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Baroness Rothschild Marries a Poor Man.

London, Sept. 10.—Baroness Valentine von Rothschild, a daughter of the late Baron Albert von Rothschild, head of the Vienna branch of the house, has married Siegmund Springer, a Londoner without a fortune, who was a booster for a firm of stock brokers.

The fortune of the Baroness is estimated at 100,000,000 kronen, or about \$20,000,000.

Baroness Valentine von Rothschild, whose mother, Bettina von Rothschild, was a first cousin and wife of Baron von Rothschild, was 25 on May 25 of this year. Baron Albert von Rothschild, father of the young woman, died last February. Baroness Valentine's mother died of cancer four years after the birth of the youngest of the Baroness Valentine's six brothers.

Baron George, the oldest brother of the young woman, just reported to be married, lost his mind. Baron

Ose, her youngest brother, committed suicide on July 13, 1909, in his father's home in Vienna, three months after reaching his majority, because of his father's opposition to his marriage with a young and good-looking but not very rich American girl. The girl was the daughter of a doctor in a Western city.

A Telephone Disease.

Miss Susan Gaspell, who took up the serious nervous strain to which telephone girls are subjected, in one chapter of her new novel, "The Visioning," calls attention to the fact that so serious is the strain that it has given rise to a new disease, with a new name "telentis." An official committee of physicians recently used the word in London. So severe is the nervous debility of many telephone girls that they are unfitted for marriage. The officials of telephone companies are doing something to lessen the strain, by re-arrangement and shortening of hours of work; and this problem of keeping the girl operators healthy is one of the most severe which they must face.

In "The Visioning," a telephone girl declares: "The real pleasures were going over the wire. It was my business to make the connections that arranged those pleasures. A little red light would flash—sometimes it would flash straight into my brain—and I'd say 'Number, please.' Then 'Life would pass through the cords. That was the closest I came to it—operating the cords that it went through. There was a whole city full of it—beautiful, laughing, loving life. And, oh, I used to get so tired operating the cords of life. Sometimes when I left my chair the whole world was one big, red light. And at night they danced dances for me—those little red lights.'

England's Tallest Tomb

Near the well-known seaport of Southampton, England, there is a remarkable edifice known as Peterson's Tower. The erection is all the more singular because

it marks the burial place of a certain John Peterson, a wealthy tea planter. The man appears to have been rather an eccentric individual, and in order to prove to the world his belief in concrete as a building material set about the construction of this great tower.

The building took many years to complete, but is entirely of concrete, and by the time the final layers had been placed had reached an altitude of more than three hundred feet. It is about forty years since the tower was erected, and its present condition is certainly a justification of the faith of the builder. As has been indicated, Peterson left instructions that his body should be placed under the tower, and this was accordingly carried out. Another desire that the chamber at the summit should contain a light was defeated by the firm stand which Trinity House, the light-house authority, took on the matter. Such an illumination would have been visible for miles out at sea, and would naturally have proved very misleading to sailors.

The Democratization of England.

Perhaps the proportion of the population that is riding on somebody else's back is too great in England. British leisure, the result of British wealth, has been a thing to wonder at for generations. It has not been unfruitful. It has produced many great and very many useful men, and a cultivated society, and its full share of profitable leadership. But political power in England rests by no means as stably as it did in the hands of men who have never had to earn their living. The steady shifting of power to the democracy is a natural detail of progress and an evidence of national health and sound institutions, but it is undoubtedly agitating to conservative oligarchs. Public opinion governs Great Britain now, as it does the United States. That is what the railroad strikers had to consider, and that, no doubt, was the most influential force in ending the strike. It is the great body of the English people that in the end must hold the scales between the labor unions and the rest of society. —Harper's Weekly.

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