

A SEASON IN LONDON

WHAT IT COSTS TO PLAY HOSTESS IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

It Needs a Long Purse to Entertain During the Five Months That the English Metropolis Is the Fashionable Center of the World.

The London season in the accepted meaning of the term extends from the opening of parliament in the middle of February to the Eton and Harrow match in July. For these five months London is the fashionable center of the world, and houses in the west end are almost unobtainable. The cost of a season in town to those who aspire to take their place in society runs to a huge sum, and even the country M. P. whose wife desires a small house on Pont street or Sloane square finds that £1,000 goes a comparatively little way, even though he limits his entertaining to a few small dinner parties for his intimate friends and perhaps one reception.

It may be said at once that there is no limit to what may be spent by an ambitious hostess for one evening's entertainment, and it is by no means an uncommon thing for a ball or a large dinner party to run well into four figures. A few years ago the Duchess of Devonshire gave a fancy dress ball at her palatial town house in Piccadilly at which practically the whole of London society was present, headed by the king and queen. This was one of the most magnificent events of its kind ever organized, and it was estimated at the time by those who were well qualified to judge that it must have cost nearer £10,000 than £5,000.

This, however, was quite exceptional and, indeed, is outside the powers of all but a very few to imitate. Without aspiring to these heights a lady desiring to live in the west end of London and to maintain a reasonably "smart" reputation needs a very long pocket-book. House rent, of course, is one of the biggest items. While many either own their town houses or lease them for a term of years, most of those who do not propose to live permanently in London hire a house unfurnished for the season. This may cost anywhere from £400 to £1,000 for a period of six months. According to one of the leading house and estate agents in the west end, £900 is about the average paid for a good house for a season.

This does not, of course, include rates and taxes. Rates, however, in the fashionable residential quarters of London are very light, owing to the fact that there are practically no poor to be provided for in these parishes. The next expense to be considered is in connection with carriages and motors. Very few of those who only spend the season in town bring their own carriages with them, preferring to hire from job masters. A smart victoria and a pair of horses, with coachman and footman, cost about 5 guineas a week, though much more has to be paid for special horses, silver plated harness, etc. A brougham is almost a necessity for evening work, and this costs at least another 2 guineas a week, or one of the fashionable electric landaulets can be hired for 2 guineas a week. Thus for a three months' visit at least £100 must be assigned for carriages.

It is the entertaining that a society lady is compelled to do, however, that runs away with the money. It is necessary for her to give at least two evening receptions during her stay in town and for each of these £250 is not too much to set aside. A string band will cost anything up to £30 or £40, according to the number and quality of musicians, while if one of the Guards' bands be aspired to the sum just named will need to be doubled. Then there are singers and other entertainers to engage, and these may cost anything from £1 to £100 each.

Supper or light refreshment, together with the necessary wine, waiters, helpers, etc., does not leave much change out of £100, even with the utmost economy, and, of course, the sum that could be spent on this item has no limit. At a stand up supper given by a well known American resident in London last season £10 per head for each of the 200 guests present was paid to a leading contractor, and the writer is informed that this is nothing out of the way and, indeed, is often exceeded in the course of a London season.

Flowers are a very important feature with every hostess, and weekly florist bills of £20 are by no means uncommon. At a reception a short time ago it was estimated that the cut flowers and plants used for the decoration of the rooms must have cost at the very least £1,000. These, however, included banks of rare orchids and other costly flowers. Ten pounds a week may be assigned for flowers and £100 for a ten weeks' season.

Dinner parties are also very expensive, and here again it is almost impossible to assign any definite sum, but £200 over and above the ordinary expenses of the household may safely be put down under this head.

We now approach a very delicate question, but one of paramount interest to the fair sex—that of gowns for the aspiring society hostess. A leading judge the other day stated in court that £1,000 might not be too much to give by a lady of position, and in such a case might even be a necessity, so that it is very hard to say what amount of money may not be spent in this direction.

It is impossible, of course, for a lady to appear at more than two balls or receptions in the same frock in the course of a season, and, as she will attend at the very least twenty of these, she will require a dozen or fifteen dresses, each of which will cost anything up to £50,

or, say, £1,000 for dresses. These will probably be worn out later at the theaters and minor functions or will be put away to be worn at hunt balls and similar entertainments when the wearer returns to her country home. An increasing number of society ladies sell their castoff frocks to secondhand dealers, but they rarely or never get more than 30 per cent of the original price for them.

Then there is the presentation at court to be taken into consideration. This is an indispensable function for any lady, as otherwise she cannot receive recognition in society. The writer has the authority of a well known leader of fashion for the statement that this costs, with the greatest economy, £500.

There are many other minor items mounting up in the aggregate to a goodly sum which might be considered, such as servants, visits to theaters, restaurants, etc. From the foregoing, however, it will be clear that £5,000 is not too much for a lady who, while anxious to avoid any unnecessary extravagance, is at the same time anxious to make her mark in London. This sounds a very large sum, but it is one that is more often than not exceeded by those who, after all, take but a minor position in what James de la Pluche designated the "hupper suckles." What the real leaders of society spend during the course of a season it is almost impossible to guess.—London Tit-Bits.

THE MASTER VICE.

As Such Is Procrastination Described by a Confessed Victim.

"The ban of my existence," said the procrastinating man, "has been my habit of putting things off. I never do today what I can put off till tomorrow. The result is that I am always putting things off and never doing any more than is necessary for my current daily hand to mouth support, and so, as the saying is, I never have anything. I am not independent, but always dependent upon somebody else for the work that will enable me to live, and so I can never say my soul is my own. I must do the work I am set to do by some stronger man, whether I like it or not, and so I plod along, just getting through, while the man who collars things gets on.

"Of late years as I have come to realize its evil effects and the enormous difficulty of overcoming it I have come to think that the master vice of all is procrastination. And coming to think thus has disturbed me a little, because I have to give up an originally preconceived and long cherished notion. I had long held that the most nearly ineradicable of personal vices was gambling, but now I thought the most difficult of all vices to cure oneself of was that of procrastination. Was I wrong then? And could it be that I was wrong now?

"This, as I say, disturbed me a little, but now on this point I rest quite easy, for I have discovered, contradictory as this at first thought might seem, that I was right then and that I am wrong now. For now I discover that the vice of gambling is but another phase of, or at least the outcrop of, that of procrastination. The great majority of those given over to gambling hope to get something for nothing; they hope to get money without effort. They put off from day to day the hard, unfinishing work that would give them a sure thing, without chances, on the race of life and make just enough to indulge their vice and their vain hopes.

"So gambling is really but a form or outcome of the vice of procrastination. And by the same line of reasoning I suppose we might say the same of drunkenness, which is essentially a procrastinating vice. We put things off today; today we will drink; we will work tomorrow. "And I don't know but what we should find that every ill proceeds from the vice of procrastination, and so this, which might seem but a form of laziness, is really the master vice, and I am one of its most closely bound victims. I don't drink and I don't gamble, but I have got the fatal habit of putting things off."—New York Sun.

Staining Woodwork.

If you are building a house don't spoil your woodwork by painting it. The natural grain in wood is too beautiful to be covered, and odd effects in staining have taken the place of paint. Stain is a very thin paint and contains no varnish. Many of the stains sold in the stores are apt to contain varnish, and they do not sink into the wood enough to bring out the beautiful grain. Stain can be used with best effect on new wood. Some of the most attractive living rooms have the woodwork stained forest green, old blue or silver gray. Do not let the painter convince you that the woodwork will look better painted. Some of the woods that take stain well are oak, cypress, Georgia pine and birch. In some country houses the furniture is ordered from the factory in an unfinished condition and is then stained at home by some one who understands this work.—New York Post.

A Twist of Language.

"It is no easy task to make some Germans understand the English equivalent of certain German words," said a man who is often kept busy interpreting. "Take the word 'bekommen,' which means 'to get,' but most Germans will persist for a time in translating it 'become.' This has led to some laughable errors. For instance, a party of Americans once asked a guide where transportation facilities for mountain climbing might be obtained. The guide in his broken English described in detail the manner and way to reach a certain point. "Yes, my friends," he finally said, "and here you can become donkeys."—New York Press.

BARILEY.

A blockade of ice has caused the river to rise. The approach to the new bridge is being washed away and the old bridge is in danger.

Mrs. Mary Reinhart of Fruita, Colo., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Julia Johnson, who is very sick with lung fever. Mrs. Johnson's son is here also from Fruita, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Curlee of Holbrook visited in Bartley over Sunday with Mrs. Curlee's sister, Mrs. A. L. Cochran. Ed Curlee was here a few days last week.

Dr. Arbogast was called to Indianola a few days since to view the body of a Mr. Myers, who was found dead in his room.

Two loads of telegraph poles were taken out northeast, this week, for a new telephone line.

Miss Lillian Durbin visited in Indianola, last Saturday, with her sister, Mrs. Rittenberg.

Mrs. H. L. Burton of Wauneta is here on a visit to her mother, C. W. Hodgkin.

Milan Blair visited over Sunday with his parents.

W. B. Downs and Dr. Brown were business visitors at Indianola, Monday.

George Liston of Bartley and Miss Bertha Parse of Cambridge were married at the M. E. Parsonage, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Hageman officiated. They will reside on Mrs. Liston's farm this year.

Harry L. Brown was a business visitor in Holdrege, Wednesday.

C. E. Matthews, Esq., was called up from Arapahoe, Tuesday, to issue a warrant for the arrest of Sam Bryant accused of threatening to kill George Webber. The warrant was issued Wednesday morning and the constable is in pursuit of Mr. Bryant at this writing.

BANKSVILLE.

There will be a basket social in district 51, February 23. Proceeds to go for library books. Everybody is cordially invited.

Gust Blunck is staying at the village now.

There was a dance at P. H. Blunck's Saturday night with 44 numbers out. There also was a dance on the B. Richardson place, Monday night, with 24 numbers out. All reported an enjoyable time.

If the weather stays warm like this, some of the farmers will commence to farm a little soon.

Roy Albrecht is moving to his new place this week.

Winifred Weeks is back from his visit to Iowa.

Chas. Craeger left Monday, for the east, on business.

John H. Wesch was in Traer, Kansas, Monday.

The J. I. Case threshing machine agent, was at Banksville, Monday.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remained unclaimed for at the McCook postoffice, Jan. 31st 1907:

LETTERS.

- Batts, R. F. (2)
- Barnes, Mr. C. A.
- Baker, Mr. C. F.
- Barber, Joe
- Codding, Mr. Daniel
- Campbell, Joseph
- Cooper, Jessie
- Clark, Oliver M.
- Dedeau, Mr. J.
- Fillas, Mrs.
- Glafeller, Walter
- Heart, Mrs. W. H.
- Henderson, Ira J.
- Harbau, N. J.
- Holton, Mrs. M. C.
- Harris, Richardson
- Johnson, Hannah
- Johnson, Frank W.
- Johnson, Frank
- London, Miss Francis
- Lowell, Miss Ruth E.
- Morgan, Mr. S. (3)
- Miller, J. M.
- Mitchell, Elmer
- Morris, Mrs. F. S.
- Mulhern, J. P.
- McAlme, Mr. Frank
- McDonaid, Wm. D.
- McDonald, Walter
- and Harry
- Patterson, Florence
- Folk, D. H.
- Roberts, Louis D.
- Roberts, C. S.
- Ross, E. G.
- Rankin, Miss L.
- Rankin, Mrs. Anna (2)
- Rowe, Mr. Fred
- Smith, Chas. E.
- Scott, Mrs. D. J.
- Skinner, Wm. H.
- Smith, Mr. Geo.
- Thomberg, Mr. E.
- Vaubuskirk, Mr. J.
- Vinson, S. A.
- Welch, A. J.
- Wallingford, J. K.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since our last report:

- School Dist. No. 25 to D. E. Hethcote wd 14 in 16 Danbury 313.00
- Catharine Snyder to Walter Hickling wd se 1 18-29 2,800.00
- Samuel Garrett to Mary A. Roche agrees wd nw 4 14-25 3,800.00
- Geo. W. Jones and wife to Dora B. Higgins wd 9-10-11-12 in "E" Esther Park Bartley 200.00
- Geo. W. Jones and wife to Dora B. Higgins qed 7 and 8 in "I" Esther Park Bartley 75.00
- Ben G. Gossard trans. to G. W. Jones tax deed 4-5-6 in 70 Bartley 750.00
- United States to Austin W. Dutcher pat nw 4 22-23-20
- Lincoln Land Co. to A. G. Bump and J. O. Hammond wd pt ne 4 se 4 20-27 800.00
- Lincoln Land Co. to Mollie B. Bump wd 6 in 4 6th McCook 150.00
- E. G. Malone and wife Frank T. Walker and wife to Amasa R. Weaver wd ne 4 12-28 2,000.00
- J. E. Boles and wife to Rosa M. Morey wd nw 1/2 int in e 2 w 4 and w 2 se 4 10-12-29 900.00
- Kate Gillen et al to Charles F. Lehn wd pt 1 in 27 McCook 1,800.00
- Lincoln land company to Lesley A. Thomas wd pt se 4 sw 4 17-1-25 750.00
- Frank Thompson to Daniel F. Hupp wd his land 2 and 2 ne 4 31-37 4,000.00
- John W. Adamson to Henry T. Sullivan Bonnie R. Thomas wd w 2 nw 4 25 and w 2 sw 4 25 in 1-27 4,500.00

Insincerity.

Be honest with yourself, whatever the temptations. Say nothing to others that you do not think and play no tricks with your own mind. Of all the evil spirits abroad at this hour of the world insincerity is the most dangerous.—J. A. Froude.

One Kind of Tanning.

"Pop!" "Yes, my son." "What kind of wood do they use most in tanning?" "Well, when I went to school, my boy, they used birch."—Yonkers Statesman.

Do not borrow trouble. The interest is too high.—Dallas News.

To the People of McCook and Surroundings

With great pleasure I beg to offer my sincere thanks for your worthy patronage during my closing out sale of the old Diamond stock. I am pleased that my system of business is gaining your confidence and in the future hope to make my place your trading point, if up-to-date methods and merchandise combined will do it. I am leaving tonight for eastern markets and intend to contract with best manufacturers for all my goods—from every-day overalls to a dress suit—to give you all a chance to supply your demands right at home.

I still have on hand goods to close out and they are on sale at the usual low prices, until my new goods arrive. Come, take advantage of them.

THANKING YOU AGAIN, I AM YOURS VERY RESPECTFULLY

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CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Elder Miller has been employed to be with this church beginning first of the year. Rev. C. P. Evans will preach.

CATHOLIC—Order of services: Mass, 8 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:00 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday. J. J. LOUGHRAN, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Sermon and reception of new members at 11:00. Class at 12:00. Junior League at 4:00. Epworth League at 7:00. Sermon and reception of members at 8:00. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00. Eighty-seven have joined church and two conversions, the last week. One hundred and twenty-eight at prayermeeting, February 13th. M. B. CARMAN, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Services at Zint & McClain bldg, Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., Wednesday at 8 o'clock p. m. Subject: "Mind." Reading room at same place open daily, where Christian Science literature may be had.

EPISCOPAL—Services on Sunday at 11 a. m.; Holy communion and sermon on third Sunday in each month; at 7:30 p. m. prayers and sermon. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. The rector will officiate. All are welcome to these services. E. R. EARLE, Rector.

BAPTIST—Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. A. F. GREEN, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by pastor. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Sermon subject, Sunday morning, "The Young Converts of the Jerusalem Church." All are cordially invited to these services. GEO. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

Ladies, read this catalogue of charms, Bright eyes, glowing cheeks, red lips, a smooth skin without a blemish, in short, perfect health. For sale with every package Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea, 35 cents. A. McMillan.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER AGISTER'S LIEN. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an agister's lien for pasturing and keeping of one bay mare about 9 years old and one brown mare with blue face and one white hind foot about 9 years old, from the 11th day of November, 1906, until this date, under a contract with one John Hawkins, owner of said stock, on which there is now due the sum of \$16.00, an affidavit setting forth the description of said stock and the amount due for the pasturing and keeping of said stock having been filed in the office of the county clerk of this county, being the county where said stock was fed and kept, on the 18th day of October, 1907, I will sell the property above described at public auction in front of the Citizens Bank in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 15th day of February, 1907, at two o'clock, p. m. Said sale will be for cash in hand. Dated this 30th day of January, 1907. His Witness: CHARLES J. T. HARRIS, Mark. 24-33.

NOTICE FOR BIDS. Sealed proposals for the construction of a \$10,000.00 brick library building, accompanied by \$100.00 certified check, will be received up to 8:00 p. m. central time, March 8th, 1907, and opened immediately thereafter, by the secretary of the library board of McCook, Neb.—24-33. Address G. E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

10 FAT HOGS

In driving through the country around McCook several farms will attract attention because they are entirely enclosed with hog-tight fence, or have large fields fenced hog-tight. If you read the market reports and do a little figuring you will find that the price of

will buy from H. P. Waite & Co., hog fence enough to go around a quarter-section of land. Seven and a half more hogs will make it a half-section with a partition fence through the center. On a farm that is fenced in this way nothing is wasted, the hogs get it all, besides they are less liable to disease than if kept in small enclosures. Another car load of hog-fence has just been received by H. P. Waite & Co., and they will sell it at right prices.

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