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\$40,000 ENGAGEMENT RING



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The Most Interesting Young Couple In America.

Young William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Miss Virginia Fair,

Who Are to Be Married April 4

The last great and memorable wedding which took place in this city was that of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt and the Duke of Marlborough. The next will be that of Miss Virginia Fair and W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. Then W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., oldest son of W. K. Vanderbilt, and heir to a great share of the greatest family fortune in America, will wed Miss Virginia Fair, a daughter of California and heiress of millions, but even more distinguished for her charm and her originality than for her wealth.

Not more than two or three weddings of such magnitude can take place in a generation. The Sunday Journal is able to announce many new and interesting facts concerning the marriage. Of course, at this comparatively early date many things are still undecided by the families.

The young couple will probably occupy the house built for Mrs. Henry Sloane, at No. 9 East Seventy-second street, the largest and handsomest new house in New York. Their house will be largely filled with furniture designed by Miss Fair herself. She has already designed the decorations of her own bedroom, in which will be a bed which will have solid gold knobs, and will be unrivalled in the palaces of American multi-millionaires.

A \$40,000 Solitaire Diamond Engagement Ring.

Miss Fair now wears the costliest engagement ring ever used in America. It cost \$40,000.

This ring was bought in Paris, where it had been held some time unsold on account of its value. It was bought by William K. Vanderbilt, senior. An employe of the firm that sold it came over with it as his special charge. It contains the great solitaire diamond which is set on six gold prongs rising from a perfectly plain gold band of medium width. A feature of the setting is a row of little diamonds just under the six prongs.

The diamond is so large that when Miss Fair wears it she has to have a hole cut in her glove. It is so valuable that she never wears it on the street, but only when she drives in her carriage. It is about one inch in diameter. She keeps it in a powder box. This method of keeping it is a new idea. It is thought that in this way the diamond is kept whiter and in better condition.

The house which the newly wedded pair will doubtless occupy is the principal thing prospected in the way of wedding presents. It was built for Mrs. Henry T. Sloane, and paid for by her husband, who is a brother of William D. Sloane, who married a Vanderbilt. It stands at No. 9 East Seventy-second street, is within sight of Fifth avenue, and is in the centre of the new region of multi-millionaires' houses.

A \$550,000 Town House on 72d Street.

It has three stories and a Mansard roof. The second story is of much greater height than any of the others. The rooms on this floor can be thrown into one, forming a splendid ballroom in which a thousand persons could be entertained. It would be no exaggeration to say that this house is the handsomest, the finest and the most luxurious in New York. Undoubtedly, it is in many respects superior to the immense mansion of Cornelius Vanderbilt, which is, of course, the largest in the city.

The Sloane house has, it is understood, been bought by Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt for his son and his daughter-in-law. It will be his wedding present to them. The price was, it is said, \$550,000. The reason why Mrs. Sloane will not occupy the mansion built for her is well known. She and her husband have agreed to disagree. This brilliant and beautiful woman planned the house as an adjunct to the leadership of New York society, to which she was rapidly rising. Doubtless it will cause her many pangs to see her creation in possession of a younger and equally beautiful rival. Mrs. Sloane is not now occupying her house, but is staying with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert D. Robbins, at No. 814 Madison avenue.

One Bedstead to Be Made with Solid Gold

The most fascinating feature of whatever house is selected, when it is possession of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will be the Mrs. Vanderbilt's bedroom. The woman who merely reads of this apartment will exclaim: "Ah! I have caught a glimpse of Paradise!" It will be decorated in white and blue. A pattern of pale blue forget-me-nots will prevail in the decoration.

Miss Fair, who loves to design things, has designed this bedroom herself. The bed is to be a marvellous work of beauty. Such a bed was never seen. It was made in Paris, whither the artists' designs were forwarded, and where alone the skill to com-

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