

Mayfair



THE curtain rises! A blaze of light... a blare of music... up with the opera glasses... Enter, the Debutantes of Mayfair!

Starry-eyed, radiant, fresh as the buds of morning... she emerges triumphant from cloudbursts of frivolities, showers of offerings, a deluge of gifts... baubles, bon bons and bou-tonnieres... feathers, frocks and fur-belows... love letters, laces and lingerie...

Grown up at last... a debutante... a whirl of social affairs... delicious invitations all day long... sophisticated compliments... lovely tingling strains of seductive jazz... the polished ballroom floor, glimmering, enticing... a breathless, dazzling existence... if one might dance on forever...

There is something arresting... even compelling... about the artless way in which youth dashes into the social whirl. Even the most satiated, the blasé, must feel a glow, perhaps even a mild thrill, as the curtain rises upon the dance of the debutantes...

And the romance! It catches hold of you... grips you... recalling scenes of forgotten years! They are an interesting psychological study, these buds that are blossoming forth this autumn. With their sylph-like silhouettes, their suppleness and all-alive-ness, their hobs and near-hobs they seem younger than debutantes of other seasons. But hear them speak... oftentimes words of artless wisdom fall from these youthful lips, to which we listen with wonder.

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Compare them, however, with those debutantes of an earlier day... the quaint little lady on the cover and her ilk. Just as naive and sweet, as youth will ever be, but sophisticated, with the aplomb, the finesse of a finished society matron... indeed have they not seen much of life for their tender years... trips abroad, round-the-world tours! Some have even been presented at court, and danced with princes... or at all events, Prince Charming...

So it is to these captivating little personalities that our November *Mayfair* is dedicated. You, no doubt, will recognize many of the faces that blossom on our pages... budding young womanhood from the representative cities of Canada... what they will wear, where they will come out... their pastimes... accomplishments... their comings and goings...

Here's to the debutantes of *Mayfair*... may they ever be young in spirit!

Besides, *Mayfair* is teeming with other intriguing gossip... dazzling fashions from Paris... sports, society chit chat... more absorbing... more engrossing than ever before.

Another of Soiffield's interesting letters, bubbling with news of what the elegant are wearing.

You know what that means if you know your *Mayfair*.

J. Herbert Hodgins

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