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America's Bridgerton

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The wildly popular Bridgerton series has finally released its highly anticipated second season. The Netflix series focuses on London society during the Regency era when all the eligible and lovely ladies of the ton were presented at court and the season of balls that followed.



During the early 1900s, daughters of influential members of society in the United States lived a similar experience. They were known as debutantes, and their coming-of-age balls and seasons could be quite extravagant. Many newspapers highlighted these debutantes in their society pages. Pictures of the young ladies, calendars of events, fashion, and gossip published in these society pages were the “Lady Whistledown” of their time.

Lessons of the Debutante

“What a Debutante Must Learn” was the society headline in 1907, in the Commercial Tribune. Pictures and captions capture the look and poise of the “modern” debutante.

The article highlights the crucial aspects of the debutante like “How the Debutant Must Look,” “She is Perfectly Groomed,” and “A Lesson in Tact.” Several high-profile debutantes of the season are talked about, including President Roosevelt’s daughter, Ethel.

Cost of the Debutante

Philadelphia was the height of society in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Philadelphia Inquirer’s society and magazine sections were brimming with details of the debutantes of the day. “Quarter of a Million Spent on This Season’s Philadelphia Debutantes” from 1898 listed the many expenses associated with the life of a debutante and even the costs of a cotillion ball alone bordering on ten thousand dollars. That same cost in 2022 would be close to \$350,000.

The Life of a Debutante

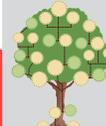
In “Confessions of a Debutante,” readers get a chance to learn true stories of girls and their struggles with being a debutante in 1908. One young woman tells of the shocking way her French maid and mama had to get some color to her pale face, while another explains the tact of eating out, “Don’t be piggish, but eat as though you enjoyed it.”

To read the whole blog post, visit [NewspaperArchive.com](https://www.newspaperarchive.com) and click BLOG at the bottom of the page.

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EXPLORE OUR COLLECTION

May is Jewish American Heritage Month. Our collection has more than 10K issues and 200,000+ pages of content from Jewish newspapers across the country.

An incredible piece of content from the collection is The Jewish Exponent from July 9, 1903 with the front page article, "How Immigrants Make Their Entry into the United States - A Glimpse of the New York Barge Office."



NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

THE VAUDEVILLE NEWS

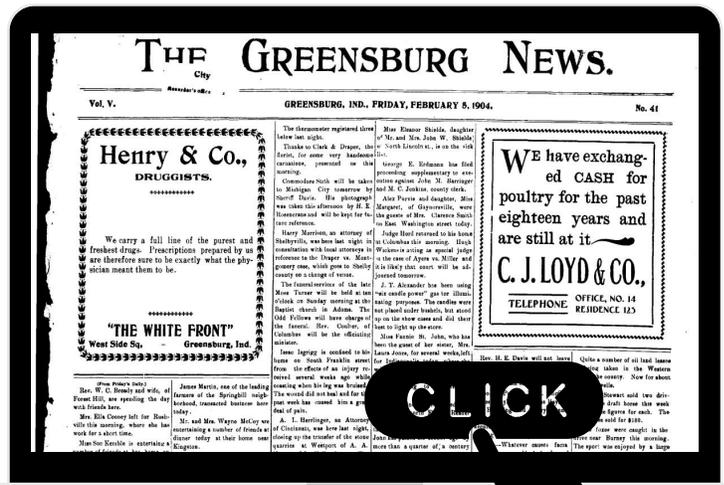
1920-1929

Some of the more obscure publications are the most fun to discover in our collection. **The Vaudeville News** is no exception. Started in 1920 by E.F. Albee, an American Vaudeville financier. With free cash and no advertising, **The Vaudeville News** was for the "artist, manager, employee, agent and all those connected with Vaudeville" during the 1920s.

DISCOVER THE VAUDEVILLE NEWS

FAMILY HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

If you enjoy family history, newspapers might be the key to unlocking information about your ancestors. Small town publications, in particular, included the latest news of the town and surrounding area. The front and third pages of this Greensburg Daily News from 1904 reported to readers everything from the weather to people on the sick list.



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