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SOCIETY

Newport is busily discussing and arranging its fete day, which will be the thirtieth of July. The committee in charge includes Mayor Garretson, Congressman Bull, Mr. Henry F. Eldridge and Mr. Pembroke Jones, and every effort is being made to make it a memorable occasion. Sail and steam yacht regattas will occur, and during the morning and afternoon elaborate luncheons will be served aboard many of the large yachts. Rear-Admiral Higginson, of the North Atlantic squadron, with the army and navy officers stationed at Newport, are lending their able assistance to the committee. The secretary of the navy and other dignitaries will be invited to take part, and it is expected that Sir Thomas Lipton will also be present. The North Atlantic squadron will be brilliantly illuminated, as will the other war ships, and the army and navy stations near by. Ten thousand dollars have been subscribed for the magnificent fireworks and illuminations of the evening, to say nothing of the individual expense of the yacht owners and cottagers.

It has been rumored that golf is on the wane, but such indications certainly are not noticeable in the east, and at the winter resorts it undoubtedly will always be a leading sport. During the torrid days the golfers have shown their good sense, rather than a waning enthusiasm, by vacating the links to a large extent. The first day of even moderate temperature will bring out the usual number of players, and make the hearts of the little caddies glad.

More than a little interest is manifested in the local matches which are played every evening. Two teams of four men each have been chosen, the first team consisting of Messrs. C. C. Marley, F. W. Brown, I. M. Raymond and F. M. Hall, who are matched against Messrs. Joe Burnham, S. H. Burnham, Jesse Culbertson and Earl McCreery. A third team will be selected in a few days, making a club of twelve star players who will meet Omaha, St. Joseph and other towns in a tournament to be held some time soon.

Thirty years ago Americans abroad were self-assertive; now they are quietly self confident. Several decades ago they might almost have been divided into two classes—the blatant "spread eagle" democrat and his family, thrusting their nationality and personality to the front, and those who were not only ashamed of their traveling countrymen, but affected English ways and speech, and were flattered if they happened to be mistaken for British subjects, comments an observer in the New York Tribune.

People who have quietly stayed at home for the last twenty-five years can hardly realize the change that has taken place, not only in the estimation in which our countrymen are held in England and on the continent, but in our own national characteristics.

Self-respect and self confidence have given us modesty, or at least the quiet breeding which passes for modesty, and no really "nice" man or woman would be guilty of the solecism of affecting an English accent or habits other than those which belong naturally to his own method of living.

"You may walk in my shadow, dear,"

says one of Du Maurier's pretty maidens in Punch, to her little sister, with whom she is walking, presumably on a hot afternoon. "Thank you, Maud," answers the little one independently; "I have a shadow of my own." America abroad has a shadow of her own nowadays, but far from making her pert and aggressive, it has softened her asperities and improved her in every way.

At home the change is also very curious and interesting to those who have seen the beginning and end of the two wars that have given us stability at home and respect abroad.

"When I was a girl," remarked a matron with married daughters, "with the exception of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' and a few standard novels, we never cared for romances with the scene laid in our own country; we always preferred English characters and surroundings. Now, however, my family care only for American books with American heroes and heroines. Our young people have suddenly discovered that we have a history, every detail of which is of thrilling interest.

An acute observer is quoted by the London Queen as remarking: "Women have given up growing old. I suppose they are tired of it."

Most of us soon tire of growing old. It is a fatiguing process, and one that humanity in general would be glad to dispense with. According to our observer, women of today do dispense with it, but men do not. He went on to remark: "A modern woman of forty looks, say thirty to thirty-two." What is the secret of this eternal youth?

Wood carving appears in the list of this season's fads. Nor is this the only art that is called into use; for copper work, hammering on brass, silver-shaping and tracery all are needed to produce the parasol heads, the fan handles, the bracelets, the belt buckles and the brooches which are not only beautiful, but many of them wonderful in execution.

Princess Carl, the beautiful daughter of the King of England, sits by her window and fashions the wonderful heads for which the parasols of Queen Alexandra are remarkable. A light room in the palace at Copenhagen has been devoted to studio purposes, and the only pretty princess of the English royal family passes a part of each day there, carving.

Mr. Haven Metcalf, professor of biology in Tabor, Iowa, college, has accepted a position in the department of botany in the Nebraska university. Mr. Metcalf was graduated from Brown university in 1896 and occupied the position of instructor in botany there for three years before going to Tabor. He also did work in Harvard college, and for four years was lecturer in botany at the Martha's Vineyard summer institute.

The marriage of Miss Emily Weeks and Doctor Julius Sedgwick will take place tomorrow. Only the family will be present. Doctor and Mrs. Sedgwick will live at Eveleth, Minnesota, where Doctor Sedgwick is connected with a hospital.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Pound, Professor and Mrs.