

THE GOSSIP OF LONDON.

THE METROPOLIS EMERGING FROM JUBILEE TIMBERS.

Royalty Visits the Opera—A State Function Which Surpassed Everything of the Kind Since England Entertained the Empress Eugenie of France.

LONDON, June 29.—London is emerging from its packing case; carpenters are still engaged in removing the remains of the Jubilee timbers, but have so far progressed that the intelligent foreigner who still crowds our highways and by-ways may without any great stretch of imagination conclude that he is no longer in a huge city of wigwams, and that London is really a solidly-built town of stone and brickwork, with some moderate pretensions to architectural display.

The state visit to the Royal Opera on Wednesday was the most brilliant function. Nothing has been seen to approach it since London entertained the Empress Eugenie, when she and the Emperor Napoleon were in the zenith of their glory.

The whole auditorium at Covent Garden was converted into a veritable tower of roses and orchids (I hear 100,000 roses and 50,000 orchids came by special trains from Essex), and surely such a tasteful coup de'oeil has never been witnessed in any theatre before. Pink roses, white orchids and smilax adorned the front of the royal box, which had been formed by the removal of eight of the ordinary boxes. This handsome room was draped in white and gold silk, while over the centre of the box was placed a splendid crown, composed of crimson roses and gold irises, the fleur-de-lis being in white orchids, the effect of the whole being quite enchanting. To provide an ante-room for the exclusive use of the royal party the saloon had been shut off and converted into a lovely garden several tall palms being banked six feet high, with endless varieties of exquisite blooms.

Coming within the open house, one stepped into fairyland, the vestibule being one mass of palms, while an endless array of blossoms extended to the grand staircase, which exhibited two rows of handsome tropical plants in the centre. Viewed from the front row of the stalls the arrangement and adornment of the interior of the Opera house did not fail to command admiration, yet the plan of decoration was simplicity itself. Roses of the deepest tints of red had been reserved to conceal the front of the pit tier, while the royal box in the centre of the grand tier was covered with pink flowers of the same description, the remaining boxes on each side being decked out with roses of a darker hue, thus forcing the royal loge into greater prominence. On the second tier the decorations consisted of pink roses, with large aigrettes of white orchids suspended between every alternate box. Above this, in front of the amphitheatre stalls, yellow roses were festooned, providing a charming contrast with the varieties employed elsewhere.

Special white satin programmes, edged with gold and printed in gold, were laid on each of the seats in the royal box. Depicted thereon were two medallion portraits of the Queen as she appeared in 1837 and in the present year, and smaller medallions of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, four generations of the royal family being thus called to mind.

When the Princess of Wales entered the royal box every eye was turned towards it. Our beloved Princess looked exquisite in pearl-white satin, embroidered very elaborately in silver and brilliants and pearls. Her Royal Highness wore a high and very magnificent diamond crown, and many diamond ornaments sparkled on her dress and round her neck. The Prince, in field marshal's uniform, and wearing the ribbon of the Garter, escorted into the box the Grand Duchess of Hesse, who wore high diamond ornaments in her hair, as well as a diamond coronal. The Prince paid this tribute to his niece as a reigning sovereign.

The Duchess of York was attired in pink satin of deep shade, while her tiara of superb diamonds, worn well at the back of her head, was high in front and narrowed downward at either side. The Duchess of Fife was dressed in white satin, with silver and pearl embroidery, and her Royal Highness had a high pointed diamond crown. In white, with white chiffon and lace on her bodice, and wearing a tiara, the Duchess of Connaught showed touches of pale pink about her gown that were at once delicate and effective. The Duchess of Albany wore palest mauve brocade, with a floral design in white; her hair ornament was a band of diamonds, with a star raised high in front, while at the back appeared a cluster of mauve and white marabout feathers.

Princess Charles of Denmark was among the Royal personages present, as were also Princess Victoria, Princess

Christian, Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz; Crown Princess of Naples, and many more—in fact, round the house in every direction lovely faces crowned with diamonds looked out from frames of roses and greenery, while in the background was the gleam of gold on uniforms, the display of orders or the flashing white of the Oriental turbans.

After the opera performance Mr. and Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild entertained a brilliant company at supper, and a dance at their charming house in Hamilton Place. The Prince of Wales and the royal party were among the guests, and for their accommodation a temporary building was constructed, leading out of the balconies and ball-room. It was draped with silks and bunting of artistic hues, roses forming the ground work of the decorations. Geraniums and marguerites were used with much liberality, but so far as the flowers were concerned interest centered around some rare and choice exotics, which the host had been peculiarly successful in raising—an assortment of colored water-lilies, which were as rich and delicate in their variegated tints as pelargoniums. In fact, everything was done 'en Prince.'

The usual round of 'season' entertainments was suspended to a great extent during the jubilee festivities last week.

On Monday, however, there were several social events, including a reception given by Cardinal Vaughan at Archbishop's House, Westminster, which was attended by a large number all anxious to pay their respects to the Archbishop of Corinth.

On Thursday the Austrian Ambassador and Countess Deym had bidden a large party to Belgrave Square, where the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria met at luncheon. In the evening came the Prince of Wales' dinner to distinguished colonial visitors at Marlborough House, besides which the Duke and Duchess of Montrose had bidden a large party to dine and meet the Prince and Princess of Naples; and, later still, the evening party at Buckingham Palace came off, which larger than had been expected, was less comprehensive than a court ball, and before it had been long in progress turned into a very pleasant dance.

Friday was perhaps the busiest day of all for the royalties, with a large luncheon at the Mansion House, Lord and Lady Lansdowne's dinner at Lansdowne House, and the Duchess of Westminster's ball to be got through.

The royalties expressed the greatest admiration of the table decorations at Lansdowne House. The celebrated Sevres dessert services, which the late Dowager Lady Lansdowne inherited from her father, the Comte de Flahault, were on the Royal tables, the dishes being filled with fruit from the gardens at Bowood. On the table at which the Prince and Princess of Wales sat was the magnificent silver gilt plate which was presented to Lord Lansdowne's great grandfather, Admiral Lord Keith, after his victory off the Cape of Good Hope by the Corporation of London. There were large silver bowls, filled with roses of various shades, on all the tables.

Later on in the evening the whole party went to Grosvenor House, as well as other royalties who were dining elsewhere. Grosvenor House is so magnificent that it depends little on extraneous decoration, and the Duke and Duchess only augmented its perfection by providing a large supper room, which leaves the whole of the house available for dancing and sitting out. There were some magnificent flowers in the rooms and the garden, with its thousands of colored lamps, was very fairy-like.

The cheerfulness of the ball was a little marred by the royal and colonial elements, but the Duke and Duchess were most gracious and attentive to their guests. The Duchess has another smaller dance on the 6th at which, I believe, there are to be no royalties.

Saturday, with the naval review in progress, saw London empty and in a state of comparative calm after the fever of the past week. Nevertheless there was a large attendance at the opera in the evening, including many royalties, such as the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg, the Grand Duke and Duchess of Hesse, the Grand Duchess Sergius, and of course, Lady De Grey.

A faultless summer afternoon was all that could be needed to make a brilliant success of the garden party given by the Queen in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, since her Majesty herself was to be present. The faultless 'Queen's' weather was duly forthcoming, and those spacious and shady lawns and groves presented on Monday from 4 to 7 o'clock a spectacle which made a charming finale to the jubilee celebration. At 4 o'clock a stream of guests began to pour in across a large reception room, to the steps by which the visitor passes into the green and well-kept pleasure, and the approaches through the interior of the palace were lined with yeoman of the guard and beefeaters, and two military bands were marched in to provide the music for the royal party. At a quarter past 5 the National Anthem heralded the Queens' approach. Her Majesty, seated in a low victoria drawn by two dapple grays, with the princess of Wales by her side, then

proceeded at a walking pace around the large lawn, attended by the Lord Chamberlain and the Lord Stewart walking by her side, the guests forming themselves into a wide lane through which the Queen passed, so that everybody was enabled to make obeisance and get a good look at the dear old lady.

After making a considerable tour of the beautiful palace grounds in this genial and welcome style, and then taking a little rest in the deliciously warm but fresh air, the Queen retired as tranquilly as she had appeared, and the guests for the most part repaired to the refreshment tents. When we came out of the palace gardens by the Constitution Hill gate we crossed into the Park amidst such a crowd of carriages, horsemen and pedestrians as I have never seen in my life. Generally for the past ten days the congestion of traffic in Piccadilly and its neighborhood has been marvelous, and in itself a sight to see—it only to admire the admirable way in which it is directed by the police and in which accidents are avoided.

Sometimes, however, the traffic is even beyond the control of our admirable 'bobbies,' of which I had personal proof last Thursday. I was in Piccadilly when the Prince and Princess of Wales with a number of their royal guests in several carriages were absolutely blocked for a considerable time and it was only by the heroic efforts of the police that a way was made into a side street, so that the royalties were enabled to reach Hyde Park through Berkeley Square and Stanhope street. I was in a victoria with a friend, and her clever coachman managed to follow on to the royal carriages before the crowd closed up, which enabled me to witness a very pretty little scene. When we arrived in the Park the Queen was on her way to Paddington Station, returning to Windsor. Her Majesty was no doubt unaware that the Prince and Princess of Wales were also in the Park, but his Royal Highness rose in the carriage and waved his hand to attract her Majesty's attention. The Queen saw him and the others, smiled pleasantly to the party and returned their salutation by kissing her hand to them.

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There are some interesting things about the case. Until about 1872 the Hattons lived near Amboy, supposedly happy, as all married people are to be considered until they reach the courts. One day the plaintiff, after a quarrel with his wife, which neither claim was regarded more than a trivial matter, left his home and went west. He was heard from at various times, but no

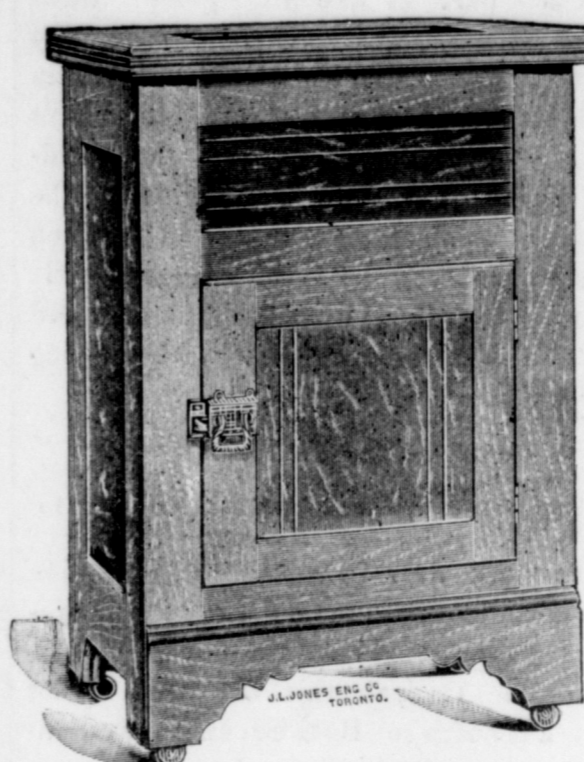
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Saturday, the TWENTY-FOURTH day of JULY next,

at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, under and by virtue of a power of sale in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, made the sixth day of October, A. D. 1896, between one William A. Beckett, of the one part, and the undersigned Annie Short, of the other part, and duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for Kings County, by the No. 45, 88, in Book Y, No. 4, pages 253, 254, 255, 256 and 267 of Records, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1891, default having been made in the payment of the principal moneys and interest secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage:

"ALL that parcel of land situate in the Parish of Greenwich, in the County of Kings, on the north west side of the Long Reach (so called), bounded as follows: On the south east by the main highway road and by the water of the Mistake Cove; on the south west by the side line of the said lot and by lands owned by James L. Fiewelling, thence north westerly by said line until it strikes the line of lands owned by Nancy Paisley; on the north west by lands owned by the said Nancy Paisley, thence north easterly by the said line until it strikes the north easterly line of the said lot and lands owned by James Paisley, and bounded on the north east by lands owned by the said James Paisley and George Inch, thence running south easterly by said line until it strikes the water of the before named Mistake Cove, with the exception of a certain lot deeded to the Trustees of Schools for the Parish of Greenwich and a certain other lot deeded to the Baptist Church for a burial place"; together with all and singular the buildings, fences and improvements thereon, and the rights, members, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said lands and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining.

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