's home. It is a standing refutation of the oft made statement that e grat electrician has no eye for beauty in itself, for, architecturally, the as is in harmony with its surroundings, and without and within is the pertion of elegant taste. Edison did not erect it, to be sure, having bought it it a bargain for less than one-fourth its original cost, which is said to have

LADY BEATRICE BUTLER AND LIEUT. GEN. POLE-CAREW.



The latest engagement announced in English high life is that of Lady Be-Buller and Lieutenant General Pole-Carew, whose portraits are given ompanying illustration. Both are quite interesting personages, the the case being a daughter of the Earl of Ormonde, hereditary chief of Ireland and a cousin to the Duke of Westminster, whose engagement and a cousin to the Duke of Westminster, whose about 24,000 states shelagh West was recently given out. Her father owns about 24,000 of and in Ireland and 2,500 in England, besides Kilkenny castle and a "Polly" Carew, as he is familiarly termed, no more popular or hand-

ficer in the British service can be named. He joined the Coldstream a 1869, marched with Lord Roberts from Kabul to Kandahar, was orthe Duke of Connaught in Egypt and was present at the battles of or and Mahuta. He served through the campaign in South Africa th General Buller and Lord Roberts and has only recently returned field with the latter. was supposed to be a confirmed celibate, being upward of 50, but has

victim to the winning personality of Lady Beatrice, who, in addition one of the most charming women in England, has in her own right a une, inherited from the late Lady Lismore.

ITEMS GATHERED FROM EVERYWHERE.

Bigelow has been engaged ago.

Bigstor paving purposes. B. Otis, who died in Belfast three years

in London, but will sail for berg of the present emperor of Ger-

ly "flat."

from foreign ports is expedited. There have been many complaints not only in the past, but quite recently, as to the nonarrival of our mails when they were due. That it is not the fault of those who handle the mails may be seen by a glance at this illustration, which shows in position the mail chute, through which the bags are poured as fast as they can be holsted from the incoming steamer and shot into the hold of the postal boat, the Postmaster General. It may not be conducive to the peace of mind of those who expect valuable articles in the foreign mail, but at least it will reassure those who have doubts as to the celerity with which such mail is handled in New York harbor.

A MUCH DISCUSSED FOUNTAIN.

The Duke of Portland, by his act in securing a design for a fountain from his companion surgeons who were with ago abandoned, and he has served his the famous French sculptor, M. Le- him in South Africa, is Mr. Alfred gros, has set all other artists in Eng- Downing Fripp, recently appointed faith for many years. His latest utterland by the ears. Although the French surgeon in ordinary to the new king of ance seems a departure from his for-

and ought to be to all intents a native. he refuses to speak the language of his adopted country or to conform to its canons of art. As a consequence, the question is now considered debatable

as to the art value of his sculpture, and

It represents, or is intended to repre-

sent, a child sitting on two masks and

is intended as the crowning figure of a

this illustration is presented.

A FORTUNATE SURGEON. One of the fortunate ones, envied by this ambition of his youth was long sculptor has lived 37 years in England England. Hisportrait, herewith present- mer optimistic belief that the world



man, with a pleasing cast of counte-He worked indefatigably in nance. South Africa, having charge of a hospital of 700 beds at Deilfontein, and performed several successful operations. As one of the surgeons in attendance upon the Prince of Wales when he suffered injury to his knee he attracted the altention of his royal that others may judge for themselves highness, who finally rewarded him with this appointment, which is somewhat in the nature of a sinecure.

ed, shows him to be a thoughtful young

In the organization of the police debronze group for a fountain which partment at Johannesburg the system some declare possesses "vitality and of identification by finger marks is beverve" and others pronounce absolute- ing introduced, and in this way every inative is to be registered.



family famous in the Roman Catholic church, as he has five brothers and four sisters engaged in religious work. At one time, it is said, Cardinal Vaughan thought of entering the army, but church as a militant soldier of the would be all right in the end, for while in Rome recently with the Duke of Norfolk and his band of pilgrims he is said to have declared that the world was sick and out of joint.

More than four-fifths of the population of Mexico are of mixed blood.

tion to sift the matter to the bottom is Representative Driggs, author of the original resolution in the house of representatives to investigate. The com-mittee appointed by the house consisted of B. F. Marsh of Illinois, I. P. Wagner of Pennsylvania, W. I. Smith of Iowa, B. P. Clayton and E. H. Driggs of New York, who followed after the army board selected by the secretary of

Representative Edmund Hope Driggs was born in Brooklyn in 1865, was educated at Adelphi college and is by profession a fire insurance surveyor. He is of Connecticut stock, and two of his ancestors served in the Revolutionary war. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth and re-elected to the Fifty-sixth congress

THE ONLY PERMANENT BUILDING OF THE PARIS EXPOSITION.



This illustration shows the only permanent structure of the late Paris exposition, or the only one that is destined to remain as a memorial of that great event. It was intended from the first that the "Great and Little Palaces of Fine Arts," as they were called, should remain as permanent attractions and embellishments of the city of Paris. Their original cost was about \$4,500,000, and they were constructed with a view to containing not only the temporary art exhibits, but also such masterpieces in painting and sculpture as might be obtained through purchase and donation.

In this respect France has followed the example set by Philadelphia at the Centennial exposition and Chicago at the Columbian exposition, Fairmount park being adorned with the Memorial Art building crected in 1876 and Jackson park with the magnificent structure now known as the Field museum.

admitted, says the governor, it will be a London for paving purposed exten- library in memory of his friend, Albert a London for paving purposed at the base much for basis of the base of the base much for basis of the base of

statehood soon. If the territory is not nicipal library there and \$10,009 for a Christian Temperance union and the sugar factories have been erected, and cisive and formally to make the mag-Ministers' union, the advance guard of there is a great demand for fertilizers. nolia the state's floral emblem. Since the treaty of peace was signed In Germany \$7,000 persons, or one-

who have made fortunes in the territo. Oxford, who has just been elected to a Alabama and Virginia will both try in 1871 Germany has not extended her thirty-minth of the total number of surse of lectures at Harvard ization and Its Problems." And by will sell for new state constitutions during 1901. In London, but will sell for new state constitutions during 1901. In London, but will sell for new state constitutions during 1901. In London, but will sell for new state constitutions during 1901. The people think that some features of their early organization laws should be their early org

The school children of Mississippi Hamburg is one of the wealthiest cit-

The berg of the present emperor of Ger-The berg of the present emperor of Ger-The immigration into the United The immigration into the United States last year was 448,572. The will of the late Jarvis Ford of St. Joseph, Mo., leaves \$20,000 for a mu-State of a munitication into the United The will of the late Jarvis Ford of St. Joseph, Mo., leaves \$20,000 for a mu-The will of the late Jarvis Ford of The will of the late Jarvis Ford of St. Joseph, Mo., leaves \$20,000 for a mu-The will of the late Jarvis Ford of The wil Since Spain has lost her colonies and have voted in favor of the magnolia as les in Germany, yet it has only 299 per-The will of the late Jarvis Ford of Honolulu is soon to have a temper- is unable to import cane sugar as the state's flower. The legislature is sons who pay taxes on an income of

