

# Social Forms and Entertainments



**The Proper Present to Give.**  
Is it proper for a lady to accept a ring from a young man, as a Christmas gift? I enjoy your department very much.  
I. O. C.

I am glad you like the department, but am afraid you will not like my answer to your question. I do not think a ring should be given by a young man for a gift unless it is meant for an engagement ring. There are so many other things to give and a ring is a token reserved as a love offering from the man to the girl whom he expects to make his wife.

**Perfectly Correct Dress.**  
Will you please tell me if it would be all right to wear a white net dress, short sleeves and low neck to a dance this month, or is it too cold? Or would a heavier dress be better. I am fifteen. How should I wear my hair? You have often helped me, so please do so again. Thanking you again and again.  
DORA B.

A net dress is perfectly proper to wear to a party in cold weather, for climate is ignored when it comes to dances, so bundle up warm in outside wraps and wear your thin frocks. Wear your hair as most becoming. I should say either in Madonna braids or a soft pompadour with a ribbon bow at nape of neck.

**From "A Constant Reader."**  
Am a constant reader of your section and enjoy it exceedingly. Is it proper for a young lady to allow herself to be seen by gentlemen when attired in a kimono? I have answered the doorbell in my kimono when it has been unexpected gentlemen callers, or have been in the same room as they were ushered in. I always feel greatly embarrassed and leave the room immediately and dress. Is it wrong or proper? My girl friends say I am silly. They don't see the difference between a dress or kimono. Is my writing bad?

**"BLUE EYES."**  
If you are constantly caught with your kimono on, you are perfectly right in excusing yourself and putting on the proper attire. Of course if you are ill you have an excuse, otherwise it is not good form to wear a kimono when callers are present and you have reason to feel embarrassed, for men do not usually call at times when they do not expect a girl to be properly dressed to receive them.

**For a Birthday Gift.**  
I don't see any rules for asking you questions in the column, and I believe you will answer them. I sure enjoy reading that section of the paper. Will you kindly tell me what would be most appropriate to send a girl friend for a birthday remembrance. She is over twenty. We have

been writing for about a year but haven't met her yet.  
W. B.

There are no rules regarding questions for our department, save that they be of interest to others and have a bearing upon the topics discussed. Seems to me a pair of gloves or a half-dozen fine handkerchiefs, or a box of monogrammed stationery, would be appropriate gifts for the friend you have never seen.

**Reply to "Two American Beauties."**  
You two chums are very kind to like what I say in the department, but I have some pretty strong advice to give you and that is be more careful of your conduct on the street. Do not notice men whom you do not know. If you do you lay yourselves liable to very unpleasant remarks. When you have men callers, be as agreeable as possible, play cards or games if you like and have little chafing dish suppers or some kind of light refreshments. Pretty girls are often stared at, but do not notice it. The shy girl wins out in the end, for when it comes to marrying, a man wants a woman for his wife who has not been talked about by other men and who has held herself in reserve. The only way to become acquainted is to be properly introduced.

**Reply to "George A."**  
Break your engagement with the girl with whom you have been going for six years, for it would be a sin to marry her when you love some one else. But I must say I think you have committed an almost unpardonable crime to go with one girl for six years, take her time and love and then at the last throw her over for a girl who has recently come into your life.

I do not believe in long engagements, for this very reason: no man has a right to bind a girl for such a length of time; if he is not ready to marry, he should wait. Now be a man and tell your faithful friend that you have made a mistake, and do not ask the "other girl" until you are sure of yourself and ready for her to set the day when you ask her.

**To an "Unhappy Girl."**  
Seems to me this "Unhappy Girl" is having a rather hard time. I certainly do think that a thirteen-year-old girl is too young to go with any one, let alone a man who is twenty-three. Midnight is too late for a caller to remain, and no girl should walk "a ways" with him on his going home. Stop all this at once. I am glad you came to me if you have no mother or older person to consult, but I am always afraid my answers may be too late to help. Questions should be answered at once should inclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to me in care of the paper, for an immediate reply.

**Alice Baker's Reply.**  
My dear, I do not know of any way to enlarge your face. If Nature did not provide you with a face in proportion to your body I fear you will have to endure it as one of your crosses. Pluff your hair out on the sides and that will make your face appear larger.

**MADAME MERRI.**

**Newest Cushion.**  
The cushion of the moment is undoubtedly the new round shape, which is made of ruffled silk or satin and is big, soft and light as a feather. There are fine muslin covers designed for these as well as for the ordinary square-shaped cushion, which is in France also recognized as the most comfortable form of night pillow.

## PEOPLE MOST TALKED ABOUT

### MRS. WILSON SHUNS INAUGURAL FETE

Washington society quickly adjusted itself to the official announcement that there would be no inaugural ball March 4, but that a reception would be substituted for the time-honored feature. Announcement, however, that the inaugural committee had been informed by telephone from Trenton that Mrs. Wilson and her daughters would not attend the reception gave society a shock. Nevertheless society will recover and be on parade as usual even if Mrs. Wilson and her daughters refrain from attending the function.

The declination of the president-elect's family to participate in the reception will influence the attitude of the diplomatic corps and maybe that of the exclusive society set, but the rank and file of Washington and many of the visitors who are attracted to the city by other features of the inauguration will be on hand.

It is not to be expected that the dressing will be so elaborate as on former occasions when the president and members of his family attended inaugural honors, but the aspirant for social notice and the newcomers who enter Washington official life with the new congress will be present.

What the affair loses in gorgeousness and exquisite dressing will be compensated, in the opinion of Democrats, by genuine Democratic methods, and they predict it will be a success.

With the local committee withdrawn from all control over the reception there will not be the usual effort to dispose of tickets of admission, but unless the new president frowns severely on the reception and withdraws from it all recognition, the presence of the Marine band and other music, with well lighted rotunda and corridors, it is thought will attract to the capital the night of March 4 a large crowd, however varied the style of dressing may be.

As a further attraction 10,000 incandescent lamps will be added to the lights now installed along Pennsylvania avenue, while from the Capitol to the treasury building powerful searchlights will sweep the broad thoroughfare. This outburst of electricity, say the managers, will make the capital of the United States the most brilliantly lighted city in the world.



### SPANISH KING PLEADS TO SEE THE U. S.



King Alfonso of Spain is likely to pay a visit to the United States some time this summer. The Spanish government is now considering a proposal which emanated from the king himself, who has long desired to visit America. He has several times made similar proposals which have been rejected by the government under the mistaken notion that the animosities created by the war between Spain and the United States are still warm.

Since last year King Alfonso has been combating this idea and has been reinforced in his opinions by the personal experiences of Captain Vincens, the Spanish attaché at London, and another officer who visited the United States last summer.

When Alfonso was in England in August he sent for Captain Vincens and questioned him about his trip to the United States.

The Spanish king insisted upon getting from the attaché every minute detail in regard to the United States.

He said to the king: "My comrade and myself visited the United States as two private individuals. From the moment we reached New York it rained kindness and courtesies."

"The commandant at West Point in his invitation asked me to stay a week, but unfortunately I was able to remain only two days. I have seen military academies in all parts of the world, but West Point is simply wonderful and those two days shall never be forgotten. Everything was shown to me from the kitchen to the classroom and the graduation hall."

"On every side I heard expressions of delight that we, as Spanish officers, had visited West Point."

States. He was particularly anxious to find out whether any ill-feeling remained in America over the Spanish-American war. Captain Vincens assured him that there was not the slightest animosity. On the contrary he found everywhere feelings of the utmost cordiality.

When asked by a reporter as to the accuracy of recent reports of continued rebel activity and for a statement as to the prospect of permanent peace, he said:

"There has been much misrepresentation regarding our affairs. The situation in Mexico today is very much like that which existed in this country during the latter part of your Indian campaigns. Tranquillity prevails everywhere save in a few remote sections. The people want peace and are determined to have it. The last revolution is at an end; there is no doubt about that. The only remnants of it are some marauding bands of outlaws who are operating just as your Indians did—and they are just as hard to capture. They are far out in broad and sparsely settled parts of the country, much of which is wild and mountainous. They are familiar with every foot of the ground and know every mountain pass and hiding place."

"Not a single village in all of Mexico is in the possession of these vandals. There are not more than 20,000 or 25,000 of them at the most, probably not nearly so many. They are operating in bands of from 20 to 500, chiefly in the states of Chihuahua, Sonora and Morelos. They are being pursued by 60,000 regular troops and rurales, besides the volunteer forces in the affected districts, and their extermination is certain, though it may take some little time on account of the difficulties which are being encountered by the Federal soldiers. But at the most it will not take long."

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## FAVOR FARM BUREAU

NEW PLAN PRESENTED FOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT.

### MOVEMENT IS STATEWIDE

Work to Be Done Under Direction of United States Department of Agriculture.

Omaha.—A state-wide plan for county development was presented at the Public Affairs luncheon of the Commercial club of Omaha, at a joint meeting of the club members and the Omaha Grain exchange. The plan was presented by Bert Ball, secretary of the Crop Improvement committee of the Council of Grain exchanges, composed of the leading grain exchanges of the United States. The plan has been placed in the budget of the Grain and Agricultural committee of the Commercial club for consideration and will be discussed at length by that body in the near future.

It is proposed to form a farm bureau in each county of Nebraska, which will hire a county agent who shall work under the direction of Prof. Pugsley, state leader, representing the United States Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural College at Lincoln.

The county organizations are to be formed in connection with the local commercial clubs and farmers' organizations, treating the county as a unit to encourage not only greater production but to see that the marketing conditions are so perfected that the citizens of each county shall be able to collect every dollar which is coming to that county.

The work will be conducted locally by special committees of those most qualified in the county to encourage crop improvement, road building, agriculture in the schools, live stock, dairying, home economics, farm accounting, marketing etc.

The agriculture committee of the club consists of millers, grain men, railroad men, bankers, jobbers and manufacturers of which Mr. M. C. Peters, of the M. C. Peters Mill Co., is chairman.

The state-wide Nebraska plan will be made with no individual membership, but each county as rapidly as organized will be affiliated and represented by its president on the State Advisory Committee. The committee is not scientific, and will not offer any advice whatever as to agricultural methods, such work now being in the hands of Prof. Pugsley, the State leader.

670 counties in all parts of the United States have undertaken this work, and 102 county associations have already been incorporated and have employed county agents under this plan. 7 Nebraska counties have practically completed organizations up to this time.

#### Position of Turks Hopeless.

London.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a long uncondensed dispatch from its correspondent, Ellis Ashamed Bartlett, at Constantinople, in which he says the Turkish people are in such a state of misery and destitution as a result of the war, that they are completely indifferent as to the fate of Adrianople.

"The cabinet is in a quandary," says the correspondent. "It knows that it will be compelled to cede Adrianople and is only seeking some means to save its face."

"There is not a cent in the treasury and there are no means of getting money until peace is concluded. Meanwhile, the country is drifting to ruin and bankruptcy."

"A great anti-war demonstration occurred recently in front of the war office, at which the Young Turks were publicly denounced as murderers and thieves. Mahmoud Shekfat Pasha appeared on the balcony and tried to make a speech, but was greeted with opprobrious epithets."

"The misery in the Turkish camps is indescribable. It has been bitterly cold, with a heavy snow; the soldiers are ill fed and badly sheltered. Smallpox, enteric fever, dysentery and pneumonia have replaced Asiatic cholera."

#### N. Y. Gambling Houses Raided.

New York.—The higher-up circles of the gambling fraternity were upset by the raids which were made simultaneously upon eight big alleged gambling establishments in the Fifth avenue and other theatrical districts. As the police in eight taxicab parties, under command of Inspector John F. Dwyer, swooped down upon the suspected places, firemen gaining entrance by either pretending to be inspecting the buildings or by shouting "fire."

#### Bartholdt Is Peace President.

St. Louis.—Congressman Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis has accepted the presidency of the Fourth annual peace congress held here May 1-3.

#### Suffragettes Sent to Jail.

London.—Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, was sentenced to two weeks imprisonment or a fine of \$10 at Bow street police court. The same punishment was meted out to nineteen other women who participated in the raid on the House of Commons.

## The ONCOOKER S. E. KISER

### Georgie's Deduction



Once when pa would try to talk May would start up right away. And she'd beat him in a walk. 'Cause she had so much to say. Everything he said she'd think. Hadn't any sense, somehow. But she doesn't even blink. At his conversation now. When he'd try to tell us why things were this or that or thus Ma would raise her voice so high. Only it was heard by us. But a little while ago Pa got rich—he made a pie—Now, at last, he gets a show. And he talks most all the while.

It was just pure luck, I guess, that he hit the market right. Might have left us penniless. But the future's looking bright. Pa admits the chance he took was a shaky one and slim. But you ought to see Ma's look when she's listenin' to him.

She appears to think he's wise. And she never scolds him now. Nor out-talks him when he tries to get in a word, somehow. So I've kind of doped it out. That whatever you've been in, you can be well thought about if you've had the luck to win.

**Just as You Make It.**  
Life is just a constant grind. If you wish to make it so; All the breezes are unkind. If you grumble while they blow. Every hill is bleak and drear. Not a song bird that you hear Ever sounds a note of cheer. If you wear the mask of Woe.

**Life is triumph, life is joy.**  
If you wish to make it so; Why let little ills annoy? Toss them off and let them go. All the woods with glee may ring. Every season may be spring. If you have the heart to fling Laughter in the teeth of Woe.

**Too Much.**  
"Father offered to take sister back after she eloped with the chauffeur, but the condition he insisted on imposing was so hard that she could not accept."  
"What was it?"  
"He sentenced her to get along for a year without going to Europe."

**She Never Would Have Guessed It.**  
"They say," Mrs. Oldcastle remarked, "that he has made a study of occultism."  
"Has he?" replied her hostess, as she straightened the \$900 rug. "He's about the last man I'd pick out for an eye doctor."

**Egotism.**  
"Your mother tells me you are an excellent cook and that you know all about housekeeping."  
"Oh, mamma is so silly about me."  
"Is she? I thought she might be silly about me."

**Rather Slow.**  
"You seem to have an up-to-date town here."  
"Well, it's only so-so. We've never had any of the barefoot dancers at the opera house yet."

**Anxious for Particulars.**  
"Papa, Mr. Blitherington says he will kill himself unless you let him have me."  
"Does he say that as a threat or a promise?"

**Value of Silence.**  
By keeping quiet a man can frequently get credit for knowing a lot of things that have never entered into his philosophy.

**One or the Other.**  
A man who is able to borrow money either has much property or cunning that might be put to a better use.

**Feeds Itself.**  
Scandal is about the only thing that grows fat on its own spume.

S. E. Kiser.

## Demi-Season Hat a Feature of Millinery for Easter



The demi-season hat is made this year of a combination of winter and spring fabrics over a frame of featherweight buckram. These hats, to be worn between winter and spring, are found to be not only a refreshing change, but most useful. Easter comes early, falling on the 23d of March, and the demi-season hat has been already launched to meet the demand for Easter millinery.

The hats portrayed here are fine examples of demi-season models. They are made of satin-straw braid and velvets and trimmed with compact made flowers or ornaments which are appropriate to either summer or winter. The braids are in strong, rich colors and usually match the velvet used

with them or are a shade or so lighter. They are highly lustrous. Sometimes braid and velvet in contrasting colors are used together, but they must be carefully chosen.

Very little decorating is the rule on hats of this character. Shapes are small or medium in size. These hats serve their purpose until the weather is established and spring has really arrived. Their usefulness lasts beyond this more or less extended period as they will be called upon for many a cool day in summer and for occasions where the airy millinery designed for the coming summer must be replaced by something more substantial.

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