

# SOCIETY NOTES

## LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

It has always been supposed that Lent was a period set aside as a special season in which sinning mortals could repent their misdeeds, but Cupid, lazy fellow, must have kept it as religiously as did they for there is an absolute dearth of Easter weddings. Maybe the little god, observing the matches that were evidently not made in heaven, was grieved over his mistakes and decided that he too would rest and repent. Apropos why would it not be appropriate for divorcees to celebrate their releases, and why are not broken engagements announced in the society columns?

The spring social season will be brief as the devotees will soon turn to golf and outdoor life, but it will be gay. Many pleasant occurrences of this week are chronicled below.

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The Lincoln hotel was the scene of a brilliant party Thursday evening, one of the most brilliant in its history. The function was a reception from half after eight to ten o'clock followed by dancing, given by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Raymond in honor of their son, Mr. William Henry Raymond and his bride, whose marriage occurred in February and who returned ten days ago from their wedding journey. The hotel was in gala attire for the occasion but the decorations though elaborate were exquisitely refined. Palms were advantageously placed around the balustrade, they were grouped at the punch tables and about doorways and were massed at the mantel in the parlor in front of which the receiving party stood. The lights in parlor and corridors were shaded with pink. Great bunches of pink carnations tied with white ribbons were over some of the doors, above others were suspended baskets of sprengli fern. Bouquets of pink carnations were on tables and mantels. Supper was served in the ordinary and on small tables placed in the east corridor. The ordinary was in silver and white. The large table was laid with exquisite linen. In the centre was a silver candelabrum surrounded by a mound of Easter lilies. Large bows of broad white satin ribbons caught with bunches of lilies were on the corners of the table. All of this lovely whiteness was contrasted with the gleam of silver candelabra bearing white candles and dainty, silver tipped white shades. The lights of the chandeliers were also shaded with white, and were adorned with white satin bows. Mrs. John Gordon and Mrs. S. H. Burnham poured coffee from silver urns. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Raymond and Miss Raymond received. Mrs. Raymond's toilet was of blue silk, the corsage veiled with silk applique and point lace. The bride was in her wedding gown, a lovely creation of white crepe meteor, chiffon and real lace. Miss Raymond also wore white crepe meteor with garnitures of rare lace. The corsage was made decollete and white flowers were in her low coiffure. Mrs. Raymond was assisted by Mesdames John B. Wright, S. H. Burnham, C. E. Yates, W. F. Kelly, George H. Clark, F. M. Hall, W. C. Wilson, W. O. Thomas, W. G. L. Taylor, John Gordon, Ross Curtice, A. E. Hargreaves, C. G. Crittenden, W. H. McCreery, C. F. McGrew of Omaha; Misses Richards, Hargreaves, Burnham, Whedon, Johnson. Mrs. Wright wore a gown of white lace; Mrs. Burnham, old rose crepe de chine; Mrs. Yates, white satin with garnitures of turquoise velvet; Mrs. Kelley, rose crepe de chine; Mrs. Clark, black chantilly over white taffeta, black and white aigrette in coiffure; Mrs. Hall, pearl white brocaded satin; Mrs. Wilson, white lace; Mrs. Thomas, black

lace, corsage made decollete with garnitures of real lace; Mrs. Taylor, white mousseline; Mrs. Gordon, black silk with white lace; Mrs. Curtice, blue mousseline; Mrs. Hargreaves, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Crittenden, black and white lace; Mrs. McCreery, black silk skirt, white corsage; Mrs. McGrew, gray etamine over pink silk, with lace trimmings; Miss Hargreaves, white mousseline, white flowers on corsage and hair; Miss Burnham, white chiffon with blue trimmings; Mrs. Whedon, pink chiffon; Miss Johnson, pink chiffon. An orchestra played all evening in the corridor.

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The after-lenten occasion in society was the fancy dress dance given by Mr. and Mrs. John W. McDonald at the Lincoln hotel on Wednesday evening. The decorations were Easter lilies and palms. The guests were all in fancy dress, en masque. Many of the



MRS. JOHN W. McDONALD.

costumes were beautiful and original. The host was superb in a George Washington costume of pale pink satin. The beautiful hostess was most fetching as little Cinderella, costume of gray with touches of red and carrying a shower bouquet of scarlet geraniums. Miss Regna Harod was most charming as a bridesmaid of 1810, an Empire gown of shell pink satin with short veil of pink tulle fastened with a half wreath of tiny pink rosebuds. She carried a gorgeous bouquet of American beauties. Miss Talcott, Mrs. McDonald's guest, was a most bewitching Lady Teazle wearing a much panniered gown of white velvet with scarlet petticoat. The high coiffure was finished with an immense scarlet poppy. Miss Dobbs was a dainty flower girl wearing a most piquant gown of green and pink finished by a saucy flower hat. Dr. Helms was exceedingly attractive in a scarlet satin court costume, Mrs. Buckstaff as a colonial lady, Mr. Buckstaff as the Fat Man from Bombay, Dr. and Mrs. Giffen as Faust and Marguerite, Mr. and Mrs. John Dorgan as Parisian lady and gentleman, Mr. and Mrs. Steven-

son as Romeo and Juliet, Mrs. John B. Wright as Madame Butterfly was most fetching, Mr. John B. Wright as that Minstrel Man of Mine, Miss Mount of Omaha as Lady Babbie, Mr. Charles Saunders of Omaha as George Washington in a white duchess satin costume, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marshall as king and queen, Mrs. Ode Rector as Florodora, Mr. Ode Rector as a Toreadore, Mr. Frank Zehring as Cinderella's Prince, Miss Hammond as Spring, Mr. Matson Baldwin as the Yellow Kid, Miss Geer as the scarlet poppy, Mr. Richards as a bull fighter, Miss Gahan as Little Red Riding Hood, Mrs. Toevs Lady in Black, Mr. Powers as Mephistopheles, Mr. Robert Joyce as the tattooed man, Mr. Linderman as a hussar, Miss Kate Linderman as Dolly Varden, Miss Miles as a French peasant girl, Mr. Thompson as a West Point cadet, Miss Williams as a fairy queen, Mr. Geisthardt as a member of the bar, Miss Roberts as a Blue Bell, Mr. Lau as a naval officer, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper as Spanish dancers, Miss Morrow as a tambourine girl, Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard as the Duke and Duchess. The invited guests were Messieurs and Mesdames L. C. Burr, J. A. Buckstaff, F. A. Brown, Clark, Crittenden, Clarke, Dorgan, Dorgan, Dorris, Dayton, Ewing, Edmin-

Lahr received her guests in a gown of green satin foulard trimmed with real lace. Mrs. Butler wore an effective black lace gown with spangled yoke and yellow chou. Miss Rice's toilet was a beautiful one of tan grenadine over taffeta, pink bows. The rooms below stairs were decorated with pink tulips and palms. As the guests arrived they were served to punch in the upper hall by Miss Starrett who wore a white gown and served from a table adorned with red tulips. The refreshment room suggested the spring time with its pinks and greens. The table was laid in an alcove behind curtains of smilax with rubber trees for a background. The table was covered with Mexican drawn work, and the centrepiece was of pink tulips. Pink candles in silver candelabra lighted the room. After the program Mrs. C. H. Morrill in a toilet of black lace over pink, and Mrs. John S. Reed in a white gown served ices, cakes and confections. Their assistants were Misses Jessie Moore, Blanche Garten, Joy Webster, Anna Horton, Maysie Ames, Jessie Lansing, Margaret Hallett, Mrs. W. C. Phillips was at the door to direct the guests. The hostesses were assisted in the reception hall and drawing room by Mesdames F. M. Hall, A. W. Field, S. G. Dorr, F. W. Eason, W. D. Fitzgerald and Miss Louise Miller. And now the program which was the cause for this pleasant gathering; it was a song cycle the words of which are taken from Tennyson's "Maude," and the music written by Arthur Summervell. The music is somber, befitting the poem, and is divided into twelve songs. Mr. C. W. Kettering of Denver was the singer and most admirably was his part performed. He was dramatic where this quality was needed, but almost better done were the solos wherein was a touch of sentiment. His voice was beautifully smooth and sympathetic. He was showered with congratulations. The difficult accompaniments, important as they are to the success of the whole, were delightfully played by Mrs. Raymond. Mrs. E. Lewis Baker told the story charmingly and prefaced each song with remarks which made clear its meaning.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage Monday evening at their pleasant home in East Lincoln. Palms and cut flowers adorned the house. A miniature stage was erected in the sitting room and on it was successfully presented a little drama entitled "The Sewing Circle of the Period." The performers were the Misses Josephine Poynter, Garnet Geer, Helen Tuttle, Florence Roberts, and Leona Robertson. Mrs. Louis E. Wettling and Miss Jessie White played piano solos. After the play a rhyme game in which Mr. J. W. Johnson won a prize was enjoyed. Punch was served by Miss Geer in an Oriental nook in the hall, and Mrs. I. G. Geer assisted the hostess in serving a two course luncheon. Master Eugene Wettling in a full dress suit admitted the guests and little Miss Atwood Chamberlain in a blue frock directed them upstairs. Following were present: Messieurs and Mesdames Violet, Thos. Pratt, George Beeman, O. H. Enslow, E. B. Ransom, S. Alexander, E. H. Steckley, P. A. Sommerlad, Clark, J. W. Johnson, W. A. Woodward, Farquar, Clark Oberles, Ed Woodward, George Adams, J. H. Stevens, W. B. Ryons, H. A. Tibbetts, Earl Woodward, Louis Wettling, E. W. Allen, Grant Watkins, Floyd Hotelling, Ira Ayres, George Schwake, Alva Townsend, L. Lyon, J. H. Geer, Joseph Ryons, F. L. Wharton; Mrs. A. Harrison, Misses Laura Ryons, Jessie White, Garnet Geer, Josephine Poynter, Helen Tuttle, Leona Robinson, Florence Roberts; Messieurs Wesley Ewing, Arthur Ryons, Fred Ryons; Doctor Palne, Reverend E. S. Branch.

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Mrs. W. F. Schwind attended the Presbyterian missionary meeting at Beatrice this week. Mrs. Schwind is treasurer of the society.

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Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. E. Lahr a musicale was given by Mrs. Lahr, Mrs. D. M. Butler, and Miss Rice. About three hundred ladies in pretty gowns were present. Mrs.