

Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., is at home to spend the holidays with his parents and many Lincoln friends.

The Ada Rehan dance can be seen at Richeson's academy Friday evenings.

Mrs. John B. Wright and son left on Friday for Chicago where they will spend the holidays and several other days afterward visiting with metropolitan relatives and friends.

Mrs. K. K. Hayden and her daughter Bessie started Wednesday for New York City where Miss Hayden will take up her art studies in the Chase school. They will spend the holidays in Omaha.

Col. E. S. Dudley, well known in Lincoln, sailed Monday for Cuba as judge advocate for General Brook's staff. His headquarters will be at Havana.

Rev. J. H. Carpenter, D. O., and wife of Lamars, Ia., are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Little, 1623 K street. Mrs. Little is their daughter

Died on Sunday evening December 18th, in Lincoln at her home, 3016 T street, Mrs. M. T. Harmer of consumption. Mrs. A. C. Cass of Denver is her sister and was present at the funeral.

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the empress dowager, seated on a dais elaborately decorated with flowers and dishes of fruit, with the emperor at her right hand, graciously and cordially receives the wives of the foreign ministers at their court. Lady Claude MacDonald, wife of the British minister, read a speech in English, expressing her pleasure and that of the other ladies at having an opportunity to tender their congratulations to the empress dowager on her birthday and also expressing the hope that their step might be followed by the ladies of China. The empress dowager having returned thanks, the ladies mounted the dais and bowed before her and the emperor. Her majesty then presented each with a ring of pearl and gold, which she herself placed upon the recipient's finger, after which the foreign ladies retired to an adjoining hall, where a sumptuous Chinese luncheon was served.

The world still moves, for following close upon this innovation came word from London of a revolution among domestics. First class cooks refuse to take service with a mistress who knows, or thinks she knows, something about cooking and make the reservation that the mistress must not go into the kitchen to show her how to stew, roast and boil according to the "new fangled ways." (Presumably those learned in the domestic departments of women's clubs.)

Mrs. Elia W. Peattie of Chicago, but formerly a resident of Nebraska, where she is dearly loved and much respected, has recently published a collection of her short stories under the title of "The Shape of Fear and Other Ghostly Stories." Mrs. Peattie possesses in an unusual degree the power to hold the attention of her readers from beginning to end, and this little volume is no exception to its predecessors. It is very pleasant, interesting reading, somewhat thrilling in character, and we gladly miss a little vein that amounts almost to pessimism which pervaded "The Mountain Woman." These stories illustrate in many ways the powers of imagination of their author and also her bright, clever ways of expression. Altogether her many friends and admirers will not be disappointed in this new venture of their favorite. Mrs. Peattie is editor of the department in Self Culture devoted to "Woman and Home," from which we quote the following in-

teresting account of Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands:

The little queen of Holland is betrothed to the man of her choice—which is a strange and unconventional thing for a queen. Not since Queen Victoria's pretty love match of over half a century ago, has there been a royal engagement like it. The pensive little lady has had plenty of lovers. Queens always have lovers. The Duke of Saxe-Weimar, who had red hair, a lame leg and an ugly face, was willing, and he carried the recommendation of William of Germany with him. The Dutch State made several suggestions in an august manner and was stirred in all its sluggish veins, when the girl shook her head at all the suitors, and herself went suing for the hand of her cousin, a lieutenant in the Third Uhlan Regiment of the Prussian Guards. In spite of this, however, he is half Dutch, which is a reconciling fact to those who revere the House of Orange. Wilhelmina used to play with him when they were babies. She has never, it appears, forgotten him, or the pleasure his companionship gave her. So, acting like a queen, she chose her love, who is a good man, they say, with noble blood in his veins, and he is to help this little girl rule over Holland, and over thirty million childlike Malay subjects far over the sea.

Thus far, she has had a rose-strewn path as queen, has little Wilhelmina. She has been in the sumptuous city of Amsterdam in gala dress—in high and solemn festival—and the core of it. Half-timid, hopeful, yet not without the apprehensions which are the penalty for place that all monarchs pay, pious in thought, domestic in taste, fond, too, of gaiety and ceremonial and power, she enters upon her serious duties like a highborn dame, and back of her is a bulwark of love and loyalty and faith. Really, it's not so bad to be a queen when one has a calm people to rule, and the right to pick one's love from among the men of earth.

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