

# LUCKY FRENCHMAN HAS WON THE LOVE OF GLADYS DEACON

## After the Affair of a Smitten Prince and a Duke "Turned Down," Comes the Triumph of Young Baron de Charette, and An- other International Ro- mance Is Launched

NEW YORK.—At last Miss Gladys Deacon, New York and Boston, London and Paris, has found the man upon whom she can bestow her heart and hand. Her engagement to the young Baron Antoine de Charette is announced. For five years Miss Deacon has been one of the most eligible of young women on both sides of the Atlantic. The gossiping press had engaged to a dozen eligible, from princes down to plain "misters," but all the time she had been laughing up her sleeve that she was all wrong, of course.

There was the young crown prince of Germany, for example. The credulous had him head over heels in love with "La belle Americaine," and will to requite his claims to the throne of the German empire for her love. It took an official announce-

ment, however, to make the prince's love official. There is almost no more in his cheeks, yet she blushes beautifully when he is interested. But her lips are of that brilliant red which so charmingly adorns perfect cheeks. Her nose is pure Greek; her mouth a cupid's bow. Her chin is strong and firm. Her teeth are dazzling.

She speaks French, German and Italian, with equal fluency, and her Parisian accent when she speaks English is altogether charming. Her taste in dress is undeniable; she always appears in the latest styles of the French modistes. She is a perfect dancer, a rattling good hand at bridge and she can play billiards with the best of the men.

As soon as she was well launched in society, Miss Deacon began making strong friendships in the great world. Some of the most important people in the Faubourg St. Germain set of Paris became her intimates. In London she chummed with the duchess of Marlborough, the duchess of Devonshire, the dowager duchess of Manchester and Mrs. Arthur Paget, all of them of tremendous social advantage to Miss Deacon.

**Suitors in Plenty.**  
Mrs. Baldwin had Lady Somerset's house in Marlborough, a beautiful little manor opposite the Chapel of Our Lady of Consolation, in Paris, and still at Versailles.

With all these charms, it could not be doubted but that Gladys Deacon would soon have suitors enough to satisfy even the most exacting dolt. The first proposal appeared to be precise. In 1900, he was Claude Lowther, called the handsome man in England. Together they made a striking pair, and the matchmakers had them engaged by rumor. But it was not to be. Gladys Deacon had her way and Mr. Lowther went his way.

For a brief period the prince of Liechtenstein was favored, then he was dismissed.

Next in line came Lord Francis Hope, who was even then getting his divorce from May Yule, the actress. Gladys Deacon, however, had no time to waste. She was engaged to the duke of Newcastle, his cousin, and he married some one else.

Then, throughout the summer, his rights to be offered to renounce, his right of succession and to leave Germany forever. It need be, in order to marry Miss Deacon on terms of equality with her.

Of course the Kaiser got wind of what was going on. The young lover was promptly ordered back to Berlin. There a stormy interview took place. At first the prince bravely stuck to his guns, but when the emperor threatened to lock up his eldest son in a fortress he capitulated.

Today the crown prince is happily married to the wife of his father's choice and in a proud papa to his only son. A year went by and the chance of society threw Miss Deacon and the duke of York together. The duke is an absolutely well well over 50, hereditary earl marshal of England, a widower and without a son who was mortally ill to inherit his vast fortune. His sister, Lady Mary Howard, invited Miss Deacon to visit Arundel Castle, Norfolk's ancestral home, and she went. It would not be in Miss Deacon's wearing the straw hat leaves of a duchess. By reason of Norfolk's ancient lineage she would take precedence of every other peeress. But Miss Deacon refused the duke and that was the end of it.

**Prince Charming Arrives.**  
Two years later Lord Brooke, son and heir of the Earl of Warwick, came on the scene. He was young, good looking, not rich, but had influence in England. Together they made a striking pair, and the matchmakers had them engaged by rumor. But it was not to be. Gladys Deacon had her way and Mr. Brooke went his way.

Amiable, good looking, very rich, possessed of important position and a son of one of the proudest families in France, the young nobleman is one of the most desirable parts in Europe.

There is good American blood in the young Baron. His mother was Miss Antoine de Charette, a niece of President James K. Polk. The duke was Mrs. Polk's looker too her daughters, Antoinette and Rebecca.

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ment from both sides to stop the talk, and even then there were those who believed it to be true—that young Prince Fritz was desperately smitten. Then there was the duke of Norfolk, premier peer of England, and the prince of Liechtenstein and Lord Brooke and Lord Francis Hope and the Hon. Claude Lowther were reported as about to marry the vicious American girl, to say nothing of as many more, all lights of considerable magnitude in the social firmament.

But everybody was wrong—at least wrong in that Miss Deacon would marry any of those desirable men.

**Would Have Taken High Rank.**  
As the wife of the duke of Norfolk she would have taken precedence of every person in England; as Lady Brooke or Lady Francis Hope she would have irreproachable position at court.

Gladys Deacon is the eldest daughter of the late Edward Parker Deacon, of Boston and New York; her mother was the lovely Florence Baldwin, daughter of Rear-Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, U. S. N. Society even now whispers of the tragedy that clouded the lives of Gladys Deacon and her younger sisters.

It was just 18 years ago—to be precise, February 17, 1892—when the wires flashed the news from one end of the civilized world to the other—Edward Parker Deacon, an American, had shot and killed M. Emile Abellie, a well-known Parisian, whom he had surprised in his wife's boudoir. Abellie tried to hide behind a sofa, but Deacon

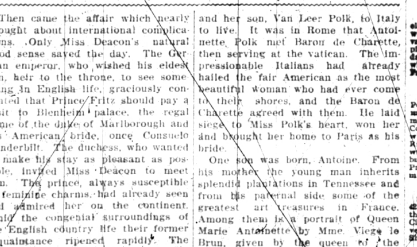
Admiral Baldwin was the richest of men in the world when he died, of a splendid inheritance went to Mrs. Deacon, or Mrs. Baldwin, as she preferred to be called. Married when 17 years old, she was barely 20 when the scandal came; she was even more beautiful as Mrs. Deacon than she had been as Florence Baldwin, the bride of Edward Parker Deacon, the reserved, awkward girl of 10.

Europe took up the daughter Gladys, at it had taken up the mother a decade before. Proudly and sweetly welcomed her in every capital in Europe. In the Bois she was saluted as if she were a princess—but then Gladys Deacon was the daughter of a French nobleman. The scandal came; she was even more beautiful as Mrs. Deacon than she had been as Florence Baldwin, the bride of Edward Parker Deacon, the reserved, awkward girl of 10.

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