



Notable Inhabitants of Codford

Making News in Australia



English Country Home – Sir Peter and Lady Horlick

Recent news of Sir Peter and Lady Horlick, of Hans Place, Kensington, London, is that they have forsaken their town house for a holiday in the country. They have taken Stockton House, Codford St. Mary's, where with their two small daughters, Natasha and Anna, and Lady Horlick's daughter, Diana Stewart Murray, they have been enjoying country life for the past few months. Lady Horlick's mother, Mrs R. Allport, who has been their guest for the past twelve months, will sail for Sydney by the Orama on February 11.

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Changing Nationality – Count von Bendern

I hear that Count von Bendern, better known to an earlier generation as Baron de Forest, is considering yet another change of nationality. Count von Bendern is the adopted son and heir of the famous Austrian Jewish banker, the late Baron Hirse. He lived for many years in England and before the war he represented West Ham in the House of Commons in the Radical interest. Since the War he has lived abroad, mostly in Biarritz. Two years ago he became a citizen of Liechtenstein and changed his name to Count von Bendern. Herr Hitler's appetite for the territory and gold of his neighbours is now alarming many of the wealthy men who form so high a percentage of the population of this small and exposed principality. I gather that if Count von Bendern decides to make a change he will most probably become a Swede.Count John Bendern used to work in a stockbroking firm. He left the city a year ago, when he married Lord Queensberry's beautiful daughter, Lady Patricia Douglas. They are now living quietly in the country near Codford St Mary. Count John Bendern and his brother Alarie will one day inherit a fortune from Baron Hirsch.

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