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## ARTHUR COPPELL

**A** RTHUR COPPELL, member of the New York banking firm of Maitland, Coppel & Co., was born at Claremont, New Jersey, a suburb of New York, on April 10, 1872. His father, George Coppel, was long well known as a banker and railroad director, and was head of the house of Maitland, Coppel & Co. He was born in Liverpool, England, but had spent his active business life chiefly in New York. He died on April 19, 1901. The wife of George Coppel and mother of Arthur Coppel bore the maiden name of Helen Hoffman Gillingham, and was born in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Arthur Coppel was carefully educated. His preparatory courses were pursued at St. John's School at Sing Sing (now Ossining), New York. Thence at the age of eighteen he went to Princeton University, and was there duly graduated with the class of 1894. His intellectual equipment was such as to prepare him for a professional career, but instead he chose to become identified with the business interests conducted by his father.

Accordingly, soon after leaving college he entered the office of Maitland, Phelps & Co., bankers, in New York, as an employee. There he made rapid progress in mastering the details of the banking business and of finance in general. Thus he soon became fitted for his admission into the firm as a partner. This latter step was effected on July 1, 1896, the firm then being known, as at present, as Maitland, Coppel & Co. The firm is now composed of Messrs. Gerald L. Hoyt, Dallas B. Pratt, Arthur Coppel, and Herbert Coppel, the last two being brothers, and sons of the late George Coppel.

In addition to his share in the banking business of this firm,



*Arthur Powell*

Mr. Coppel is a director of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company, and of the Rio Grande Southern Railroad Company.

Mr. Coppel has held and has sought no political office of any kind. He is a member of a number of prominent social organizations in and about New York, including the New York Athletic Club, the Racquet and Tennis Club, the Riding Club, the Princeton Club, the City Midday Club, the Englewood Golf Club of Englewood, New Jersey, and the St. George's Society. His office and banking house are at No. 24 Exchange Place, and his home is at No. 127 East Fifty-seventh Street, New York.

Mr. Coppel was married at Grace Church, on December 12, 1899, his bride being Miss Mary Stewart Bowers, daughter of John M. Bowers, the well-known lawyer of New York.

A daughter was born to them on December 31, 1901, and was named after her grandmother, Susan Bowers Coppel.

