THE GAY WORLD OF SOCIETY

As Usual, Afforded a Great Deal of Amusement to Its Inhabitants.

THE HAMILTON RECEPTION.

The Merry Happenings Which Enlivened Parlor, Bower and Hall During the Past Week.

A Pretty Secret.

The conservatory was sweet and dim,
The music faintly heard,
Ruffled the air with a gentle stir
Like the drowsy song of a bird.

In a corner far away from the ken
Of the the watchful chaperone,
He toyed with her glove and talked of love
In a tender undertone.

After a while he bent his head
And breathed in a careless way,
"By the by, have you heard, upon my word,
'Tis a shocking thing they say.

"Of your gentle friend, Miss Primrose West,
And what she did last night!
'Twas a wager you know and as wagers go,
It may come out all right.

"But,—'anything I ask, if I'll tell it you,
A confidence such as this,
By jove, the price is something nice,
I believe I'll demand a kiss!

"Your mouth is sweeter a dozen times
Than all the honeycomb's store,
If a bee could sip from your dewy lip
He'd die of desire for more.

"'Oh bother Miss West!' 'I must say it quick,
'The guests are leaving,' 'Oh!'
Well she wagered a kiss, full measure of bliss,
With a man that he couldn't go,

And get a like favor otherwhere.
The payment, however, is due,
I cannot lie, the man was I,
The girl to be kissed was you!"

Mrs. Hamilton's Reception.

Mrs. C. W. Hamilton gave a handsome and an agreeable reception Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. Will Hamilton, who have recently returned from their wedding journey.

Mrs. Hamilton may be justly proud of presenting such a charming daughter-in-law, graceful, cultured, dignified, with a singularly winning face.

Mrs. Hamilton, the bride, made a general conquest. The house was decorated with a profusion of flowers, the table in the dining room being exceptionally attractive with roses and smilax, silver, cut glass, salted almonds and sweets, with Mrs. Clement Chase and Mrs. Victor Caldwell pouring coffee at either end.

Mrs. Hamilton was gowned in black silk and velvet, with point lace in the bodice.

Mrs. Will Hamilton wore a beautiful gown of white brocaded silk en traine, high at the throat and with long sleeves.

Mrs. Caldwell, a gown of the becoming combination of blue and grey.

Mrs. Chase, a pink surah gown, with half sleeves and drapery of white lace.

Mrs. Rollins, a strikingly pretty gown of pink net with a pink and green brocaded directoire coat.

Mrs. Harrison looked charming in a cream brocaded satin gown, en traine and V shaped bodice.

Mrs. Squires, a gown of cream silk with embroidered front and trimmed with fringe.

Mrs. Dundy, a black faille and black net.

Mrs. B. B. Wood, a gown of green silk gauze with satin stripe and trimmed with pink roses.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, a red and white India silk gown trimmed with red velvet.

Mrs. Keller, a black velvet gown with puffings in the sleeves of pink satin.

Mrs. Green, black lace over black satin.

Mrs. Irwin, black net over black faille.

Mrs. Bradford, black lace skirts, decollete bodice of black velvet.

Mrs. Fred McConnell, black net gown over red silk.

Miss Metcalfe, a gown of lemon crepe with a decollette bodice.

Miss Luddington looked very pretty in a black lace gown.

Miss Dundy, a black lace gown with a sash and trimmings of moss green.

Miss Smith, a lovely gown of pink net with satin stripes.

Miss Pusey, an artistically made Paris gown of yellow crepe.

Miss Anna Millard, a black net gown with bodice bouquet of red roses, red slippers.

Miss Jessie Millard, an exceedingly becoming gown of yellow gauze.

Mrs. Ramsey looked beautiful in a gown of white crepe embroidered with silver.

Miss Balcombe, a gown of black net over green moire.

Miss Ida Sharp, a black lace gown with pink and green satin bodice.

Miss Yost, red china silk combined with cream fish net.

Miss Hessie Yates, a charmingly becoming gown of red crepe with a decollete bodice.

Miss Hoagland an empire gown of white crepe with an embroidered petticoat.

Miss McKenna a gown of gray crepe trimmed with silver.

Miss Forepaugh a black silk gown elaborately trimmed with lace and jet, a bodice bouquet of violets.

Miss Laura Hoagland a pretty girlish gown of white embroidered India silk.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Carrier, Mr. and Mrs. George Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dundy, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Ringwald, Dean and Mrs. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Darrow, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Dewey, Miss Yost, Miss Bessie Yates, Miss Florence Yates, Miss McKenna, Miss Forepaugh, Miss Williams, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Luddington, Miss Dundy, Miss Pusey, Miss Anna Millard, Miss Jessie Millard, Miss Balcombe, Miss Hanscom, Miss Ida Sharp, Miss Dixon and Miss Smith, Mr. Sanders, Dr. Lee, Mr. McMullan, Mr. Offutt, Mr. Wyman, Dr. Smith, Dr. Wilcox, Mr. Berlin, Mr. Haas, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Wilbee, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Drake, Mr. Cornish and Mr. Kennedy.

Wednesday's Reception.

Mrs. W. A. Paxton threw open her spacious drawing rooms on Wednesday afternoon to receive the guests invited to meet Mrs. Durfee, a visiting friend from Rochester.

Flowers were everywhere, on tables, piano and mantelpieces, roses predominating and adding materially to the beauty of the rooms by their color and fragrance.

The catering was left in Pryor's capable hands and he had arranged the table charmingly with roses, fruits and fairy lamps.

Under the stairs, behind screens and palms, the musicians were hidden and the seticious strains from harps and violins floated through the rooms during the entire afternoon.

Mrs. Paxton was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Durfee, Mrs. M. Patrick, Mrs. Shiverick, Mrs. S. P. Morse, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Burns, Miss Burns, Miss Ijams and the Misses Hoagland.

Mrs. Paxton wore a gown of deep red silk and velvet.

Mrs. Durfee, an exceedingly becoming gown of white China silk trimmed with long fringe and carried la France roses.

Mrs. Patrick, a decollete gown of blue brocaded silk of a delicate shade and gracefully fashioned.

Mrs. Shiverick, a decolette gown of white silk and gauze, and looked very handsome.

Mrs. Morse, an effective toilet of black and white satin trimmed with jet.

Mrs. Colpetzer, a very becoming gown of mauve satin trimmed with black lace.

Mrs. Burns, a gown of green faille trimmed with Persian embroidery.

Miss Burns, a gown of gray bengaline with the bodice a trifle open at the throat.

Miss Ijams, a black crepe with a front in the bodice of old rose crepe and black thread lace and trimmed with green-gold braid.

Miss Hoagland, a pretty Quakerish gown of soft gray wool.

Miss Laura Hoagland, a wool gown of Elfel red with a brocaded front in the bodice and a panel in the skirt of pink brocade.

Among the visitors between 4 and 5 o'clock were: Mrs. Wentworth, Mrs. Hachert, Mrs. J. K. Chambers, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Estabrook, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Dietze, Mrs. T. L. Rogers, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Barringer, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Byron Reed, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Clement Chase, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Dundy, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Hellman, Mrs. Polack, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Swobe, Mrs. Cahn, Mrs. Moritz Meyer, Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Spalding, Mrs. Mellen, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Wessels, Mrs. Albert Cahn, Mrs. Martin Cann, Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Bishop, Miss Miller, Miss Crary, Miss Balcombe, Miss Shears, Miss Dewey and Miss Orchard.

Friday's Reception.

Mrs. Wheeler's cosy little home was transformed into a bower of beauty Friday afternoon, an endless variety of palms filling odd corners and magically metamorphosing the fireplace into a pyramid of restful green. The house is a dainty bijou under all circumstances, and in its pretty gala dress of roses and smilax was fascinatingly pretty. This is especially true of the dining room, with the polished table and sideboard reflecting myriads of candles and dependent crystals from the candelabra, an armful of American beauty roses as a center-piece, with trailing smilax from chandeliers and graceful festoons over the shining surface of the table.

Bonsaline roses ornamented the sideboard, rivaling in their exquisite prettiness the more gorgeous beauties.

Mrs. Wheeler was assisted in receiving by Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, sr., Mrs. Myron Wheeler, Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Coffman, with Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Baum, respectively, pouring tea and coffee.

Mrs. Wheeler looked very dainty in a gown of soft mode color bengaline, trimmed with Persian embroidery in delicate shades with a V shaped effect on the bodice of narrow picot edge cream colored ribbon.

Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, sr., wore a handsome gown of black satin brocade and black lace with a corsage bouquet of Marechale Niel roses.

Mrs. Myron Wheeler, an airy pretty gown of white satin striped gauze over green moire, with roses in her V shaped bodice.

Mrs. Coffman wore a fascinating gown of old rose and moss green India silk combined with cream fish-net and trimmed with olive velvet and old rose ribbons.

Mrs. Bradford's gown was a becoming symphony in soft gray wool and silk with delicate gray embroidery.

Mrs. Baum, black figured net over pink moire, with a V shaped bodice and a bouquet of pink roses.

Mrs. Chase looked very pretty in an ox-blood wool gown with a zouave jacket and girdle of black velvet.

There were any number of noticeably handsome visiting costumes worn by the guests, among whom were: Mrs. Drake, Mrs. J. J. Brown, Mrs. C. W. Hamilton, Mrs. C. Will Hamilton, Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. Wessels, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Pease, Mrs. Dietz, Mrs. Swobe, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Wincote, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Estabrook, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Durfee, Mrs. Peabody, Mrs. Rollins, Mrs. Larimer, Mrs. Will Poppleton, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Tillson, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Cadahy, Mrs. Baum, Mrs. Victor Caldwell, Mrs. Rustin, Mrs. Garneau, Mrs. Babcock, Miss Crary, Miss Rustin, Miss Dewey, Miss Burns, Miss Barker, Miss Baum, Miss Sharp, Miss Ida Sharp, Miss Orchard and any number of others.

Afternoon Teas.

Kensington "teas" are much the mode at present and are naturally popular as affording a fitting opportunity for doing justice to a charming house, exquisite china and the "power behind the throne" in one's cuisine. The term "tea," in this instance, is a curious misnomer, the reality being a generous outlay of inviting dainties without so much as a sight of the social cup, coffee or chocolate being served instead.

Mr. Bennett gave a delightful tea on Monday afternoon where all the woman-world, becomingly gowned and armed with the most distractingly pretty nags containing all manner of needlework, fleeted time pleasantly with agreeable chit chat.

The house was made sweet with flowers, the hostess received her guests attired in a pretty, graceful tea-gown of soft gray bengaline.

Among the visitors were: Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Spalding, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wessels, Mrs. Hanscom, Mrs. Pritchett, Miss Miller, Mrs. D. S. Barkalow, Mrs. D. V. Barkalow, Mrs. B. B. Wood, Mrs. S. Brown, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Denise, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Coutant, Mrs. Clement Chase, Mrs. J. J. Brown, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Peabody.

Mrs. Fred N. Connor gave a very delightful tea to a number of her friends Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Bradford's "tea" on Wednesday at her pretty home on Douglas street was a pronounced success, the women naturally drifted into cosy groups thereby aiding their tactful hostess in promoting the congeniality of the afternoon. Among the guests were: Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Higgison, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Hosford, Miss Coe, Miss Sharp, Miss Ida Sharp, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Chambers, Miss Gertrude Chambers, Miss Dixon, Miss Smith, Miss Isaacs, the Misses Barlow, and Miss Hanscom.

A Kaffee Klatch.

Mrs. Wheaton's "kaffee klatch" at Fort Omaha on Friday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Spalding was a pleasing success. The house, which was made smart with flags and flowers, with quantities of palms, ferns and orchids, was decidedly inviting and picturesque.

The Second infantry band played charmingly during the afternoon and at about 4 o'clock the unexpected feature of a musicale was introduced, the guests assembling in the music room.

Mrs. Wheaton sang several times sweetly and in good style.

Miss Miller played one of Chopin's nocturnes very pleasingly.

Miss Chase sang a little ballad with exquisite taste, and Mr. Kinzie, whose voice is a delightful responsive tenor, sang both alone and with Mrs. Wheaton.

Among the many guests during the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Dr. and Mrs. Summers, Colonel and Mrs. Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Morse, General and Mrs. Brooke, Major and Mrs. Benham, Mr. and Mrs. Wessels, Mr. and Mrs. Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Heth, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Garneau.

A Small Cotillion.

The Misses Yates gave a delightful little German in the hall of their handsome house on Friday evening with fifteen couples of congenial, "friendly folk, bright clad and laughing as if life were good."

The party grew out of a proposed "happen in" where the guests would go in carry-all with no thought of anything formal or formulated in the way of amusement. The pretty outcome of a german was an after thought and a pronounced success. The dancers were: Miss Hosford, Miss Coe, Miss McKenna, Miss Hosford, Miss Luddington, Miss Yost, Miss Williams, Miss Orchard, Miss Dewey, Miss Dixon, Miss Anna Millard, Miss Hoagland, Miss Laura Hoagland and the Misses Yates, Mr. Wyman, Mr. Hull, Mr. Wilson, the Messrs. Howe, Mr. Robert Patrick, Mr. John Patrick, Mr. McCague, Mr. Crofutt, Mr. Hall, Mr. Frank Hamilton, Mr. Coldwell Hamilton, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Koenig and Mr. Coughlin.

High Five.

Miss Cathrene White entertained her friends at "Progressive High Five" Thursday evening at her home on North Twentieth street. The honors were carried off by Miss Agnes White and Mr. W. P. McDevitt, while the consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. L. M. Talmage and Mr. C. W. White. Lunch was served at 12 o'clock after which dancing was indulged in until 2 o'clock.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Talmage, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hollo, Misses Carrie Austin of Grand Island, Mollie Condon of South Omaha, Marie and Carrie Gasconeini, Agnes White, Emma Hornester, Tina Hollo, Inez Hassell and Maude Church, and Messrs. D. S. Seitz, W. P. McDevitt, A. E. Hutchinson, J. A. Beaton, F. J. Beaton, W. F. Beckard, C. C. Clark, H. J. Johnson, C. W. White and C. H. White.

Ivy Lodge Reception.

Ivy lodge No. 33, Daughters of Rebekah, gave a full dress party at Goodrich hall Friday night. The company was large and most congenial. A number of visitors were present from Lincoln, O'Neill, Fremont and Council Bluffs. The ladies of Ivy lodge spared no effort to make the affair a thoroughly enjoyable one and that they succeeded admirably was the unanimous opinion of all who were fortunate enough to enjoy their hospitality.

The general charge of affairs devolved upon a committee of arrangements consisting of E. L. Armstrong, G. R. Rathbun and Ed N. Brown, ably assisted by the reception committee, consisting of Mesdames J. B. West, G. R. Rathbun, E. L. Armstrong, C. D. Stire, B. E. Rogers, S. R. Patten and R. H. Lucas.

A delicious luncheon was served in the banquet room on the third floor of the hall.

Among those present were Louis Biedermun of Council Bluffs, deputy grand master of Iowa, Mrs. Biedermun and Miss Black; Mrs. Alice Williams of Lincoln, representatives to the national convention; Mrs. Lydia Hall, Lincoln; Mrs. Albert A. Utley of O'Neill, secretary of the grand convention; I. P. Gage of Fremont, grand patriarh; Mrs. Addie Lolles, Glenwood, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Cadet Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Straight and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thompson and Miss Mellert, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bensoll, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Eoholm, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Esson, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bruner, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hibbard, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Rathburn, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stire, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Ed N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. West, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Patten, F. J. Hetzel and Miss Nellie Bensen, N. P. Sass and Miss Lizzie Bensen, H. B. Slook and Miss Voorhis, H. B. Davis and Miss Von Hellar, E. Eugene Patten and Miss Annie Weir, A. M. Akin and Miss Anna Usher, R. Farrel and Miss Etta Ogden, H. E. Smalley, H. N. Sides, W. B. Field, F. B. Bryant, W. J. Reynolds, Theo. Bennett, G. Arthur Rathburn.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of Ivy lodge gave a reception and luncheon in honor of the Rebekahs from Lincoln, O'Neill, etc.

An Evening at the Paxton.

Miss Mabel Smith gave a "small and early" on Thursday at the Paxton, with the result of a delightful evening. Miss Hosford, who sings very well, and Miss Coe, who plays the zither quite cleverly, entertained the guests in the parlor before going down stairs where card tables were brought into requisition.

A jolly supper party added materially to the enjoyment of the occasion. The guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Benham, Miss Hosford, Miss Coe, Miss Ijams, Miss Summers, Miss Balcombe, Mr. Robert Patrick, Mr. John Patrick, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clover, Mr. Morgan, Mr. W. B. Smith and Mr. W. F. Smith.

A White and Gold Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick gave another of their famously beautiful dinners at Happy Hollow on Wednesday evening in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Sheridan.

Covers were laid for twenty, and the table was a picture with its white and gold decorations, ferns, roses, and the group of handsome women in full dinner toilet.

The guests were: Colonel and Mrs. Sheridan, General and Mrs. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Meday, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reed, Miss Hosford and Miss Coe.

Williams-McMahon.

A pleasant social event occurred at Glenwood, Ia., Saturday, November 30. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. Robert F. Williams to Mrs. Henrietta H. McMahon, both of Omaha. Mr. Williams is a member of the Co-operative Land and Lot company of this city, and is a young man well and favorably known in business and social circles. Mrs. McMahon is a young woman of pleasing personal and intellectual qualities. The ceremony was private, only near relatives of the contracting parties being present. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are at home at Thirteenth and Arbor streets.

A Round Table Tea.

Mrs. Savage gave a "round table tea" Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Spalding. The decorations were la France roses and ferns and the coffee and tea were poured by the charming hostess. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Spalding, General and Mrs. Wheaton, Colonel and Mrs. Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker.

Progressive High Five.

Mrs. H. A. Haskell gave a progressive high five party last Tuesday evening to about thirty of her old neighbors, who seemed to enjoy the occasion, and after partaking of a lunch separated for their homes, wishing their hostess a speedy return of the occasion.

Tricks and Manners.

It is a curious fact that in Omaha where culture decidedly obtains and where women with reason consider themselves 'au fait' in social matters, there should be such a careless disregard of things that are the very seal of good breeding.

Overlooking what should suggest itself from a point of good nature really proclaims one ignorant of those things established as 'good form' in polite society.

For example, the inexcusable neglect in replying to notes of invitation when the hostess issues them several days or even a week before the entertainment.

If there be a chance of something interfering at the last moment to make one's presence impossible, it is decidedly more kindly and infinitely better bred to send one's regrets immediately.

An early acceptance is equally incumbent within the charmed circle of the 400 as it frequently makes a material difference to the hostess.

Although it is not customary, it is very thoughtful to send a reply to an invitation for a reception, for where is the need of preparing for two hundred when only about a hundred may chance to come.

Again a ball is a picture and anything that is gauche or inharmonious destroys the effect, consequently it should occur to women attending the assemblies and cotillions to leave off their bonnets if there be the ghosteiest chance of their dancing, a single head dress of this fashion among women in evening gowns is as incongruous as a man in his top coat would be among his conventionally dressed companions.

This question of bonnets is a vexed one and can only be settled by tabooing them with waiting gowns after dinner.

Social Gossip

Miss Wakeley is visiting in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lehmer returned to towa on Friday.

The Misses Dundy have issued cards for a card party December 13.

Mrs. Latey is expected early in the week to visit Mrs. T. J. Rogers.

Mrs. Louis Bradford gives a Kensington tea Tuursday afternoon, December 12.

Mrs. H. S. Rollins will give a luncheon at the Union club on Thursday, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Will Hamilton are in their new home on Harney and Twenty-fifth streets.

Mrs. James W. Savage will entertain her friends at a reception Wednesday, December 11, from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Mr. Clover of Springfield, Ill., a nephew of Mr. Robert Lincoln, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Benham at the Paxton.

Mrs. Zera Snow is expected in Omaha shortly, whence she will go to Calhoun to visit Mr. Charles McCormick.

The ladies' musicale on Wednesday at Meyers' hall was Mrs. Bacharts recital and was thoroughly creditable and enjoyable.

The president announced the next musicale for December 18 by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean entertained the "Bon Ami" whist club Monday evening at their pleasant home in West Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord, accompanied by Mrs. Timmerman, left for the east on Wednesday to stay until after the holidays.

Mr. T. J. Rogers will give a reception Tuesday, December 10, from 3 until 6 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. Latey and Mrs. Warren Rogers.

Mrs. Wincote, who is a pretty hostess with a decidedly winning manner, entertained the "Saturday High Five" club last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock and Miss Mabel Balcombe left on Thursday for New York, to be absent until after the holidays.

Mr. Lyman Richardson, Mr. Tower, Mr. Brown and Mr. Ben Smith left on Thursday for the Black Hills with Mr. Taylor in his private car. That their object is fishing was established by the amount of bait they took.

The ladies of the Trinity cathedral will give a parish reception in the crypt of the cathedral, on Monday evening December 9, which all members of the congregation and all other friends of the cathedral are most cordially invited.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Nellie L. Coots to Mr. Henry F. Dailey on Wednesday, December 4. Mr. and Mrs. Dailey have gone east on a wedding journey and will be at home to their friends after December 25.

Mrs. Victor Caldwell gave a pretty luncheon Tuesday in honor of Miss Hosford, who was a school companion of hers. Covers were laid for eleven, the guests being: Mrs. Will Hamilton, Mrs. George, Mrs. Clement Chase, Miss Hosford, Miss Coe, Miss McKenna, Miss Forepaugh, Miss Jessie Millard, Miss Nichols and Miss Mary Millard.

Mrs. Pritchett gave a luncheon last Friday with the distinguishing features of perfect table appointments, a delicious menu and a company of guests essentially congenial. Covers were laid for Madame Barkalow, Mrs. D. V. Barkalow, Mrs. B. B. Wood, Mrs. D. S. Barkalow, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Hanscom and Miss Hanscom.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ella Armstrong to Mr. George Gould. Miss Armstrong is the daughter of Ewing L. Armstrong and is a very popular young woman. Mr. Gould is also well known and liked in Omaha, he was formerly connected with Trinity Cathedral choir and is now engaged in the banking business at Bellwood. The marriage is to be celebrated within a fortnight.

There will be a bazaar at Certhandt Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 10 with manifold desirable things to be had in exchange for "siller." The affair will be quite unique, one of the features decidedly out of the ordinary, will be a Turkish booth with oriental rugs, hangings and oven Turkish sweets and coffee, presided over by other "sweets" in the way of charming young women who have the superior advantage of being of home manufacture.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith were surprised by a party of their young friends who came in for a game of high-five and to spend a jolly evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whitney, Miss Nash, Miss M. Guicomini, Miss C. Guicomini, Miss Meanchoff, Miss O'Rourke, the Misses Murphy, Dyeson and Wessells, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. W. Wakeley, Dr. Wilkenson, Mr. J. L. Amber of Chicago, and Mr. R. Wessells.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Stiff collarettes of jet, jet girdles and jet epaulettes are very stylish.

Da Vinci is the name given to a new beautiful tint of heliotrope.

Jacket waists and corsages with extremely elaborate fronts remain with us.

Enormous muffs and fur gloves reaching to the elbows are a cosy prediction.

It is but natural, we suppose, that a glowing kiss should set fair cheeks aflame.

Dr. Amelia B. Edwards says America will furnish the noted women of the future.

Simple made robes of velvet, edged with Russian sable or other rich furs are all the rage.

Tortoise shell combs are now made so that jeweled tops may be removed and worn as brooches.

A Smith county, Kansas, girl won $50 the other day by husking and cribbing sixty bushels of corn in five hours.

The latest thing in Paris at dinner parties is to put at each guest's plate a rose with the name of the person to whom that place is allotted.

A bottle of glycerine and rose water are of paramount importance for rubbing on the face and hands at night to keep the skin smooth.

Plaitings of all kinds are tabooed on underwear, the cambric being trimmed with pure lace plainly set on, or with delicate hand embroidery.

Many skirts are made crosswise of the material and have but one seam. To mout them in ample petticoat fashion upon an foundation skirt is a work of art.

The young ladies of the normal school of Ada, O., were so shocked by the appearance of a sketch of Apollo that they had it dressed in knee breeches by the town tailor.

A Wisconsin man, whose wife and one daughter are already members of the legal firm of which he is the head, has two daughters preparing for the bar at the state university.

Mme. de Valsayre, the champion woman's rights woman of France, has retired from the French Women's league because the latter resolved that men shall be excluded from their assemblies.

Black velvet used in conjunction with the new Parisian plaids is very stylish. Entire sleeves buttoning to the shoulder on the inside of the arm are made of the velvet and finished with a short pouf or epaulet of the plaid.

Young medical student (to his sweetheart)—Do you know, Julia, that the human heart is equal to the lifting of 120 pounds every twenty-four hours! Julia (demurely) Well, that's just my weight. Then he lifted her to his heart.

Vulture is "the" new color and will undoubtedly "go" well. It is exactly the shade of a vulture's back, with a sort of a dusky bloom all over the surface, whether it is in opera cloth, cashmere, camel's hair or twill. It is very cunningly woven.

Thin fabrics like gauze and silk muslin are used for the foundation of gold and silver embroidery to trim evening toilets. White passementeries of pearl beads, silk and silver cords, are dainty and attractive in narrow galloons and deep points.

Florence Marryat, the novelist, is stoutish, thoughtful-looking and impetuous-mannered. She has written in all some forty-seven novels, and she believes in ghosts. She once owned a newspaper, and she still owns a pug-dog, which she carries about with her.

Mrs. U. S. Grant looks much stronger and in better health since her return from visiting Fred Grant's family in Vienna. She will appear very little in New York society this winter, having planned a visit of some length to Jessie Grant's family in California.

An effort is being made to revive wide round belts fastened with a deep metal buckle. Such belts are worn with round shirred corsages, as well as with others which have a pleated basque that extends below. The effect is to shorten the waist, and there is a general tendency toward short waists.

Harris cloth, a new material made by the Scotch crofters of Harris island, is much in favor in London for costumes intended for rough wear. It is dyed with seaweed, and comes in dull grays and browns mingled with white. The suits are simply made, and some have the leather hem which is so easily cleaned.

Tincture of camphor or tincture of myrrh dropped into water is an excellent wash for the mouth and throat when the breath is not sweet. When the latter is used, the proportions are ten drops of myrrh to a glass of water. Powdered alum should be put into the water with which you bathe your hands before putting on gloves for a crowded reception or ball, when there might be a tendency to perspire too freely.

This season presents quite an astonishing variety of ornaments for the hair. Those studded with half-precious gems are charming for dress occasions. Steel, too, is much used for the same purpose, while as to carved ornaments in amber, jet, silver, tortoise-shell and ivory, they baffle description. The Greek, the Josephine and the Pompadour coiffure each call for ornaments brilliantly set with gems of some description.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Maggie Mitchell is fifty-eight years old.

Henrik Ibsen has called his last play, just finished, "The Lady of the Sea."

There are three "Little Lord Fauntleroy" companies on the road in the United States.

Mme. Patti is to open the Auditorium, Chicago's monster theater, on Tuesday, December 10.

December 9 Bronson Howard will sail for London to superintend the production there of "Shenandoah."

The famous company of the Saxe-Meiningen court theater will give a series of performances next year in Russia.

The "Edison Waltz" and the "Buffalo Bill Galloo" have supplemented the "Boulanger March" as popular music in Paris.

A rich American has offered the city of Genoa $12,000 for Paganini's "Stradivarius," which is in the museum of that city.

Miss Lilla Akerstrom is filling engagements in the west, where she is breaking the record of new stars in new territory.

Sarah Jewett, once the leading lady at the Madison Square theater, has returned to New York from Gloucester, Mass. She is very ill.

Bronson Howard's greatest triumph, "Shenandoah," is doing the best business ever known at McVicker's theater, Chicago.

Robert Downing intends to dramatize Sir Walter Scott's "Talisman." The first act is already completed and the tragedian is hard at work on the remaining ones.

Agnes Huntington, the American singer in London, is said to be in receipt of forty or fifty letters a day from smitten dudes. She gives them all to her mother, unread.

A statistician finds that the popular comic opera singer begins her professional life on the variety stage at $6 a week, earns $15,000 for twelve years, and dies in poverty.

Booth and Barrett will next season again "double up." Mr. Edwin Booth is to receive 50 per cent of the profits, Lawrence Barrett 40 per cent, and Mr. Arthur Chase 10 per cent.

E. E. Rice has bought a new invention whereby actors can get their baggage out of hotels without passing it downstairs. Each member of the company is to be supplied with one.

Stories of Mme. Christine Nilsson's hopeless ill-health have been current of late, but they are being vigorously denied by her nephew, Mr. Bjorksten, who declares that her health is excellent.

Sir Henry Isaacs, the present lord mayor of London, began life as an operatic singer. He has a good baritone voice, which is said to be heard at its best during the evening when the company is congenial.

Mlle. Rhea's fame as Napoleon's discarded wife, Josephine, in A. R. Haven's historical play, "Josephine, Empress of the French," has gone all over the country and has redoubled her reputation as an actress.

A clergyman in Birmingham, England, announced from the pulpit on a recent Sunday that no woman could act Marguerite long without losing her purity, and that the man who played Mephistopheles must become bad.

Harriet Ford, an American girl, has made a success at the Globe theater, London, in a one act comedy called "A Promise." The London edition of the New York Herald speaks in the highest terms of the young actress.

Yan Phou Lee, the Chinese graduate of Yale, has just finished a translation of "The Pearl of Pekin," which will be produced at the Chinese theater, San Francisco. The topical song will take three weeks to sing, without allowing for encores.

Another new comic opera by American composer and librettists will soon be placed before the public. It is called "Althea." The music is said to be excellent and a grade above the usual style of comic opera harmony and melody.

"The Pearl of Pekin" not only claims the prettiest female chorus of any comic opera organization, but also the tallest and shortest male choristers in the world. The former is seven feet seven inches high, the latter under three feet. Louis Harrison uses the giant for a step-ladder and the dwarf for a foot-stool.

Since it has been decided that Mr. Edward Lloyd, the great tenor, will come to this country for the spring festivals, Mr. L. M. Ruben, his American agent, is besieged with offers from musical societies throughout the country. He will receive £2,000 ($10,000) for ten concerts in Chicago, Boston and Cincinnati.

Marie Wainwright is said to scold her stage people so that the audience can hear her, but she carried her attentions further one night and m