

MRS. PALMER WINS THE RACE

Comes Out Ahead in Contest with Mrs. Bradley Martin.

GETS SMILES OF KING EDWARD

Costs Years of Time and Millions of Money, but the Goal is Finally Won—London Gossip.

LONDON, April 25.—(Special.)—There can be nothing but supreme joy in the heart of that unrivaled American society grande dame, Mrs. Bradley Martin, these days. For in playing the host to King Edward, as she did so recently at Biarritz, she realized the greatest ambition of her many years on the social stage. She has "arrived" and henceforth the doors to the most exclusive circles in England are open to her.

We have all watched Mrs. Palmer's efforts to capture the king. She has been at it a long time and most of us were sure that she would ultimately "win out," as you Americans say. It has been generally recognized that of the many American society women in the English court, Mrs. Bradley Martin is the most successful.

For a long time English society has been amused itself by watching the progress not only of Mrs. Palmer, but of her fellow countrywoman, Mrs. Bradley Martin. The latter has not yet had the pleasure of entertaining his majesty, but you may be sure that it is not because the late New York woman has not tried. Those who know the king say that Mrs. Bradley Martin has overdone the thing—that her hospitality is much too ostentatious and generous to please his majesty.

Mrs. Palmer and the King. Some very silly gossip has gone the rounds of the Smart Set regarding Mrs. Palmer's efforts to hob-nob with his majesty. One particularly attractive one, which nobody who knew the American widow believed, credited her with a will to pay the sum of \$50,000 outright for the privileges of feeding the English ruler with her own hand, figuratively speaking. This sum was to be paid to Mrs. George Keppel, one of the impetuous favorites of the king, whose word is more or less law with her sovereign in matters of this kind.

But Mrs. Palmer is not the only American who is dining attendance upon royalty at the little French watering place. In fact the American element just about owns the place, despite the pre-eminence of the English sovereign. The majority of the smart residences under the shadow of the Palace hotel, which in seasons past were occupied by wealthy English chamois of the king, have this year been taken by Americans.

Reid Outshines King. Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, has aroused considerable comment in the king's set by his efforts to outshine his majesty. The diplomat surrounded himself with all kinds of state and ceremony and the great suite of rooms he engaged on the first floor of the Palace hotel were far more luxurious than those of his majesty on the ground floor. His one idea seemed to be to go the king one better. In the ambassador's apartments were to be found the most beautiful furniture in a house renowned for its lovely and historic furnishings.

Jean Reid, who is a great favorite with the king, recently had the honor, with her father, of dining in the private apartments of his majesty. That is a special favor, for only the most intimate of his cronies are ever asked to meet him there when he is not "on his dignity."

Edward's liking for Anthony Drexel seems to increase every day. When the latter arrived at the French resort recently one of his first callers was his majesty. The two are constantly seen about together and some of the gossip have gone so far as to predict that the American millionaire will be knighted in the near future, which, of course, is absurd. Just what the king sees in the American to admire so greatly is not known, but in some quarters it is said that the banker is a great help to Edward in a business way. At any rate, the Philadel-

phia is a royal spender and is never tired of putting his hand in his copious pocket to assist the "hard-ups" of the English aristocracy.

Chamberlain Back in Politics. Now that Joseph Chamberlain is getting along so nicely, and some of his most sanguine friends are predicting his return in the near future to the political arena, where he is sorely needed by his party, I understand that there is grave fear for the health of his devoted wife. This brave woman who you will remember was Miss Endicott of Boston, before her marriage to the most popular man in England, has never left the side of her stricken husband during the two years or more that his life has been despaired of. Everybody declares that the veteran politician owes his present existence to the splendid nursing of his wife, but she, poor creature, has broken down in the effort. She has now taken to a bath-chair for most of her waking hours and continually resorts to oxygen as a reviver. The doctors have ordered her from Cannes, where she and her husband are now stopping, to Switzerland, but Mr. Chamberlain is inconsolable at the idea of being parted from her a single day and it is not likely that his wife will leave him.

Of course the report that Mr. Chamberlain will be seen in public life again in the near future must be taken with the usual customary grain of salt. The same prediction has been made many times since he was taken ill. I remember he left England for Cannes and to me he appeared to be still a very sick man.

Every lover of dogs is envying Mrs. Lulu Harcourt the exquisite little Chinese dog, which she has just purchased for \$7,500. It is a half-brother to "Stovess," which the Empress Dowager of Russia has about in her clovered quarters, believing it to be her mascot. If those who are experts in dog-lore are to be believed the American woman's specimen is far more perfect of its kind than her imperial majesty's.

There are only about five or six of these dogs in London, but it is the ambition of every smart society woman to possess one. They are quite the latest rage.

LADY MARY.

TALK ABOUT INVESTMENTS

Telephone Company Gives Advice—A Signed Statement with Statistics.

To Our Patrons: In a half-page advertisement headed, "Automatic Telephone and its Valuable Service to Society in General," an argument is made for telephone duplication in Omaha, that, upon casual reading, sounds plausible, but which, if accepted as true, is calculated, if it is not designed, to produce loss to innocent investors and useless expense to telephone users.

The promoters of the opposition company say that they are offering their securities to Omaha investors, not because they need the money, but because they want the support and influence that local investors can give them. This is partly true. It is certain that they do want the influence of local investors. It is also certain that they do want the money for their so-called "securities." It is furthermore obvious that they want to attract local people so that they can realize the promoters' profits and let the purchasers take the inevitable loss, as has been done in many places.

If the promoters think there is any reasonable possibility of making money by any legitimate operation of their plant, as it is now financed and organized, would they be anxious to elect a local board and turn over the property? If they know anything about telephone operation, they know that their capitalization is unsound, fictitious, and that ultimate loss is inevitable. They know that the company cannot earn the money with which to pay the necessary expenses and interest on their bonds, and that rates must be raised if these charges are to be met, but they prefer that the problems of refinancing and raising rates be met by local directors and local owners.

The promoters say that they are offering an investment which will produce excellent returns and which is, at the same time, made absolutely safe by a first mortgage on the property of the company. But a first mortgage does not make an issue of bonds safe unless the property will readily sell for enough to pay the bonds and interest. The same thing that is said about the safety of these bonds was said by the promoters of the now bankrupt United States Independent Telephone company of Rochester when their bonds were sold under false prospectuses only two years ago. When the first mortgage, which was supposed to make those bonds "absolutely safe," was foreclosed, the property was bid in at a sum equal to only 1/3 cents on the dollar of outstanding bonds, and the stock holders were completely wiped out.

The same thing was doubtless said by the promoters of the Colonial Telephone company of Newburg, N. Y.; the Orange Telephone company of Orange, Texas; the North-eastern Telephone company of Portland, Me.; the Austin City Telephone company of Austin, Tex.; the Lake Side Telephone company of Alton, N. Y.; the Citizens' Telephone company of Sioux Falls, S. D.; and a number more, which, during 1907, went to the wall. It is safe to say that there are, in the country, local investors holding more than \$100,000,000 in face value, of Independent Telephone securities, which would be gladly sold for 25 cents on the dollar, or less. And the vast amount of so-called "securities," really fictitious capitalization, has been sold to the unsuspecting public, generally speaking, upon representations that have turned out to be false.

It may be true, as claimed in the advertisement, that over \$20,000 of stock is held in Omaha, but this applies chiefly to promoters and speculators, who have not paid money for their stock. If they could prove that after that amount had been actually sold and paid for in money, in Omaha, the truth about a large line of local stockholders would be more reasonable.

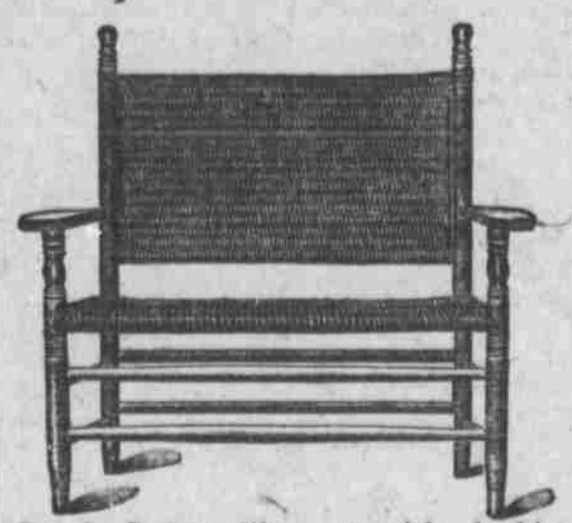
MILLER, STEWART & BEATON

413-15-17 South Sixteenth Street

Porch and Lawn Furniture

This week's showing of PORCH and LAWN FURNITURE will be a revelation to the prospective purchaser of OUTDOOR FURNITURE—it consists of all that is desirable in style and construction—durable and comfortable as well as moderate in price.

This stock contains all the latest patterns in ROCKERS, CHAIRS and SWINGS, finished in the newest up-to-date finish. Don't miss this sight whether you wish to purchase or not.



Porch Settee—like cut with double reed seat and back, with flat arms, finished in light maple, at \$5.50

- Porch Settee, slat seat \$1.75
Porch Settee, slat seat \$2.25
Porch Settee, double reed seat and back \$5.50
Double Porch Rocker \$5.75
Porch Swing, finished green \$9.00
Porch Swings, finished weathered oak \$9.00
Porch Swings, all reed, at \$21.50
Porch Swing, made of heavy ducking, with mattress, 3 inch, think—\$15.50
These prices include best quality of chains.



Porch Rocker—like cut, double reed seat and reed back, large flat arms, best of construction, finished light maple, price 3.35

- Porch rocker, reed, gent's size \$2.25
Porch rocker, reed, ladies' size \$1.95
Large Porch rocker, reed seat and back \$3.60
Large Porch rocker, reed seat and back \$2.90
Child's Porch rocker, reed seat and back \$1.50
Misses' Porch rocker, reed seat and back \$1.80
Porch Arm Chair, reed seat \$2.15
Porch Arm Chair, reed seat and back \$2.65
Porch Settee, slat seat \$1.40

PORCH RUGS

In connection with our Porch Furniture we offer some pleasant surprises in Porch Rugs, direct from China and Japan. Artistic coloring and original design effects, durable as well as reasonable in price.

- 4x7 China Straw Porch Rug \$3.00
4x7 Bango Rope Porch Rug \$5.50
4x7 Japanese Straw Porch Rug \$3.50
6x9 Moodj Matting Porch Rug \$12.00
7-6x10-6 Moodj Matting Porch Rug \$15.00

We are agents for the Bissell Carpet Sweepers, the best sweepers, made, Grand Rapids Sweeper, each \$2.50

Don't fail to visit our Gas Range Department, we are exclusive Omaha Agents for the Well Known Vulcan Gas Ranges, THE KIND THAT SAVES YOU GAS.

Prices, \$23.50, \$21.75, \$19.50, \$17.50, \$15.75 \$12.00

Shirt Waist Boxes

The immense popularity, as a piece of furniture as well as a useful article, has compelled us to make liberal purchases of SHIRT WAIST BOXES this season.



We think we can state truthfully that no store in Omaha offers such a complete stock with such a wide range of prices.

Porcelain—like cut, in solid oak, finished in green or weathered oak with chains, price 13.50

Woman Who Furnishes London With the Correct Time

LONDON, April 24.—(Special.)—It is a curious circumstance that London, which is so near to Greenwich, does not get its official time from that famous observatory but from a woman. Practically every big watch and clockmaker in this city pays her a fee once a week to learn the right time. And, oddly enough, this regulating of the watches of London has been a business of this woman's family for more than seventy years.



MISS BELLVILLE HAVING HER CHROMETER CERTIFIED AT THE GREENWICH OBSERVATORY.

It seems that the father of the present "human timepiece" was a Mr. Bellville, who, in 1835, was assistant to the Astronomer Royal. He hit upon the bright idea of taking around to the principal London watchmakers a corrected chronometer. In this way he soon built up an income of about \$2,500 a year. When he died in 1856 his widow was granted the privilege of having her chronometer corrected at Greenwich whenever she liked and "peddled" the time until 1893, when she reached the advanced age of 82 and retired.

This right to a monopoly of the absolutely correct time did not leave the Bellville family with the retirement of the old woman, however, for her daughter succeeded to the lucrative job. Every Monday morning she goes from her home in Maidenhead, on the Thames, to the Royal observatory at Greenwich, where she receives from the keeper an official document saying that her chronometer differs from mean time by so and so many seconds and tenths of seconds. Such a favor is granted to no other person, and armed with this exclusive credential Miss Bellville sallies forth to correct the timepieces of the world.

She has about forty customers in London, scattered all over the city. To each she repairs in turn and permits them to correct their time in accordance with that of her own chronometer and the official document. From these forty customers of this woman the rest of London gets its ideas of time.

It is no ordinary chronometer that Miss Bellville carries about with her. It was made in 1825 by Arnold, one of the most famous watchmakers that ever lived, for the duke of Sussex, a son of George III. After possessing it a short time the noble owner discarded it because it was too clumsy, and Mr. Bellville bought it at a fancy price. It was originally in a gold case, but the assistant to the Astronomer Royal had a silver one substituted, hoping that its unpretentious appearance would be less likely to excite the curiosity of the rough characters in the "shady" parts of old London where his business often took him.

ber of these actually required has proved to be far in excess of the number claimed to be sufficient by the builders. Up to the present time standardization has been impossible and every automatic plant put into service has varied in a greater or less degree from all its predecessors. Each one has claimed to be the latest device and, in the case of Omaha, it has been claimed that all the mechanical difficulties have been overcome. The truth is, notwithstanding these claims, that the automatic system is still in an experimental stage and, after ten years, is very little used, even by the so-called independent companies. It is a novelty, to be sure, and sometimes attracts purchasers of "securities" who would not take a chance in a company which proposed to use standard apparatus of tried efficiency and economy because of the alluring claims made.

Much has also been said of the secrecy of the automatic device as an element of superiority over the manually operative systems; but it is a well known fact, and has been repeatedly shown, that the employees at the central station of the automatic system have ample means to "listen in" at any time they see fit, on any circuit. Moreover, the delicate mechanical adjustment of the switches requires constant supervision and, although claims are made that they do not get out of order, it is the constant and necessary practice of the inspectors working among the switches, whenever they hear a sound which indicates that a switch is out of order, to shut

savings will be made by means of the automatic switchboard. In the bond circuit it is stated that the automatic system will save \$20,000 a year in the wages of operators alone, while in the recent advertisement it is stated that the saving from this source will be from \$5,000 to \$50,000 a year. Neither statement will prove to be true.



YOU'D BE MIGHTY WELL PLEASD

If some one left you a fortune, You'd take mighty good care of it too. Do you ever think your eyes are more valuable than any amount of money? They are. So don't neglect them. Come and let us examine them and help you preserve what no money could restore if gone.

H. J. Penfold & Co. LEADING OPTICIANS 1408 Farnam Street



\$3.00 \$3.50 \$4.00

"Queen Quality" Shoes have been ten years before the public. In that time the sales have broken all records. The factory has been enlarged till it is now the largest women's shoe factory in the world. Ten thousand pairs are sold every day. This great growth could only come from superior merit. Why don't you wear them once! This Store has the sole agency.

HAYDEN BROTHERS

Grand Exhibition and Sale of ORIGINAL WATER COLOR PAINTINGS BY WELL KNOWN ARTISTS Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

The prices will astonish as well as please you, and if you are looking for something in pictures, don't miss this opportunity. 20 per cent discount on framing during this sale. It costs you nothing to look, and we shall take pleasure in showing you the exhibit. Bring your friends. Visitors welcome.

A. HOSPE CO. See Window Display 1513 Douglas Street

No Matter What You Want Bee Want Ads Will Get It

Vapo-resolene advertisement with text: (Established 1879) 'Gives White Ice Sleep' Whooping-Cough, Croup, Bronchitis, Coughs, Diphtheria, Catarrh. Confidence can be placed in a remedy, which for a quarter of a century has earned unqualified praise. Restful nights are assured at once.

Mineral Waters advertisement with text: The mineral water business has for many years been a specialty with our firm. We buy our waters direct from the springs or if a foreign water, direct from the importer. We are thus able to make the lowest possible prices, and to guarantee freshness and genuineness. We sell 100 brands. Lowest prices by case of 100.

A Bloody Affair advertisement with text: Is lung hemorrhage? Stop it, and cure weak lungs, coughs and colds with Dr. King's New Discovery. 50c and \$1.00. For sale by Beston Drug Co.