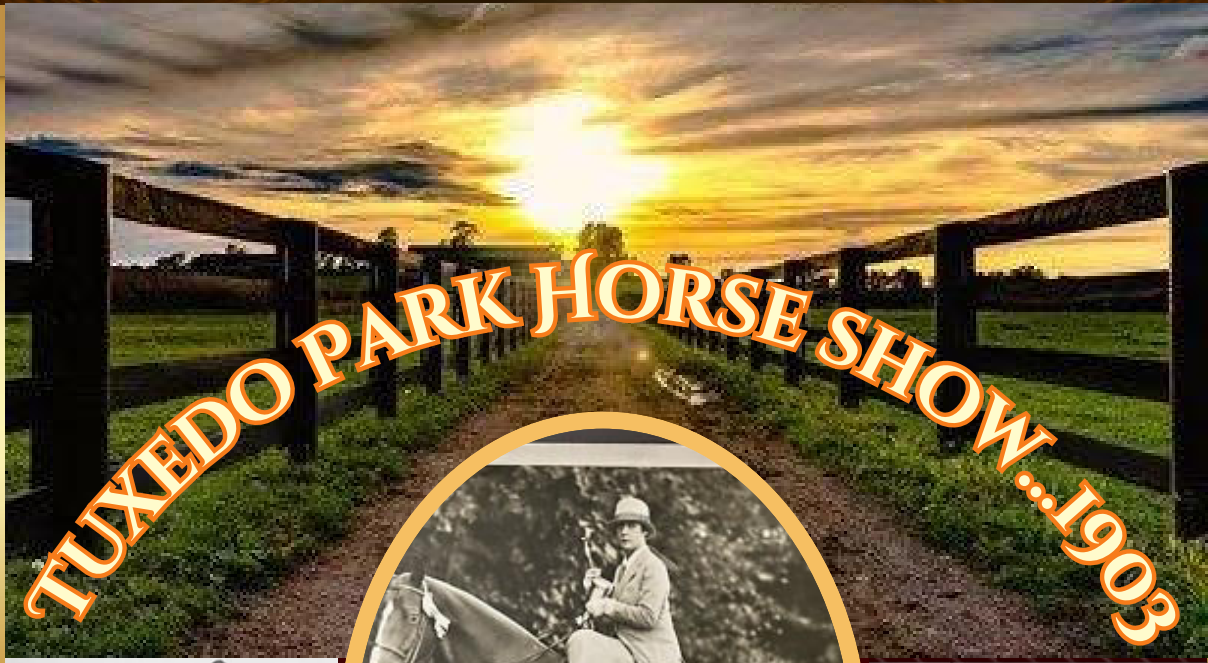


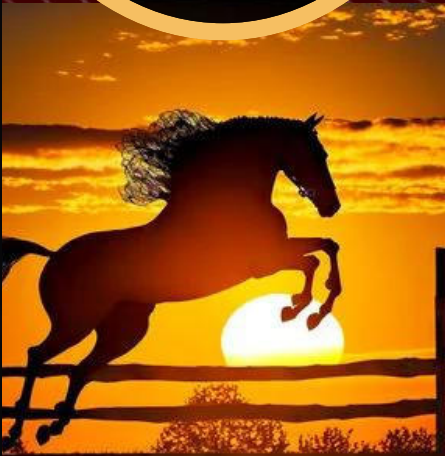
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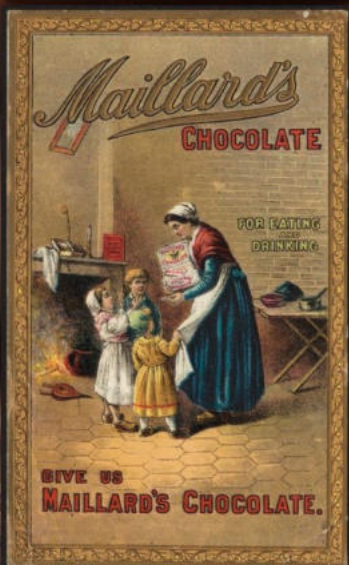


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# Chocolate For Rich Tastes

From  
Tuxedo Park Magazine



"Maillard's" Chocolate was richly famous at Christmas time in Tuxedo Park during the Gilded Age. Mrs. Astor would actually promote his fine chocolate in the newspapers claiming, "Every fine household should offer Maillard's Chocolate bon bons to all of their guests throughout the year". At every holiday gathering within Tuxedo Park there were fine delights specifically from Maillard's on fifth Avenue.

During the Gilded Age, expensive chocolate was a luxury item primarily enjoyed by the upper classes. Prices varied by brand and quality, with high-end imported or specialized chocolates costing significantly more than basic domestic options. Fine chocolate represented a substantial expense relative to the average worker's wage. Maillard's, the renowned chocolatier, offered chocolate for 75 cents a pound and had a famous confectionery shop in the prestigious Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City. His award-winning chocolates were served at high-profile events, including President Lincoln's inaugural banquet. Chocolate was largely an aristocratic item at one time. Fine chocolates and bonbons were sold in branded boutiques and upscale department stores, contrasting with cheaper candies found elsewhere. The ability to purchase and consume expensive chocolate was a clear indicator of wealth and social status during the Gilded Age.

The Maillard Chocolate company's flagship store, was located in the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City during the Gilded Age. It became a major fixture, known for its high-end chocolates and the chocolate-making lessons it offered. The hotel itself was a symbol of luxury, and Maillard's Chocolate was a rival to the "staff of life".

Maillard's Chocolate was also referenced in an old diary from Tuxedo Park, highlighting fond memories of visiting "Maillard's" with papa, while staying at their fifth avenue home in Manhattan.

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## FROM MEDICINE TO MONTESSORI FIRST FEMALE PHYSICIAN IN ROME DEVELOPS MONTESSORI EDUCATION



Montessori education debuted in 1907 with Maria Montessori's first school, the Casa dei Bambini, part of an urban renewal project in a low-income district of Rome. The school's success resounded throughout Italy, and additional schools soon opened in Rome and Milan. In 1909, Dr. Montessori published her landmark book, *Il Metodo della Pedagogia Scientifica applicato all'educazione infantile nelle Case dei Bambini*— known by its English-translation title as *The Montessori Method*. By 1910, news of the innovative technique had spread beyond Europe, and teachers throughout the world were eager to learn it. Dr. Montessori herself taught early Montessori educators. Her courses drew students from as far as Chile and Australia, and within a few years there were Montessori schools on 5 continents. In the United States, the fledging movement caught on quickly.

The first Montessori school opened in 1911 in Scarborough, New York, and others followed in rapid succession. Prominent figures, including Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell, lent their support, and popular journals galvanized the public with articles on the “miracle children” who emerged from Montessori schools. In 1916, more than 100 Montessori schools were operating in 22 states.

Maria Montessori is often referred to as being “ahead of her time”. Born in Italy in 1870, she moved to Rome with her parents in 1875 at the age of five. Although her father embraced traditional views of female education, it was the more liberal approach of her mother that encouraged her to explore her natural inclination to learn, regardless of the social restrictions placed on women in the male-dominated society of the day. In so doing, her mother played an active role in her daughter's upbringing, and indeed, the whole philosophy behind what is now known as the “Montessori Method.”

Studies in math, physics, natural sciences, biology and medicine led Maria Montessori to apply to the College of Medicine at the University of Rome, and she became the first female certified physician in Italy in 1896, graduating at the top of her class. In addition to her duties as a doctor, Maria Montessori conducted research work in psychiatric medicine and continued her education in philosophy, psychology and education. She was appointed professor of anthropology at the University of Rome in 1904. Throughout, her interest in the development of children grew, first from her experience with disabled children and the deplorable state of their care at the time, then further with mentally challenged children in her care. As she learned from the work of others already accomplished in the area of early childhood education, her own theories evolved, embracing elements, ideas and methods of all disciplines she had studied.

In 1906, at the age of 36, Maria Montessori founded the first Casa dei Bambini, or “Children’s House” for children of the industrial revolution’s working-class in one of the city’s worst slum districts. With 60 children in her care, Maria Montessori began their education by instructing the older children on how to help out with everyday chores. Sense materials that she had developed previously were introduced, and to her surprise, Montessori discovered how naturally young children adapted and enjoyed learning everyday tasks. The structure of work and constructive activity gave the children a sense of self-worth that they had never before experienced. One of Dr. Maria Montessori’s first major hurdles to improve the lives of these children was accomplished by encouraging parents to recognize that their children were special and of great value.

From this reverence for the individual, beauty and potential grew the Montessori method. Critical periods of early childhood development were identified through her observations, and the methodology evolved to address these periods with age-appropriate learning tools and activities. Further development of the methodology embraced what Montessori described as the “cosmic education”, where children would be given the environment and guidance to become the peacemakers of the future, existing in harmony with all living beings in a sustainable world.

From this time to her death in 1952, Maria Montessori continued her work, which became widely recognized and embraced throughout the United States, Europe, and India. She conducted and founded training courses on these continents, established a research institute in Spain, and developed Montessori Training Centers in the Netherlands and London.

Maria Montessori was a three-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize- in 1949, 1950, and 1951.



Yet, the movement in the U.S. burned out as quickly as it had spread. Language barriers, World War I travel limitations, anti-immigrant sentiment, and the disdain of a few influential educators—all contributed to the decline. By the 1920s Montessori had all but disappeared, except for the occasional school or practitioner.

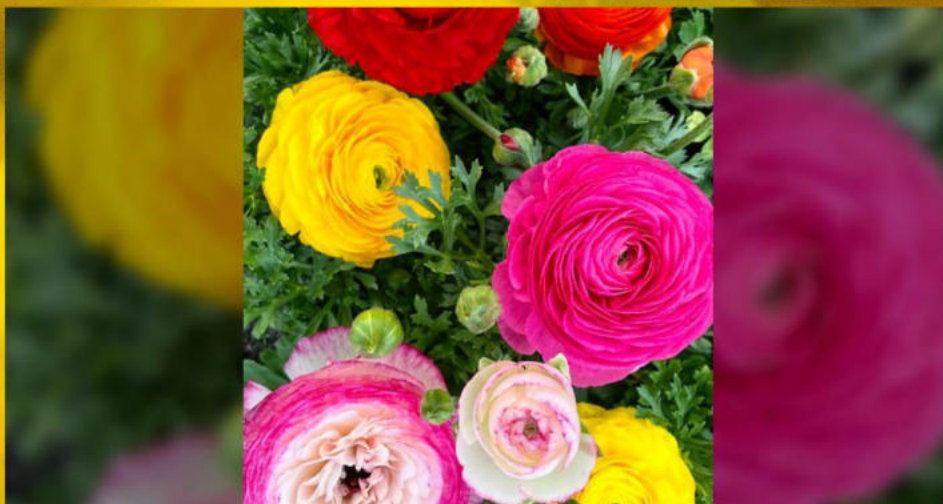
Elsewhere in the world, however, Montessori education continued to prosper and grow. Dr. Montessori traveled widely, giving courses and lectures and encouraging the launch of new schools. In 1929, together with her son, Mario, she established the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) to oversee the many national organizations and their schools and to supervise the education of Montessori teachers worldwide.

Dr. Montessori’s early research focused on educating young children, but in the 1920s she turned her attention to adolescence. At this stage of development, she observed, students need activities that help them to understand themselves and to find their place in the world. In time, Dr. Montessori also wove peace education into her curriculum, a result of having lived through 2 horrific world wars. “To teach details is to bring confusion; to establish the relationship between things is to bring knowledge.”



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# THE HORSE SHOW IN TUXEDO PARK...1903

*...The New York Times...1903*



Miles of horseback riding trails wound through the rich forestland in Tuxedo Park. The sport was very popular and all eagerly anticipated the horse shows. The amazing equestrian skills displayed, were unequally matched in the state. The grand turnout for the 1903 horse show was proof of the sportsmanship in the park.

The early part of the week in Tuxedo was full of excitement, and many cottagers entertained guests for the event. Heavy rains came Friday and Saturday and caused much damage throughout the park. The guests who arrived for the horseshow were not able to leave due to the flooding damage. The railroad washouts were so bad that trains could not run until Tuesday and then, only one each way from Tuxedo to the city. The horse show that was to have taken place on Friday and Saturday of that week was postponed until Monday.

Despite the condition of the track, there was a large crowd present and everything went smoothly. The warm weather brought out all of the fine points in the horses. The show ground and grandstand were artistically decorated, and the boxes were filled with a large gathering.

Many distinguished visitors were in attendance. A famous New York tailor brought in 3 manikins dressed in the latest equestrian riding habits for Tuxedo Park residents and guests to view the latest styles for their wardrobes. There were numerous luncheon parties at the Tuxedo Club, which was also in fine décor for the occasion. Although deprived of electricity, the cottagers entertained as usual. The judges of the horse show dined at Mr. and Mrs. Frelinghuysen's on Monday evening; many residents were invited to this special dinner and a general excitement prevailed as everyone toasted one another's achievements in the show.

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Later in the same day when Grandfather first met the Mugworts, the evening began with a sharp wind whistling down the chimney. The wide chimney peeked up to the dark sky through the snow that almost buried the barn. Branches snapped in two with the strength of the wind and the weight of the snow.

But there was a cheerful fire glowing in the woodstove, and the winter jam was releasing its strong candy aroma throughout our cozy barn. Cinnamon bread was baking in the oven and cinnamon apples hissed in the large kettle. Everything smelled of cinnamon, even the snow, thought Grandfather, as he opened the door to get more firewood.

Out in the deep, drifting snow he pulled on the woodpile, filling his arms with logs. Suddenly, a pile of snow slid from the roof, covering him right up to his neck. 'This is fun', thought Grandfather, letting the wood fall into the snow, he scooped up handfuls of snow and threw them wildly into the air. In the dim, fading light he noticed with a surprise that the snow was pink!

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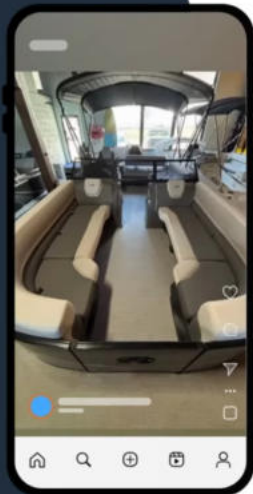
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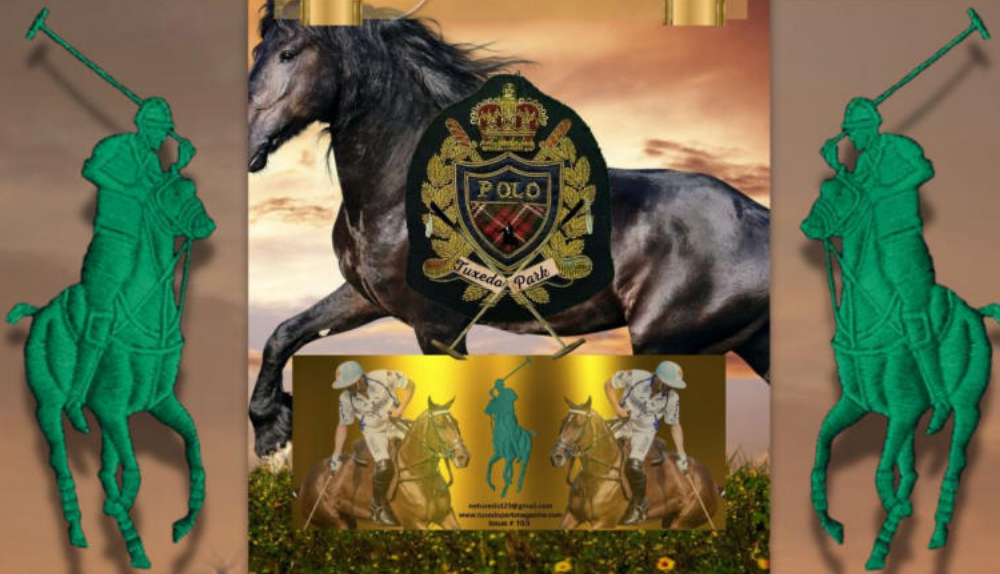
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Many of the first residents of Tuxedo Park had social lives and agendas in common, their social seasons, debutante balls, education, and sports. Their sporting interests included polo to the extent of strong competition throughout the circuit or on private estates where many sporting challenges took place. During the Gilded Age, many had estates large enough to include their own polo field. Others had to compromise with the common polo grounds. Tuxedo Park had its own polo grounds, where the residents strongly up-held traditional competitions and gatherings during the polo season.

Pierre Lorillard, the founder of Tuxedo Park, enjoyed this sport immensely, but his son, Grizzy, took it even farther up the ladder of general competition. Grizzy's father, Pierre Lorillard IV, was the head of a tobacco company that had been thriving since 1760. Grizzy was named for Nathaniel Griswold, his great-grandfather.

Pierre Lorillard kept horses for racing, hunting, coaching and polo in New Jersey and Tuxedo Park. His son Grizzy, was a member of the New York Coaching Club. At a steeplechase on Long Island, Griswold won both of his races and went on to excel on the polo fields. His fine talent was displayed especially in Tuxedo Park and its neighboring estates with private polo fields of which there were several. Grizzy had been blessed with every advantage except good health. Two years after setting the wheels of sporting history in motion, he died of consumption. He was only 24 years old.

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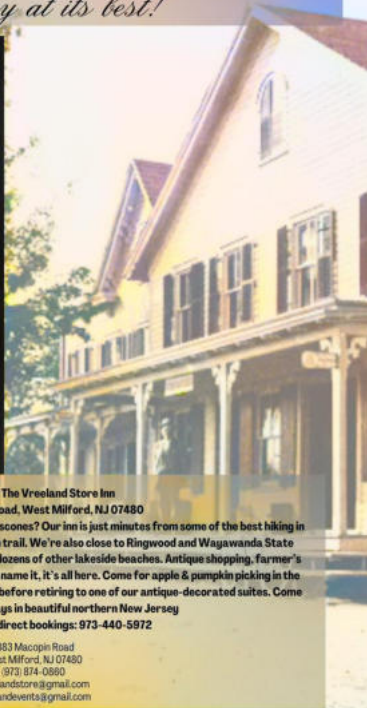
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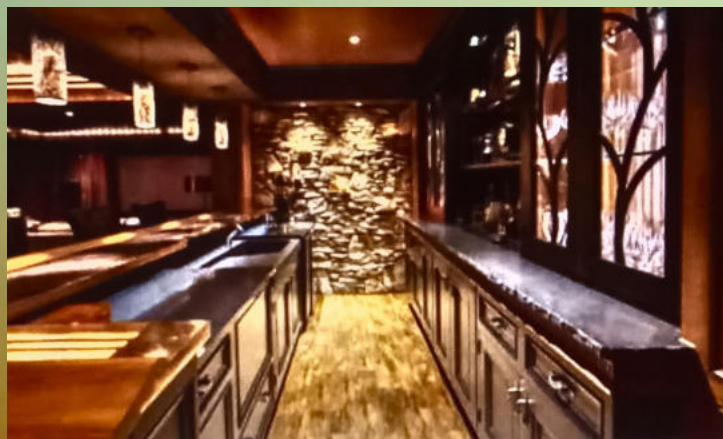
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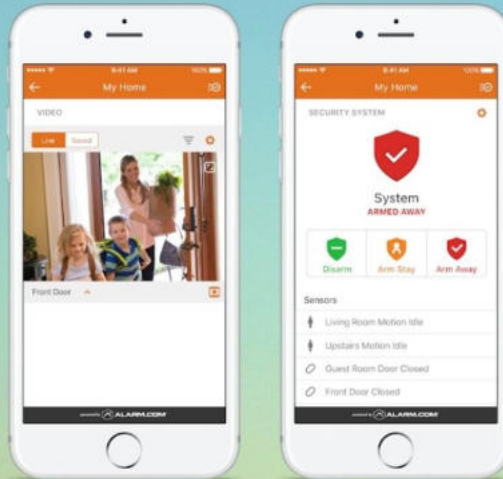
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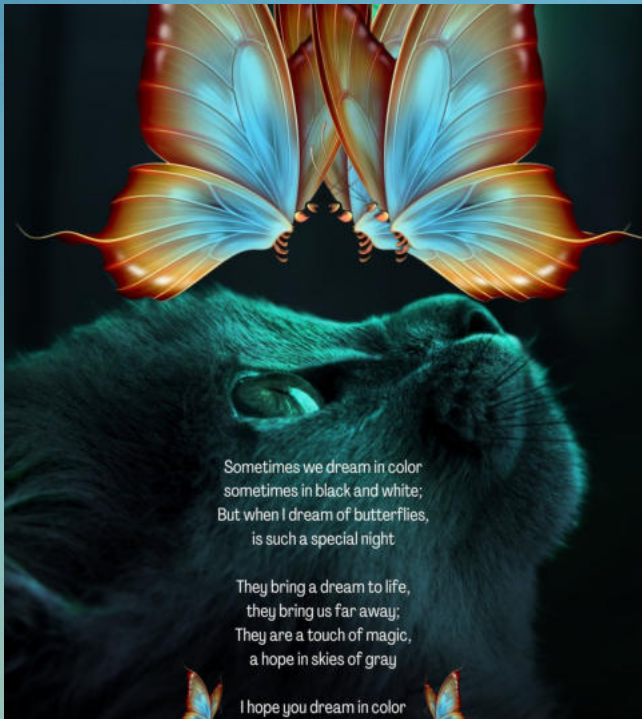
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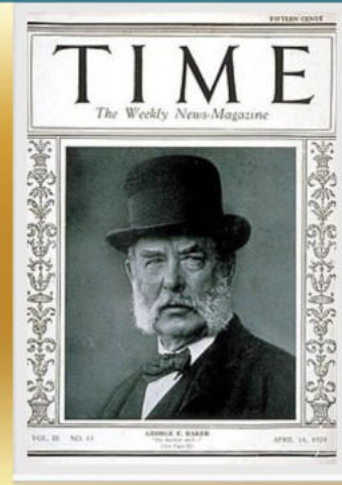
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The George F. Baker high school in Tuxedo NY was a gift to the town by Tuxedo Park resident George Fisher Baker, an American banker and philanthropist. The school was built in 1931. Baker was known as the "American Dean of Banking" and was a cofounder of the First National Bank of New York, which was the forerunner of today's Citibank. By the time of his death, Mr. Baker had amassed such a fortune in banking and railroads that he was estimated to be the third richest man in the United States, after Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller. The George F. Baker High School building is modeled after the Harvard Business School's, Baker Library



Tuxedo Park's George F. Baker, provided the majority of the funding for Harvard Business School with a 1924 grant of five million, for which Harvard gave him an honorary doctorate and named the library after him. In 1922, he established a million dollar endowment fund for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He had been a member of the museum board since 1909. George Baker donated 2 million to Cornell University for the construction of the Baker Laboratory of Chemistry, as well as Baker dormitories, and he endowed the Baker Lecture Series, the oldest continuous lectureship in chemistry in the United States. He made other large donations to charitable causes throughout New York City and funded the construction of Baker Field, Columbia University's primary athletic facility. He was well liked in Tuxedo Park, where many of his close friends and business associates also resided.

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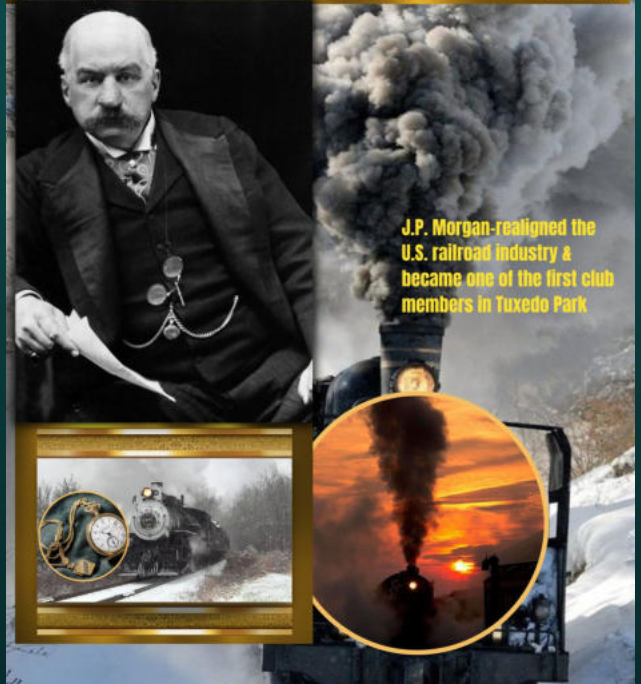
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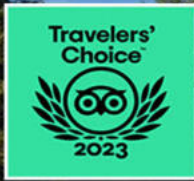
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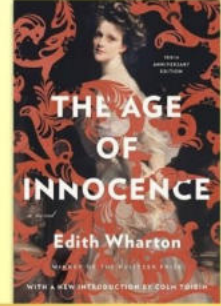
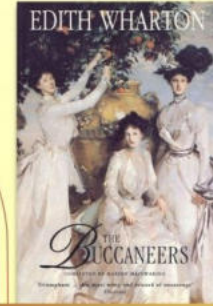
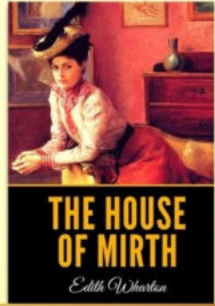
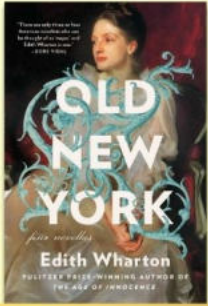
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# Tuxedo Park's Edith Jones Wharton

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Edith Jones Wharton was an American novelist, short story writer, and designer. She drew upon her insider's knowledge of the upper class New York "aristocracy" to realistically portray the lives and morals of the Gilded Age. She became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in literature for her novel, *The Age of Innocence*. Her family were Tuxedo Club members where Edith attended many of her friend's debutante balls. Edith based her best-selling novel, *"The House of Mirth"*, on Tuxedo Park, one of her favorite places. Wharton's family, the Joneses, were a very wealthy and socially prominent family having made their money in real estate. The saying "keeping up with the Joneses" referred to her father's family. She was related to the Rensselaers, the most prestigious of the old patroon families who had received land grants from the former Dutch government of New York and New Jersey. Her father's first cousin was Caroline Schermerhorn Astor.

Edith keenly observed the social changes happening around her, both in the city and Tuxedo Park, which she used later in her writing. She officially came out as a debutante to society in 1879. She was allowed to bare her shoulders and wear her hair up for the first time at a December dance given by a Society matron, Anna Morton. In Tuxedo Park, Edith was admired and popular, and was known to say to several, that she felt more comfortable in Tuxedo Park than anywhere else.



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