PENITENTIAL DAYS IN SIGHT

Shrove Tuesday Ends the Gayetie: for Next Forty Days.

SENSIBLE RULES RELATIVE TO SOCIAL LIFE

Washington's Birthday Celebrated in Numberless Pretty Ways—Card Party in Kountze Place Brings Out the Fashionables—Lenten Work.

Changes in stiquette are purely vagaries of fashion, only to be adopted by that leisure class who regard the tying of a cravat or shaking hands one of the serious events in life.

Both men and women hesitate at the foot of stairs over the question as to which shall go first—the woman or the man. This short rule, if remembered, will govern the indecision—that in going down the steps the man follows the woman; in going up, he precedes her.

Never pass a woman on a staircase, no matter under what provocation, especially if you have no acquaintance with her. If a man is coming down stairs hurriedly, and a woman appreciates the situation, she can quicken her steps or stand aside, saying, "Do not let me detain you." He should bow his thanks and pass on.

Every gentleman should remove his hat when accompanying a woman down the steps. If they are strangers, and meet on the stairway, she advancing, he should stand to one side, and remain with head uncovered until she is a step above him, then resume his way. Should he be a few steps from top or bottom, he must go back to the landing, allowing her to pass him.

This is the etiquette of the stairs. It may sound trivial to enumerate these rules to a man of the world, but it is a safe estimate that six out of every ten forget to observe them when in the rush of business offices, hotels, or even boarding houses.

Next to the question of the stairway comes the problem of the door. When women are passing out of a room the men should give them precedence at the door. If a man has followed a woman down the stairs, he allows her to pass into the room first, as he stands at the side of the doorway, not behind her.

If the door is closed he can step before her and open it. It is erroneously thought that if the door opens into the room the man should pass in, with the handle in hand, and stand there as she enters. Not so. The door can be thrown open and held back with his open hand from the side on which he should stand. Therefore, the manner in which a door opens does not alter his attitude.

The two rules already outlined should stand for a man's courtesy in an elevator.

A woman precedes him both when entering and leaving the lift. Men are not very careful in lifting their hats when feminine occupants share the elevator. "It is troublesome," they argue, but it is a breach of politeness to do otherwise.

No matter in how great a hurry a man is to catch a street car, he must stand aside if a woman desires to get on. It is unnecessary to lift his hat as she does so, for the action would materially lessen his ability to jump on the car.

If he has acquaintance with her she should be assisted by him, and it is affirmed that the polite thing for a man in any case is to respectfully help a woman in a position like this, especially if, as usual, her hands are filled with bundles. No sensible woman would take offense at the courtesy if it was rightfully executed.

Offering a seat to a woman in a car is so many sided a problem there is little satisfaction in discussing the question.

That a man should lift his hat when he does rise to offer his seat is a rule that holds no amendment. The lady's escort, if she has one, lifts his hat also in acknowledgment of the courtesy. In alighting from a street car the rule of precedence is reversed; the man stepping down first, that he may be of assistance. This action holds good in every case, whether tendered from stranger or friend.

When greeting a woman on the street do not merely tip your hat, or, as many do, barely touch its brim with your fingers. Raise the covering entirely from the head, leaving it bare as she passes.

It is a bit hard to determine whether man or woman should bow first. It is very much a question of the degree of intimacy. In the case of a slight acquaintance a woman should be allowed the choice of recognition. Of course it depends very much on catching the eye, for a woman dislikes by look or action to notice a man acquaintance who may have forgotten the introduction.

In southern countries it is the vogue to stand with hat in hand while conversing on the street with a friend of the opposite sex; climatic conditions do not favor that custom in all latitudes. In lieu of this the gentleman lifts his hat both on addressing and leaving her. The best procedure under such circumstances is to walk with the woman until the conversation is ended. This relieves her from any conspicuousness.

When escorting a woman to the theater always go up and down the aisle before her. This rule is founded on common sense, for you make clear the path. When the coupons are identified stand aside and let her pass in first. Always rise when a woman is passing in front of you to a seat. It is no mark of deference, but makes less obstruction.

A man should offer his arm to a lady after nightfall. The custom is not as general as formerly, but it lends too much support and comfort to women to ever fall into disfavor. In assisting her over a crossing or through a crowded thoroughfare, his hand placed under her elbow is more efficacious. To an elderly woman he should extend the latter courtesy at any hour of the day, as she will probably need the support.

Whenever you see a woman's gown in disorder, so that others may unpleasantly criticise, the fact should be told her. The manner of telling determines her reception of it. A man who, lifting his hat, steps up to a woman and quietly says, "I beg pardon, but your skirt is slipping down," and turns away, may feel assured that he has done the proper thing. It may embarrass her deeply, but she will thank him. It prevents a dozen passers-by from laughing at her.

Several men tell me they glance over a friend's toilet very carefully if they are accompanying her to a public place. All members of the lovely sex do not possess maids, and gowns are sometimes carelessly put on, so the surveillance of a quick eye and a bit of advice—though masculine—may prevent later disarter.

"How shall I shake hands?" ask a score of men. "Surely there are changes in that old-time custom."

Never mind those vagaries. Shake hands in the most cordial and graceful way you know. Don't let the hand fall through your friend's without energy. Nothing is so unpleasant to the other party. If the woman is ungloved, and there is pleasant friendship between you, give her hand a cordial clasp.

If you are making a short call, carry your hat, gloves and cane in the left hand into the drawing room. Place the hat and cane on any available piece of furniture, keeping the gloves in the left hand. Where receptions are in progress leave the first two articles in the hall.

The little boys who were admonished for thrusting their hands in their pockets while talking to ladies would be surprised at the system in vogue for the past five years. The correct attitude now is to stand in the formerly prescribed manner, a la Gibson's society men. When dining, the same custom is observed between the courses, and a man sits with both hands half slipped into his trousers pockets.

The only public dance of the winter will be given at Morand's academy Tuesday evening, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Garneau, jr., and Mr. Clement Chase. Strange as it may seem, public dancing parties have been few and far between, the absence of an assembly ball or charity entertainment of any sort, where the haut monde might have an opportunity to display themselves, being one of the most interesting social subject debated this winter. At the Whist club it was suggested that an inexpensive dance be given to round out the pre-Lenten season, and the dance of Tuesday evening is the result. The dance music, which has just been selected by Mr. Garneau and Mr. Chase, embraces all the very newest airs, some of which will be heard in Omaha for the first time, including, under the head of waltzes "Linger Longer, Lou," "Diamond Ring," "Muriel," and for the two steps, "American Cavalry," "Four Seasons," "Tobasco," (in which T. Q. Seabrooke is making such a hit), and "Marguerite of Monte Carlo."

In Honor of Washington.

One of the prettiest functions of the week, and with a patriotic tinge withal, was the card party given Friday evening in Kountze Place by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller and Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Davenport, 2102 Wirt street. The house, in honor of Washington, was decorated with bunting and flags, the national colors being draped about the staircase most effectively, while palms and Easter lilies gave an additional touch of color to the residence, which is exceedingly large and well adapted to the giving of large receptions. The score cards were exceedingly appropriate, being cardboard hatchets, tied with red, white and blue ribbons. There were fourteen tables, each having assigned to it the names of a president, vice president or well known general. To the gentlemen were given the hatchets, having the names of the presidents thereon, while to the ladies were given the "hackers," with familiar utterances of the men named on the gentlemen's cards. For instance No. 11 was known as the Thomas Jefferson table, which card was held by a gentleman, and to the same table General Sherman was assigned. The ladies held opposite cards, one with the quotation from the sage of Monticello, "All men are created free and equal," while the other held a quotation from Sherman, "Hold the fort, I am coming." Table No. 1, of course, was assigned to George Washington, the quotation attached being "In time of peace prepare for war," while John Adams divided honors with the "father of his country" at table No. 1. After a number of games of progressive high five refreshments were served, and these, too, were of a patriotic nature, even the cream being red, white and blue. Mrs. Charles Lee Boss won the ladies' first prize, a cut glass bottle of perfume; Mr. Streight captured the gentlemen's first honor, a traveling case. Mrs. Sutphen and Judge Bradley received the consolations, the former a pocketbook, while the latter received a card case.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Will Redick, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Field, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rector, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rector, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoobler, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmeter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Boss, Mr. and Mrs. Sutphen, Dr. and Mrs. Crummer, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Judge and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. J. E. Markel, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Judge and Mrs. Macomber, Mr. and Mrs. Melkle, Mr. and Mrs. Naudain, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Miss Shattuck, Miss Fawcett, Miss Mae Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Streight.

Pleasant Surprise for Miss Heins.

One of the most delightful surprise parties of the season was that arranged by Mrs. Heins, at her charming residence on South Nineteenth street, on Saturday evening, for the pleasure of her fascinating young daughter, Miss Alice Heins. It was a very pretty picture that the sixteen couples of young ladies and gentlemen made, when, after meeting at the house of a mutual friend, they formed in line and marched with military precision to the residence of the young lady for whom this highly successful party was gotten up. When it was announced to Miss Heins that the festive assemblage of young people were there to do her honor she evinced much genuine surprise. In order to show her appreciation of the visitors Miss Heins gave several vocal numbers, which was followed by dancing, kept up till quite a late hour, and then the guests sat down to a delicious little supper.

Those present were: Misses Jennie Stitt, Nellie Gregg, Katie Ryan, Addie Campbell, Ada Heyman, Belle Ryan, Stella Campbell, May Heins, Alice Heins, May Routzer, Miss Taylor, Miss Brown, Miss Green, Miss Arnold and Misses Smith and Gibbons of Council Bluffs. The gentlemen present were: Messrs. Dave Salmon, Howard Heyman, Allie Lineblade, Jesse Berry, Frank Campbell, R. Gregg, Johnnie Panther, Bert Nason, Will Heins, Johnnie Austin, Joe Rudeberg, Dave Brewer, Frank Smith, R. R. Robbins, A. H. Green and Ambrose Ellington.

Serious Illness of G. B. Dandy, Jr.

A telegram received by General Dandy on Tuesday brought the unexpected and distressing tidings that his son, George B. Dandy, jr., who is a cadet in the United States Military academy at West Point, was in the post hospital seriously ill with appendicitis. A subsequent telegram stated that there were no unusual complications in the case, but that a surgical operation was deemed necessary. Mrs. Dandy left immediately for West Point, and on her arrival had the patient removed to Roosevelt hospital in New York City, where the operation was performed by Dr. McBurney, the most eminent specialist in this disease in the country. The latest intelligence is to the effect that the operation has been successful in every respect and that, barring unforseen developments, a complete recovery is assured. General Dandy and his family have been the recipients of many evidences of sympathy from their friends during the past week, all of whom will rejoice to know that the prospects for warding off the much-dreaded disease are so good.

A Continued Social Success.

Miss Collins continues her social successes in New York, to the delight of her many Omaha friends, and there is no one who is better able to enjoy the social side of Gotham life than is this traveled woman. Last Saturday the young lady attended an elaborate luncheon given by Mrs. Benjamin F. Smith in the cafe of the Plaza, the guests being Mrs. Rowan and the Misses Rowan of Tarrytown, Mrs. Wolfe (born Mabel Smith) and Miss Collins. She has been the guest of honor at so many teas, theater parties and dinners, that, as she says to a friend in a letter, "it seems quite like getting back home to be among such hospitable people." Last week she was the guest of Senator and Mrs. Lexow at Nyack-on-the-Hudson, and tomorrow or Tuesday will go to Riverdale-on-the-Hudson as the guest of her old school friend, Miss Martin.

Miss Kimball's Card Party.

A delightful card party was given Friday night by Miss Arabel Kimball at her home on Park Wild avenue, in honor of Miss Burke, who leaves for Chicago next week. Progressive high five was the game, the scores being kept by means of little ornamental pins instead of in the usual way. The ladies' first prize, won by Miss Ringwalt, was a gold and silver bonbon spoon; the first prize for men was a curiously natural jumping frog in rubber, won by Mr. McShane.

The guests were: Miss Eugenie Kountze, Miss Gertrude Ringwalt, Miss Clara Palmer, Miss Lonergan, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Russell Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. McShane, Mr. and Mrs. George Holdrege, Mr. and Mrs. Howard French, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Kimball, Messrs. Charles Saunders, Netherton Hall, Charles Kountze, Harry Lyman, Earl Gannett, George Palmer.

Mrs. Wheeler's Washington Function.

From 4 to 6 Friday, in honor of Miss Thrall of Detroit, Mr. D. H. Wheeler, jr., entertained most charmingly. In pleasing remembrance of the day the young ladies assisting in the dining room were becomingly gowned in Martha Washington style. Patriotism was symbolized in the floral decorations, which were of red and white roses, with violets to add their pretty blue to the color scheme. Receiving with Mrs. Wheeler was Miss Thrall, while assisting were Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Redick, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Chase, Miss Ringwalt, and in the dining room were Miss Doane, Miss Curtis, Miss Himebaugh and Miss Buckeye of Washington.

Daughters of America Entertained.

In a very novel way Mrs. T. W. Hotchkiss entertained on Thursday evening the members of the society known as the Patriotic Daughters of America, and a few of the order's friends at high five. The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. P. C. Hough, and Mr. Fred Gwynne carried off the first gentleman's prize. Mrs. Garnett captured the ladies' booby prize, and Mr. Van Aistine was awarded the gentleman's booby prize. At 11:30 a most delicious supper was served to the guests. Much credit is due to the committee, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Gwynne, Mrs. Gamfer, Mrs. Bouquet and Mrs. Distelboent.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Misses Alice and May Heins, Miss Webster, Miss Woods, Miss Thompson, Miss White, Miss Miller, Miss Russell, Miss Smith, Miss Gibbons, Miss Fife, Miss Looser, Miss Stubern, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. J. White, Mrs. Bank, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Heina, Mrs. W. T. White, Mrs. Gwynne, Mrs. Gamfer, Mrs. Bouquet, Mrs. Distelboent, Mrs. Hough and Mrs. Sutton. Messrs. Howard Heyman, Allie Lineblad, Ambrose Ellington, Sol Frank, P. C. Hough, T. Garnett, W. T. White, A. B. Harvey, T. S. Denman, N. D. Ess, S. M. Garnett, J. White, Denman, G. M. Sutton, L. Distelboent, M. Ochiltree, W. C. Bank, M. L. Casiday, W. S. Gamfer, F. J. Skinner, A. N. Lineblad, N. A. Gentry, Grant and Russell.

Celebrated Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

Tuesday evening, February 12, Judge and Mrs. J. R. Porter celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Los Angeles, Cal. Both Judge Porter and his wife are well known to the older residents of Omaha, having lived and labored here when the metropolis was young, and the account of their wedding anniversary will be read with interest. Mrs. Edward Haney of Omaha, their daughter, was present at the anniversary in order to assist her parents in entertaining, and of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Porter she is the only one now living.

The Los Angeles Herald publishes the following account of the very pleasant anniversary:

"Judge J. R. Porter and wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last night. Their well appointed house at the corner of Lincoln and Pearl streets was filled to overflowing with friends anxious to congratulate the happy couple, and many present were old friends who were able to review the journey made by the judge and his wife through the long years from 1845 to 1895.

"The house was handsomely and appropriately decorated for the occasion. The hallways were wreathed and festooned with pepper tree leaves. The parlor, where Judge and Mrs. Porter received their guests, was a blaze of golden acacias, relieved by the vivid green of smilax, which was twined among the flowers.

"The back parlor and drawing room were decorated with carnation pinks and ivy and across the bay window was a spider web of smilax, with a big, fat spider resting in the nest. The dining room was as bright as the parlor, only the flowers were yellow marigolds and smilax, and a great bank of acacias in one corner of the room. An excellent band of music was stationed in the drawing room while a collation was served in the drawing room.

"Mrs. Porter wore in receiving a handsome black silk with a yellow vest veiled with black chiffon, her ornaments being diamonds.

"A word or two concerning Judge and Mrs. Porter will not come amiss.

"The couple who have lived so happily for fifty years as man and wife were married in Farmington, Ill., February 12, 1845, and shortly after moved to Omaha, where Judge Porter entered the practice of law. He prospered and rose from the bar to the bench and in 1887, having earned a competence, came to Los Angeles to enjoy it with the wife.

"The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Blackstone, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sale, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pearue, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fout, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Van Saut, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hawver, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slaughter, Mrs. R. T. Cromble, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cromble, Mr. and Mrs. G. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Blakesley, Miss Emma Blakesley, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Groff, Mr. and Mrs. V. Parlin, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Shipman, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Richards, Mrs. Mott, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dukeman, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dukeman, Dr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Godin, Miss Isabel Godin, Mr. and Mrs. Hedges, Dr. and Mrs. Matthewson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Melzer, Misses Grace and Kate Stevens, Mrs. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fuller, Miss Lena Forrester, Miss Graff, Miss Alice Smith, Mrs. Harry P. Deuel of Omaha, Mrs. Z. P. Foster, Mrs. Porter of Santa Ana, Newman Clark, Ralph Smith, Arthur Godin."

Mrs. and Mrs. James W. Bouk Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bouk entertained at their residence, 118 South Fifteenth street, last Monday evening, a number of their friends with progressive high five, eleven games being played, and twenty-eight people taking part in the game. The favors were entirely of candy, bon bons and choice candies of different colors were presented to each one winning a game, small boxes having previously been distributed among the contestants to keep them in. Mr. Charles Schierstein and Mr. G. B. Lasbury each scoring an equal number of games, were obliged to cut for the first prize, the former winning it, a large candy cane, around which was entwined a small snake. Mrs. L. N. Garrett, Mrs. G. W. Sutton, Mrs. A. F. Williams and Miss Dollie Pray having won the same number of games, each drew a number, the smallest one to decide which one should receive the lady's first prize, which was awarded to Mrs. L. N. Garret. Mrs. Dr. Williamsan and Mrs. Charles Schierstein losing the same number of games, decided in like manner as to who should become the proud possessor of the lady's consolation gift, and was won by Mrs. Charles Schierstien, Dr. G. W. Williamson receiving the gentleman's "booby prize," all the prizes offered being made of candy. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the series of games, and after the prizes had been awarded the prize winners were arranged in a group, around which clustered the remainder of the guests, and Gamer, the photographer, made an excellent electric flash light of the happy party.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Garret, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schierstien, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin F. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Livigston, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Williamson, Mr. C. W. Baker, Mr. G. B. Lasbury, Mr. George Lemon, Mr. Mark Williamson ,Mrs. Nellie Fisher, Miss Dollie Pray, Mrs. Houser, Miss Houser, Miss Ollie Sutton, Miss Rose A. Weeks and Miss Adkins of Gretna, Neb.

A New Club is Born.

The Manitou Social club made its debut last Wednesday evening at Myrtle hall. The program of eighteen numbers contained all the latest dances. Among the invited guests were: Miss Lottie Hayden, Miss Mamie Gerke, Miss Ida Cain, Miss Lizzie Gerke, Miss Bryan, Miss Cora Hayes, Miss Gray, Miss Frankie DeVolt, Miss Carrie Erickson, Miss Wagner, Miss Lottie Metcalf, Miss Young, Miss Ida Rhoades, Miss Jennie Stett, Miss Laura Griffith, Miss Louise Hattenhour, Miss Bertie Clay, Miss Pearl Venen, Miss Nellie Bancroft, Grace Ward, D. Soloman, Ambrose Ellington, Herb Riggs, E. Powell, E. G. Gilbert, William Gerke, M. M. Huyett, Roy Walker, D. G. Bruner, C. C. Danson, William Senate, Bert Ruffner, Fred Caldwell, Theodore Spratlen, W. Cowan, S. Howe, Charles Knight, C. E. Hall, George Ward.

Again the Ogalallas.

The monthly dancing party of the Ogalalla club, which tradition distinguishes as being a very pleasant and enjoyable affair, occurred at Morand's dancing academy Thursday evening. The affair reflected great credit on the club and added another golden link in the club's chain of successes. The Omaha Moon Beam and La Rosa clubs were well represented. The participants in the grand march were led by Miss Nora Williams and Mr. E. L. Lowry, followed by Mr. E. Marnell and Miss Mable Crampton of the O. M. B. club. Those in charge of the evening's gayety were Misses N. Williams, C. Gilligan and M. Peterson; Messrs. E. S. Lowry, A. E. Peterson, William Flannery, J. Hinz, A. Chrisman, V. Benson, R. Tripp, G. A. Sachs, R. Wertz, L. Lohnes and William Benson.

Manhattan Clubites Entertain.

The Manhattan club gave the last of its winter series of parties Friday evening at Erfling hall. Judging from the gathering this club has many well wishers who will regret the closing of its parties during Lent.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames A. Bennett, S. Collins, W. Spang, A. Potter, Misses Higgins, Young, Brennan, Kelley, Riley, Verwald, N. Nestlebush, D. Nestlebush, Garritty, Matson, Sullivan, McGuckin, Whalen, Knight, Reynolds, K. Smith, E. Smith, Goodlett, Dubois, E. Colbert, O. Colbert, Kane, O'Connor, Carney, Dailey, McCormack, Hagerty, Martin, O'Brien, Miles, E. Miles, J. Moran, A. Moran, Fleming; Messrs. Murray, Kinney, Gilbert, Rocheford, T. Cahalane, O'Connor, Kelley, Ford, McGuckin, Morris, Fyfe, Moran, Jallings, Smith, Furay, Riley, Murphy, G. Murphy, Johnson, Hagerty, Shannon, McCreary, Timmins, Walklin, J. Grady, McCormack, W. Grady, Dalton, Leighty, Dailey, W. Riley, Mette, Cain, Miles and Weber.

A Phantom Party.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Chapin, 2023 Douglas street, on Monday evening. They were invited out to spend the evening, and on their return found their house filled with uninvited guests, robed and masked in white, each wearing a huge chrysanthemum and busily engaged in playing cards. One of the gentlemen present, six feet three inches in white, disguised, met them at the door on their return, ushered them into the room with an invitation to join the game. At the end of the first game all unmasked. The surprise was complete when one familiar face after another appeared. After playing seven games of high five beautiful prizes were given. Mrs. Tippery won the first prize, which consisted of a beautiful china bureau tray; the second prize was a dainty doily, won by Mrs. Chapin. The first gentlemen's prize, an exquisite Japanese figure, was won by Mr. Driscol; the second, a pretty whisk broom, silver mounted, by Mr. Fritz Marti. After the prizes had been distributed dainty refreshments were served, after which the company were treated to some fine instrumental music by Miss Hall, Mrs. Driscol and Mrs. Southmead. Mr. A. H. Findlay, one of Omaha's favorite singers, sang several solos, among which was "Calvery," which he rendered very finely.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Marti, Mr. and Mrs. John Driscol, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shoning, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tippery, Mr. and Mrs. Southmead, Mr. and Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Hall, Miss Marti, Miss Fern Marti, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Bessie Hall, Miss Blanchard, Miss Clyde Blanchard, Miss Lewis, Miss Midgeley, Miss Ella Plumer, Miss Marguerite Marti, Miss Edna Calvert, Mr. Fritz Marti, Mr. Will Tippery, Mr. J. E. Tippery, Mr. Harry Uttley, Mr. Dahlstrom, Mr. J. L. McClure, Mr. Johnson.

Festivities of the Starlight Club.

The members of the Omaha Starlight club celebrated St. Valentine's day by giving a surprise party to Miss Annie Moran, 1306 South Fifth street. Dainty refreshments were served and the evening was spent at cards, at which first prizes were won by William Feinwick and Miss Josie Hinchey, and booby prizes by Jack Kennedy and Miss Cora Greeley. Among those present were: Misses Emma Meyers, Hannah Leary, Maggie Greeley, Mamie Kemp, Mary Ryan, Cora Greeley, May Haggerty, Nellie DeCoto, Maggie Cary, Minnie Carey, Rebecca Manning, Josie Hinchey, Kate Hinchey, Rose Mallon, Minnie Hamrick, Kate Kenny, Annie Haggerty and Annie Moran, and Messrs. Frank Holland, Walter Carlin, James Drummy, George Rushlan, John Kemp, Phil Donahue, Robert Donahue, Dan Lahey, James Lahey, Henry Rasgorshek, William Feinwick, Frank Myers, Joe Sullivan, Mike Haggerty, John Haggerty, Pat Ryan, John Ryan and Jack Kennedy.

The home of Miss Mamie Kemp, at 320 South Twentieth street, was the scene of an enjoyable surprise party Friday night, which was given to the hostess by the Omaha Starlight club. High five and other games assisted in passing a most agreeable evening and prizes were won by John Ryan and Miss Emma Meyers. A delicious supper was served. Among those present were: Misses Marguerite Greeley, Emma Myers, Nettie DeCoto, Minnie Carey, Kate Hinchey, Hannah Leary, Rose Mallon, Josie Hinchey, Mary Ryan, Anna Haggerty, Mamie Kemp, Mamie Haggerty, Cora Greeley, Annie Moran, and Messrs. Frank Myers, John Ryan, Pat Ryan, Dan Hinchey, Patrick Rooney, Henry Rasgorshek, George Rushlau, Michael Haggerty, Dan Sullivan, George Bauman, William Feinwick, Walter Carlin, Dan Lahey, John Haggerty, Phil Donahue, Robert Donahue, John Kemp, Anton Myers.

Y. M. I. Social.

The second of the series of socials given by the Young Men's Institute last Wednesday evening attested the popularity of the organization. One-half the invitations issued were accepted, and the attendance crowded the capacity of Morand's assembly rooms.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Laquet, Mr. and Mrs. Sawtell, Mr. and Mrs. O. McCaffrey, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fitzmorris, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Swift, Mr. and Mrs. Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Cobry, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs Grant, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Misses Martin, Giblin, Doud (Chicago), Connor, Murphy, Cunningham, Williams (Nebraska City), Kane, Franklin, Reagan, Sullivan, Anna and Kate Garvey, Rohrs, O'Neill, Hogan, Carney, Samonix, Higgins, Walch, Hinchey, Ryan, Decoto, Callahan, Riley, O'Brien, Ella and Florence Mcquillan, Croft, More, Ella and Kate Smith, Phillips, Lowry, Moore, Manning, Carey, Hagerty, Moran, Kemp, Brennan, McGuire, Ford, Messrs. Lane, Drummy, J. D. and M. H. Hagerty, Rasgorshek, O'Donnell, O'Brien, Roland, Fenwick, Mulcahy, Swift, Carmody, Pollard (South Omaha), Walch, Hannigan, Winters, Cahalame, Jellings, Meyers, Lahey, Learey, Rose, O'Brien, Brennan, Wilson, McCoy, Fiala, McKearney, Grady, Wagner, Balfe, Hascall, Kastle, C. B. and P. J. Dugdale, Reagan, Crowe, Sullivan, Rooney, Mears, Martin, Hardy, Garvey, Bowman, Russell, Carney, Gorman, Murray, Kemp, Hinchey, Donald, Ryan, Riley, Moran, O'Brien, O'Neill, Mcquillan, Keating, Brown, Misen, Malone, Shannon, Moore, Johnson, Smith, Thacker, Walklin, Proper, Rusiau.

Pretty Birthday Party.

Miss Estella Sanford, daughter of Kenton Sanford, superintendent of the Adams Express company, celebrated the 11th anniversary of her birthday by entertaining her friends and associates at the family residence, 2115 Emmet street, Thursday evening. The evening was very pleasantly spent by the young people in appropriate games, music and having a good time generally, refreshments being served during the intermission. Miss Florence Lewis, Miss Marie Koch, Charles Lehmar and Dana Hellings were the winners of the first prizes, while Ethel Rector, Joy Sutphen and Tress Keys were awarded the "boobies."

Among those present were: Misses Ethel Rector, Agnes Weller, Florence Lewis, Grace Storks, Marie Koch, Mable Vickers, Mae Nondoin, Vivian Rector, Tress Keys, Sadie Sanford and Tot Sutphen, and Masters Arthur Lewis, John Rodick, Dana Hellings, Joy Sutphen, Charles Lehmar, Sidney Baum, Guy Baker, Lyle Storks, Herman Lehmar, Kent Sanford, jr., and Barker Sanford.

Pleasant Dancing Party.

One of the most enjoyable dancing parties of the season was given by Mr. Thomas Wilson and Gus Larm Monday evening at Idlewild hall. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. McAuley, Misses Meyers, Aggie Wilson, Clara Vorwald, Lulu Lyons, Carrie Anderson, Teresa Carey, Florence Frederick, Lizzie Bachus, Dodge, Lillie Daily, Kelley, Annie Agnew, Maggie McCormick, Louise Vorwald, Anna Swanson, Jennie McCormick, Emma Vorwald, Aggie McCormick, Shannon, Cline, Jennie Post, Cora Kenney, Cora Williams, Pearl Graves, Irene Harding, Cressy Roberts, Fanny Sheldon; Messrs. Charles Wilson, Dave Goldman, John Wilson, Axel Swanson, Tom Calahan, Tom O'Connor, Frank Daily, Luke Shannon, Tom Stoney, Tom Reynolds, Charlie Morrell, Ed Davis, R. Ryan, Tom Whalen, Dod Stoney, George Eukstrom, John Lowe, J. Rawlston, W. Gordon, T. Gordon, Dan Whitney, C. Joyce, Tim Giler, John Carr, M. Carey, John Swanson.

Played Whist.

A very charming whist party of twelve tables was given Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lewis in their pretty home in Kountze Place. The decorations of the parlors were all in pink and the same color was noticeable in the refreshments. Games of ten points were played, clubs being the trump for the entire evening. Those who won the prizes were Mrs. Pinto, Mrs. Will Rector, Mr. Allen Rector and Mr. Sutphen. The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Brogan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Sutphen, Mr. and Mrs. Chace, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Otis, Dr. and Mrs. Crummer, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Hoobler, Mr. and Mrs. Pinto, Mr. and Mrs. Mapes, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie, Mr. Van Court, Mr. Busch, Miss Walker, Mrs. Bodman.

China Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday evening, February 16, friends to the number of seventy-five of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rehfeld of 442 South Twenty-fourth avenue assembled to do honor to the twentieth anniversary of the host and hostess. The spacious parlors as well as the large oil paintings of the bride and groom were profusely decorated with smilax. Part of the evening was spent in progressive high five, music and singing. Among the fortunate to capture prizes were: Mrs. Riegelman of Des Moines, Mrs. S. Katz and Mr. Gus Deiches. A delightful luncheon was served and many were the toasts offered expressive of the hope to be present at the silver anniversary.

Among those present from out of town were: Mrs. F. Meyer of Chicago, Miss Bloomingdale of Philadelphia, Mrs. Riegelman of Des Moines, Mr. Martin Aronson of San Fransisco, Mr. Ben Hellman of Cheyenne, Mr. Franklin, father of Rev. Leo Franklin. The gifts of china and cut glass from their friends were numerous.

Chat of Society.

Mr. Arthur Metz is at Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. Brogan, who has been very ill, is able to be out again.

Miss Dacy, the milliner, left Wednesday afternoon for New York.

Charles E. Ford has gone to Hot Springs, S. D., on a business trip.

Mrs. M. D. Parker was the guest of Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock last week.

Miss Buckeye of Washington is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gurley.

Miss Kinsler entertained a few friends informally Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles E. Ford and children have gone east for a six weeks' visit.

Mrs. Love left Thursday for Wisconsin, where she will visit her mother.

Mrs. S. Pauline Rogers of Denver is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marty, 2321 Harney street.

Bishop and Mrs. Tuttle of Missouri were the guests of Bishop and Mrs. Worthington this week.

Mr. Julius Meyer and Mr. Emil Brandeis left for New Orleans last evening for Mardi Gras week.

Miss Hibbard, who has been the guest of Miss Short, has returned to her home in Kansas City.

Miss Lizzie Davenport of Norfolk, Neb., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Reckord of 109 Stanford Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lockwood arrived home Thursday from a month's trip through Texas and Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Houck of St. Louis are with the family of Mr. Fred Metz, jr., on Twenty-eighth street.

Miss Alice Drake returned from St. Catherine's seminary, Davenport, yesterday, to attend the wedding of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Boggs left Wednesday for Arkansas to be gone two months. Mr. Boggs goes south in search of health.

Miss Miller of Franklin, Pa., and Mr. Albert Frederick Miller, the groom to be at the Miller-Drake wedding, have arrived in Omaha for the interesting ceremonies.

Monday evening a large reception will be given at Creighton college for Count Creighton. This is a very pretty compliment, and the affair will doubtless be a great success.

Prof. Chatelain gave his fourth reading in French yesterday at the residence of Mrs. John L. Webster. These lectures are greatly enjoyed, and are attended by a score or more women every week.

Mr. John C. Wharton and his mother, Mrs. Fitzgerald, entertained at dinner Thursday evening Major Halford, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Morse, Rev. S. B. and Mrs. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carrier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm.

C. E. Chapin, who will be remembered by many Omaha people as having been connected with the general freight office of the Missouri Pacific under Mr. J. O. Phillippi, is now city editor of the St. Louis Post, and is remaking a reputation for himself in newspaper circles.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage, February 26, of Miss Mollie Garlisch, formerly of this city, to Mr. Arthur Sylvester Luria of New York. Miss Garlisch will be remembered by many friends in Omaha, who extend to her sincere congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McWhorter gave a beautiful violet dinner Thursday evening, the table being an artistic picture of lovely napery and cut glass. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Coe, Judge and Mrs. W.