**Nancy Astor and Winston Churchill: a funny spat**

We could start with an aphorism about Winston Churchill …

**Nancy Astor,** born **Nannie Witcher Keene** in the United States of America, was the first woman to run and be elected in England at the beginning of the 1900s, to be able to work actively in politics for her country.

In fact, the young lady had moved across the Channel years earlier and married **Waldorf Astor here.**

Convinced conservative, her election represented an epochal turning point and she took to heart and carried forward deeply felt issues such as the condition of women and education.

Combative and resolute, she clashed several times with **Winston Churchill in Parliament.**

Some **squabbles** between her and the great statesman have remained famous.

What I tell below is the most famous and, almost certainly, also the nicest.

During a parliamentary session, Nancy Astor completely lost her temper and, turning to Churchill, said to him: **"Winston, if you were my husband, I would put poison in your coffee!"**.

But Churchill, as we know, was certainly not lacking in irony and to his provocative statement the lady was answered thus: **"Nancy, if you were my wife, I would drink it!"**.

To displace anyone