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The first woman to climb the Matterhorn was Lucy Walker (1836–1916) who did so on a diet of sponge cake and champagne!





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Mary Evelyn Asquith (1857-1912) was the daughter of a wealthy family. She became secretly engaged in 1875 to a man who was a barrister, had far more limited means than she, and was a member of the Royal Field Artillery. In that year her father died, and she, however, was accompanied by neither mother nor father to her temporary home to another, which she called "The Grange" (c. 1914); a third son, Simon, was born in 1881.

Her wartime diaries (published in 1968) are a candid record of her cuckooing existence as well as her growing awareness of autism. More important, they show her, side by side with her husband, as a woman who was well read, intelligent, and well liked.

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