

## **I have only seen her in a mirror**

*(Schiaparelli)*

The King of Italy (an implacable octopus)

Patron of the Midinettes (monumental of size and generosity and human love)

Commercial Editor of Vogue (hospitable mess)

The Governor of Bengal (more propense to saying yes than no)

The Foundling (undercurrents, as if she were forever passing a cemetery)

Famous Astrologer (half smothered white dove)

The English Counsel in Malta (without warning went mad)

The Painter (dressed in an orgy of chiffon, pleats and furbelows)

Solitary Person (turned out to be a drunkard and a pest)

The Angry Duke (few people have been so deeply hurt in their feelings)

Communist (incredible blue eyes and terrific charm)

A Girl from Texas (very parachute minded)

'Wasp Waist' (let us hope that her mother's prediction does not come true)

Mechanic (body of the beloved singing-bird)

The Indomitable (wore a diamond pin, designed to represent the Great Bear constellation which, you will recall, Nature was said to have grown on her cheek)

Jolly Old Irish Colonel (supreme indifference to material values)

Chauffeur (child of a mammoth brain)

A Buyer from Chicago (a severe test for all of us)

Wife of the Buyer from Chicago (kept her personality whole and never compromised)