

OUCH! – Jessica Mitford

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The most recent eruption of articles about the British royal family – with the echoes that come with them of former pettiness, backbiting and greed – reminded me of a story in a world so long gone that it might be from fairyland. In *Hons and Rebels** Jessica Mitford who in 1936, aged 9, and having just discovered how babies are made, breathlessly passed the information on to her incredulous sisters. “And – even the King and Queen do it,” she added.

*In some editions *Daughters and Rebels*