

It was a great crush, and gowns and chapeaux were in danger of extermination, but it was worth waiting a half hour in the crowded and suffocating corridor of the state house, in order to witness the brilliant scene in the rotunda, where the reception for Mr. D. E. Thompson was given Thursday night. The myriads of electric lights gleaming amid oriental draperies, thousands of roses and carnations, and a forest of green, brought out in a strong light the beautiful costumes worn by the receiving and assisting ladies.

Mrs. Thompson was regal in a gown of renaissance lace over pink, and diamond ornaments; Mrs. J. H. Mickey wore black crepe de chine with touches of blue and white; Mrs. Savage, yellow silk net over silk, with garnitures of narrow velvet ribbon and yellow autumn leaves, and a guimpe of silk applique; Mrs. Henry L. Mayer, light blue, changeable silk, lace, and diamonds; Mrs. John B. Wright, light blue net over blue, with white lace, diamonds; Mrs. W. B. Hargreaves, champagne colored lace over white taffeta, white aigrette in hair and diamond ornaments; Mrs. W. C. Wilson, white lace; Mrs. W. M. Leonard, lavender crepe de chine; Mrs. W. G. Morrison, blue silk tissue over taffeta; Mrs. Harry H. Everett, black chiffon and lace over white satin; Mrs. Lewis Marshall, lavender crepe; Mrs. C. F. Ladd, white crepe de chine, with Irish lace; Mrs. E. B. Stephenson, white organdie, chiffon trimmings; Mrs. A. S. Raymond, ecru applique over silk; Mrs. L. C. Burr, striped French grenadine, black and white lace over pink taffeta; Mrs. W. D. Fitzgerald, white embroidered chiffon and lace over taffeta; Mrs. I. M. Raymond, black crepe and lace over silk, diamonds; Mrs. C. G. Crittenden, black and white foulard with real lace medallions let in over skirt and yoke, made over pink taffeta; Mrs. Paul F. Clark, black taffeta with white yoke; Mrs. R. E. Moore, black grenadine with pearl garnitures, diamonds; Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, black spangled net, diamonds; Mrs. John Dorgan, gray Louis de silk over pink; Mrs. E. Bignell, lavender crepe with cream applique let in over blue. Many handsome gowns were also noticed among the ladies who passed down the line to greet and congratulate the guest of honor.

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A progressive dinner was given Tuesday evening by Mrs. Jeannette Rehlaender in honor of Miss Jennie Gertrude Bell and Mr. Frank Ringer. Four tables accommodated the guests and eight courses were served. The drawing room was decorated with white carnations. The dining room was in red, with red candles and shades, and red carnations. A red floral bell was suspended over the table in the dining room, and from the chandelier in the drawing room hung a miniature wringer. The place cards for the ladies were white, adorned with four-leaved clover in gilt; those for the men were blue, with red roses. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hovey, Doctor and Mrs. H. Finley Helms, Mrs. Rehlaender, Misses Bell, DuTeil, Canning, Galbraith, Howland, Helen Howland, Dalby and Leese; Messieurs Ringer, Howland, Painter, Cullen, Ward, Brooks, Foltz, Stevens, and Doctor Bolton.

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In honor of her daughter Katharine, Mrs. S. H. Atwood entertained forty children this afternoon. A pink color scheme was carried out. Games were played, and the little folks scrambled for favors, which tumbled from a pink tarleton bag when the ribbons were drawn to release them. A birthday cake containing a ring, a coin and a thimble, was the centre of attraction at the two-course supper which was served. Guests from Plattsmouth, the old home of the Atwoods, were Hallie and Pollock Parmelee, David Gould, Helen Clark, Mildred Cummins, and Katharine Dovey.

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Prayerbooks promise gradually to supplant flowers in society's favor at weddings, and bridesmaids are carrying them nowadays instead of bouquets. Probably this is because the bouquets last for a short time and the prayerbooks serve as more enduring remembrances of the bride, who usually bestows them upon her attendants. The bridesmaids at the marriage of Miss Edith R. Gray, daughter of Justice John Clinton Gray, of the New York court of appeals, to Mr. Robert S. R. Hitt carried small ivory prayerbooks, with monograms in silver.

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Mrs. John B. Wright gave a pretty children's party yesterday afternoon to celebrate the sixth birthday anniversary

of her son John Charles. There were fifteen little guests, and at five o'clock they were seated at a pink and white laid table for supper. The table was decorated with pink roses, the lace centre piece and doilies were lined with pink, and the birthday cake had pink candles.

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Speaking of fads in entertaining, a New York paper tells of one which while delightful is not likely to become generally popular. A certain Mrs. Henry Blank is giving a series of luncheons at which some superb souvenirs have been presented. Just recently Miss Blank, as the guest-of-honor, received a card case, ornamented by a coronet of diamonds, which may be detached and used as a brooch. The other guests were also presented with jeweled souvenirs.

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The harp is being used in furnishing

Mrs. D. B. Cropsey of Fairbury was in town this week.

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Mrs. Charles Hammond will give a card party next week.

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Mrs. F. W. Hellwig gave two small whist parties this week.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Tuttle, on January eighteenth, a son.

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Mrs. Lewis Marshall will entertain Les Bohemiennes next Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grummann entertained the Jokers Monday night.

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Mrs. Harry Howell Harley entertained the bridge whist club on Tuesday.



Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Guthrie, five years old.

nowadays, much like a cabinet, sofa, chair, or table. There is no question whether the mistress of the home or any member of her family can play on it—it is simply in evidence in many cases as part of a decorative scheme. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has a beautiful gold harp in her drawing-room, and Mrs. George T. Bliss has an antique harp in hers which cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

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On Tuesday afternoon a pleasant six-hand euchre was given by Mrs. Jasper Le Grand Kellogg. Six tables were surrounded by enthusiastic players. The house was adorned with meteor roses and each guest received a carnation as a souvenir. After cards a delicious luncheon was served by Misses Risser, Butler, Williams and Allen. There were no prizes, but Mrs. Myron Wheeler had the highest score.

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The Fleur de Lis club will give a valentine party at the home of Miss Ella Morrison, 1631 F street. Each member will invite one guest. Members of the club are Misses Alure Vallicotte, Mary Tucker, Ella Morrison, Carol White, Jean McGahey, Margaret Elmendorf, Myrtle Andrews, Beulah Rolands, Louise Rolands, Helen Chapin, Eva Kelley, Margaret Tuttle.

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A fish dinner was given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Woods. The table was decorated with red roses and red candles. Covers were laid for fourteen. A rose dinner will be given this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Woods. Baskets of red roses will adorn the tables and the place cards are decorated with red roses done in water-colors. The light will be from red candles. Covers will be laid for ten.

Miss Morton of Arbor Lodge, was the guest of Mrs. A. J. Sawyer this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bailey and daughter, Ethel, have gone to San Antonio, Texas.

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Mrs. C. E. Yates received notice that her brother in New York died on Tuesday.

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