

SOCIETY NOTES

LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

Before another issue of the Courier appears the last summer month will have been ushered in, and what a summer it has been! Tourists from sea-shore, lake and mountains are returning home feeling tolerably sure that they will not encounter great heat. There are weddings and rumors of weddings, sufficient to keep a going the excitement until the regular routine of social life begins.

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Mrs. F. M. Hall, president of the Woman's club, entertained members of the executive board and of committees, at her home on Tuesday morning. As the guests arrived they were handed glasses of refreshing lemonade. Mrs. Hall, in a brief talk, announced her plans for the coming year, and told of the broad and unselfish aims of the club, then read a list of her committees, telling in a happy manner of the peculiar fitness, from her point of view, of each set of women for the work assigned them.

The first gathering of the club for the year, will be a reception to all members at Mrs. Hall's home in October. She said she wished to interest and entertain the husbands of the members, thus securing their co-operation, so a New Year's reception, which will include the husbands, will be given, and as a crowning pleasure, late in the year, will be given complimentary to the club, by the Matinee Musicale, a concert of a high order, to be followed by a reception, probably at St. Paul church. The basement of the new library building has been secured for the use of the club next year. The regular fortnightly meetings will be held in the large auditorium, seating several hundred persons, and the department meetings will be held in the large double parlors, which, by the way, the club proposes to furnish substantially, the furnishings to remain the property of the library in case the club seeks other quarters.

Mrs. Hall hopes to increase the membership of the club to six hundred, and has placed the work of securing members in the hands of a committee of which Mrs. Frank Woods is chairman. Mrs. Woods will district the city and every woman in Lincoln will be asked to become a member.

The officers of the Woman's club for next year are Mrs. F. M. Hall, president; Mrs. F. N. Gibson, first vice president; Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, second vice president; Miss Jeanette Green, recording secretary; Mrs. J. F. Stevens, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Schwake, treasurer; Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, auditor.

Department leaders will be parliamentary, Mrs. A. W. Field; literature, Mrs. George Hibner; history, Mrs. T. F. A. Williams; current topics, Mrs. W. M. Morning; home department, Mrs. M. D. Welch; art, assistant leader, Miss Muir; French, Mrs. A. B. Pirie; physical education, Miss Anne Barr. The following will constitute the special committees: Social committee, Mrs. C. F. Ladd, chairman; Mesdames C. E. Yates, W. C. Phillips, J. E. Hursey, F. E. Lahr, Milton Scott, R. H. Wolcott, J. H. McMurtry, Charles Mayer, H. Gund, J. A. Piper, C. G. Crittenden, A. J. Sawyer, W. H. McCreery, J. B. Wright, I. M. Raymond, H. H. Wilson, S. H. Burnham, and Miss Hallett.

Room committee, Mrs. S. H. Atwood, chairman; and Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt. Year book, Miss Jeanette Greene, chairman, and Mrs. Schwake. Reception and ushers, Mrs. O. M. Stonebreaker, chairman, Mesdames Lee Arnett, Ralph Johnson, A. J. Baker, C. F. Harpham, J. M. Lucas, S. Wessel. Doorkeepers, Mrs. W. H. Bagnell and Mrs. W. M. Widener.

Music committee, Mrs. A. W. Jansen, chairman, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker, Mrs. J. W. Winger.

Membership, Mrs. Frank Woods, chairman, Mesdames F. E. Campbell, J. F. Stevens, W. A. Poynter, Guy Brown, J. H. Gleason, M. A. Newmark, John S. Reed, William H. Raymond.

After Mrs. Hall's talk ice cream and small cakes were served by Mesdames J. H. McMurtry, I. M. Raymond and C. F. Ladd.

During refreshments, Mrs. Dinsmore, of Kentucky, spoke of the work being done by the women's clubs of the blue grass region, among the mountain whites, after which the ladies circulated freely throughout the various rooms examining paintings, pieces of statuary and rugs, of which Mrs. Hall possesses many.

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When hard-wood floors and oriental rugs have become so common as to be monotonous, and women who can afford it are seeking a change in the appointments of their domiciles, perhaps Mrs. Lyman Beecher's carpet, recently described in the Youth's Companion, will suggest to some wealthy dame an idea which she will have carried out



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on more appropriate material, in her own floor covering. It is described as follows:

When Lyman Beecher and his wife Roxana had been married a few months they moved into a house of their own. At about the same time an uncle of Mr. Beecher's gave him some money, and the young minister was not content until he had spent it. He soon had his opportunity in a neighboring "vendue," from which he returned the owner of a bale of cotton.

Then came Mrs. Beecher's turn. She had the cotton spun, woven and cut to fit the room; she sent to New York for paints which she ground and mixed herself; finally she nailed the carpet smoothly to the garret floor and painted it.

One can fancy the minister's wife hurrying through her work and stealing eagerly up the garret stairs, her pleasure in painting the "bunches of roses" in the center, her weariness over the long task of the border, her pride and delight when it was finished at last, and she possessed the first carpet ever seen in the village.

Soon after it was put down in the parlor old Deacon Tallmadge called to see the minister; at the parlor door he stopped in perplexity.

"Walk in, deacon, walk in!" Mr. Beecher called out cheerfully.

"Why, I can't 'thout steppin' on't," the old man replied.

He stood for a while surveying the

wonder in deep admiration; then he looked up and through the century one can still hear the chuckle in the kindly voice.

"D'ye think," he asked, "you can have all that an' heaven, too?"

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A series of little parties was given during last week in honor of Miss Marie Talbot's guest, Miss Amy Northcott, of Greenville, Illinois. Monday morning at nine o'clock, twelve of the girls met at the sanitarium for a plunge and a frolic.

Tuesday evening Miss Edna Baker entertained for Miss Northcott. At eight o'clock the guests met on the lawn, and then proceeded to the band concert, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker. At the close of the concert they returned and were served very dainty refreshments. Both porch and lawn were made delightfully cosy with numerous chairs and pillows. Those present were the Misses Ruth Jakway, Amy Northcott, Marie Talbot, Grace White, Louise Hoover, Lunette Keith, Edna and Ruth Baker, Winifred Sherman; Messieurs Herbert Post, Earl Foster, Willard Mills, Aldis Hibner, Joseph Orcutt, Robert Warren, Lloyd Wilson and Homer Hunt.

Wednesday evening Miss Ruth Jakway gave an informal picnic supper at half after six for Miss Northcott at 7 Floral park. The guests were: Misses Amy Northcott, Marie Talbot, Ruth Prentiss, Grace White, Edna Baker,

Merle Rathburn, Aldis Hibner, Lloyd Wilson, Herbert Post, Ned Loomis, Guy Ensign, George Fawell, Robert Warren, Earle Foster, Joe Orcutt, Homer Hunt, Willard Mills, Russell Burruss.

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The Christian Endeavor society of the First Christian church gave a beautiful lawn party Monday evening at the home of Mr. Lewis Berge. Eighty young people were present and pronounced it the most successful sociable ever given by the society. Games were played, and refreshments were served by Misses Edna King, Viva Cain, Edith Haynie, Nellie Ingalls, Lulu Fullerton. Miss Ethel Mercer was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, and her assistants were Miss Clara Johnson and Miss Lou Jones.

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Mrs. Mullen and her daughter Miss Lydia Mullen left on Thursday for their new home in Montreal. Several informal parties have been given recently in Miss Mullen's honor. Mrs. Frank Woods gave a luncheon and an afternoon party last week for Miss Mullen and Miss Martha Hutchinson, who formerly resided in Lincoln, and on Tuesday afternoon Miss Cochrane gave a pleasant lawn kensington to which twenty-five of Miss Mullen's old friends were bidden. Music was a feature and an elaborate supper was served.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase, who have been in Paris for some time are about to leave that city for Vienna, that Mr. Chase may study for a time with that most famous of all piano teachers, Leschetitzky. While in Paris Mr. Chase was under the tuition of Philip, a well known teacher, who was delighted with his pupil's ability, and said that the improvement made by him while in Paris, was remarkable. Mrs. Chase, it will be remembered, was Miss Helen Harwood.

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The L. A. kensington gave an Empire breakfast Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. S. A. Foster. The ladies were all expected to wear empire or other morning gowns, and some of them were exquisite creations. Covers were laid for eighteen at the round banquet table. The center piece was of cannas. The menu was served in seven courses. The club is planning for a trolley ride to be given soon, and a luncheon and a dinner are to follow.

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The national convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority will meet August twenty-sixth in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Miss Whiting, who is the grand secretary, will leave on the twentieth for the convention city that she may be there to counsel with the other officers. Miss Jessie Outcalt will represent this chapter as its delegate and quite a number of Lincoln girls are planning to go.

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The marriage of Miss Ina Baird Ensign and Mr. Charles Frederick Hagenow was celebrated Thursday at two o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Walworth Ensign, 1005 E street. Reverend F. L. Wharton performed the ceremony in the presence of the members of the families of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Hagenow will reside at 1537 South Seventeenth street.

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The Belmont Woman's club met Thursday, July seventeenth at the home of Mrs. Henry Hartley, 1712 L street. Miss Mamie Hartley talked interestingly of her visit to the Philippine islands and Japan, and exhibited to her attentive audience many articles which she brought with her from the Orient. Light refreshments were served.

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The engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Lieutenant Robert Clark is rumored in the east, but not verified. Mr. Clark is said to be the richest man in the army. He is the second son of Mrs. Alfred Corning Clark, whose engagement to Bishop Potter was recently announced.