MRS. LEWIS' ESTIMATE OF HOWELLS

Card Mathes by Mrs. Irving Baxter-Surprises During the Past Week-Chat About People Well Known in Omaha Swell Circles.

The party given by the Paladins Monday evening at their hall. Seventeenth and Farnam streets in henor of Mr. Harry Woodward attracted a very large number of the members, the affair proving a very decided success. Twenty numbers were danced, and a delicious punch was served during the evening. Those present were: Misses Boyce, Hamilton Slaughter, Alice Slaughter, Weaver, Madelon Taylor of St. Louis, Rich, N. Rich, Terrill. Butts. Wedge, Arkwright of Council Bluffs, Kellar of Council Bluffs, Collett, Norris. Blanch Hamilton, Mabel Hyde, Long, Kelly, Freeman, Dolan, Biggar, Page, Clark of Council Bluffs, Leavitt, Giacomini, Carrie Giacomini, Seaver, Lulu Hornberger, Livesey, Carrie Althaus, Jennie Dodson, Myrtle Coon, Turner of Kansas City. Mrs. C. D. Ward, Mrs. Crissey, Mrs. M. B. Davenport; Messrs, C. D. Ward, M. B. Davenport; Harry Woodward, Quincy A. Knouse, Frank M. Beach, John L. Clark, Charles Pope, Estabrook, Parish, C. R. Griffiths, Dickey, J. H. Graham, Hastings, John S. Clark, Anderson, F. C. Brownice, W. J. Romer, P. B. Myers, C. W. Robinson, G. Mooberry, Brooks, J. W. Smith, A. E. Younger, McKusick, Will Rosa, C. G. Mathews, Van Buren, Wigman, Charles Boss, Thomas P. Wilson, Axtell, W. J. Bradbury, Patterson, Green, Youse, Vickers, Hoobier, Thomas, A. C. Kellar of Council Bluffs, E. H. Crossman of Philadelphia, Pa. Boyce, Hamilton Slaughter, Alice Slaughter. of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Baxter's High Five.

Mrs. Irving Baxter gave a tovely high five party yesterday afternoon assisted by Miss Edith Morton. The house was prettily decorated, the guests playing under daintily Eleven tables were occupied, the score

being kept on bell shaped cards and for games won each guest received a tiny bell looped on a ring.

guests invited were: Mesdames Ames, Bartlett, Powell, Cushing, The guests Anglin, Raymond, Turner, Ellis, Wood, Lee, Palmer, Baldridge, Irvine, Keniston, Greene, Cobb. Tunceliff, Jeffrey, Williams, Fitzpatrick, Morehouse, Wattles, Sholes, White, Clayton, Rainey, Rees, Day, Laumann, Kennedy, Coryell, Holmes, Crummer, Pot-ter, Melkie, Hiels, McCulloch, An-drews, Calder, McEwan, Bradley and Burke of Council Bluffs; and the Misses McCagne, Turner, Crummer, Alexander, Preston, Corby, Blessing, Marshall, Baldwin, Shat-tuck and Goodspiel,

Miss Meyers Had a Surprise.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Fannie Myers by her friends Wednesday evening. Cards were played during the evening, followed by refreshments and dancing. Prizes were won by Misses Elma Roths-

child and Lena Rehfeld and Messrs. James Goetz and Dave Degan.

Those present were: Cora Becker, Dave Degan, Fay Wolff, Harry Baum, Ida Newman, Louis Becker, Edna Wise, Jake Newman, Elma Rothschild, Ed Meritt, Jessie, Lobman, Jake Rothschild, Bertha Newman, Henry Blath, Fannie Myers, Jesse Meritt, Carrie Clarke, Lester Green, Hulda Hart, Albert Newman, Herbert Oberfelder, Mag-gie and Edth Gleave, Mark and Louise Hel-ler, Harry and Carl Myers, James Goetz, Lena Rehfeld, Rose Myers.

An Afternoon with Howells.

The women attending the lecture given Wednesday afternoon at Lininger's art gallery were especially favored, it being the only bright, perfect day in the whole week. Whatever may be the ulterior object of the course, the fact is certainly being demonstrated that Omaha possesses women of rare literary attainments, capable not only of yielding a facile pen, but also of presenting their thoughts in a charmingly sympathetic manner to an audience.

Among the large number present were to found many actively and quietly interested in intellectual pursuits, and the intelligent, responsive faces, proved their interest in the

speaker and her subject.

Mrs. Lewis has an exceedingly pleasant voice and manner, and her paper had a clever individuality seldom found in critical essays. Through her interpretations one foll Howells in his career from reporter to novelist with anxious interest. His painstaking manner of carefully feeling his way from one department of literature to another before making his changes was skillfully shown from his published works. The first little love episode appearing in a

book of travels finally culminating in the grand trio—"A Modern Instance," "A Woman's Reason" and "Silas Lapham." It is safe to assert that the majority of those who listened to Mrs. Lewis will be inspired to re-read Howells from a newer point of view. Mrs. Will Wood's solos before and after the lecture, added an unexpected charm to the afternoon. The next lecture of the course will be by

Mrs. Judge Keysor-Subject: "Types of Shakspeare's Women"-Wednesday at 4 p. m. Any one wishing to attend a single lecture

Gave Her a Farewell Party. The intimate friends of Miss Anna Kull gave her a royal surprise Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lindquest, on South Eighteenth street, previous to her departure for Biair. The following original program was rendered:

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K. Swanson and Miss Julia Bergquist.
Song—The Bogic Man. Master A. E. Ekstrom
Freulein Henrietta von Heigren, introducing
her transoceanic originality, "Predicaments."

Miss Carrie Johnson and Mr. Aivin Johnson.
A Phunney Pease. Allse Augusta Fahrm
Twirl the Flatter, with a new and startling
system of forfelts. Wiss Carrie Leben. Pinno Solo Miss Carrie Johnson A Misce laneous Conglomeration of Incon-gruttles Prof. T. J. Helgren

gruities . Prof. T. J. Helgren
Miss Jennie Huinnan presented a large
album with pictures of her friends to Miss
Kull. Refreshments followed. Were Agreeably Surprised.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kiser at their home, 1624 South Tenth street, Wednesday evening. Those participating met at the residence of Mr. John Butler and marched over in a crowd, and were met at the thresh-old by Mr. Kiser, who invited them to take possession of the house, which they proceeded to do without any formulity

High five was played, after which refreshments were served. Mr. Nelson Dennis and Miss McMillen were awarded first prizes, while the consolations were secured by Mr. Joe Dennis and Miss Mamie Vivian.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lioyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Toggenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Toggenberg, Mr. and Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. Van Dyke; the Misses Robinson, Misses McMillen, Emma Slueter, Smith, Carrie Butler, Jennie Bium, Edna Toggen-berg, Nelia Butler, and Mamie Vivian and Lillie and Annie Micklewait of Lincoln; Messrs. Joe Dennis, Jim Robertson, Gillen, John Welsh, Churles Kiser, Stacy Lloyd, George and Morris Birch, Henry and Joe Blum and Benjamin Harrison Butler.

The Ideal Social club gave a very pleasant dance Thursday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall in South Omaha. Those pres-

ace, Grace Richardson, Nettie Adams, Persons, Alico Adams, Maude Richardson, Brown, Graham, Enos, Kansas City, Callahan, Omaha, Sager, Omaha, Laur, Omaha, Gregory, Messrs, Wilcox, Supplee, Griffith, Gregory. Messrs. Wilcox, Supplee, Griffith, McDougall, Cockrell, Etter, Goetschall, Rosa Phillips, Anderson, Gosney, Hunt, Kelly, Gater, Carpenter, Hall, Pearce, Laughlin.

ADVANCE GUARD OF SPRING HATS. It Promises Pleasant Things Concerning the Coming Army of New Bonnett, The advance guard of spring hats promises pleasant things conterning the army that will



move on the world a little later. Some of them are of the smart, jaunty order, with hrims coquettishly bout in unexpected places, while others are very large. These are generally raised on one side just enough to set a gardand of blossoms below the brim.

One of the new French hats has a pale

green nutmeg straw crown and a black brim edged with a narrow line of pale green straw. The trimming consists of some clustering tips of black ostrich feathers, with large bows of pale green satin ribbon, fas-

tened by emerald-headed pins.

A graceful Marie Stuart hat is made in fine black straw, the brim outlined with a narrow edge of jet. Upon the point in front there are clusters of pale blue forget-me-nots, the same flowers being used also to trim the crown. A band of pale blue velvet



TRIMMED WITH PLOWERS. covered with jet passementerie makes a most effective crown, while at the back are small resettes of forget-me-not blue velvet. Black satin hats are to be a specialty of the coming season, and one set for bridesmaids has just been sent over from Paris, with a pale green velvet pompon as the sole touch of color,—Chicago Tribune,

Entertained the Excelsior Club. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Wert entertained the Excelsior club at its final meeting Tuesday evening at their cozy home, 2020 North Twenty-eighth avenue.

The former part of the evening was spent in playing cards, Mr. E. Wert and Olive Shelm winning the honors. Dainty refreshments were then served after which dancing was indulged in until a

Those present were: Mrs. Parkenson and Miss Effic Smith of Council Bluffs, Miss Maude Duncan, Edna, Patch, Ella Lee, Leo Sheldon, Olive Sheldon, Jessie Wert; Messrs. Lohnson T Imtter Ed Sheldon, J. Price, R. Patch and E. Wert.

A Surprise That Surprised. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts a surprise party was given in honor of Miss Edith Ford. High five and games were the amusements of the occasion, dainty refreshments being served during the even-

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Burt McCune, Mrs. Forby; Misses Laura Fisher, Leora Holland, Wright, Frankie Holland, Carnes, Lizzie Carnes, Schock, Ford, Griffith, Dewey, Glascott Fisher: Messrs, McCune, Fanton, Forby, Fisher, Layfield, Sloan, Hollo, Myers, Pilgrim, McCullough, Blain, Dr. Alexander.

Chat of Well Knawn People. Mrs. Thomas Rogers went to St. Louis

Mrs. Joseph Garneau, Jr., has returned from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Joslyn have returned from Chicago. Dr. and Mrs. Spencer expect to leave today or tomorrow for Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Woolworth and Miss Woolworth left on Thursday for a visit to

Captain Crowder returned Wednesday from Washington. He did not go south as he expected. Miss Dollie Bailey returned from Fremont riday, accompanied by Miss Torpin and the Misses Zanuck.

Mrs. T. C. Brunner and Mrs. John Guild have gone to Chicago to spend a week or two Mr. N. B. Hussey, who has been suffering from cancer of the throat for some time, is reported as quite tow.

Mr. Henry Brown and daugther, Miss Estelle Brown, have returned from Houston, Tex., where they spent the winter. Captain and Mrs. P. H. Ray of Fort Washakie are in town for the first time since the captain's assignment to that post. Mrs. Lee Helsley has returned from Salt

Lake, where she has been visiting for the past six mouths and is much improved in health. Miss Kate M. Ball, former teacher of drawing in the city schools, was in the city last week. She is now connected with the Prang Educational company. Manager W. J. Burgess of the Farnam

Street theat r has been confined to his room at the Hotel Barker for several days past by a painful attack of tonsilitis. Colonel Will B. Dale, grand chancellor Knights of Pythias, arrived here Friday morning in response to a telegram announc-ing the death of his eldest daughter, Carrie, The engagement is announced of Mr. A. B-McConnell of the firm of Sherman & McConnell, this city, to Miss Maude Shaw of Lin-

Mrs. Jesse Lockwood entertained very Mrs. Jesse Lockwood entertained very elegantly at her residence, North Twenty-seventh street, Friday. The guests present were: Mesdames W. H. Robinson, Council Bluffs; L. F. Maginn, J. S. Briggs, Colonel Hopper, W. H. Laiferty, Captain Yocum. The Royal Arcanum is about to give its fourth dincing party at Metropolitan hall, April 4, and desires to have it understood

coln. The wedding is to take place after

that all who have received an invitation to the former series shall consider themselves invited to this additional party. Tuesday afternoon a very pleasant sur-prise party was given Mrs. J. F. Hamilton of 1628 South Thirty-second street, by the ladies of South Tenth street Methodist Episcopal church. An elegant lunch was served and all present enjoyed a very pleasant

Miss Helene Fowler entertained informally at high five at her home in Kountze Place Saturday evening. The guests de-parted at a late hour, all having spent a very enjoyable evening. Those present were: Misses Van Court. Hall, Kinsler, Coon, Alt-house; Messrs. Bauman, Kinsler, Rosa, Hascall, Dickey, Jones.

Hascall, Dickey, Jones. Miss Ada Wilcox, daughter of Captain R. S. Wilcox, celebrated her 13th birthday yes-terday evening at her nome 1910 Binney ent were Mrs. Stearns, Misses Erion, Sav- street, by inviting twenty-five young people

to join her in merry making. Games were played and delicious refreshments were served. Captain Wilcox presented his daughter with a gold watch in memory of

the occasion.

Miss Fox of 3415 Emmet street gave a very pleasant dancing party to her friends at Idlewild hall Friday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Helsey, Mr. and Mrs. Mosley; Misses Fox, Love, Mosley, Haven, Sage, Ritchie, Swobia, Slater, Winter, Gruber, Winter, Carnith, Groscuth, Updyke, Stevens, Mosley; Messrs, Hickox, Langstadter, Jackson, Moody, Perigo, Helfry, Ross, Seldon, Bruner, Sage, Lilly, Savage, Lauer, Darwood, Stout, Bowman.

An enloyable party was given last Wednes-

An enjoyable party was given last Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas at \$26 South Forty-first street in honor of Miss Lillie Brenton. The evening was pleasantly passed in eard playing and dancing and at the close refreshments were served. There were present, besides the host and hostess, Mrs. Isaac Douglas; Misses Lillie Brenton, Bessie and Emma Faulkner, Mar-cilla Drumm and Messrs. Will Weber, Johnson, Kunkle and Jesse Clemens.

On Maunday Thursday evening Semper Fidelis chapter No. 1, Knights of Rose Croix of the southern jurisdiction of the United States, will perform the ceremony of ex-tinguishing the lights and the feast obligatory at the chapter rooms in Free Mason's hall. The ceremony of extinguishing the lights will begin at 6 o'clock, the traditional banquet at 8 o'clock. The committee having the arrangements in charge is composed as follows: James S. France, 189; Thomas Butterton, 309; George M. Nattinger, 329.

Butterton, 30°: George M. Nattinger,732°.

A very pretty private wedding was celebrated Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Emerson, 2523 St. Mary's avenue, being the marriage of Miss Ida Green of Portland, Me., to W. H. Manchester. The bride was charmingly attired in a dark blue traveling costume adorned with beautiful roses. Mr. L. T. Haven acted as best man and Miss Nora Emerson as bridesmaid. Rev. S. Wright Butler performed the ceremony.

The friends and relatives of Miss Carrie The friends and relatives of Miss Carrie

Dale will be greatly surprised to learn of her death at the Lincoln Park sanitarium, Chicago, Thursday last. Miss Dale was steno-grapher to Mr. C. E. Yost, president of the Nebraska Telephone company, and till three weeks ago was apparently in good health. She went to Chicago to have a surgical operation performed. She was a very popular young lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She will be buried at Columbus, Neb.

The regular entertainment in the alternat-ing high five and dancing, winter course, at the Merriam, took place Thursday evening, high five being played. The prizes were won as follows: First, Mrs. Marshall; second. Mrs. Miner; first, Mr. Peters; second, Mr. Jopin. The success of the party was due to the following committee: Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Crummer, Mrs. Morsmann, Mrs. Winter, Miss Marshall and Miss Kettler. The next party (dancing) will take place on Easter Monday evening.

The ladies of the First Congregational church, who are always exploiting something new, will on Friday evening of this week, give a social in the church parlors, and incidental to the social features of the evening exhibit large illuminated models of the World's fair buildings just brought from Chicago. In itself this will be brought from Chicago. In itself this will be most instructive, tending to familiarize the audience with the grounds and approaches to the "White city." All the friends of the church are invited, and the children are particularly requested to be present with their cliders to enjoy a social evening at the First church. The social will be given under the auspices of Mrs. C. E. Squires, Mrs. Dr. Duryca, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Lee and others.

The Park Avenue Card club was delight. The Park Avenue Card club was delightfully entertained Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy. The parlors were daintily decorated with jonquils and lighted with yellow shaded candelabra. There were

quite a number of exciting games played, the first prize for ladies being awarded Mrs. Claffin and the second Mrs. Drake. The first gentleman's prize was given Mr. Holdrege, the second to Mr. Tatum. In spite of the disagreeable weather there was an unusually large attendance. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Holdrege, Mr. and Mrs. Clatin, Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Facilin, Mr. and Mrs. Blass, Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Sholes, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, Dr. and Mrs. Milroy, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. G. W. Megeath, Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Lane, Mr. B. S. Baker, Mr. Ruth, Mr. C. H. Goodrich, Mr. George Palmer.

The members of Idlewild Social club met at their hall on North Twenty-fourth street Tucsday night where they gave a very pleasant dance. Those present were: May Egerton, Fannic Deyol, Edna Deyol, Clons Baldwin, Gertrude Houser, Nell Houser, Elsie Conant, Leona Roberts, May Walter, Elsie Conant, Leona Reberts, May Walter, Mable Sperry, Edith Huees. Jesse Cappock, May Spencer, Mollie Reynolds, Birdie Witherspoon, Mrs. J. Morris, Annie Galewood, Tharesa Shock, Minnie Walling, Lena Nicole, Ella Latsch, Addie Fox, Hattie Love, Effic Smith, Minnie Walker, A. E. Kroeger, R. S. Alberts, Woodworth Allen, King Denman, F. Hickox, Cal Page, F. Moody, S. Deyol, H. G. Jackson, R. Wells, R. A. Hamilton, R. A. Perry, T. J. Walling, Al Kelpin, George Saucha, R. R. Oury, H. Langstadter, Ed Walker, G. Coleman, T. angstadter, Ed Walker, G. Coleman, T

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The week's attraction at the Boyd, opening tomorrow evening, will be Denman Thompson's celebrated play, "The Old Homestead," presented by the same excellent cast which made such a pronounced hit here on the occasion of a former visit. The play is representative of the best impulses of the times. Its popularity has been phenomenal from the night of its first production to the present time, and it should continue to be. That such a play is popular is a credit to popular taste. It demonstrates with unerring cer-tainty that our better natures are appealed to; we turn from the vile, the evil and the unjust, to the pure, the beautiful and the rood. Those who believe the world is growing no better will find little to encoura them in the belief of "The Old Homestead Its characters are not puppets, but flesh and blood, inseparable from the soul and sympa-thies of the audience. It is not an unfamiliar story, excepting in its denouement. There are lights and shadows, smiles and tears, joys and sorrows in this play; all real,

At the Farnam Henry C. de Mille's great realistic drams. "The Danger Signal," will fill the bill all week, beginning with today's matince. The play has been seen in all the larger cities and has received much praise from press and public. Miss Rosabel Morri-son will appear in the leading role, in which she has achieved considerable success. Miss Morrison has rapidly risen to the front ranks, is young, talented and handsome and has a future second to none. The play will be interpreted by a strong cast of players and will be presented with scenery and ef-fects soldow seen on any stage. A monster locomotive, made of iron and steel and propelled by steam, standing in full view of the audience for fully ten minutes, with working gear exposed, and a cannon ball train, con-sisting of a locomotive, tender, three coaches, 180 feet long, 12 feet high, crossing the stage in five seconds are two of the most realistic effects imaginable. A rotary snow plow is likewise used in the snow blockade scene and a freight train is made up in full view of the audience. The play has many features to recommend it, and all who attend can feel assured of witnessing a most enjoy-

The many friends of Mr. George Wessells, Mr. Harry Barlow, Miss Nellie Elting and Miss Gypsy Barlow will be sorry to learn that this will be their last week with the Eljou Stock company this season, their en-gagement ending next Sunday night. Man-ager Day has engaged Mr. John DeOrmond, a talented young actor, and Miss Agnes Ful-ler, a very fine leading lady, who come with the highest of press recommendations. The the highest of press recommendations. The drama for this week, beginning tomorrow, is Dion Boucleault's great drama, "The Colleen Bawn." It has been excellently cast, studiously rehearsed and will be magnificently staged. The specialty program will introduce J. M. Waddy, a basso profundo of rare ability; the Eldridges, a colored sketch team, and Lorenze and Lotta, a team of double trapeze artists, who introduce a breakaway trapeze act and a perilous slide for life. Every lady who attends Wonderland this week will be who attends Wonderland this week will be presented with a triple silver-plated napkin ring, no matter what day or at what per-formance she may attend.

Fanny Davenport will be seen at the Boyd in "Cleopatra" the last five nights of this month.

Mr. George Kennan's postponed entertainment, "Russian Political Exiles," flustrated countries.

by stereopticon and calcium light will be given Thursday evening, April 6, at the Exposition hall, sale of reserved seats will open at Chase a Eddy's Monday, April 2, at 9 a. m.

Wilhelm Steager of the Burg theater of Vienna, Hermine Weldtman of the Stadt theater of Hamburg, Franz Hillmann of the Meinlinger Court theater and Marie Hardung of the Stadt theater of Cologne, supported by the excellent stock company of the German Theater company of St. Louis, will play a short engagement at Boyd's theater beginning March 23, and ending on Sunday night, March 26. The repertoire offered by this company is of unusual interest and considering the prominence of the principal actors, full houses are predicted for the whole but too short series. On the opening night Albert Lindner's magnificent play, "Die Bluthochzeit" ("The Huguenots"), will be given. On Friday evening Krieg in Frieden, known to us in its adaptation under the title of "The Passing Regiment," will be the bill. Saturday the company will present "Ein Toller Einfall," by Carl Laufs, made famous in this country through Gillette's clever adaptation entitled through Gillette's clever adaptation entitled "All the Comforts of Home." The most interesting performance will probably be the one of Sunday evening when the Goethe's "Faust" will be rendered.

Arctic Explorer Peary, U. S. N., under the management of the eminent impressario, Major J. B. Pond, will deliver a lecture descriptive of his exploration travels in Exposition hall at 4 o'clock temorrow afternoon and again in the evening. Peary's pluck is hardly second to Stanley's, and he is said to he a more entrataining lecture. Lifeliko be a more entertaining lecturer. Life-like pictures illustrate the scenes he describes. The Esquimaux dogs that drew his sled over the wastes of the ice land are with him. The eastern press has paised highly lecture and lecturer. Its value to students and school children as a lesson in practical geography is considerable, and the afternoon lecture should be largely attended. This is from the Providence, R. L. Telegram: "Curiosity to behold this fearless man was rewarded by as entertaining an evening of racy and son-sational narrative as a lecturer has ever uttered. A team of Esquimaux dogs, har-nessed to the identical sted which conveyed the explorer's effects over the route and directed by the same short, fat and oily-skinned Greenlander who was his driver, came upon the stage and illustrated just how the famous expedition appeared."

MODES FOR MEN.

Clothier and Furnisher.

The best full dress glove is in pearl undressed ksd with narrow raised selfcolored embroidery on the back.

The prevalence of the ridiculous lowcrowned, wide-brimmed hats has positively driven the leading hatters to abjure the fashion entirely and put out the most conservative shapes they have designed in years.

As a matter of fact, the so-called leaders of fashion have gone daft. Fifth avenue is a sight to see with its coterie of swells trussed-up in the tight-fittingsuspiciously suggestive of artificial-long and double-breasted tail coats.

Nothing is funnier than the American who goes to London and becomes Englishfied. He is wont, then, despite himself, to decry everything that is American and extol everything that is Eng-

The small knotted scarfings are in the lead at present, and they are made in very close resemblance of the self-tied articles in the made-up goods. neckwear of spring is in exceedingly tasteful colors.

There will be some new designs in belts, if the whisperings are true, and they will be made of heavy kid-finished skins instead of leather. They will, it is said, be so attractive and so costly as to give an additional zest to the ensemble of outing and summer town wear.

There has been the largest kind of expectations built up for the colored handkerchief by the savants among the men's furnishers, who have launched the most varied and excellent assortment of what may be called high novelties in masculine mouchoirs that has ever been offered.

The shades for spring walking gloves are in tans in various si and selfstitching, and pique backs. tans graduate from the dyes, Russian red, brown, along by two easy stages of tan to the modes, and into another delicate tint in that buff color which is so like the glazier's putty. In heavy weights the tan colorings are in a tendency toward the red.

The rivalry of the night shirt specialists is one of the sights of the town. There is a white and gold Louis XIV. salesroom which shows the most alluring pajamas in its windows, and another that exploits pansy nightgowns in three windows lit with electric light, as are the other four windows at night.

CUSTOMS IN THE COMMONS.

Members Doff Hats Only When They

Speak. One of the first peculiarities to strike a visitor to the House of Commons, says Chambers' Journal, is the freedom which permits members to keep on their hats during the progress of public business. But this liberty has its limits. A member may not wear his hat as he enters or leaves the house, or when he stands at the bar, although he may put it on as soon as he takes his seat. If a colleague engages in conversation with him he uncovers his head, and so must he, of course, when he arises to address the house. Another requirement is that a member must only make a speech from one of the accustomed seats, never from the entrance, the bar or the gangway. The same rule is observed when he rises to order in the course of debate, but if he raises a point or order concerning a division which has already been called he must keep his seat and speak with his hat on. Even the speaker in such cases does not rise when he interposes with the rulings, so that the proceedings assume a somewhat easy going conversational character. On one occasion of the kind the late Prof. Faw-cett, who then sat below the gangway, was unable, being blind, to find his own hat quickly enough. He overcame this emergency, however, by borrowing the well known soft-cap of his neighbor. Joseph Cowen, which, although it neither fitted nor suited him, yet served the purpose of the moment. The effect was ludicrous, but not more so than at another similar crisis when Mr. Gladstone hastily borrowed the hat of another occupant of the front bench and found it so much too small for him that he had to hold it on until the point in dispute was settled.

A correspondent of an English periodical asserts that the time is soon coming when the low price of aluminium will permit of its very general use for pur-poses where other metals are now employed. He asserts that the day is not far distant when it will be sold at the rate of 2 cents per pound, and that even if it were double that price it could be used in place of copper in hundreds of different ways. The great recent use of copper is for electric wires, this being due to its remarkable conductivity. This service could not be as well performed by aluminium, which is not the equal of copper in this respect, and unless alloy of some kind is employed, the softness of the metal would act against it for trying services. On the other hand, there must be many classes of work where aluminium would be quite as good, if not better, than any other metal, and its great lightness would also be a strong factor in its favor.

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Density of Population Averted and the Pub-He Health Promoted-Program of the World's Congress-The Repeal Bill Shelved-National Statistics.

The rapid development of building and loan associations within recent years is amazing. Within less than a score of years they have grown from an insignificant number to a total of 7,000 in the United States, collecting and disbursing annually a sum variously estimated at from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000. This vast sum represents the savings of people of moderate means invested with a view of home getting.

The benefits derivable from these associations are not imaginary. They are real, substantial and visible. Individuals are taught habits of economy, industry and frugality, which adds directly to the prosperity of the community, But the community gains even more substantially. In encouraging and facilitating the acquirement of homes the building-loan society contributes to the stability, unity and pride of a community. Every nome owner is an active force in all move-ments calculated to advance the common weal. He is a fixture in the community. He acquires a financial interest in its welfare which makes him aiert and vigilant in all that concerns its progress and prosperity. A Sample City.

Philadelphia is an illustration of the bene fits flowing from the practical operation of building-loan principles. It is estimated that 60,000 workingmen have thus been en-abled to build homes in that city. Seven thousand homes were built in 1891 and 8,000 in 1892. These splendid results are rendered more impressive when contrasted with the more impressive when contrasted with the condition of the working classes in New York. Mr. Erastus Wiman, a distinguished writer on economic topics, presents in the North American Review figures showing the relative conditions of the people of both cities in the matter of homes. Of all the cities on the continent, says Mr. Wiman, New York is the most exaggerated specimen of failure in the matter of homes for the class on in the matter of homes for the class on whom, to a greater degree than any other, Its prosperity depends. A recent census report of New York shows that there are nearly four families (3.82) for every house in the metropolis. When it is recalled that there are thousands of beautiful homes in New York occupied by one family only, it will be realized to what extent in other parts of the city crowding occurs, when to accommodate an average of neally four families to each house the remaining houses only are available. Comparing the condition of New York with Philadelphia the differ-ence is most marked, as in Philadelphia the average number of families to each house i one family and one-tenth. In New York the average for each house is nineteen people, in Philadelphia it is not six. The death rate tells the rest. In New York it is twenty-eight in every 1,000; in Philadelphia twenty-two While New York has nineteen people to each house, London has only seven, with a death rate 3 per cent lower than New York. Crowding Cherked.

The disposition toward density of population, Mr. Wiman points out is not confined to New York, hence the encouragement of home building is an economic and patriotic movement. In his opinion this can best be done by fostering building-loan associations. These are simply societies for saving, the accumulations sacredly dedicated to payment for homes solely for members of the society. Any one who can save \$1.50 n month is eligible for membership. Any group, however insignificant or remote, can form a society. The only thing necessary is a trusty treasurer, who shall safely hold the combined monthly savings of the members until enough is accumulated to build a home. Then the accumulations are loaned to one of the mem bers, to be paid out, not to the member, but to the builder of the house as it progresses, or in one sum to the owner of the house if it is completed and ready for transfer to the member. The society takes a mortgage for the amount advanced, which mortgage will be liquidated by the member paying up his monthly installments for a given period, which generally averages nine years. The member enters into possession, pays a little memor cheers into possession, pays a little more than rent, while his payments are toward a purchase and not toward rent. At the end of nine years, if he were a tenant he would have a bundle of landlord's receipts, and be no better off than at the start. If he is a purchaser, and every month pays his dues and interest, at the end of nine years he has a deed, free and clear, to his own home.

The Insurance Plan.

Mr. Wiman urges the general adoption of the insurance future by which the associa-tion as well as the family is protected in event of the death of the borrower. The payments for this insurance being divided into monthly sums are very small, and are made simultaneously with the principal and interest. As the installments reduce the debt on the home, the insurance risk equally diminishes, and the cost of it declines, so that, toward the end, it is almost infini-tesimal. Meantime the safety obtained im-proves the security of the loan to the society, and, above all, makes the possession of the home certain to the family. If the bread-winner lives he pays by his installments for it; if he dies it is paid for by the insura: company, so, whether living or dying, the

Only about every fifth individual is of an economical turn of mind; it is important to cultivate the virtue of thrift in the other four. In order to do so the facility afforded by the building-loan associations presents itself and its dicipline of regularity by demanding a monthly contribution to its coffees. This periodicity has a great force and fers. This periodicity has a great force, and as soon as the expenditures of any consider able number in a community, in a workshop in a church, in a society, or in an organiza tion of any kind, are so arranged as to allow regular monthly contributions toward these savings societies, it will be seen that the rivmets soon become rivers, and rivers soon become oceans in amount and influence, A Scheme Falls Through.

House roll No. 336, a bill repealing the homestead association act of 1873, was reported by committee in the house March 9, and indefinitely postponed. The prime object of the authors of the measure was to remove a wise limitation on the number of shares a member could hold in an association, and practically make home building institutions a plaything in the hands of institutions a plaything in the hands of speculative investors. The bill was intro-duced in both houses by representative Davies and Senator Tefft "by request," It was represented to them that the object was to remove inconsistencies in the law and harmonize its principles. This wa authors—the repeal of the share limitation contained in the act of 1873. When Messrs, Davies and Tefft discovered the hidden purpose of the bill they manfully repudiated the measure and helped to lay it away in the cemetery of punctured schemes.

The Mutual's Annual. The eighth annual meeting of the stock-olders of the Mutual Building and Loan

holders of the Mutual Building and Loan association was held in the Board of Trade rooms on the evening of the 5th. The at-tendance was moderate. Vice President I. O. Rhoades presided. The business trans-acted was largely of a routine character. Messrs. I. O. Rhoades, Adolph Meyer, G. M. Nattinger and Julius Kessler were elected directors. directors. A comprehensive report of the business of the association since its organization was presented. It shows the total receipts in eight years to be \$264,701.62, of which the following are the principal items: Stock: following are the principal items: Stock; installments, twenty-nine seri s, \$168,293 initiation fees, \$1.029; interest, \$55,309.25; ines, \$4,206.70; premiums earned, \$24,070.56; premiums uncarned, \$8,635.84. The disbursements include \$75,877 paid withdrawing stock holders, together with \$14,393.11 interest; \$148,455.43 in outstanding large. The extension of the stock \$148,455,43 in outstanding loans. The actual expenses for the period were \$8,443,47, equal

The Mutual has 1,848 shares in force, of which 741% are pledged by borrowers. The first series shares upon which ninety-six monthly payments of \$1 cach have been made hive carned \$75.48 per shares and are now worth \$171.48. If the present rate of profit is maintained the shares in this series will reach tained the shares in this series will reach

to three-tenths of 1 per cent of the total sun

par value in fourteen months, and show a net profit of \$90 on each \$110 invested. A difficulty common with young associa-tions confronts the Mutual. The large numtions confronts the Mutual. The large number of shares in the first series will at maturity require about \$40,000 to pay nonborrowers. If the total receipts for the ensuing year are devoted to cancering shares, the deficit at maturity would be trifling. The difficulty is to induce the holders to accept the liberal terms of the association, amounting to book value. There being no provision for a sloking fund the being no provision for a stuking fund, the Mutual will be obliged to issue certificates of indebtedness to holders of matured shares. This method will naturally reduce the carning power of succeeding shares temporarily

A Reserve Fund.

The conditions confronting the Mutual emphasize the necessity of creating and maintaining reserve funds. Most associa-tions are hedged with rules which prohibit sinking funds. The practice is to limit pay ments to withdrawing shareholders to one ments to withdrawing shareholders to one-half the monthly receipts, the remainder to be loaned. There is no provision for emergencies, nor are directors given sufficient latitude to provide for spe-cific obligations, such as the ma-turity of shares. It is time asso-ciations turn out of the ruts of other days and adopt sound business policies, and be prepared to meet any ordinary emergency. prepared to meet any ordinary emergency, whether investment losses or the demands of holders of matured shares.

holders of matured shares.

The matter of reserve funds should receive the consideration of the State Banking Board. Every measure calculated to insure the safety and solveney of building-loan association is within the province of the board. No more effective safeguard could be had than a reserve fund, and no great amount of official pressure would be necessary to insuremate the reform. augurate the reform.

Many association men labor under the mis-

taken impression that a reserve fund means the hearding of a cash surplus. It is noth-ing of the kind. The reserve is invested precisely like other association money. It simply means a special account designed to cover investment losses sustained in the due course of business.

World's Congress.

The World's congress of building and loan associations, which will be held in Chicago in June, promises to be an important epoch in co-operative financiering. It will be the first meeting of representative association men of the United States, which of itself can hardly fall to have an important bearing on the advance of this form of co-operation. Interest is added to the meeting by the promised presence of delegates from England, where building and loan associations have been in existence for over a century. The program as far as arranged provides for addresses on the history and growth of building-loan associations in Eng-land and the United States; statistics of their present condition; their principles, pos-sibilities and limitations; benefits to be derived from them; to what extent the state should supervise them, and "The American Home the Safeguard of American Liberties." Addresses and papers on the prac-tical workings of associations have also been arranged for. Among the notables booked for addresses are: Thomas A. Reed, editor of the Building Societies Gazette of London; R. A. Brabook, chief registrar of Lon-don; Hon. Carroll O. Wright, na-tional commissioner of labor; Judgo Dummore, president of the New York State league; Charles H. Thompson of Indianapolis, ex-Governor Bracket tof Massachusetts, A. A. Woerhide of St. Louis, H. L. Cellarius of Ohio, William Freis of Chicago, W. W. Parsons of Terre Huute, M. H. Hauseman of Grand Rapids, J. R. Mergan of Indiana, Charles R. Hall, banking department, New York, Massalius Contain president Massa. York; Marcelius Cogran, president Massa-chusetts State league; Judge A. A. Winters of Ohio, Mrs. Mary B. Murrell of Little Rock, Ark. Nationals Throughout the Country.

The United States investor vouches for the correctness of the following statistics re-garding the number of national building and oan associations in operation January 1,

Total number of associations, 303; total number of members, 300,000; paid up capital \$50,000,000; contributing or subscribed capital \$300,000,000. These associations are divided among the states as follows: Minnesota, 14; Illinois, 48: New York, 32; Georgia, 24; Tennessee, 21; Indiana, 15; Kentucky, 15; Iowa, 14; California, 10; Michigan 8; Nebraska, 7; Ohio, 8; Kansas, 2; North Carolina, 2; North Dakota, 2; Utah, 3; Ore-gon, 2; Texas, 2; Arkansas, 2; Mississippi, 2 Pennsylvania, 4; Missouri, 7; Ontario, Can, 6; Colorado, 6; Virginia, 13; Louisiana, 4; Al-abama, 6; Maryland, 5; Washington, 4; Wis-consin, 3; South Carolina, 2; New Hampshire, 2; Montreal, Can., 1; South Dakota Montana, 2; District of Columbia, 2; total, 303,

It would require a powerful magnifying glass to find seven nationals in Nebraska. If there are more than five they manage to keep under cover, and two of the five are in an advanced stage of dissolution.

One hundred New York local associations The Mutual of Dayton, O., the best example of permanent plan, is said to be the largest association in the United States. The receipts for the year ending December 31, 1882, were \$1,823,406.87, of which \$907.693 was loans repaid, \$280,500 paid up stock, \$419,671 running stock, \$12,040 interest and premium. Loans aggregated \$1,110.528. Assets and liabilities foot up \$2,093,043. The figures represent fourteen years growth.

THE YOUNGSTERS.

New York Tribune: One of the neighbor's little boys was going to a fancy dress party jast night, in the guise of a mediaval lord of high degree. Of course he was all excitement beforehand. In the afternoon he came running in next door with the announcement: "Oh, Miss S .---, you oughter ee the things I'm goin' to wear to the party onight! There's a doublet, an' hose, an' a big hat with a feather in, an' a gold chain an' a cloak lined with vermin!

"This is your little sister, Tommy." said his father, showing him the baby. will love her dearly, will you not?" "Yes, of course," replied Tommy, inspecting the latest arrival, "but it'll cost a good deal to keep her, won't it?" 'I presume so."
"Yes," said Tommy, with a long drawn

oreath, and when I asked you the other day to buy me a white rabbit you said you couldn't afford it." Little Harold, who was making a call on his own book, asked the lady of the house if

she could "come to our house for tea to-Why, I thought the invitations were for next Thursday."
"They was, but I guess you had better come tomorrow, for I heard mother say she wanted to have the darned thing over with as quick as she could."

"What must precede baptism?" asked the rector, when catechising the Sunday school. "A baby," exclaimed a bright boy, with the air of one stating a self-evident truth.

"I suppose your teacher is very fond of you, Georgie?" "Yes. She keeps me with her two hours after school nearly every Grandpa-Why do iish have scales?

Young America—So as to catch fellows that lie about the weight of the fish they The winter has been unusually severe all over Europe, from the Arctic to the Mediter-ranean. In many sections the inclemency of the season is entirely unprecedented, and even in the far north it is necessary to go

back fifty years for its parallel.

sual with full information as to all new books, their price, authors and publishers, and has in addition a fine sketch with portrait of George McDonald, D. Appleton & Co., Bond street, New York. Those alleged critics of poetry, who by their remarks show chiefly what they do not cnow, are reprimanded pretty sharply by Rev. Francis B. Hornbrooke, in his article, What Should be the Poet's Attitude Toward His Critics," in the March Poet-Lore. He also shows wherein some immortals have ione well needing just criticism. The rev-

done well nesting just criticism. The reverend gentleman's remarks are doubtless timely so far as contemporaneous critics are concerned, but the question arises, where are the poets: Poet-Lore Co., Summer street, "Love's Cruel Enigma" is the title of a short story from the pen of one Paul Bour-get. Whatever may be said of the work as an illustration of foreign ideas of the "tenler passion," the author is to be pitied, as der passion," the author is to be pitier, as fortune left him to be translated by one who glories in such phases as "mysterious poem of foolish terror" and "painful felicity" which cannot be called particularly lucid.

Book News for this month is on hand a

Waverley company, St. Louis.
Florence Stacepoole, lecturer to the National Health society, publishes her little volume, "Advice to Women" after years of experience, and the hints given as to the care of health are valuable accordingly. J. S. Oglivie, Rose street, New York, Mary West tells in her new book, "A Born

Player," the story of a young soul's strife bound down by the irons of old Puritanism. and shows how genius by its own force will finally triumph over all environment of teaching and creeds, and the boy who was teaching and creeds, and the boy who was born to be an actor will meet death following his vocation as an artiste of high degree. The book, while it attempts to show the utter folly of attempting to be that for which one is not atted by eature, and has some good imaging and pretty scenes, will scarcely be of interest to a large class of readers. Macmillan, New York.

"Sea Mew Abby." by Florence Warden is one of those stories without merit in any direction. The unique feature of this tale lies

rection. The unique feature of this tale lies in the fact that the heroine is ugly, lame, and has no particular talents, and people generally do not fail in love with her, Lovell, Coryell & Co., Tenth street, New

York.

The Book Buyer for March has a timely and lengthy sketch, with portrait of Jacob Gould Schurman, the president of Cornell university. The sketch is very complete and says "Prof. Schurman stood so commandingly above all competitors that he had none." Charles Scribner's Sons, New

the old story of the ugly rich man and the handsome poor one, and a young lady who loves the handsome one but must marry the rich one to save the family from ruin, all of which never happens, of course, as just in the nick of time the rich man marries an othergirl, and all live happy. It would be asking too much of an author of this class to furnish an original plot, but it does seem as if this particular plan of structure for a ro-mance has been sufficiently reiterated for the present generation. Rand, McNally &

Co. Chicago
In "Heric, the Briton, a Story of the
Roman Invasion," by G. A. Henty, we have
an historical romance written for boys which is aliae valuable for its instruction and en-tertainment; there is not a dull page in the book. The chapters devoted to the burning of Rome and the gladiatorial contests are of especial interest, and the descriptions of the various battles between the Romans and the Britons with their rude weapons are very vivid. The book contains descriptions of Nero, Cassar and their people and armies, as well as of the countries, habits and costumes of the age. The volume contains about 400 pages, is beautifully bound and illustrated

with many fine engravings. Charles Scrib-ner's Sons, New York.

As it does not in the least matter who wrote the last number of the Unknown series, "Her Heart Was True," the author may as well have his rights, as there is no other person on the earth who would wish to have the honor of the authorship attributed to him. Cassell Publishing company, Fourth

avenue, New York.
"Wedded, Unwoord" is the title of a novel by Julia Howard Gatewood, of over 500 pages, which if the author had spent more time in trimming, the reader need not have them so wearied when the end is reached.

The book has an occasional pretty thought and many strong sentiments but the heavy, unnatural style of composition keeps the interest lagging in a manner that is very terest lagging in a manner painful. Life is too short. G. W. Dilling-ham, New York The book of poems recently issued by Wil-

liam Watson, comprising his complete works, is of added interest from the fact that the author has been recently spoken of as a possible successor of Tennyson to the laureate-ship. One of the most notable poems in the present volume, outside of "Wordsworth's Grave," by all conceded to be his best, is "Lachrymae Musarum," an elegy on Tenuy-son. The poem is of considerable length and contains some beautifully strong expres-

sions. We are promised a new collection by Mr. Watson in the near future, and latest reports are to the effect that he has fully recovered his health. Macmillan of New York published the present volume and also has the forthcoming one in press.

Grace Greenwood's little volume, "Stories and Sketches." contains some interesting personal reminiscences of George Elliot and of Mrs. Browning and has an exceptionally tender little story of two children "Running Little Story of two children "Running and has a story of the back has saveral."

Away with a Balloon." The book has several strong bits of pathos, and like all books by this author is very readable and will be appreciated by her friends. Tait Sons & Co., Union Square, New York. "Outing," with its pretty, fresh cover, is here with the March winds. The frontispiece, an illustration of "Ender Shooting in Cape Briton," by W. H. Mac, being a reproduction of an original painting by Herman

past it. Outing company, Fifth avenue, New York. beautiful that we have not attempted to get Advertising Started it, Merit Made it Pop-

Simon, showing the floating ice, the birds and the sportsman in the background, is so

ular. Dr. T. P. Hubbell, who is engaged in the drug business at Wolcott, Vt., says: "Ad-vertising started the sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy here, but it now sells on its merits, and all who use it speak highly of it." When troubled with a cough or cola, give it a trial and you will be more than pleased with the result. It is also a certain cure for croup in children. 50 cent bottles

Played on the Same String.

A member of the Massachusetts bar used to get veedicts by touching appeals to the tender feelings of jurymen, says the Boston Globe, especially if his client was poor and the defendant was a rich corporation. He became famous for getting verdicts in such cases. One day he met his match. The counsel for a corporation which he had sued under-took to head him off. He had an opportunity to study his opponent's methods, and gave special attention to his style in the delivery of pathetic passages. Having the right to make the opening plea he told the jury what to expect, de-scribed the attitude, tones and manner of his brother lawyer, and did it so thoroughly and faithfully that he not only discounted the effect of his plea, but so embarrassed him that he could not do justice to himself or his client, who lost his case.

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