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**WEDDING PRESENTS BRIDE'S PROPERTY**

Buckinghamshire County Court Gives Decision to This Effect

According to a decision just given in a Buckinghamshire County Court wedding presents sent to a bride are her exclusive property, and her husband has no right to regard them as joint possessions.

"The law is quite clear on the point," a well known lawyer informed a Daily Chronicle representative, "if the gifts are addressed to the bride personally they are undoubtedly hers, just as gifts addressed to the bridegroom are his."

A society leader, however, pointed out a difficulty. "When a friend of both the bride and bridegroom desires to make the couple a gift she can't very well address it to Mr. and Mrs. A. before they are Mr. and Mrs. A.," she remarked, "so the present is usually addressed to the bride. It is always understood that when the giver is a personal friend of both parties the gift is a joint affair."

"Of course, when the donor is a friend of the bride alone the gift addressed to her is a personal matter. But in all other cases society usage, if not the law, regards wedding presents as the property of the bride and bridegroom jointly."

**TRAINING OF A PRINCE**

The Modern Idea is to Make Him an Ordinary Man

The education of the heir to a throne has always been a difficult problem—so difficult and so free from any fixed standard that it is usually of the nature of an experiment. What should the Prince of Wales know? Should he be learned in history, or the classics, or political economy, or modern languages, or should he know all about the Army and the Navy and the world and men? Should he be sheltered from contact with the ordinary world, or thrown into it? Should he follow his own bent, or be guided at every step?

In the old days the custom was usually to attempt to mould the heir into a definite shape. Marcus Aurelius forced his son into the mould of goodness, and the result was a scoundrel. Philip of Macedon determined to produce a philosopher, and instead found himself face to face with a soldier. George III. was a painstaking parent, and, as all the world knows, failed very dismally. Louis XIV. was trained to have no will of his own, and became one of the individualities of history. Queen Victoria tried to bring up a saint, and produced a genial man of the world.

The tendency now seems to be to allow Princes to develop along their own lines. Royal parents appear to have profited by the mistakes of history and to have given up the old ideal which sought to produce a prodigy. The hopelessness of the old system, long since recognized in the ordinary home, is now accepted in the palace. The Victorian tradition is dead. King Edward was trained to be a prodigy. The present Prince of Wales is being trained to be the ordinary man. That is to say, he is not being specially trained at all.

**Victim of Temptation**

A constable, while patrolling his beat in Dalmeir, found that a public-house had been broken into, and that someone was still on the premises. After a sharp scuffle he succeeded in arresting the burglar, who had a large sum of money and a large quantity of liquor packed up ready to be carried off, and from his condition had evidently been regaling himself pretty freely.

**Pawnshop Comedy**

A pawnbroker in Nuneaton received visits from several women who wished to pawn a number of dress skirts. He advanced 60 cents on each skirt, but, noticing that the skirts were quite new, he communicated with the police, thinking that perhaps they had been stolen. It was found, however, that they had been bought from a shop in the town for twenty-five cents each.

**Pit Pony's Deliverance**

A pit pony named Bady has just been drawn to the surface at Ashington Colliery, Northumberland, to end his days in comfort after twenty-seven years' work underground. The pony, which is thirty-one years of age, is blind owing to its long confinement, but its general condition is wonderfully good.

**Boy's Swim to Save Dog**

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has granted a medal to George Green, a boy aged fourteen years, who swam thirty yards to rescue a dog which was nearly drowned last month in Pwllheli Harbor.

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**VALUED HIS PICTURES**

ABOVE THEIR MERIT

London, May 5—An extraordinary collection of some twelve hundred pictures which came under the auctioneer's hammer at Newcastle-on-Tyne today and will afford employment for the sale room for seven more days represents one of the greatest incidents of foolish picture buying of modern times. The collection is catalogued as one of "valuable oil paintings by old masters, and modern artists, being part of the Shipley collection of pictures."

This Mr. Shipley was a well known Newcastle lawyer who on his death in February, 1909, bequeathed his 1500 pictures together with thirty thousand pounds sterling to build a gallery to hold them and a sum for maintenance stipulating that the gallery should be built in Newcastle within three years of his death, but providing that in the event of the Newcastle project falling the offer should apply to the neighboring borough of Gateshead. As an alternative in the event of the failure of both schemes Mr. Shipley directed that the picture should be offered to the various national art galleries in London.

**SUPPOSITIOUS MASTERS.**

A year after Mr. Shipley's death Sir Walter Armstrong, the then director of the National Gallery, of Ireland, and Mr. E.R. Dibdin, the curator at Liverpool art gallery reported upon their examination of the pictures. "Many of the frames and a few of the canvasses," they wrote, "bear the names of famous artists of the first class, such as Holbein, Rubens, Corot, etc., but in no instances is there any perceptible grounds or such description." Only 361 of the fifteen hundred pictures were admitted by these experts to be suitable even for such an art gallery as Mr. Shipley had contemplated, and in view of the generally unenthusiastic character of the Newcastle City Council by twenty-eight to twenty-seven, decided not to accept the proffered gallery. Last year the Gateshead Borough Council decided to accept the offer conditionally in respect only of the 361 specified pictures.

All the others are included in the present sale, and art collectors in Newcastle are afforded an opportunity of making inexpensive additions to their private collections by the Rembrandts, Reubenses, Constables, Lelys, Tamers and Leonardo da Vinci at least one hundred well-known artists being listed in the catalogue.

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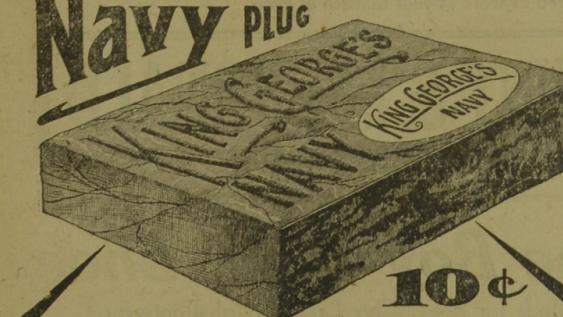
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