

# SOCIETY NOTES

## LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

Flowers play an important part in all social functions. The radiant bride carries them with her to the altar, and they are sent as a solace by sympathizing friends, to the mourner. Everywhere are they welcome and appropriate. A bunch of queenly American beauties, or regal chrysanthemums will thrill one as does the song of a lark or a finely rendered piece of music. A pansy seems almost to speak to one as it looks up from its lowly bed, and the delicate odor of the violet or the lily of the valley incites one to purity and gentleness. The chrysanthemum has been appropriately spoken of as "summer's last smile." It has been developed from the pretty little china aster, or "fall roses" of our grandmothers' day, and is a triumph of the florist's art. The evolution of a modest rose has given to us the American beauty, and the scientific cultivation of the spicy little pink which bordered the garden beds of our ancestors, has resulted in the favorite flower of our last martyred president. Cultivation, education—may it not be called—has added wealth of beauty to many flowers, but they are beyond the reach of vanity, and go as willingly to deck the home of the poor, and to gladden the heart of the lowly, as to adorn the mansion of the millionaire, or to nestle in the tresses of the haughtiest belle.

The autumn flower shows held annually in the large cities, give opportunity for those within reach to note the advance in flower culture in America, and the florists' shops in our own modest town are miniature flower shows well worth visiting.

Almost a lenten quiet has pervaded society this week. Several lovely dinners have been given, and clubs have held their regular meetings, but Mrs. Eubank's tea, presided over by bepowdered and bepannered grand dames, was the only large function.

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"Ye Be Requested by Mistress Eubank to attend a Tea Partie After Ye Olde Colonial Tymes in Ye afternoon on Ye Fourteenth Day of November MCMII from Three to Five O'clock. Ye Courtesy of a Reply is Requested."

The above invitation created a flutter among Mrs. Eubank's friends, many of whom are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and their thoughts immediately reverted to the gowns of their ancestresses folded away in their garrets, for when a tempting invitation is received a woman always thinks, What shall I wear? Mrs. Eubank and all of her assistants were in colonial dress, and some of the callers wore gowns of "ye olden tyme." The drawing room in which the hostess received her friends, was adorned with large yellow chrysanthemums.

In the library was a collection of valuable and interesting relics, among them being a spinning wheel, a brass candelabrum, and several old candlesticks, an old, old spread used as a couch cover, and a white table cover. In one corner stood an old-fashioned small piano, which must have been a near relative of the spinet, but was enclosed in a cabinet case. On this instrument Miss Lillian Dobbs played minuets and other old-time dances. Miss Dobbs also sang appropriate songs, among them being "The Lass With a Delicate Air," written in 1735; "The Village Noon," "King of Thule," "Snowflakes," and "A May Song." Miss Dobbs wore a quaint little gown of white material with pink roses scattered over it, made with panniers and fichu.

Mrs. Eubank wore a pretty empire gown of buff dimity, made décolleté, and carried red roses. She was assisted in the drawing room by Mrs. W. C. Phillips in an old-fashioned white brocade, Mrs. W. A. Rankins in a white colonial gown, and Mrs. Ella K. Morrison, who wore a quaint silken gown. The assistants in the library were Mesdames M. H. Everett and H. Stevenson. Mrs. Everett wore black silk and a white fichu; Mrs. Stevenson, a pink gown and old jewels.

Misses Bardwell and Hovey served punch. Miss Bardwell wore white silk with panniers, Miss Hovey a cream colored gown.

The dining room was in Delft blue and white with chrysanthemums as the chosen flowers. The table service of old blue china would have made any woman envious, to say nothing of the dear old candlesticks. Mrs. C. F. Ladd in a his-

toric white gown poured tea and Mrs. Willard Kimball, wearing yellow corded silk, served ice cream. Their assistants were Misses Cochrane, Henry and Rathbone. Miss Cochrane wore a yellow gown, Miss Henry and Miss Rathbone, blue dimity. Besides passing the tea and ice cream, these ladies served little biscuits, preserves, jelly cake, and peppermints.

Prominent among the assistants in the drawing room was Mrs. Clinton R. Lee, attired in an old-styled blue taffeta silk gown and cameo jewelry and wearing a crinoline. Mrs. Eubank's reception was original in design, was successfully carried out and was one of the most enjoyed of the autumn functions.

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A lady of culture and refinement brings up the old subject of platonic friendships. It is the subject which, according to the old allegory, was discussed by Madame Eve and her caller in the first park of earth. Only Madame Eve was a wife, and the lady in the present case is a bachelor maid.

"If," she asks, "a woman, from conscientious motives, thinks it right for her to remain single, must she do with-



MRS. A. W. JANSEN.

Mrs. Jansen has been prominent in musical and social circles during her residence in Lincoln. She has been twice elected president of the Matinee Musicale and has held various other offices in that influential club.

out the society and companionship altogether of the opposite sex, supposing she feels that society is good for her and helpful? Surely there must be some men in the world who, for right reasons, elect to remain single. Why cannot a man capable (I say capable because very few men are probably capable of such an affection) of platonic friendship enjoy a comradeship with an unmarried woman? Even if the chances are that the friendship will not remain platonic, why could it not be broken off?"

There is no reason, human or divine, why a woman who is single should not enjoy the comradeship of a man who is single, if both desire such an association.

Whether that comradeship will remain "platonic" even in seeming, and even when both, for whatever excellent reasons, have decided to be single for life, time only can decide.

The most unnatural and unwholesome existence on earth is that of a man or woman, in the ordinary walks of life, who is deprived for any reason of the association of the opposite sex.

There is vitality, magnetism and electric power generated by the positive and negative forces of the two mentalities.

Observe a room filled with girls or women, however bright, entertaining and sympathetic they may be, and watch the physical and mental change which takes place in that audience when two or three men enter the room. Unconsciously to themselves, as a rule, listless eyes brighten, color seeks pale cheeks, and the whole atmosphere is animated with a new current.

The same transformation may be seen to take place in a smoking car filled with bored-looking men when a woman passes through it, or in a hotel office when ladies enter.

An afternoon "tea" which has been on the brink of utter failure has become a merry and delightful function after three or four or even one or two men arrive.

It is not that women do not know how to entertain one another, or that jealousies or rivalries spoil their friendships; it is rather that the sex element was meant by the Creator to make the association of human beings of vital interest, and that without it life grows dull, stale and uninteresting.

Any woman bent upon living a single life would be more sensible to run the risk of having to frequently change her platonic friends than to attempt to live without male friendships.

Better occasional storms than a perpetually arid atmosphere. Better a spice of danger than deadly dullness.

Unless a woman comes from a long line of diseased or insane ancestors she ought not to form a resolution of celibacy. There is no duty she can owe to others which is greater than her duty to establish a happy home for herself.

As a woman passes youth, she finds it more and more difficult to form agreeable friendships with single men of her own years.

She may encounter single men, but they are not congenial, and the men she meets who seem sympathetic are usually married.

The moment a comradeship is attempted between a man and a woman where a third party is legally entitled

finds genuine feeling mixed up with self-interest, and he who is without sin in this respect is the only one who should cast stones of criticism."

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"The Jokers" is a card club which was in existence last season but was seldom mentioned in the society columns, probably because of the modesty of the members, but no club in town has more enjoyable meetings—"so the folks say." Six-hand euchre is played, and light refreshments are served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morning entertained the Jokers and a few other friends Monday evening. Club members are Doctor and Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Quiggle, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gustin, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morning, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lucore, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. George Hibner, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hatfield, Professor and Mrs. P. H. Grummann, Doctor and Mrs. Stanhope, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bagnall, Mrs. H. W. Kelley and Miss Tibbets. Guests present Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hardy, Judge and Mrs. A. W. Field, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everts, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Lee.

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Alpha Tau Omega gave a smoker Saturday evening for members of the fraternity who came to witness the football game between Kansas and Nebraska.

Those present from Kansas were: Messieurs H. S. Bedell, George W. Nutting, left tackle, L. A. Gould, H. M. Langworthy, O. A. Zimmerman, C. F. Brook, G. J. Trombald, A. Brumage, right tackle, R. Taylor, Carl H. Myers, W. D. Vincent, captain, W. R. Boose, Earl Gifford, E. H. Barkman, Frank G. Bedell.

The members present were: Messieurs C. S. Wilson, H. F. Helms, F. C. Foster, E. A. Dally, G. O. Williams, Angle, F. A. Sutter, T. L. Bolton, E. A. Follmer, O. H. Mickel, R. B. Morgan, L. M. Huntington, H. A. Giffen, C. A. Reynolds, J. R. S. Maloney, G. F. Ross, C. M. Heck, R. E. Caldwell, H. E. Howard, F. C. Windmeyer, A. H. Marsh, H. W. Conklin, R. E. Smith, Joe Barry, Phillip Hudson, G. A. Mosshart, C. W. Cox, R. Z. McGrew.

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The members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity gave one of their characteristically enjoyable parties last night at Walsh hall. The ballroom and parlors were decorated with palms. Punch could be had for the asking all the evening, and coffee and chicken sandwiches were also served. The party was chaperoned by Professor and Mrs. G. E. Barber, Director and Mrs. Willard Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. George Crancer, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore. The dancers were Misses Elizabeth Cunningham, Kimball, Manrid, Hammond, Butler, Moore, Mulliken, Harley, Robinson, Heacock, Killian, Fiske, Holland, Casebeer, Bignell, Whittier, Palmer, Roberts, Marshall, Fitzgerald, Moore; Messieurs Harvey, Parker, Unvicker, Mann, Kimball, Barber, Sanders, Coad, Adams, Hopewell, McGachin, Kimball, Adams, Waldron, McDonald, Shallenberger, Mudge, Holman, Kaynor, Grigsby, Hurtz, Morehead, Wilson, Stanley.

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The fifth annual banquet of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity will be given this evening at the Lincoln hotel. The table will be spread in the ordinary and will be decorated with the fraternity color, purple, and with white chrysanthemums. Professor E. A. Ross will preside as toastmaster. The responses will be: "The Alumni Association," Mr. Francis J. Plym; "The Chapter House," Mr. B. H. Grigsby; "The Fiji in the Past," Mr. R. E. Moore; "The Freshmen," Mr. Edward B. Adams; "Section Fifteen," Mr. William McLaughlin; "The Eastern Fiji," Mr. H. R. Moorehead; "The Frat Man in the University," Mr. W. M. Hopewell; "Phi Gams in Business," Mr. A. C. Pancoast. It is expected that there will be present about forty active and alumni members and visitors from other chapters.

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Doctor Harry H. Everett, who has been at Johns Hopkins university for some time taking a special course in surgery, is having such fine opportunities given him that he has decided to remain longer than he first intended doing, and will probably not return until the first of the year.

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A surprise party was given to celebrate the sixtieth birthday of Mrs. Julia Miller at University Place Tuesday evening. Twenty-five friends spent the evening together very pleasantly.

to an opinion in the matter, that moment Pandora's box is opened anew.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Chicago American.

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A writer in the New York Tribune is inclined to charge with selfish motives the majority of philanthropic workers. He says:

"Motives are almost always mixed in this imperfect world of ours, and it is often hard even for the people themselves who are termed philanthropic to distinguish just where self-interest ends and true charity begins. Mrs. A., who has social aspirations, and is also of a kindly disposition, develops, under the combined promptings of her ambition and her conscience, into a most efficient worker in certain charitable associations, and it is not for those who, urged by no such promptings, do little for the good of mankind to criticize her actions or analyze unkindly her motives in associating herself with Mrs. Midas and Mrs. Haut-Ton, who are also interested in the work. Nevertheless, it is impossible not to remark that the bread cast upon the waters is returned in the form of substantial loaves indeed. Mrs. A. succeeds in establishing her footing by the virtue of hard, cheerful work among her associates, and slowly but surely climbs the ladder of social success, while she not unnaturally feels a glow of satisfaction in contemplating the good which she feels she has accomplished. The face value is what we must look for in this life, and the rest we must take on trust. No one is wholly good; neither is any one wholly bad. In every direction one