

UNDER A CLOUD

By Beatrice Maxwell

The wide stone terrace of Cleveland Castle was ablaze with light. Thrown not only from the open windows of the Tapestry Salon and the Picture Gallery, but from a thousand tinted electric globes, hung in the shrubs and creepers and bordering the pillars of the balustrade. For it was the first occasion of a Royal visit, and no pains or expense had been considered too lavish to honor with a fitting reception this long-coveted distinction.

When our visit here was over, if it were not for one thing. "And that one thing is—?" "You may guess, but not now," she answered, "for you must take me back to the Picture Gallery now. I don't want to be made the subject of Mr. Watson's remarks."

But Gerard's entreaties carried his point at last and Colonel Vereker left him, to make the attempt. The hours dragged on wearily enough through the day until in the afternoon a pencilled note came from Lady Eva.

ROYAL ROWS OVER CHESS. Stories of Monarchs Who Became Infatuated When Defeated. If, as is reported in the papers, King Edward is developing an enthusiasm for chess, he is only following in the steps of many of his predecessors on the throne, including his namesake, the first Edward, who was almost as keen a fighter with castles and pawns as with his knights and squires at his back on the Scottish border.

JAPANESE SWORD MAKERS. Prayers Offered Before the Work is Begun—No Women Employed. The swords of Japan are as keen and hard as the best blades of Toledo and Damascus, but they are not so elastic. All the work is done by hand and is accompanied by religious ceremonies. In huts built for the purpose the steel is forged. On the walls are representations of the god of the sword makers and the chief goddess of the Shintoes.

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