WOMEN OF ARMY AND THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE

Wives of Generals Bell and Edwards Chief Among Social Leaders at White House.

GOLD LACE HAS GREAT HEYDAY

Presidential Affairs Made Gay Through Presence of Land and Sea Fighters of Nation.

Washington correspondence:

When Mrs. Taft, in her official role as first lady of the land, surrounded herself with a coterie of the eleverest and brightest officers of the twin branches of the service, everybody in Washington society recognized that the era of the army and navy set had arrived. In brave array the military men form a moving background at Mrs. Taft's at homes, and in their immaculate dress the officers of the land and sea forces are a splendid attribute at Mrs. Taft's fascinating garden par-

At the White House entertainments scarcely has the line of guests passed until Mrs. Taft is surrounded by a group of officers and their wives, daughters and sweethearts, whose persiflage and laughter instantly dissipate any indication of an oppressive or a "military" perfunctoriness.

Replacing Col. Bromwell, who with Mrs. Bromwell were dominant factors it the social life of the capital in the last administration, is Col. Spencer Cosby, whose career has been marked with distinction. Col. Cosby is the first of the administration bachelors to announce his engagement, and in the fall Miss Yvonne Shepard, daughter of Mrs. Charles R. Shepard of New York and Washington, will fall heir to the position vacated by the withdrawal of Mrs. Bromwell.

Miss Shepard is tall and svelte, her well-carried head is graced with quantitles of silky, fair-brown hair, and her pretty complexion is set off by the taste Miss Shepard displays in the selection of the color of her gowns. She wears large bats, flower trimmed, and long, sweeping gowns, which accentuate the graceful slenderness of her figure.

As the wife of the President's aid and constant attendant, Miss Shepard will be thrown constantly in association with the White House family, and her advoltness and social graces will be put to a severe test in the carrying of a role not less influential than difficult.

CLARENCE.

EDWARDS

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treme good breeding. She is the moth-

Mrs. Edwards Wins Laurels.

is presided over by Mrs. Clarence Ed-

wards, wife of Gen. Clarence Edwards,

chuni to the President and general

good tellow. Gen. Edwards, who is

to when it comes to a discussion of his

wife's popularity. Everybody likes

Mrs. Edwards and her place in the fa-

vor of the community waxes as the

In girlhood, as pretty and vivacious

Bessle Porter, she made her first ap

pearance in Washington, coming over

to visit her great-aunt, Mrs. Saunders

Irving, widow of Washington Irving's

menage second only to the White

House in point of social importance.

its gentle mistress, who was an in-

valid, being one of the few women up-

on whom the wives of the Presidents

Mrs. Edwards is a slender, delicate

looking woman, whose chief beauty

twinkling eyes and she has sympathy

N. Y., held the original grant of the

property by the State government.

President John Quincy Adams.

Gen. and Mrs. Edwards' daughter

felt it incumbent to leave carus.

nephew. Mrs. Irving maintained

One of the handsome homes of the

Gen. Bell's Wife a Power. As wife of the chief of staff, Mrs. J. Franklin Bell will have a high position in the full tide of the official Helen Taft's best chums.

Not content with standing at the head of the serried ranks of armydom, Mrs. Bell is no less popular with the diplomatic as well as the congressional and president set. As a great friend of Mrs. Edson Bradley of New York, she is in touch with the smart life of the little coterie of the rich and important who come to Washington each winter to enjoy its

Gen, and Mrs. Bell last winter took possession of a commodious home at Fort Myer and there throughout the season Mrs. Bell challenged the admiration of society by the conduct of a series of delightful entertainments, her guests including the grizzled veterans who surround the chief of staff, the young officers eager for an opportunity to display their mettle, the debutantes, the foreign "guests" of the nation and the general everyday-man and woman who goes in for Washington's social good times.

Associated with Mrs. Bell in the social life of the army set is Mrs. Work erspoon the attractive wife of Gen Bell's first assistant. Mrs. Bell's six ter, Mrs. Ernest Carlington, wife of Gen. Garlington, is another army matron whose power in society has to be reckoned with. Mrs. Garlington is a pretty, fair-haired woman, endowed with a liberal share of the good fellowship and good humor Mrs. Belldisplays in such a marked degree.

In the childless home of the chief of staff Miss Sally Garlington, Mrs. Bell's folly, good-natured and good-looking young niece, has a large and important role to carry. Miss Sally is a dancer who has won acclaim at the amateur dramatic productions which have been features of Washington's smart life for the last few years, while her skill as a horsewoman gives her a forward place in the gay little comthy of "paperchasers" who gallop over the hills two or three times a

week Mrs. Aleshire, wife of Gen. Aleshire, is one of the army matrons whose wit ment of an army officer's wife. She is The Edwards home is a reflex of the large and nice-looking, noticeable character of its owners. Beginning chiefly for the sweetness of her ex- with the general's office on the first



WOMEN WHO LEAD IN MRS. TAFT'S SOCIAL LIFE.

n its dress of summery English chiniz and filled with fine old mahogany and nteresting things picked up in the out of the way corners of the army officers' world.

The Edwardses keep open house in ind out of season and aside from dispensing a hospitality as smart as the smartest, Gen. and Mrs. Edwards delight in having friends to lunch or dine en familie.

A TRAVELING BRIDGE FOR BAIL-WAY CONSTRUCTION.

A device for building a railway embankment, reminding one somewhat of he coastruction of a cantilever bridge by adding pleces continually to the end of one of the arms, is now in use in New Jersey. The building of an embankment by first making false work in the form of a trestle, er of a debutante daughter, who has and dumping earth from a train the distinction of being one of Miss standing on it, is familiar. This may be likened to the building of a bridge y means of similar false work which serves to sustain the picces till they army set established in Washington are fastened together. In the new method, the embankment is pushed forward continuously from one extremity by dumping from a train on a so-called "traveling bridge" one one of the most generally liked officers end of which rests on the embankof the service, has his honors to look ment while the other is hung from a cableway, as shown in the picture.

Briefly the apparatus consists of two towers, one fixed and one movable, between which a double cableway is suspended. From this cableway is hung a cradle, or traveling bridge, on



TRAVELING ERIDGE AT WORK.

which a three-foot-gauge track is laid. lies in her sweetness of expression, her Beginning just inside the movable well-bred air and her lovable manners. tower a construction track is started on the line of fill on which the dump-She looks at life through two jolly, cars are pushed. As the fill progresses with everybody and with everything this track is extended out over its that lives, without regard to place or cradle, which is moved ahead with position. Her servants adore her and the fill. The view shows the track pay her the sovereign compliment of extending out over the fill and the cars remaining in her service two decades dumping. The cars are backed on to the track and each car is dumped as it A very great-great-granddaughter of reaches the end of the fill, so that the the first white man that sattled in the empties are always at the suspended western part of New York, Mrs. Ed | end of the structure and the filled cars wards' family, the Porters of Niagara, near the supports.

The fixed tower at the far end of immense tract of land which included the line is a standard cableway tower the falls until the taking over of the of timber, firmly held in place by the pressure of the cables and by its an-Gen. Peter B. Porter, Mrs. Ed. chorage to the ground. It will not be wards' great-grandfather, served as moved during the entire construction. secretary of war in the cabinet of The movable tower is of structural

steel. The cableway at present is dumping Bossle is a pretty little woman of 10 | 1,100 to 1,200 cubic yards a day with years, who is a chum of her father and no trouble whatsoever. It could handle and poise count in the proper equip the boon companion of her mother. many times that amount, but is limited by the amount of excavation in the cut farther back.

The Burning Question.

A Baltimore teacher was trying to explain the meaning of the word "recuperate."

comes your father returns home tired and worn out, doesn't he?" "Yes, ma'am." assented Charley. "Then," continued the teacher, "It

"Charley," she said, "when night

being night, and he being tired, what does he do

"That's what ma wants to know." said Charley. Success Magazine.

Should Be Carried Out. "I wish you wouldn't be cross to that dear little doc of mine," said the wife. "The little fellow is just filled with good intentions.

"Well," replied the husband, grabbing the pup, "I just like to carry out good intentions"-Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing Dangerous About That. Hewitt-Delays are dangerous. Jewott-Oh, I don't know. My wife received a letter this morning saying that her mother would have to postpone her visit.-New York Press.

********************** WHISELER AT WEST POINT.

vannanana. The moving quality of the human voice in impassioned utterance, apart from the meaning of the words uttered, has been often exemplified. The startled clerk of whom the great actrees, Mrs. Siddons, purchased calico was thrilled to the soul by the tragic intensity with which ahe demanded, in deep contraite, "Will it wash?"

WASTED SYMPATHY.

Madame Modjeska, pressingly invited at a reception to oblige the company with a recitation, did so in her native tongue. She is a Pole, it will be remembered.

"At first," says Prof. Brander Matthews, in relating the story, "it seemed simple enough, apparently with some give and take of question and answer; then it became pathetic, and as she spoke the saddening words, the voice of the accomplished actress broke; there was almost a sob in her tones, and there were tears ready to fall from her eyes. But the one person present who understood Polish had to leave the room to restrain his laughter, because what she was delivering gan; thus emotionally was the multiplication table."

Ernesto Rossi, the Italian tragedian, achieved an even greater triumph of manner over matter when, diving at a restaurant with some fellow actors, he accepted a wager that he could so read the bill of fare as to bring tears to their eyes. His noble voice, pathetic at soups, appealing among fish, freazied with the roast, rising to agony at vegetables, sinking to heart-breken sobs and poignant whispers in the enumeration of sweets and fruit, and was not to be resisted. Tears streamed | call out: down their cheeks, and Rossi won the

The temperamental difference between brings about kindred effects through | was accident. A lady, waiting for a beaffecting parting between an aged fath- class." er and his son, both Italians. The old man seemed in a frenzy of woe. He moaned, raved, lifted his cleached hands toward heaven, and shook them despairingly. "Poor, poor souls!" she exclaimed,

ompassionately. "The young man going away to seek his fortune, and the ery heart."

the venerable old party is worried be- servant. cause he's lent him his season ticket, and wishes now he hadn't promised to. He says he knows the boy will lose it, but anyway, if he does, he'll when he gets home. That's all."

MODERN LAND OF PROMISE.

to the minister of railways at Ottawa. and then to an admiration. The engineers report having encoun-

tered between 250,000,000 and 300,000, Mitishto and Grass rivers as far as the decorations. Split lake and along both sides of the Nelson lake to Hudson bay.

of the greatest rivers of the world, as regards the actual volume of water discharged into the bay. Its total length is approximately 400 miles and its drainage area is tremendous. Its of nuts for the children? ributaries cover the whole of Manitoba, the greater portions of Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Ontario, west of the great lakes, while they also enter Montana and Minnesota. Its discharge has been roughly estimated at five times that of the Otlawa river at the Chaudlere, Falls, at Ottawa. Many soundings were taken love the race. over the greater part of its length, and depths of water were found from fifty to sixty feet, with a current not exceeding two to three miles an hour. Lake Winnipeg furnishes an extension of this water route to within twenty miles of the city of Winnipeg. From information obtainable it would seem that a canal might be built along the Nelson river which would enable ocean-going steamships to enter Lake Winnipeg, where a good channel, the minimum depth of which is thirtythree feet, already exists to the south end of the lake. The amount of powor which is available for development along the Nelson river is enormous and places the Hudson Bay Railway in a very favorable position to use electricity for the operation of its trains.

In touching on the harbor at Churchill, the report states that it seems to be the best natural harbor on the west coast of the bay, though the depths of water are not of the most desirable, the natural anchorage for vessels drawing twenty feet of water being rather restricted.

Port Nelson, which lies at the mouth of the Nelson river, seems to possess great possibilities, but would require further surveys to determine definitely its value as a port for the Hudson Bay route.

Armed for the Umpire, Dinks-I had no idea you were superstitious.

Winks I'm not Dinks-But you were carrying a horseshoe when you entered the ball park yesterday. Winks-Oh, that was to heave at the

Engle. Leader. The way to make a woman happy is to make her believe that she is making you unhappy.

Artist Was Not a Glaring Success

It is stated in Mr. and Mrs. Pennell's recent "Life of James McNelll Whistler," in that part which relates to his brief West Point career, that the great American painter was not soldierly in appearance, bearing or habit." But if he did not reach the required military standard, he was always able to jest away all criticism. Several steries bear upon the record of his failure. In one case he was under examination in history. "What!" said his examiner. "You

do not know the date of the Battle of Buena Vista? Suppose you were to go out to dinner and the company began date of the battle, what would you

"Do?" said Whistler, "Why, I who could talk of such things at din-

He was called up for examination in chemistry, and given silicon to discuss. When requested to recite, he be-

"I am requested to discuss the subject of silicon. Silicon is a gas." "That will do, Mr. Whistler," was the comment which ended his West

Point oareer. "If silicon had been a gas," said Whistler, after he had become famour, might have been a major-general."

Whistler's horsemanship is said to have been hardly better than his scholarship. According to General Webb, it was not wholly unusual for him at cavalry drill to go sliding over his horse's head. On such occasions Mafading finally at coffee to a dying wigh, for Sackett, then in command, would

"Mr. Whistler, aren't you a little ahead of the squad?"

According to Whistler's version to a restrained and an emotional race the Pennells, Major Sackett's remark

"Mr. Whistler, I am pleased to see lated train, recently witnessed a most you for once at the head of your

THE CHINAMAN'S CONQUEST.

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The Chinaman, being a gentleman, writes Will Irwin in "Pictures of Old old man left behind. I suppose he Chinatown," gives himself forth but fears they may never meet again. A charily. The Americans of the Pacific common tragedy, but it grips one's Coast were a long time learning that the Chinese were an honest people, "Cheer up!" briskly advised her com- honest beyond our strictest ideas. The panion, who understood Italian. "The bousekeeper reached admiration and young chap is only going to the next understanding through a different town to visit his married sister, and channel. The Chinaman was an ideal

The Chinese cook was a volunteer nurse; for him the nursery was the heart of the house. He was the consoler and fairy-teller of childhood. He break his back with a broomstick passed on to the babies his own wonder tales of flowered princesses and golden dragons, taught them to patter in singsong Cantonese, and saved his frugal nickels to buy them quaint lit-Hudsoy Bay Ratiway Will Open Up the gifts; and as the better Southerner, despising the race, loves the individual The great development likely to re- nagro through this very association sult from the Hudson Bay Railway is of childhood, so the Californian came suggested by Carl R. Loop, vice-consul- to love the Chinaman that he knew. general at Winnipeg, who has sent to In his ultimate belief, however, he the department of commerce and labor outstripped the Southerner, for he information based on a report made came first to a tolerance of the race

The Chinaman's respect for a con tract, written or spoken, made him ob-600 feet of logs immediately along the serve every article of the servant's right of way, with the possibility of code. He delighted in "company," in much more along the tributary all the pemps and parades of a housestreams, and that there are huge areas | hold. Nothing pleased him more than of timber suitable for pulp wood and to take the responsibility of a dinner ties along the whole route. Rich ag- or a reception upon himself, to plan ricultural lands were found along the confections for it, to have a hand in

If his term lasted long enough, he became the gentle familiar, versed in The Nelson river is described as one the arts of friendship. Who more gracious than your Chinese cook or laundryman calling on Chinese New Year's, his hands full of lilles for the women of the family, his pockets full

Under kindness, he might blossom into a feudal retainer of the family, lingering on for years in voluntary slavery, truced only when, the price of Chinese service having gone up, he made his just demand for a raise in pay. So, cut of family life, both child and parent learned to appreciate and

# SHE'S AN ATHLETE AT 50.

Woman Hermit-Vegetarian Beats Mountaineer in Long Climb. As the last registered contestant left the foot of the trail Thursday morning on the second annual Mount Wilson race, the hundreds of spectators were startled at the appearance of a woman, 50 years of age, garbed in skin-fitting tights and wearing a crimson blonse; 'defly offset with a baby-blue headgear of fluffy material which streamed down her back and dangled almost to her heels, the Los Angeles Examiner says.

Her name was ascertained to be Mrs. Marie A. Riedeseile, a well-known character about the Santa Anita canyon, who lives as a herenit and thrives as a vegetarian. Mra Riesedelle insisted that she be started up the trail after the regular participants and with the same formality,

After posing for her picture, she was sent away by the starter with the usual "formalities." She left the foot of the trail at 8:45 o'clock and negotiated the distance to the top in 2:05, beating out H. H. Wheeler, of Pomona, who is regarded as an athlete of wide reputation. Judges at the summit saserted that she finished quite strong and in much better condition than many of the male contestants. After resting about ten minutes she started down the trail.

# Not at All.

"He isn't one who 'hides his light under a bushel,' is he?"

"On the contrary. He thinks he's the whole electric light plant, and that the whole place would be dark if he umpire in case he got gay!-Brooklyn shut down for a minute."-Cleveland

> It takes a hustler to distinguish the difference between an obstacle and a hindrance in his path.

## WOMEN AS GAMBLERS.

High Society Dames Losing Their

Interest in Bridge Whist, It is doubtful if women ever should be permitted to play cards. Hardly a day passes without women gathering ties; sometimes they are merely an item in the season's program of a women's club. Does one of them ever pass without talk of cheating? Not rels arise, and it is doubtful if even a desert grays and the dusty sagebrush. booby" prize is awarded without the The wise woman is the one who lets

"winner" getting her share of gossip. cards severely alone, and that is just society women recently has been their other faculty gives up; when tact re-

land. I saw a black cloud of smoke hanging on the horizon as we approached, and saw workmen busy, as we got a nearer view, piling up desert sage that, since the waters of some prebistoric lake had receded, had defied and resisted all advances of civilifor cards in one or another of the big | milon. Then, when a great steamhotels of New York city. Sometimes plow bore down upon us, puffing and big parties are in ald of certain chari- snorting in the labor of dragging a sagebrush-cutter, improvised out of rallroad rails, I came fully to know that at last a war of final extermination was on and that the desert was one. Every time women gather to being routed from its last vantage play cards for slender vases or Jap ground in the West. An actuality far anese tea sets there is heated talk of greater than the wildest dreams of the winning of the prizes by methods pioneer forefathers was, in its quiet not exactly friendly. There are wom- way, looming up in the terms, of brush en undoubtedly who have a weakness fires ablaze and uprooting harrows. to talk to the Mexican War, and you. for sharp practices at cards, still it is Across another rise in the ground a West Point man, were asked the doubtful if they offend as of in this there burst upon the view a great sea respect as men. When anything ir of yellow grain, heading out in the regular crops up, however, they talk warm July sun, whereas for all the about it without fear or favor. In miles over which we had come from should refuse to associate with people this way dissension and bitter quar the railroad there had been only the

> The Miracle of Polite Persistency. Says Orison Swett Marden, writing in Success Magazine: When genius what some of them are doing. One has failed in what it attempted, and of the most surprising things about talent says impossible; when every



SOCIETY WOMEN AT THE CARD TABLE.

game would become a permanent in-They were at it morning, noon and was not an uncommon thing for the nen who gambled themselves poer, in the sense that they lost all their pin money and their own incomes and were forced to go in humiliation to their husbands for more funds. There were other women who fattened financially on bridge. There was one prominent society matron who received an automobile as a gift from her husband and the next week parted with it to liquidate a bridge debt.

There is, however, little or no bridge gambling at present. Bridge is dead. After all, as the evidence shows, it was a fad. Society cannot stick to anything. It + must have change. Society women are restless nervous, always calling for something different, and so bridge whist has sone. Of course it will be played, but only occasionally, and never again will it be a wholesale thief of time and a maker of card sharps among women.-Utica Globe.

# ROUTING THE DESERT.

Making the Waterless "Dry Valley" Section a Sea of Grain. I first had a practical introduction

into the secrets of dry farming in 1905, up to which time I had heard of the science as a schoolman's theory, says a writer in Collier's. Its most enthusiastic advocate in our vicinity was Dr. John A. Widtsoe, a graduate of Harvard University, who had filed on at the table, and passes without ata tract of land in a desolate waterless section known as "Dog Valley." It was a basin surrounded by low hills however, has created something in the in a parched country five miles from nature of a record by taking the oath the nearest water, and so hopeless in in the Scots fashion, with unlifted the eyes of an ordinary irrigation hand and in an audible voice. Mr. farmer that when Widtsoe's plows Gibson has thus set an example ing stock of two whole vaileys. 1 ac- lowed, will make for dramatic effect, cepted an invitation to a "plowing but will take up a good deal of time. demonstration" on his farm and as we | Moreover, a solemn adjuration of the rode on horseback across the ten miles | kind might not in all cases commend of sagebrush separating it from the itself so well as does the perfunctory nearest town I first sensed that some | mumble that is customary on these new force was at work within the occasions .- Pall Mall Gazette.

loss of interest in bridge whist. For tires and diplomacy has fled; when several years it seemed as if this logic and argument and influence and "pull" have all done their best and atitution. Women played for high retired from the field, gritty persiststakes at almost every opportunity, ency, bulldog tenacity, steps in, and by sheer force of holding on wins, night. In many Newport houses it gets the order, closes the contract, does the impossible. Ah, what mirhostess to lead her guests straight acles tenacity of purpose has performfrom the breakfast table to the card ed! The last to leave the field, the table, and the afternoon receptions last to turn back, it persists when all usually resolved themselves into other forces have surrendered and bridge campaigns. There were many fied. It has won many a battle even after hope has left the field. Confederate commanders in the

Civil War said that the trouble with General Grant was that "he never knew when he was beaten." Grant's generals thought that his army, with only two transports, would be trapped at Vicksburg, they asked him how he expected to get his men out, urging that in case of defeat he could get only a small part of his army upon two transports. He told them that two would be plenty for all the men that he would have left when he surrendered.

It is the man in the business world who will not surrender, who will not take no for an answer, and who stands his ground with such suavity of manner, such politeness, that you cannot take offense, cannot turn him down, that gets the order; that closes the contract; that gets the subscription; that gets the credit or the loan.

He is a very fortunate man who combines a gracious manner, suavity, cordiality, cheerfulness, with that dogged persistency which never gives

# Mumble or Mouthing.

The member's oath in the House of Commons is, in these days, only an affair between himself and the clerk tracting any particular attention. The new member for East Edinburgh, were put to work he became the laugh- which, if it should be generally fol-

# KEEPING HIS WITS ABOUT HIM.



-St. Louis Star.

Temarkable Photograph Showing a Cavalry Horse Shying at the Approach of a Monoplane.

ARMIES AND THE AEROPLANE.