

# SOCIETY NOTES

## LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

The lethargy in society is very marked this week, and next week promises no more, but the members of the smart set are not spending all of their time attending the lenten services in their various churches, nor in counting their beads, for many of them are struggling with the problems of spring dressmaking and millinery, and the problem of what to choose for the new gown or the shirt-waists, is a difficult one as the new fabrics are so very beautiful.

Housecleaning time, that bugbear of housekeepers, is upon us once more. There is no harm in cleaning house during Lent, for cleanliness is next to godliness.

Here is a bachelor's idea of whom not to marry, from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

Do not marry a blonde,  
For after you're wedded  
You'll have to acknowledge  
Your wife is "light-headed."

A brunette you must shun,  
For 'tis certainly true  
Nature will not allow her  
To be "fair" to you.

A girl who is fleshy  
Don't marry in haste,  
For soon you'll discover  
She's much given to "waist."

Be sure that she hasn't  
A mouth like a "rose,"  
For a rose that once opens  
Never will close.

And a "peach of a girl,"  
It is well to observe,  
You'll find it not easy  
To keep and preserve.

Oh, beware of the girl  
Of all faults bereft,  
For if she's always "right"  
In time you'll be "left."

Don't be caught by a voice  
That is "silver" or "gold,"  
Or it's sixteen to one  
That you will be "sold."

The W. T. M. gave a St. Patrick's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Edleman Saturday evening. The pretty white parlor was most attractive with cut flowers and a profusion of shamrocks. The club colors were carried out in a pleasing style in the decorations. The archway leading to the dining room was draped in pink and white. The dining table was covered with a beautiful white cloth, with a handsome jardiner of pink and white azaleas in full bloom as a centerpiece. The program consisted of Irish songs and recitations. Mrs. Sherdeman, in a typical Irish costume, recited "Miss Maloney on the Chinese Question" in an entertaining style. Messieurs Raymond and Masters sang several selections, Miss Clarisse Edleman playing the accompaniment. Mrs. Dart sang "Miss Mulligan's Home-made Pie," the club members joining her in the chorus. Mrs. Morse accompanist, causing the husbands much glee which they expressed in hearty applause at the close of each verse. Mr. Hess read "Shamus O'Brien" in such a pleasing way that he was recalled and responded with a short story in Irish dialect to the amusement of all. Mr. Burr as Timothy Delona delighted every one with "An Irishman's Will." By request Miss Clarisse Edleman sang "The Last Rose of Summer." Partners were found for supper by dainty place cards with shamrocks done in water-colors tied with green and white ribbon on which was written with green ink a line from a poem called "St. Patrick's Birthday," which was afterwards read by the president, Mrs. Lasch. Supper was served at small tables placed throughout the parlors. Mr. Edleman presented each gentleman with a tiny pipe tied with emerald green ribbon, the favorite color of the sons of Erin.

The story of the sudden rise to popularity of squirrel skin in the world of dress this season is not generally known, says the Chicago Journal. It was brought about by the ingenuity of a Russian official. For years and years certain Russian peasants in Siberia paid their taxes in squirrel skins. This being an old custom, the czar's government did not care to cause hardship and breed discontent by changing it. But there was little demand for Russian squirrel skins. The whole American trade took only 20,000 skins per annum at the low price of 12 cents cash. The skins accumulated in the Russian government warehouses in Siberia. There were mil-

lions upon millions of them piled up there. The official in question knowing that the skins were light in weight, soft and warm, decided, last year, to test the caprice of fashion in respect to them. He went over to Paris, called upon a famous dressmaker and persuaded him to use some of the skins. The idea was a success. Paris set the pace. England society folk took up the fashion and fashionable Americans brought the squirrel skin craze across the water to this side. The result in this country has been that in 1902 the United States imported nearly 5,000,000 squirrel skins at about 37 cents each wholesale, as against 20,000 at 12 cents each in 1901. The rest of the world was equally liberal. The great demand emptied the Siberian warehouses of Russian squirrel skins at a considerable profit.

The musicale given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. George O. W. Farnham, was an exceptionally pretty and artistic affair. The program was given by Mr.



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EARL GAYLORD DAVIS.

Five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Davis.

Carl F. Steckelberg and Mr. Wilbur Fiske Starr, with Miss Marie Hoover and Mrs. Starr at the piano, and was given with the skill and musical feeling which characterize the work of these musicians. The numbers were as follows:

- Violin—Zigeunerweisen .....Sarasate
- Voice—Toreador's Love Song.....Cochols
- Violin—Legende .....Wienlowski
- Voice—Serenade .....Gounod
- Snowflakes .....Renfrok
- Love Is a Bubble.....Alletsen
- Violin—Serenade .....Schubert
- Voice—Thy Beaming Eyes.....McDowell
- Maytime .....Speaks

Mrs. Farnham's beautiful home made an appropriate setting for the lonely music.

The reception hall, which is one of the prettiest in the city, was adorned with masses of narcissus blooms. American beauties added their charm to the appearance of the drawing room, and begonias and ferns were in the sitting room, but the piece de resistance was the dining room. Palms and ferns made an effective background for the banks of red tulips on mantel and buffet. A tall cut-glass vase filled with red and white tulips, standing in the centre of the table, was encircled with red candles in crystal sticks, and the lights were shaded with red.

Mrs. Farnham was assisted by Mes-

James E. R. Wells, A. L. Candy, R. T. Van Brunt, Elmer Perkins; Misses Katharine Agnew, Ethelyn Bignell and Rose Foster.

The Athenea club gave its annual banquet last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Talbot. The color scheme and table decorations commemorated St. Patrick's day. The menu cards were in the form of shamrocks, and on each was a quotation. The table was also decorated with shamrocks. The following elaborate menu was served: Grape fruit, pineapple, and brandied cherries. Creamed halibut, pickles, brown bread sandwiches. Turkey, currant jelly; peas, potato croquettes, white bread sandwiches. Vegetable salad, cheese balls, wafers. Strawberry ice, cake. Coffee, water wafers, Neuchatel cheese, creme de menth. After the banquet Miss Jessie Lansing sang some Irish ballads, and the company searched for the Blarney stone, imprinting upon it when found, the traditional kiss. A prize was given to those who were successful in the search. The whole affair was very enjoyable.

Fifty women of official and diplomatic society in Washington, have organized an indoor tennis club. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings have been selected for the meetings, which will take place at Convention Hall. Four courts have been arranged, and there

The Saturday night club will dance tonight at Walsh hall.

Miss Myrtle Barker entertained the L. M. H. Thursday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross Hill, on March nineteenth, a daughter.

The Sans Souci club gave a dance Thursday night at Walsh hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Turner will entertain the J. O. C. club tonight.

Mrs. Rose P. Curtice will entertain Les Bohemiennes Wednesday afternoon.

The annual banquet of Phi Kappa Psi will be given this evening at the chapter house.

The Graduate club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sawyer this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hallett will entertain La Veta whist club at dinner Tuesday evening.

The university band will give the first of a series of informal hops at the armory this evening.

Mrs. Willard Kimball entertained the South circle of the First Congregational church Tuesday afternoon.

The senior promenade of the state university will be given April seventeenth. Mr. Will Shock will be master of ceremonies.

The active members of Kappa Kappa Gamma held a business meeting Monday evening at the home of Miss Blanche Edmiston.

The girls residing at Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter house constitute a house party today at the home of Miss Shidler in York.

The young ladies residing at Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter house entertained a few friends informally at cards Thursday evening.

Miss Marie Hoover, Miss Ethelyn Bignell, Mr. Carl F. Steckelberg, and Mr. Harold Shellhorn will hear Kocian play in Omaha Monday night.

Mrs. Fred A. Wilson, a lady who formerly resided in Lincoln but now living in Enid, Oklahoma, will arrive on Sunday to visit Mrs. L. W. Garoutte.

Delta Delta Delta will entertain the members of Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi sororities next Saturday afternoon at the chapter house.

Mrs. Ralph E. Johnson started Thursday evening for Philadelphia for an extended visit with her mother, brothers and sisters. She will be absent until July.

Delta Tau Delta will give a dancing party Friday evening, April the third, and will give its annual anniversary banquet Saturday evening, April eighteenth.

Doctor M. B. Ketchum and Mrs. Ketchum, gave a prettily appointed luncheon, with a blue and yellow color scheme, on Wednesday. Five courses were served.

Miss Mabel Johnson of Holdrege, who has been in Chicago for several weeks, reached Lincoln on Thursday en route to her home, and is the guest of Mrs. W. H. McCreery.

Mr. Carl F. Steckelberg, Miss Marie Hoover and Mr. Henry Steckelberg gave a concert in Tecumseh Wednesday night. They were greeted by a large and very enthusiastic audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marsland and little daughter, Judith, will leave for their home in New York March twentieth. Mrs. Marsland has received much social attention during her visit here.

After a long sojourn on the Pacific coast, his travels having extended from Olympia to San Francisco, Mr. D. L. Brace has returned to Lincoln and is at his home, 900 South Fourteenth street.

will be liberal space for the players, as the room is the largest in that section of country. The club was organized for this month and next, and if the players feel justified at the end of that time they will undertake a tournament in May. The chief object of the club, however, is to furnish the means for vigorous exercise in the first spring days, when the uncertain weather makes systematic outdoor exercise impossible.

Kappa Epsilon, a society composed of upper classmen in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, held its fourth annual initiation Monday evening, the initiates being Messieurs George E. Douglas, Charles E. Shimer, Homer J. Southwick, and Russell Harris. A banquet at the Lincoln hotel grill room, given by the active men in honor of the new members, followed the ceremony.

- The toast list was as follows:
- "Mismanagement".....Mr. Charles W. Engel
  - "An Unbiased View".....Mr. Ernest Allen
  - "Fricassee".....Mr. Russell Harris
  - "Postulations".....Mr. John J. Ledwith
  - "Irenical Enjoyments".....Mr. George E. Douglas
  - "Voicing Our Sentiments".....Mr. George Johnston
  - "My Clerical Functions".....Mr. Charles E. Shimer
  - "Konsistent Endeavors".....Mr. Homer Southwick
  - "Wedlock".....Mr. Edgar H. Clarke