## Shrine Patrol and Band Novelty Dance Party

On Friday evening, January 9, the Shrine Patrol and Band Dancing club will hold a novelty dance in the Shrine room of the Masonic temple. There will be favors and noise makers for all.

At intermission the newly organized Tangier Chanters, who will be guests of the band and patrol for the evening, will entertain with a number of selections. The Chanters, under the direction of Noble Hobbs, will attend the imperial council of the Shrine in Los Angeles in June.

### For Miss Gilbert.

Miss Mary Morsman will entertain at a bridge party at her home Monday night in honor of Miss Dorothy Gilbert of Little Falls, N. Y., guest of Miss Jean Palmer, who will be the house guest of Miss Morsman after Saturday for a few days.

### For Mrs. Coit.

Mrs. Clesson Jeffrey will entertain at a bridge party Thursday at her home in honor of Mrs. George Coit of Worcester, Mass., who is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Johnson, and Mr. Johnson.

### Mrs. Crofoot Hostess.

Mrs. L. F. Crofoot was hostess at dinner at her home Saturday night.

### Engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Baird of Sioux City announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosalie, to Ben Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellis of Omaha. No date has been set for the wedding.

### House Warming at Prinz Home.

All's well that ends well.

A blackhand letter to Mr. and Mrs. George Prinz, warning them not to leave their premises on the night of Tuesday, January 6, kept them at home long enough to receive 20 guests who came as a surprise, bringing supper with them, and providing one of several jolly housewarming parties at the new Prinz home.

### Dietz-Foley.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Charles Victor Dietz, secretary to Gould Dietz at the Dietz Lumber company, and Mrs. Elizabeth Foley of Omaha, which took place Tuesday at Broadway Methodist church, Council Bluffs. Rev. Edgar Merrill Brown, pastor of the Dietz Memorial church in Omaha, officiated.

Mr. Dietz is the son of Frank Dietz of Baltimore, a brother of Gould Dietz. Frank Dietz is expected this week in Omaha.

The marriage service was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Dietz, Gould Dietz, Mrs. Carlton Ranney and Mrs. Harold Johnson of Omaha.

### Morrison-Taylor.

Miss Irene Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Taylor of Havelock, Neb., and Paul Morrison of Aurora, Ill., were married during the holidays at Council Bluffs. Mr. Morrison is captain of the basket ball team at East High school at Aurora and star center of last fall's football team. Miss Taylor is a freshman student at the University of Nebraska. Both have returned to their schools.

### Visit Mrs. Barton.

Miss Elizabeth Buehler of Boise, Idaho., who is returning from three years in Europe, will arrive Thursday to visit her cousin, Mrs. Ellen Barton, and the Richard Metcalfes. Miss Buehler is a graduate of Smith college.

### Bridge Club Hostess.

Mrs. Spray Gardner will entertain at a bridge luncheon Friday at her home for the members of her bridge club. The club meets every other week at the home of one of the members.

### Honor T. F. Strouds.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts entertained at a dinner Tuesday at the Blackstone hotel in honor of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stroud, who will leave January 10 for Florida.

## Your Problems

by Martha Allen

**Mother is Ill-Tempered.**

Dear Miss Allen: My mother lives with us and we cannot seem to get along with her at all. She is always growling and throwing slurs at some of us. We do all we can for her and try our best to make things easy and happy for her, but she is never satisfied and we cannot please her no matter how good we are to her.

I am the only daughter and the only child. I have a son who is grown and married and has a very fine wife. She and her husband get along so nicely and seem to love each other so much. I have told them and mother that if she doesn't do and act better I am doing to leave home, for I can't stand things the way they are much longer.

I am a widow and have to make a living for myself and my mother, and it is very hard and trying for me. I have told them for the last time that I will leave and my daughter-in-law says if I leave she will go, too, as she cannot stay with my mother because she is so mean and slurring. That will break up the happiness between her and my son. My son has a good paying position and is very good to all of us. The house is in his name and partially paid for. I am placed in a very bad position, but I cannot endure things as they are very much longer, for it is making me a nervous wreck.

Please advise me what to do. I would like your good, honest and sincere advice. MRS. M. R.

It is certainly to be granted that old people are often selfish, tyrannical and trying to live with. On the other hand, the very old people who cause so much trouble are often made to feel that they are a burden and the one cloud that stands in the way of happiness.

You have asked me to be honest and sincere in my answer to you, but I am afraid you will not like my honest opinion. Your letter shows great impatience and selfishness, and unless you control yourself and become more gentle and tolerant you will be just like your mother in your old age.

The care of her is your problem as long as you live and cannot be shirked by you and thrown on to the shoulders of your son and his wife without your paying the price of such selfishness sooner or later. You ought to be thankful every day that you have a son who puts up with the situation and a daughter-in-law who is good enough to make the best of matters unless you desert.

Of course you and your son could support you mother in some good home where doubtless she would be happier than she is now. One way or another face your problem, my dear woman, and do not let your soul grow bitter under its weight. In this lesson of life, do the best you know how, so that you will pass the experience creditably when the reckoning comes.

**Sister's Troublesome.**

Dear Miss Allen: I am a married woman of 33 and have a younger sister who made her home with my husband and me up to the time she was married and then went to housekeeping. I always did everything I could for her to make her happy and I absolutely trusted her. Now she and I have a quarrel and my husband takes her part and not mine. Her husband also takes her part. It humiliates me and makes me feel terribly to think my husband would turn against me at this time. I can't help thinking that he and my sister meant more to each other than I realized at the time she lived with us. If my husband didn't care more for her than he does me, don't you think he would be willing to see my side at this time? MARTHA.

Your husband's sense of justice undoubtedly makes him take your sister's part in the quarrel instead of yours. It is a matter of love, you may be sure, or you would have had some indication of his disloyalty long before this. Do not be resentful, but be big enough to realize when your husband as well as your sister's husband is against you, there is great probability that you are wrong. Think the matter over and put yourself in your sister's place. If you see that perhaps you have not been fair, admit it and take the first step toward peace.

## Newcomer Will Be Valued Addition in Club Circles

Mrs. C. L. Shamp

Mrs. C. L. Shamp is a bride newcomer to Omaha. She was Mrs. Lulu M. Meseraull of Kansas City, Kan., before her marriage, which took place in St. Joseph in October. Mr. Shamp's daughters, Misses Gladys, Inez and Arlene, have frequently visited her at her summer home near Lake Welborn. Miss Gladys Shamp has entertained a number of times for Mrs. Shamp, who has been here since early in November.

Mrs. Shamp will be a valuable addition to women's organizations in Omaha. She was president last year of the Woman's Commercial club of Kansas City, Kan., and during the war did outstanding service in women's groups.

### Junior League Meets.

The Omaha Junior League will meet Thursday at 10:30 a. m. at Hotel Blackstone.

### The Housewife's Idea Box

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## A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison

**Madge's Strange Encounter with a Chinese.**

For a second or two I thought Mother Graham would fall to the ground, from sheer terror at the vision my idle words had evoked, that of the possibility of an appearance at the house of the mysterious man she so dreaded. I held on to her tightly, and spoke with unusual sharpness.

"What nonsense. "He never would dare do that?"

She twisted in my arms and stared at me in affright.

"He!" she repeated. "What do you know about any 'he?'"

"Nothing at all," I promptly replied. "But you have been saying the word repeatedly. "'He' will do this, and you are afraid 'he' will do that, so I naturally supposed some man was annoying you in some way. Don't you think you'd better tell me all about it, so that I may take the burden of whatever is troubling you upon my young, stronger shoulders?"

Her face and body sagged with relief, and her eyes lost some of their terror.

"Tomorrow," she said faintly, "you'll probably know everything I know, but until then—I'm not sure—perhaps it's not all true after all—perhaps he hasn't proofs—don't pay any attention to me Margaret. I don't know what I'm saying half the time."

**"Don't Think About It."**

"Don't think about it any more then, until tomorrow," I counselled her soothingly, drawing her to the armchair by the fire and settling her in it. Then for the next half hour, I devoted myself to the task of diverting her mind from the thing which was troubling her.

It was an old ruse I used, that of asking her advice about problems, real and imaginary, concerning Junior, and it worked beautifully. After a while, she declared herself ready for a nap, I tucked her in not only with the consciousness of a task well done, but with the assurance that I would have an hour or two free for investigation I meant to make.

For my eyes had seen what Mother Graham's, older and dimmer, had not been able to discern—the glimpse fleeting but distant, of a man's hat just below the tops of the small trees in the woodland skirting the garden.

I had walked with Dicky in that woodland, and I knew that if a man stood erect in it, his head and shoulders would be plainly visible. The fact that I could glimpse but the hat made it certain that the man moving through the shrubbery was bending over double as he walked.

That could mean, but one thing—he was trying to avoid being seen—something which spelled some sinister purpose to imagination, already inflamed by the revelations concerning the mysterious man in the shrubbery made to me by my mother-in-law and the children.

That there was something sinster, menacing in the attitude of this unknown man, I was now certain, and with the certainty came the determination to confront him if possible and find out his errand.

Wrapping up warmly, I slipped into my pocket a tiny silencer pistol which Lillian gave me long ago, and which I am never without when I go upon any uncertain or dangerous mission. I am thankful, indeed, that I never have had occasion to use it, although I have leveled it more than once at some menacing figure, and have known that the protection it gave me meant my life.

**"I Came to the Hedge."**

I made my way down the back stairs, thanking my particular little joss that I met no one, not even Katie, busy helping little Mrs. Durkee in another part of the house. Keeping close to the hedge, screening the kitchen door, where I knew I would be out of sight of any window of the house, I soon came to the hedge separating the Durkee property from that which we used to own.

Secure in the knowledge that the owners, had gone away, I slipped through a gap in the hedge, and taking a leaf from the book of the mysterious marauder in the woodland, I bent double and ran along close to the fence until I came to the footbridge across the brook.

I found myself shivering a bit as I entered the thicket where I had seen the man, and my fingers tightened their grip upon the little pistol. But I need not have feared. There was no trace of either man or beast in the entire piece of woodland, although I searched it throughly.

I finally retraced my steps, thoroughly mystified, ready to believe that both Mother Graham and I were fit subjects for a psycopathic ward, when from behind me a soft voice said insinuatingly:

"Missee Graham looking for Lee Chow?"

I whirled and confronted the Chinese who said he was Hugh Grantland's servant.

### Friends of Music.

The Friends of Music will meet Wednesday, January 28, at the home of Mrs. George A. Joslyn.

## Miss Information

### Social Settlement Yearly Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Social Settlement will be held Saturday at a luncheon given in the south room of the Chamber of Commerce.

Tables will be reserved for the Omaha Women's club, the College club, the Junior League, the Dundee Woman's club, the Republican Woman's club, the department of education of the Woman's club, the Y. W. C. A. and the League of Women Voters.

Miss Helen Gauss, resident head, will be the speaker.

H. M. Adams, who is convalescent in Wise Memorial hospital following an operation, will return to his home later this week. Next week Mr. and Mrs. Adams will go to California.


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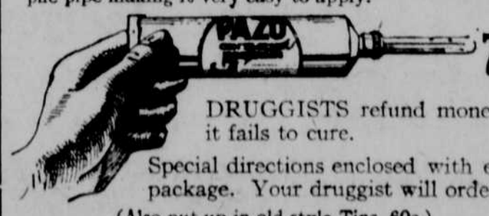


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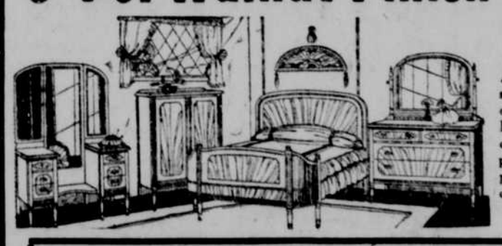

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