

NIECE OF HOUGHTON, AMBASSADOR, TO WED

Miss Gratia Buell Houghton Is Betrothed to Mary Roberts Rinehart's Son Alan.

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WASHINGTON, May 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Amory Houghton of this city and Corning, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gratia Buell Houghton, to Alan Gillespie Rinehart, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Rinehart of Washington and Pittsburgh. Mrs. Rinehart is Mary Roberts Rinehart, the novelist. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Houghton made her début two years ago in Berlin, while visiting her uncle, Alanson B. Houghton, the then American Ambassador to Germany who now is Ambassador to Great Britain. With her cousin, Miss Matilda Houghton, she was presented last year at the Court of St. James's. Miss Houghton has visited Washington frequently. She spent last season at 2,715 Q Street, the Georgetown residence which Mr. and Mrs. Houghton have leased from Mrs. George von L. Meyer of Boston, widow of a former Secretary of the Navy.

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