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OMAHA'S FIRST LADIES

How They Went to Dinner Parties in the Fifties.

SOME INTERESTING REMINISCENCES

How One Woman Descended to Meet Her Guests—The Indian Who Wore a Badge All His Lifetime.

Very few of those now living in this city can have any realization of the privations, not to say hardships that were endured by the pioneer ladies who came here at an early date.

A few "clash" parties were scattered at distant intervals over this beautiful plateau and were eagerly taken by those who were fortunate enough to secure them.

There are many other interesting incidents that occur to me, but I have already taken too much space.

THE GOLDEN ROD.

Hall noble flower! Thy periscope golden glory Is now emblazoned on Nebraska's crest.

Fit herald of our state's progress, each and every flower, and all flowers, in the spring season, commencing May day, finds a good representative of "la mode."

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has won the fight over the harsh fall winter, is at the bottom of all May day celebrations and makes the first of May a heartily welcomed and general observance of festival in most of the European countries.

In most of the principal cities "over the great lake" May day is observed in one way or the other. In Vienna, the capital of Austria, commencing at high noon, a cavalcade of hundreds and hundreds of vehicles is formed in line, and headed by the imperial coaches and those of the high aristocracy.

In Paris all who are in society, in fact, "tout le Paris," as the French say, takes a ride on May day to the Bois de Boulogne, another beautiful park of world wide fame.

The same day over in old England those people who are or wish to be known as members of the fashionable world, celebrate May day at the Epsom races, which give, in the eyes of all sport lovers, to the victor greater honors than the premiership of the United Kingdom.

In Spain, at Sevilla and other places, the May is inaugurated by bull fights and other national festivities, while down on the Riviera, at Monaco and Monte Carlo, the spring season, commencing May day, finds a good representative of "la mode."

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DOZEN YEARS IN WASHINGTON

Gleanings from the Experience of an Omaha Woman Thru.

WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT

Mrs. Cleveland's Graciousness to a Well-Some Interesting Features of the New Regime in Washington Society.

In consenting to write an article on the topic selected for me—"Twelve Years' Experience in Washington Society"—for the issue of The Bee of May 1, to be edited exclusively by women, I did so thoughtlessly, scarcely realizing I was entering upon a new role, never before having written a line for publication.

My efforts will naturally be crude and I fear uninteresting on a subject which should and could be most entertaining under proper treatment.

Washington, the seat of government of our great republic, with its magnificent public buildings, broad and well paved avenues, lined on either side with beautiful shade trees; its many and well kept parks filled with rare, blooming trees and shrubs and flowering plants—a perfect joy in the springtime; its fine residences; its well groomed men and gaily attired women; elegant equipages and spirited horses, thronging, at certain hours of the day, the streets in the fashionable northwest quarter, on social matters bent, is a most attractive city to the stranger, but to be in and a part of the social life of this gay little capital of ours has a charm that can scarcely be understood by the uninitiated, especially those who believe they have no taste for or inclination to participate in the doings of "polite society," considering it made up of trifling and purely worldly affairs. It is in fact quite the reverse. The "inner circle"

for all members of the family. In making calls of condolence or congratulation an expression of "deep sympathy" or "heartly congratulations" is written on the card. Every woman, in official life at least, has her day "at home." Mrs. Cleveland receives such of her friends as have had an invitation from her that they will be welcome, on Mondays, between 3 and 4 o'clock, and on Saturdays, between 3 and 4, she receives the general public. This is not the invariable custom of every mistress of the white house, but one following her own inclination.

Mrs. Cleveland's graciousness to a well-some interesting features of the new regime in Washington society.

Washington social entertainment reaches its culmination in the dinner. In no other city in this country has dinner giving attained the proportions of a social custom. It is as frequent as the stars in the firmament, and it is not unusual for one "in the whirl" to have several invitations for the same evening.

The plain engraved card, issued usually in the form of a "hostess" card, is sent from one to four weeks before the dinner, which is commonly served at 8 o'clock. Each gentleman on arrival receives a small envelope containing a card, which is to be used to escort. Particular care is given to precedence to the dining room in due form of etiquette and the placing of those highest in rank in the most appropriate order.

Monday is Justice's day. Tuesday representative, Wednesday the wife of the vice president receives and it is also "cabinet day," and on Thursday the wives of senators receive.

These are but glimpses of Washington life. While there is much to enjoy, its pleasures are not unalloyed. The presence of the school there is interference with domesticity and constant disturbance to the home life. Most disappointing also is the constant change of government, and the consequent loss of friendship and this is evaded by the transformation of American political life. The severest disappointment in this regard is to those who leave it, for to leave is to return to the home and meet again the old-time friends and true friends with whom there is a common interest and a single purpose.

What has been done to bring the world to those who do not hear.

In the age of miracles the deaf were made to hear, and the dumb to speak. An evil dumb spirit was cast out of a man and he was free and happy. In books of fiction we read of deaf and dumb servants, who could hear no secrets and tell no tales.

are upwards of 300 members, many of them fashionable society women. There is also the Literary society, of long standing, having among its members some of the brightest minds in the city. The Geographical and Scientific societies, composed of erudite men, many with world-wide reputations, add largely to the charm of Washington life, and show that there are other pursuits than the fashionable frivolities.

The 5 o'clock teas, which are much in vogue, are very different from the teas of the calling-day receptions. Invitations are extended to men as well as women, and elaborate refreshments are served. Flowers and plants are used only to decorate the table and through the house. Of late years it has been the popular thing to launch the young debutante on the social scene at the hour of 5 o'clock.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER

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Some New Features of the Metropolitan Commented Upon by an Omaha Young Woman—New University of New York.

It is a new thing for the country's metropolis to feel poor, but in the past winter there has been something in the air that bespoke hard times even here, and although the clubs and hotels have been well patronized and the streets and shops thronged with well dressed pleasure-seekers, the way of the wage-earner has been hard, the artistic and the charitable fields have had a drought, and the east sides "other half" has suffered intensely.

Speaking of Fifth avenue, it is a notable fact, especially to foreigners, that where all other great cities have a number of show windows, there are none in New York, and fashion congregates in New York there has been but the one short avenue, beginning at Waverly Place, and terminating in Central Park.

The true New Yorker, who has always lamented the lack of a first class university, now rejoices at the sight of the new University of New York, with its fine dormitory, gymnasium and campus, on an ideal site, with a view embracing the Hudson, the Palisades, the Jersey hills, and much of New York proper.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE POINTS WITH PRIDE TO OMAHA TODAY.

part, that a woman never finds the end when she once begins talking. Therefore, in order to contradict that saying, I shall close.

To the reader who followed me: Good-bye and "Au revoir!"

FANNY ADLER.

THE BROWNIES IN OMAHA.

When duty calls, the Brownie band Will always lend a helping hand. Nor shrink, when called some work to do, But man it take a cheerful view.

Of course it is quite natural that every country has its own peculiarities connected with this day. But one thing is true everywhere—the living generation having received the tradition of this feast from their ancestors.

It was already well known to the old Romans, and from their time to the present this day has been observed. By the Romans this day was named the Ides of May, the fifth month of the year.

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is composed largely of highly cultivated people and one meets therein not only distinguished statesmen and leaders of thought, but persons of renown of their own country and from foreign parts; men and women who are famous because of the books they have written, pictures they have painted, scientific researches they have made or good deeds they have done.

The observance of prescribed forms of social etiquette is more strictly adhered to in Washington than elsewhere in this country. Representatives from foreign courts are there in official capacity, and among diplomats the established court etiquette is followed most punctiliously.

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