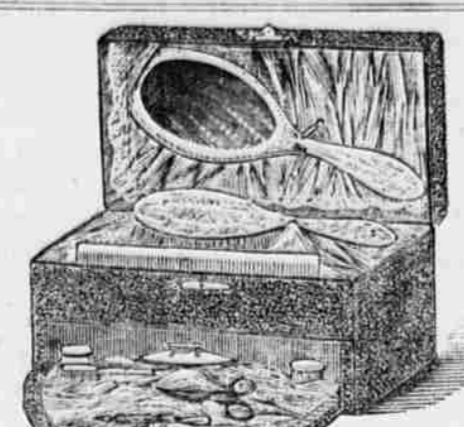


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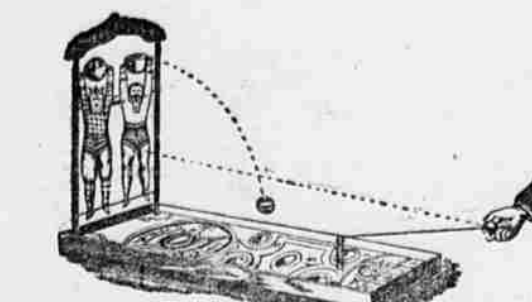
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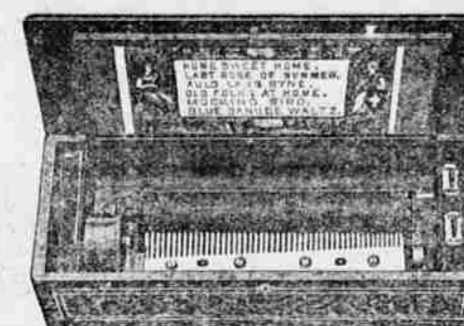
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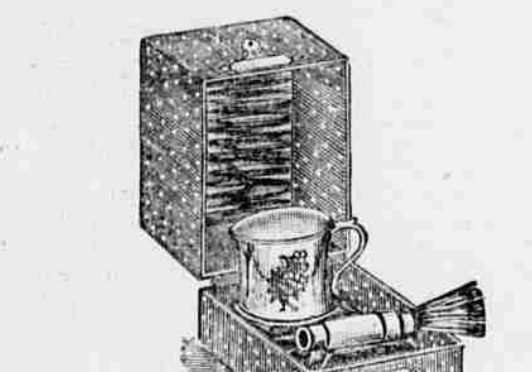
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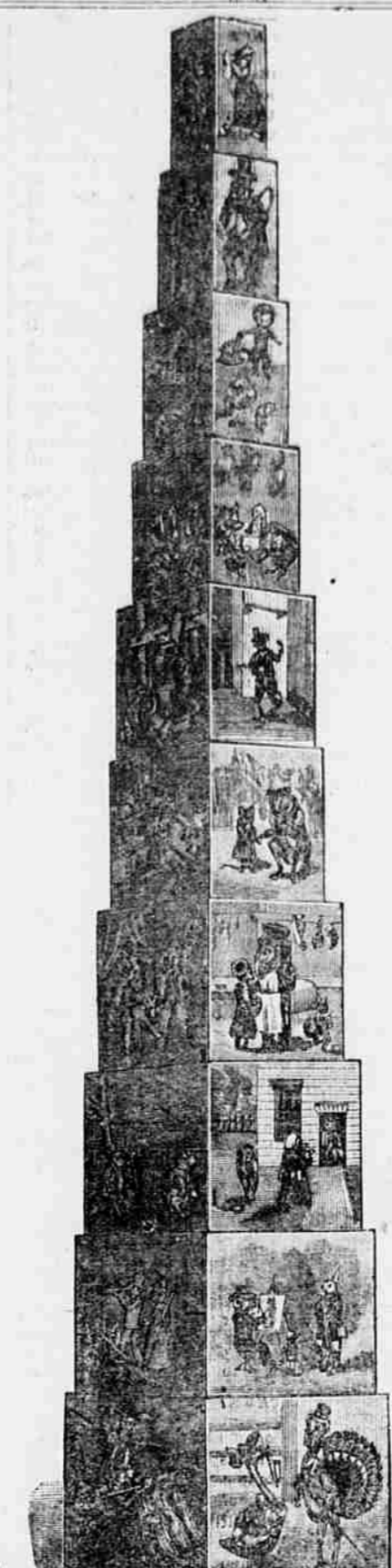
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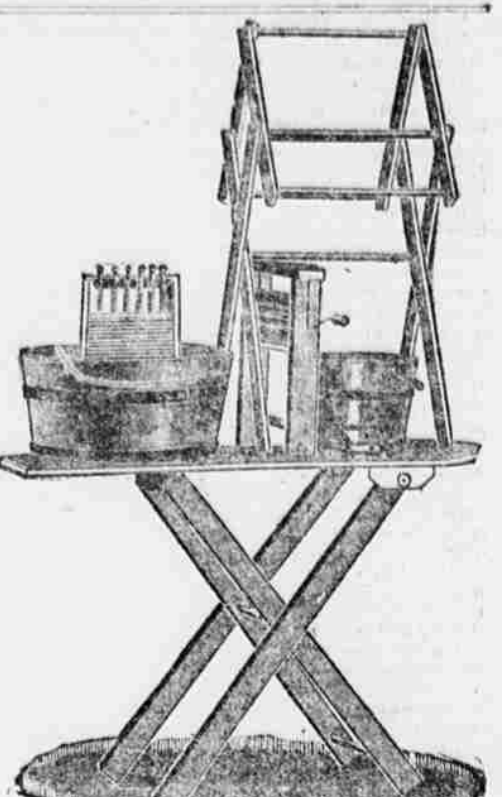
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IN FAIR WOMAN'S WORLD.

What Society is Doing Upon the Eve of the Holidays.

QUIETNESS IN THE REALMS OF FASHION.

Brilliant Reception by Mrs. Augustus Pratt—The High Five Party—Chat About Well Known People.

The week just ended has almost been devoid of social interest. The reaction after the brilliant receptions, the Thanksgiving reunions, the high teas, etc., of the week prior, has given little to chronicle outside of a Kensington, one or two card parties, a pretty reception, and a few minor affairs of interest only to those directly concerned.

fashion of "afternoon teas" holds its own and steadily gains in favor. There is no other form of entertainment in which one can pay off so many obligations at one time with so little expense. So much for the hostess. As for the guest, it means simply giving up a little time in the afternoon. One has but to say "good afternoon" to one's hostess, and she is considered unnecessary and it is possible to "go" eight or ten teas in one afternoon.

Evening calls are quite out of fashion now, and it is much pleasanter to drop in on an afternoon and have a cup of tea with one's hostess on the way home than it used to be when an evening had to be given up to calling.

encore to which she responded with a duet and very effectively done. "Pat's Letter," "Saint Saens' 'Danse Macabre,'" a duet for two pianos, with Miss Clara Hawley at the first and Mrs. Muensterfer at the second, aroused the enthusiasm of the musicians, for it was faultlessly played, the tempo being particularly well taken.

The refreshments were elaborated, the guests being seated at small tables throughout the rooms. Among the guests were: Captain and Mrs. Truett, Dr. Summers, Mrs. and Mrs. M. V. Morse, Mrs. Landier, Miss Ljans, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Judge and Mrs. Wakeley, Colonel Champion Chase, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace, Miss Shattuck, Mrs. Churchill Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert, Mr. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. John Barker, Miss Fannie Butterfield, Miss Melona Butlerfield, Mr. and Mrs. Cornish, Mr. Joseph Millard, Judge Woodworth, Miss Ogden, General and Mrs. Hawley, Misses Mary and Clara Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Burt, Judge and Mrs. Bartow, Mrs. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Alice, Miss Millard, Mr. Roy Smith, Fremont, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Muensterfer, Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick, Miss Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Babcock.

tion of black lace while Mrs. Bliss appeared in black silk with red roses. Mrs. Tatum also wore a black silk costume, her ornaments being diamonds.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. Norris, 314 North Fifteenth street, gave a progressive high five party in honor of her daughter Myrtle who has recently returned from the St. Francis academy which she has been attending for some four years past.

He Weds a Quaker Maiden. A pretty wedding was solemnized at Watertown, Pa., last Wednesday, the contracting parties being Miss Grace H. Himebold and Mr. Edward D. Evans, son of Mr. John Evans of this city.

Monday—Miss Della Robinson, a piano recital at the Linsinger gallery, under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical society.

left Thursday for a visit to relatives in Atchison, Kan.

Miss Hilliard, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick for a week past, left for St. Louis Friday afternoon.

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Professional beauties are rapidly going out of fashion. Men prefer the quiet primrose new to the sunflower. One of the most charming attributes that a young girl can possess is a modest, shrinking nature.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buchanan gave last Saturday evening, a charmingly informal musicale at their pretty new residence on south Thirty-ninth avenue, in honor of Judge and Mrs. Bartow of Chadron, Neb., and Miss Barber of Watertown, Wis.

Thursday was a typical December day. It was cold and dreary, while the wind played hide and seek around the corners, making a warm, cozy fire the most charming thing in the world.

"Prince Puss in Boots." The Ladies' Society of the First Congregational church will give, under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Wheeler and Mrs. Philip Igoe, a children's opera called "Prince Puss in Boots," Friday evening, December 18, and Saturday matinee, a number of the Sunday school children taking part.

Monday evening, December 14, all Scottish lute Masons and their wives are invited to attend the public installation of St. Andrews paragonery, Highgate Worthington having consented to officiate.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barton, accompanied by Miss Vost, Mr. and Mrs. Clark of New York, have gone in a private car to Denver, Salt Lake and southern California. They will be back for the Christmas tide.

Mrs. Graham's Cucumber and Elder Flower Cream. It is not a cosmetic in the sense in which that term is popularly used, but a permanent beautifier.

Since the opening, the Athletic club has been crowded, afternoon and evening, by athletic young men, old men and middle-aged men, bent upon adding a little more size to their muscles, reducing their adipose tissue, or strengthening some particular set of tendons but little used.

Miss Elizabeth Tatum, soon to become a bride, wore a pretty costume of gray crepe with bodice of striped brocade, white roses.

Wednesday evening the Goodrich club, a social organization which has met with great success since its formation, gave the fourth dancing party of the season at Goodrich hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are now located in their new home at 593 Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ford gave a small musicale Tuesday evening to a few intimates.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kimball are now located in their pretty home, 2429 St. Mary's avenue.

Sherrill & McCannell, Mrs. J. H. Christie, People's Drug Co., J. B. Higgins, James Buchanan, J. C. Holt, C. A. Larkin & Lester, W. Lark, W. J. Hughes, C. H. G. Co., J. C. Coak & Pharmacy, and in Council Bluffs by A. D. Scott, J. B. DeWitt, Geo. W. Davis, Richardson Drug Co., wholesale houses, Omaha.