### DIVERTISEMENTS LENTEN

Dull Days in the Fashionable Life of the Metropolis.

ORIGIN OF THE PERIOD OF SACK CLOTH

Record of the Past Week in the Realms of Social Life-High Five Still in Vogue-Movements of Well Known People.

Can you fence! No. Then it would be a good thing for you to learn how, for society is about to take up this delightful exercise, and when society gives its sanction to anything you know it soon develops into a pronounced fad and its success is assured. Not hat fencing is a new fad in sports, for there is in this city a branch of the American Fencers League, but it is being given care-ful consideration by some of the swell women of the city, and it will not be long when we will hear of fencing entertainments, possibly 'teas" and "kettledrums,"

L' escrime is much thought of and contantly practiced by the intelligent men and twomen of the east, more especially in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and it while hot be a very great while before we, in Omaha, can boast of experts in both sexes. Fencing is most certainly a healthful rec-cation. It is within the reach of almost all. It equalizes the natural powers in an unusual way.. It is a matter of skill and practice and is unlike boxing, where the weaker generally receives the punishment.

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Actors and actresses have profited much by fencing and have done a great deal toward furthering its popularity. First, they were forced to learn some of the princiles of using the sword to give realistic performances on the stage. Then they found the true value of the art. It gave them perfect control over the muscles of the body, afforded them an erect carriage and was a fine forded them an erect carriage and was a fine developer of the physical system.

Mr. George W. Ames is an enthusiast with

he foils and for the past two years he has abored hard to introduce and establish a chool of escrimeurs here in Omaha and his ambition is about to be realized

The word Lent is derived from the Anglo Saxon lencten, springtime, and as first used had no connection with fasting. Gradually, however, by the early English Christians it was applied to the fast beginning in March and lasting forty days, in commemoration of the Savior's fast of forty days in the wilder-

Their rituals, it is true, termed the period Jejurium quadragesimale, and even yet, both in the Roman and Episcopal church, it is known as quadragesima. Many learned theologians maintain that this fast was established by the apostles, and such was the opinion of St. Jerome. The custom is mentioned by nearly all the early Christian writers, some of whom however state that it t observed with any uniformity, the days of obligation varying to sait the indi vidual and often lasting only three weeks, with several feast days wickedly inserted. In Pertullian's time Good Friday was rigorously kept and he insisted that as on that they abstained and mortified the flesh so they should do on many others of the penitential season, even recommending that one deny the flesh sternly, eating only one meal a day, and that consisting merely

f bread, water and herbs, during the whole of the forty days, in memory of that bride-groom who had been taken away from them. Some theologians contend that in its be ginning this fast was limited to the first four days of Holy week, embracing a feast of forty hours in all. Little by little this was added to and increased until it reached a duration of forty days. Gregory the Great di-rected in the year 590 that this fast should begin on the sixth Sunday before Easter and that all intervening week days should be ob-served by fasting. As this, however, gave

served by fasting. As this, however, gave only thirty-six such days, the last four in the preceding week were added to them by the pope, thus bringing the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

There has been much difference of opinion regarding the obligation of fasting. The fasts of Holy week were obligatory and universally kept, but the others for many centuries were voluntary, until at length the cusries were voluntary, until at length the cus tom grew and became a law of the church. The council of Laodicea prescribed entire abscinence from all food for twenty-four hours on Holy Thursday and the use of "dry food" only on all other fast days during Lent. The council of Orleans in 541 commanued that all those who did not fast in Lent should be excommunicated, and the council of Toledo a century later forbade the use of flesh meat during the forty days. Wine..oil and meat were strictly prohibited on all fast days, and are so still in the Greek

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The Romish church today permits only one meal each week day during Lent. The only persons exempt from this regulation are aged persons, laboring men and pregnant women. At this one meal flesh meat is prohibited, but a slight repast may be taken in the moraing, consisting of two ounces or less, if one's health necessitates it. This is the law of the church, but has been modified to suit the needs of its communicants in the United States. Indeed, a leading member of the priesthood in St. Louis tells us that we do not know the meaning of fasting in this country, where the bishop of each diocese may obtain from the pope a dispensation enabling him to permit the use of a discretionary diet, containing meat if necessary to health. Abroad this privilege is not given to any of the clergy unless in time of an epidemic, such as has prevailed during the last two or three years. Owing to the ravages of ia grippe the pope has dispensed with the obligation this year.

A curious old English custom was that of pelting a pupper, called Jack o' Lent. Ben

pelting a puppet, called Jack o' Lent. Ben Johnson alludes to it in his "Tale of a Tub." "On our Ash Wednesday, When thou didst stand six weeks the Jack of Lent.

For boys to hurl three throws a penny at

for boys to hurl three throws a penny at thee."

In a much older poem, called "Lenten Buff," these lines occur:

"Then Jack o' Lent comes justlynge in, With the hedpecce of a herynge.

And saythee repent Yow of Yower Syn."

In all continental countries mi-careme or mid-Lent is permitted to break the solemnity of the fast, and for twenty-four hours misruic holds sway, the gayeties of the carnival are resumed so far as may be, but at midially penances are taken up again and for the next nineteen days flesh meat is seldom for next nineteen days flesh meat is seldom for bidden and marrying sternly discountenanced. In fact, Catholics who marry, in Lent can find ne priest to perform the ceremony and are invariably excommunicated unless a special dispensation has been obtained from the holy father.

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It has been dult, "beastly" dult, as one fair friend said, in aocial circles the past week. Society relapsed on very rare occasions during the week just ended from her austere and righteous state of rest and repentance. She force her penances and purchases, her believelences and bonnets in a few, but very tew harmless diversions. With all her old-time art she lured unwary devotees to several quiet inneheous and dinners and held out rare inducements to the young women to make up box parties. But taken as a whose it was the quietest week in the "sackcloth and ashes" period, and a few more such weeks would give Mrs. Grundy an incurable rase of la grippe. gase of la grippe.

Mme. Helen Modjeska said to a friend white in the city isst week that she and count Bozenta, her husband, would probably arrive at their suburban home in San Diego cauyon, near Anabeim, Cal., in about forty days to spend the summer soason there. They expect to do much entertaining of friends at their home during the next few months, and will make numerous and extensive improvements about their property. Among their promised visitors for the summer are Miss Davenport and her husband, Joe Jefferson, jr., and ex-Mayor Edson and wife of New York.

e coming festivities promise to be much The coming festivities promise to be much it is a same modest, pleasant nature as those of the immediate past. There have been a few invitations sent out for small affairs this week, and an "at home" is on the tapis for the near future. Minor events will now develop as the old hypocrite Time hurriedly counts his beads of days and we will once more be "in it."

The Closing Social Lenten restraint did not prevent forty-five

couples of merry dancers from enjoying the ciosing party for this season of the North Omaha Social club. Among those who temporarily forsook their sack cloth were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. C. Coon: Misses Dodson, Coon, Wedge, Arnold, Dampsey, N. Cotter, M. Cotter, Hall, Axtell, Bay, Polglase, Rich, Thorpe, Hardin, Jonas, Brown, Lehmer, Higgins, Page, Hansom, Harpster, Standish, Evans, Griffith, Carlan, Reed, Haire, Cornish, Dunn, Chinn; Messrs, King, Webber, Cooiey, Boudinoit, Veli Court, Cotter, Taylor, Jackson, Allen, Conrad, W. Cotter, Taylor, Jackson, Allen, Conrad, W. Barnum, Barnum, Hestor, Townsend, Augell, Stockham, Higgins, Beard, Schneider, Vickers, C. Barnum, Smith, Jones, Has-der, Vickers, C. Barnum, Smith, Jones, Has-kell, Mack, F. Adair, McGeath, Jonas, W. Adair, Brooks, Fowler, Fales, Kuhn, Voor-hies, Griffith, Schriner, Hake, Rockwell, Page, Adams, East.

"The Peak Family."

The young people of the First Presbyterian church gave a very pleasing entertainment in the church parlors on Monday evening called "Tne Peak Family." This was a new departure from the well known "Peak Sisters," which has been so successfully given in various other churches of the city. The fact that "The Peak Family" was a success goes without saying, as the large audience, which greeted each effort of every member of "The Family" with rounds of applause, will testify. The costumes worn were very pretty and appropriate, and quite suggestive of the name of "Peak." A long and interesting program was given, consist-ing of quaint and old-fashioned songs in goodly number, medleys, orations, recita-tions, etc., as would best display the particular talent of each member. The eleven mem-bers of the family were:

George Washington, Minty and Lucindy, Christopher Columbus, Retty and Berlindy, Stonewall Jackson, T. Jefferson and Tizzy, Sukey Jerusha, Dorty and Kizzy.

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The character of George Washington Peak was impersonated by Mr. W. S. Heller; that of Minty by Miss E. Kennedy; Miss McMonles made a very frivolous Lucindy; Christopher Columbus was Mr. McMonles; Betty, Miss McGaw; Berlindy, Miss Fulton; Stonewall Jacksen, who was still in mourning for the lost cause, was Mr. Howard Kennedy in T. Leffarson, Peak called "Talking". nedy, jr; T. Jefferson Peak, called "Talking l'om," was Mr. D. W. Henderson; Sukey Jerusha was Miss Benton; Dorty, Miss Wigton, and Kizzy was well portrayed by Miss Milestone. The Twins' duet needs especial mention, the twins being Araminty Athalindy (Miss Kennedy) and Dorothea Dorindy (Miss Wigton). The entire entertunment showed much care and forethought and would easily bear

A Successful Stag Party. The Stag party given Saturday evening, March 19, by Messra. Krouse, Day, Orr. Benoch, Schneckerard, Woodworth at their rooms 518 North Nineteenth street, was conceded by all present to be one of the most enjoyable events of the season, and the thanks of all are due the jovial hosts and estimable landlady for the pleasant entertainment. The guests present numbered fortyfour, and high-five was indulged in until 10 o'clock, thirteen games being played, and Mr. Kearney winning the prize, a box of cigars, with eleven games won. After the cards came music, singing, dancing, stories, etc., all the available talent present adding to the general amusement. Messrs. Kruger and Getyandtner played severa: fine selec-tions on zithers, Prof. H. P. Sutorius, E. H. Cummings, E. Zityman and C. Kenyen selections on mandelins, banjos and guitars. W. A. Derrick, pass soles, Prof. Kelley, piano solos and also several solos, Mr. Orr, fine recitation and dances, and Mr. Cone series of mirth provoking specialties, consist ing of plano selections, solos, whistling, female impersonations, dances, etc., all of which were heartly applauded by all. Re-freshments were served in a side room, and all nelped themselves whenever in the mood.

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Among those present were Messrs. Derrick,
Kelley, Cone, Sutorius, Cummings, Zitzmann,
Kenyon, Gezandtner, Kruger, H., Orr,
Knouse, Day, Williams, Manning, Rhoades,
Woodworth, Schenecker, Beach, Kruger, J.,
Kruger W., Benoch, Kearney, Ross, Porterfield, Smith, B., Palmatier, Lehman, Goodman Oscar, Bauman, Mathews, Ten Eycke,
Miller, Bixby, Coleman, Cook, Jones, Haverstick, Chapman, Meyer, Mingon, Ennis,
Mawhinney, Rose and France, "Friends Social Club."

the pleasantest social events of the season on Thursday evening last, the occasion being the last dance of the season of the Friends Social club. Much credit is due the committee of arrangements for the able manner in which the affair was conducted. The long program of twenty-four numbers was carried out without a single break, over 200 couples participating in the grrnd march to the strains of the Metropolitan orchestra.

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Among those present were noticed: Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Lady, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hissem, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Grigg, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Westberg, Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klopp, Mr. and Mrs. John C.Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Captain Captain Philipps, Mr. anc Mrs. Joseph Redmon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brink, Mr. and Mrs. Guinn. Misses Smith, Brink, Lanyon, Lucas, Gibson, McMillan, Lucas, Hagerman, McKay, Lindblad, Cooke, Canning, Larsen, Johnson, Kugel, Blackmore, Jones, Fooley, McF'adden. Messrs. William Stockham, A. C. Kugel, C. Stockham, C. E. Mathews, J. Stockham, C. E. Bruner, Charles Olsen, John Reagan, John Kumph, Thomas Cleveland, Ray Cooke, ri. Phelps, A. C. Kelley, F. Anderson, G. Clippinger, P. Seward, S. S. Lanyon, A. E. Stuht, H. Counsman, C. E Edling.

Coming Church Fair. The ladies of the First Congregational church will hold a church fair in the handsome parlors of the edifice, April 4 and 5. It is the desire of the ladies to make this fair the most claborate ever given by the First church and with the numbers of novelties already arranged for the Indications are that their wishes will be realized. There is to be a "trades march" participated in by seventy-five or a hundred children, each child representing some business firm of Omaha. There will also be a hurlesque of the "Natural senting some business firm of Omaha. There will also be a burlesque of the "National Pageant" by the little people. Imitations of "Marole Arts" will be given, also the "Baby Dance, from "Wang." These features will be under the direction of Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Lee, Miss Scott and Miss Coburn, Mrs. Gubert will make a fine display of fancy work and Mrs. Duryea will have charge of a paper booth with every new and novel device in tissue papers, also a fine display of shades. Mesdames Clayton, Wakefield and others will have charge of the refreshment booth. The flower booth will be presided over by Mrs. John Brady; the novelty booth by Mrs. Rustin. Mrs. Gabrath will look after the services of 100s, while Mrs. C. E. Squires aided by a number of young ladies will have charge of a "Hurdy Gurdy."

Hait Hour" Entertainment at Lake School. Mrs. Moeller, assisted by Mrs. H. P. Whitnore, Loveil Dunn and Master Ken Muckley, gave the following program at the Lake school Friday afternoon:

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Piano Solo—The Child's Dream

Mrs. Moeller

Violin Solo—Fraumerci Lovell Dunn
Soprano Solo—Ring on, Sweet Angelas

Master Ken Muckley

Centralto Solo—The Siumber Shore

Mrs. Moeller

Violin Solo—Flower Song Lovell Dunn

And by request Eugenie Whitmore it years
old gave Mother Goose Medley in a most
charming way.

Coming as the musicale did, at the close of
the mid-term examination, it was a most dolightful rest for over 200 pupils, for whom

Mrs. Moeller had prepared this treat.

Each number of the program was most
thoroughly enjoyed, but Master Ken Muckley, a pupil of Mrs. Moeller, captured all
hearts by his wonderful voice.

This was the second of the series of "half
hour" entertainments to be given under the
care of the eighth grade. Prof. Torrens and
Prof. Martin Cahn have each prepared a
program for Fridays in April.

"The Jolly Sixteen." The Jolly Sixteen met last Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Clara Jahn. Fifteenth and Leavenworth. After a spirited contest the gentlemen's first prize, a beauti-ful as well as useful whisk broom and holder

was won by Mr. Emil Ackerman, and the ladies' first prize, an embroidered plush hangbag, was won by Miss Tracy Jahn. The booby prizes were awarded to Mr. Tusch and Miss Emma Wuethrich.

Everybody present spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening. Those present were: Misses Clara and Tracy Jahn, Maurie Hartelt, Emma and Julia Wuethrich, Flora Groscurth, Lena Tebbins and Mrs. P. J. Tebbins, Messrs. Tusch, Blattert, P. J. Tebbins, Hemminger, M. S. Rushenburg, Wuethrich, Meyer, Emil Ackerman.

Their Wooden Wedding.

Tuesday evening about fifty of the friends and neighbors invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cady at Twenty-fifth and St. Mary's avenue, informing them that just five years had passed since they began life's journey together. After an opportunity was given Mr. and Mrs. Cady to recover from embarassment Dr. W. N. Dorward stepped to the front and in eloquent language told of many of the scenes and incidents which go to make one's life a pleasure even though at times the storm cloud hung very near. The doctor concluded by presenting Mr. and Mrs. Cady with an elegant easy chair, after which all sat down to progressive high five.

At 11 o'clock suppor was announced and
while all were enjoying the good things which the ladies had brought with them, which the ladies had brought with them, some vocal and instrumental music was offered to the delight of the guests.

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Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs.
C. H. T. Reipeu., Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rackley, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. R. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. LeBean, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hald, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Glider, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Glider, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woodmansee, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Lee Woodmansee, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy R. Braden, Mr. George Henderson, Mr. W. N. Dorward, Mr. E. R. Ewnis, Mr. Alf Sleep, Aurora, Ill.; Miss Klino, Miss Cady, Miss Rigg, Mrs. J. W. Cady.

Here and There.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rowley have returned from California. Mrs. Gannett of Washington is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Flemon Drake. Mr. E. E. Whitmore is back from a two months trip to Texas and old Mexico. Mrs. Byron Reed left last Saturday for California to remain several months.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Carter returned Friday from a month's visit to the south. Mr. and Mr. I. D. Fowler have issued invitations for a high five party April 1. Mrs. D. J. Thayer of Chariton, Ia., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rogers are domiciled in their new home, 2705 Farnam street. The Benedicks will occupy Mr. F. W. Gray's no ise, 2024 Douglas street, after June

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace entertained a few friends at dinner on Wednesday even-

Miss Jessie Miliard will join Mrs. Miliard at Hot Springs, Ark., the first part of next Mrs. P. C. Himbaugh and Miss Himebaugh

have returned from Chicago and are domiciled at the Murray. Mr. Samuel Orchard, who has been spend-

ing some time in Hot Springs, Ark., re-turned on Tuesday. Judge E. S. Dundy, Miss Dundy, Miss Hoagland and Miss Laura Hoagland sailed for Cuba on Thursday. Miss Parrotte has returned home after a

very delightful visit of a month to her cousin, Miss Katharine Parrote of Kearney. Mrs. W. H. Remington sailed for Europe on Wednesday, to be gone four months. A number of friends were at the dock to bid er "bon voyage." Hon, and Mrs. J. M. Thurston entertained Jeneral and Mrs. Russell Alger, the Misses

Alger and Messrs. Alger at their residence on Friday at luncheon. Wednesday evening Master Charles Krebs

was pleasantly suprised by a number of his young friends at the residence of his parents, 1406 South Thirteenth street. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. D.
Porter regret to hear of their departure
from Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Porter will
make their home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. F. B. Kennard left Friday evening to visit her parents at Knightstown, Ind. She was accompanied by her sister. Miss Wilkinon of Knightstow who has been spending the season in Omaha.

On Wednesday evening at ut eight couples of july married people walked in on Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Black, 1111 Briggs Place, to celebrate Mr. Black's 29th birthlay, and up to 12 o'clock the time was spent in dancing and card playing, and just before going home a delicious supper was served. On Wednesday evening Mr. Voss was the nost of a most charming little dinner. The table was set in pink. A large counterpiece of La France roses formed the decorations. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Ringwalt, Miss Carris Millard, Miss Anna Millard, Colonel Pratt.

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Announcement has been received of the
wedding at Leavenworth, Kan., Wednesday,
March 23, of Mr. Frank K. Darling of this
city and Miss Sadie Booth of Leavenworth.
Mr. and Mrs. Darling arrived in the city
Thursday and for the present will make their
home at the Frenzer, 116 North Twenty-fifth

Mrs. Paul G. Wickersham, who spent last

fall in Omaha with her husband, who was engaged here in work connected with the San Francisco Examiner, and who has bee San Francisco Examiner, and who has been in Washington, D. C., during the winter, arrived in Omaha Friday evening over the Burlington. During her stay in Omaha she is the guest of Mrs. W. S. Riggs. Mrs. Wickersham leaves for San Francisco today. Miss Lila Alexander gave a delightful informal Kensington Thursday afternoon to a few of her friends. During the afternoon cards and stitching rather than stitching and cards and stitching rather than stitching and cards were indulged in, and later all were refreshed by a bountiful lunch. Among those present were: Miss Hartman, Miss John-son, Miss House, Miss Weller, Miss Siaugh-ter, Miss Weaver, Miss Hudson, Miss Alex-ander, Miss Parker, and Miss Corby of Chl-

cago.

The Ladies Octagon High Five club, the members of which are Misses Lewis, Butter, Lloyd, Kaufmann, Dennis, Hardenburg, Morse and Johnson, met at the residence of Miss Hardenburg on South Tenth street Wednesday afternoon. The house was prettily decorated and the afternoon was thorself. wednesday atternoon. The house was prettily decorated and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyable. The honored guest of the day was Miss Chardler of Walnut Hill. Miss Kaufmann will entertain the club next

Wednesday.

Mr. Clark Redick gave a very handsome dinner Monday evening at his home, when the floral decorations were Easter lilles and tulius. A bunch of lilies of the valley adorned each cover as a souvenir. After a most enjoyable dinner the party adjourned to Boyd's opera house, where they occupied two boxes for the play "Mr. Wilkinson's Widows." The guests were: Miss English, Miss Balch, Miss Thede Balch, Miss Doane, Miss Emily Wakeley, Miss McClelland, Miss Hughes, Mr. Chatham Redick, Mr. W. G. Doane, Mr. Arthur Gulou, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Reed, Mr. Coles.

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At the residence of Mr. T. M. Miller of Council Bluffs on last Wednesday evening Miss Anna M. Yates of Omaha and Mr. Frank V. Miller of the former city, were united in marriage. Only the relatives and immediate friends of the families were present, Rev. E. J. Bancock of St. Paul's church officiating. The house was very handsomely decorated in pink and green. Many presents were received, among them a check for \$2,000 from the father of the groom, while the mather of the bride furnished the home at Thirty-ninth and Burt streets, which the young couple will occupy after April 10. No cards were issued. cards were issued.

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The pupils of the Lake school wish publicly to thank Mr. Henry Bolin, city treasurer, for his gift of a beautiful silk flag. The flag is mounted on a twelve foot staff, which is surmounted with a golden eagle. The flag has a history. It was first presented to Company H, Second Regular Nebraska State Militta, by Mrs. Bolin, Mrs. Simond and Miss Gussie Simond in 1880. Ever since the disbanding of the company it has been in the possession of Captain Henry Bolin, till the happy thought occurred to him to present it to the Lake regiment. The stars are set with gold, and the golden motto that adorns it, "One and inseparable," makes the beautiful colors all the more attractive.

The Leap Year High Five club met at the residence of Mr. Henry Haskell Thursday evening, Miss Inez Haskell officiating as the hostess. After a number of games very delightful refreshments were served. The gentlemen present, in order to partly compensate their lady friends for many leap

year courtesies, invited he fair ones to join them in a theater party, to "Sinbad" tomorrow night. The guests present were: Misses Gibbs, Collett, Allen, Rich, N. Rich, Balley, Bauman, G. Bauman, Giacomini, A. Giacomini, Messrs, Bearh, Woodward, Palmatier, Knouse, Matthews, Boss, Meyers, Davenport, Miller.

Davenport, Miller.

Miss C. C. Tennant Clary, who is in Omaha for the purpose of ceiving two popular concerts, April 21 and 1/8 at the Young Men's Christian association hall, is meeting with gratifying success, a very large number of our leading people having signified their intention to take season tickets. Miss Clary, who was a pupil; of Max Maretzek, comes highly recommended, as a soprane and her appearance is awaited with interest, Miss Clary will be assisted by the following local artists at both too certs: Mme. Muentefering, piano, Mrs. Moeller, contraito; Captain Kinzie, tenor; Mr. Batten, violin; Mr. Copeland, baritone.

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Miss Florence Hayden was pleasantly surprised Friday evening by a party of friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hay den, 1520 Ohio. The guests arrived about o'clock and spent a very enjoyable evening in music, dancing and games, which con-tinued until minnight when a delicious luncheon was served. Miss Hayden was the recipiont of many beautiful presents, it being ner eighteenth birthday. The following recipient of many beautiful presents, it being ner eighteenth birthday. The following were present; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Charies Alchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deems, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Zents, Mrs. H. T. Mayne and Misses Effic Moxham, Delia Kelley, Lettle Kelley, Gussle Emphey, Carrie Buzzell and Messrs. George Forgan, H. S. Rachman, Walter Kelley, F. Tucker, L. Henderson, Frank Buzzell and W. H. Ahmanson. W. H. Ahmanson.

Mr. William M. Lorimer and wife celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding Friday evening at their home, 532
Park avenue. About seventy-five friends
unexpecteely broke in upon them and gave
Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer a great surprise.
They were the recipients of many fine, choice presents, and after an exceedingly pleasan evening was passed the guests congratulated them and wished that they would reach the golden wedding with as many bright and sunny days as they had passed in reaching the first twenty years of married life. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lorimer, Park avenue, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Campbelt, sir. and Mrs. Lavoro, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Spaulding, J. R. Campbell, Mr. Huteninson, Mr. Galloway, Miss McCool, Miss Henderson, Miss Davidson, Mrs. Swan.

Dr. Birney cures catarrn. BEE bldg PETE WAS LOST.

Thrilling Experience of a Youngster Who Strayed from Home.

Standing on the sidewalk surround by a group of chattering urchips, was a little boy crying as though his heart would break. It was evident to the newspaper man who stopped a moment to ascertain the cause of the trouble that the weeping child was a stranger to the scenes surrounding him-a little stray from a mother's care, and, sure enough, he had but stopped when came the volunteered information from the children there, to whom the weeping child seemed to be the object of much solicitude: "Say, mister, this kid is lost, and we can't

make him tell us where he lives."

There he stood: a picture of juvenile wee, and was it any wonder that he should sorrow for the mother, out of whose sight he probably had never been before! He was in a strange land. The boundaries of his mother's door yard, the little world in which he had lived until that day, had offered to his immature mind no suggestion of the greatness or the strangeness of the land which lay beyond its burders. The hurrying rush of traffic, with its accompanying noises, the great rows of tall buildings rising on every hand, the passing crowds, the strange faces that sufficiented him, the strange voices which asked him questions, all tended to perplex and confuse. It was not strange that his fears were aroused and his little mind falled to comprehend the questions asked him. He certainly was lost. By this time the group about the boy was augmented by the addition of a young woman, for whom the children made way with much deference. She had a peremptory way and there was something in the air and the manner in which she put overtions to the all tended to perplex and confuse. It was manner in which she put questions to the gathered juveniles that suggested the recitation room, and the newspaper man re-marked to himself that she was a school teacher. After a series of cross-questions fired at the boys and girls she turned to the object of their sympathetic attention. Despite the kindness of tone and the gentleness of her manner towards the little fellow she could elicit nothing from him but an in-The newspaper man (he should have known

again met those of his questioner, 'and I am "But where do you live, Pete!" "Over there" pointing in an indefinite way in two or three directions, "with "What is your mamma's name, Peter"
"Why, mamma!" and then his eyes opened
in wonderment, surprised that his questioner

swers came.

did not srow.

So the questions and answers might have continued had not the inquisitiveness of a teamster who was driving by prompted him to stop and inquire the cause of the crowd. He saw "Pete," and recognized in him the child of a woman living in the southern part of the city. Volunteers there were in plenty willing to guide the wandering footstep

better) after the failure of the school teacher

tried his hand at consolation, thinking that his reputation as an interrogation point would enable him to make a success where the young

woman failed and that the information so eagerly sought—the child's name and where he lived—would be easily obtained. He was a dismal failure. The child took one look at him, and the wall of anguish that fellowed

the glauce was deeper and louder than any

of its predecessors.

A kind, fatherly looking old gentieman

and to question the lad; he was followed by a couple of surveyors who laid down their instruments tong enough to make a futile attempt to solve the mystery; every passer-by stopped for a while, and never was a little wanderer the recipient

of such carnest and kind attention. It was all in vain, however. Tears and sobs were the only answer that followed their queries.

At this juncture the crowd parted and into

the circle surrounding the child an elderly lady stepped. The snow white hair that wandered in waving masses from beneath

her bonnet was a beautiful setting to the her bonnet was a beautiful setting to the kindly, gentle face that beamed upon the little tramp. A soft hand brushed back the tangled mass of hair from the child's face; a gentle voice offered him the consolation of tender words. There was a charm in that

sweet voice, a magnetism in the soft touch, something in that smiling, kindly face that

gave him courage; here was some one whom

he could trust. His little heart went out to her, and to her many questions ready an-

"What is your name, dear, and where do you live!" she asked at last.
"My name is Pete;" and with a wondering look around his restricted horizon, a smile lighting up his little face when his eyes

It was a long tramp, 'ut at last the little adventurer was placed in his mother's arms, who overjoyed with having her boy returned, forgot the promised punishment she at first had put aside for him, and caresses and endearing words were his portion. Two little arms entwined themselves in a loving embrace about his mother's neck, the little dirt-grimmed, tear-stained face nestled closer and closer, and in baby words came from the little lips: "Mamma, I do love you so much." His cyclids closed, the tired head nodded once or twice, then settled on his mother's shoulder, and baby, in "By-o land," forgot his wonderful adventures of the day

Harvard College Examination: HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, March 22.-To the Editor of THE BEE: I note with satisfaction in a recent editorial paragraph in THE BEE . statement to the effect that there is no good reason why Omaha should not be one of the cities in which Harvard examinations are held. Permit me to call your attention to the general rule which our faculty has adopted regarding the places in which our admission examinations shall be held. Under this rule "the college will ordinarily conduct admission examination in any city where the number of candidates for the examination shall not be less than ten." These candi-dates may be either for the col-lege, the scientific school or any of the pro-fessional schools of the university. A stead-ily increasing stream of students is coming to Harvard from west of the Mississippi.

Many of the most brilliant students in the
graduate and the professional schools are
western men. Nebraska, however, contributes a noticeably small number of students. For instance, in the last fifteen years Mis-souri has sent 20 students to the law school, Kansas has sent 6. Minnesota has sent 12, Iowa has sent 14, Colorado has sent 6, Michigan has sent 16, Illinois has sent 72, Nebraske nas sent 3. If as an editor or as a man you desire infor-

mation regarding the college at any time I shall be most happy to give it to you. Yours very truly. FRANK BOLLES, Secretary.

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BLAME THE MEN.

Iwo Hospital Patients Who Have Peculiar Views of the Sterner Sex. Sheriff Bennett returned from Lincoln Friday night and with him he brought two insane women, who, after a long confinement in the asylum had been pronounced incurable. The women, Mary Zanter and Sarah Welden, were turned over to Poormaster Mahoney who now has forty insane persons at the hospital.

The case of the Zanter woman is a peculiar one, as she imagines that she is in love and that the same love is returned by the whole of mankind. She labors under the belief that she wants to marry, but cannot select a companion as she loves all men the

The Welden women has an idea that she is a princess of some foreign land; that she owns the wealth of the world and that wicked men have conspired to defraud and cheat her out of her possessions.

Webster School Entertainment. The pupils of the Webster school closed their books for a week's rest and recreation Friday afternoon, and to celebrate this happy occasion the pupils of the higher grades under the direction of their teacher, Miss Ellis, had

arranged an interesting program for the Songs, declamations and other things successively and successfully entertained the visiting parents and friends of the pupils. The "other things" consisted of quotations from favorite authors, calisthenic exercises by the well drilled class, the ingeniously arranged "House that Jack Built" of the sixth grade, and above all the pretty fan drill by thirteen mediaval maidens

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