

SOCIETY'S PROSPECTS GOOD

Coming Week Holds Several Things to Attract Attention.

STORY OF A TRAMP DURING THE STORM

Two Young Men Whose Enthusiasm Exceeded Their Judgment Are Now Nursing Two Badly Frosted Cars.

Most Popular.

McLanburgh Wilson in New York Times. Seems like the best of all. With all her dash and go. And some of the dreamy southern maid from where the roses blow.

There are two young men in town—if they were girls they would be called debutantes, and who, if they live long enough, will doubtless attain membership in the country of Omaha club for they are of that set—who have gained considerable experience and not a little notoriety during the week that will doubtless last them throughout this winter at least. Up to date, the club experience of these two aspirants for social favor consists chiefly in official position in a certain hiking club that has won more or less mention during the summer, but of which little has been heard since the weather got cold. It may have been a wish to keep up the standard of the club or possibly only the love of that sort of organization, but however that may be, those two young men, against the better judgment of their business associates, started out to walk to Council Bluffs and back about 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, "just to get out in the storm." There is every reason to believe that they did tramp to Council Bluffs, for each of them has a badly frosted left ear that has attained rather embarrassing proportions and, though they are noncommittal as to the return trip, the fact that only the left ear is frosted is accepted as proof positive that they did not walk back. There is a story in circulation over about the river to the effect that about 6:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening, during the worst of the storm, two young men with a rather short, heavy, companion, each dressed in hiking costume, covered with snow and with hair projecting in numerous tufts from beneath their little caps, entered the Grand hotel and asked for a place where they might make themselves presentable for dinner. Whether or not they got the dinner has not yet been learned, but it is a fact that they were mistaken for football players by two young women who were accustomed to meeting them in dress suits, and who were disposed to be anything but cordial.

The week's calendar, while it is not yet complete, includes a number of affairs that promise to be interesting, if not so large.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhn will entertain at the evening for the South Side Whist club and the Tuesday Morning Musical will meet with Mrs. E. P. Peck.

On Wednesday Mrs. Preston B. Myers and Mrs. Frank B. Lawrence will give a reception in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Myers. Mrs. E. M. Morrison and Mrs. W. W. Morrison will entertain about sixty women at a whist luncheon; Mrs. Guy Howard will give a luncheon for Mrs. Scott.

On Thursday Mrs. Samuel Burns entertains at suchure and the evening of the Dramatic club will meet at the home of Miss Towle.

On Friday evening the Valentine cotillion promises to be a smart affair; the Hancome Park Card club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gould.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. R. McKee will hold a reception for Mrs. Downing; the Indian club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reckard and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe will entertain the Neighborhood Card club.

While everybody is heartily glad of almost anything that will add life to society, there is one visiting woman in town just at present for whom a great deal has been said and still to be done, who at least two prominent society women devoutly wish had never come to Omaha. Though innocently and doubtless unconsciously, she is none the less certainly the cause of a coolness between two matrons who have been friends for years, each friends in fact that their estrangement is awkwardly noticeable and is furnishing ever so many people something to talk about. It happened, on last Tuesday, that both women decided to "do something" for the visitor, and as the

storm had interfered with their telephone communication neither knew of the other's intention until the next afternoon, when one dropped in to tell the other of a little supper she had planned and of the gracious acknowledgment of courtesy she had received from the prospective guest of honor. A very few minutes' chat disclosed the fact that both women had found it convenient to entertain at the same hour of the same day, and each having reason to believe that her hospitality would be accepted one had not only written to the visiting woman, but had invited the other guests as well. For some reason the woman who had received the invitation was not disposed to recall her invitations, and as their circle of intimates is largely identical and the woman who had secured the "guest of honor" had not yet issued her cards, matters became complicated—and are still very much so.

The first dress rehearsal of "The Critic" will occur on Tuesday evening at Creighton auditorium and the play will be presented there on the evening of February 20, the presentation being made for the benefit of the Omaha club. "The Critic" has been secured and the costumes are well under way, some of them dating back to the Elizabethan period. The cast includes: Mr. Robert Burns, Mr. Rex Moorehouse, Mr. Harry Doory, Miss Susan Holdrege, Miss Beale Towle, Lord Burleigh, Mr. Willard Barrows, The Governor, Mr. G. C. McIntyre, Mr. Walter Raleigh, Mr. Vernon Chase, Mr. Christopher Hatton, Mr. Tom McShane, Mr. J. B. Rahm, Mr. Willard Barrows, Mr. Lawrence Birkbeck, Miss Mary Holdrege, Miss Margaret Hitchcock, Mr. Paul Haskell.

Among the prettiest children's parties of the year was the dancing party given from 2 until 6 o'clock on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vance Lane, for their little daughter, Miss Lillian Lane, and Miss Ruth Cronk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cronk, it being the 10th birthday of the little hostesses. Throughout the house pink roses and pink and white carnations were combined with ferns and greens in effective decoration with the exception of one room, which was trimmed with paper chains and valentines, suggestive of St. Valentine's day. The programs, small, dainty affairs, were done in water color and during the afternoon a string orchestra stationed in the hall furnished music for the seventy-five youthful dancers. Late in the afternoon refreshments were served in the dining room, which was prettily trimmed in red, the two birthday cakes, each mounted by ten red candles set in small red roses, being a conspicuous feature of the table decoration. The cutting of the cakes by the little girls was much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Thomas Godfrey entertained the members of the Harmony club at cards last evening. Forest Hill was the scene of one of the smartest receptions since the holidays on Saturday evening, when between 9 and 11 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kountze received a large number of friends in honor of Mrs. Walter Scott and Miss Richardson, who are their guests. The house was handsomely trimmed and Mr. and Mrs. Kountze were assisted by Miss Cotton and several others.

Mrs. J. B. Rahm, accompanied by her children, left today for Richmond, Va., to be absent for several weeks. Miss Blinford, who has been the guest of Miss Niel Kessler, has returned to her home in Marshalltown, Ia.

Mrs. Andrew Ellison of Kirksville, Mo., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. M. Vinsonhale.

Before a company of about forty invited guests, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Jaynes, Seventeenth and Emmet streets, seven little girls of Kountze place presented the two plays, "Cranberry" and "Where the Surprise Came In," on Saturday evening. The latter play had been dramatized by two of the girls, Miss Alice McCullough and Miss Irene Jaynes, and with the presentation of the play reflected not only the talents of the girls, but the cast included Misses Irene Jaynes, Alice McCullough, Helen McManis, Margaret Busch, Alice Traxell, Marjory Schram and Merl Blackmer, who in their quaint costumes and their youthful enthusiasm afforded their guests a most enjoyable evening.

One of the most beautiful affairs of the winter was the dinner given on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffith at their home, at Thirty-eighth and Cummins streets, in celebration of their silver wedding. The table was set in the form of an L. The initial of Mrs. Griffith's maiden name, and was handsomely trimmed with green and white, covers being laid for twenty-eight guests. A ten-course dinner was served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lyford, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Lyford, Jr. of Chicago, parents and brother of Mrs. Griffith. The others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Squires, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Connell, Judge and Mrs. Ives, Dr. and Mrs. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Miss Griffith and Master Walter Griffith.

The Omaha Lady Rifles gave a very successful dancing party on Friday evening. The Thursday afternoon Kensington was entertained in a charming manner by Mrs. Norman of Stamford circle, and after a contest in guessing and drawing a dainty luncheon was served. Those present were Mrs. Weise, Allison, Shlesier, Wilcox, Goodman, Wilkinson and Best, with Mrs. Boland and Miss Childs and Mrs. Green of Council Bluffs as visitors.

Friday afternoon Lyman Smith entertained on Friday at a perfectly appointed luncheon in honor of her former schoolmate, Mrs. Otis. Covers were laid for Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Otis, Mrs. Jerrema, Miss Webster, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Ward Burgess, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Charles Kountze and Miss Helen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McShane left on Thursday for New York and Washington. Mrs. T. H. Biddick of Salt Lake City is the guest of relatives in the city.

Though Lent is less than three weeks off and society aware from past experience that there will be comparatively little doing after Ash Wednesday, no one seems to exhibit any inclination to improve the remaining time by giving anything of particular consequence, though there are no end of small affairs. Even the debutantes have simple time nowadays—people seem to have gotten quite out of the way of doing things for them, which is unfortunate, as there is a sort of unwritten law that debutantes shall do little for themselves, that is during their first season, and it is generally regarded as unfortunate that their honors had to be divided with the brides, at least so early in the winter. It must be admitted that the girls who came out this year are exceptional, in several ways, and while they have lived up to all tradition concerning debutantes, they have managed not only to make the best of their position of secondary consequence into which they have been crowded of late, but have devised entertainment for themselves and not a few others. The Dramatic, or Comedy, club is an illustration of their enterprise, for while it is not composed

entirely of these girls, they are largely responsible for it.

Mr. Wells Cook, assistant city attorney of Chicago, and bride with a few other friends were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph at luncheon on Saturday.

Mrs. Homer T. Ashbaugh, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. V. D. Huntgate, for the past fortnight, has returned to her home in Kansas City.

Miss Josephine Sheehan of Galena, Ill., is visiting Mrs. A. B. McConnell at 2130 Binney street.

Mrs. William Sanford Robinson, who has been visiting in Chicago, will leave there on Monday for New Orleans, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

The Saturday Night Card club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider last evening.

Owing to illness Mr. and Mrs. Boddie and Miss Andrews of Chicago, who were to have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McKee, will be unable to come to Omaha now. The reception to have been given in their honor on next Saturday afternoon and for Mrs. Downing will occur.

The marriage of Mrs. Josephine and Miss Irma Dribsaus was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dribsaus at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, January 31.

In Mrs. Downing's honor, Miss Mount will give a theater party at the Orpheum on Monday evening, to be followed by a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Mount on Pacific street.

Mrs. Edward Dickinson and Mrs. Harry Lyman and little son are wintering at Pasadena, Cal.

Mrs. Dalton Risley will be hostess of Tuesday afternoon's meeting of the South Side Whist club. The Dramatic club will meet on Thursday evening at the home of Miss Beale Towle.

Mrs. Samuel Burns will entertain a supper party on Thursday evening. Monday evening's meeting of the Thistle club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rotchford.

Mrs. E. M. Morrison and Mrs. W. W. Morrison have issued cards for a whist luncheon on Wednesday evening at the home of Judge Woolworth is among those who will give dinners at the Omaha club on Monday evening.

Mrs. R. E. Welsh will entertain the South Kensington club on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitmore will entertain a supper at the Omaha club on Monday evening for Mrs. Scott, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kountze. The party will attend the theater later.

The postponed meeting of the Tuesday morning musicale will be held this week at the home of Mrs. Edward Porter Peck, the program to be in charge of Mrs. Harry Whitmore.

Mrs. Guy Howard will give a luncheon on Wednesday in compliment to Mrs. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Markell are now in Lincoln, but will go soon to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and later to southern California for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Guckert have returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

The second consistory of the Knights of Kadosh to be instituted in Nebraska was given assistance at Lincoln Thursday evening by Gustave Anderson, Inspector general of Scottish Rite Masonry, assisted by William Cleburn, Charles Huntington, Claude Talbot and M. F. Finkhouser, all members of the Omaha consistory. The Knights of Kadosh is the name given to that part of the Scottish Rite which is included in the thirtieth to thirty-second degrees, and is therefore the highest division of the order outside of the governing board, the members of which are active members of the thirty-third degree, this last degree being limited, and conferred by reason of the high qualities shown by members of the Knights of Kadosh.

The meeting at Lincoln at which the new consistory was formed was attended by thirty-second degree Masons from all parts of the state and the event was one of the most pleasant which has taken place in Masonic circles for many months.

By the institution of this lodge it gives two places in the state where the highest degree will be conferred, and the order look forward with considerable interest to the growth of the new consistory, marking, as it does, an epoch in the higher circles of Masonry in the state.

The California Conclave club, organized a year or more ago by members of Mount Calvary commandery, Knights Templar, is meeting with considerable success. There are now about 100 members who are paying the monthly dues for the purpose of creating a fund for the expenses of the members at San Francisco, where the triennial convolve will be held in September, 1904.

At the inception of the club it was intended to have a team of Mount Calvary commandery compete for prizes at the convolve, but the officers of the club are understood, follow the rule made at the Louisville convolve in 1901 and permit contests for commandery trophies, but it is now said that there will be no attempt on the part of the local society to compete, as the officers of the Conclave club cannot spare the time to drill.

The drills of the Knights Templar are said to be the finest of any of the societies which have military features, and some of the commanderies maintain a drill master permanently. This is the case with one of the commandery teams, that of Detroit, to be barred from participation in the competitions; it being acknowledged that they are beyond the rivalry of the other teams. It is said that the drill master of the commandery is a martinet who bends everything to his will and that no person, no matter how exalted his station either in the order or in society at large, is permitted to interfere with the work of the team. He is said to have addressed the members of the team at an assembly who protested against an abrupt command in this manner:

"You are a machine; not a man. You have just one second to decide whether you will obey orders or leave the ranks for good. We want people with ability to march and understand orders and nothing else. Will you go or stay?"

The millionaire, after being recovered from his surprise, decided to stay, but never since has protested against an order, no matter how abruptly made. It is said to make a price-winning team and members of Mount Calvary commandery are too busy.

Members of Omaha lodge, No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of the institution of the lodge Friday evening. Charles A. Patterson, past grand master of the order, gave a brief history of the lodge, and F. B. Bryant presented the lodge with an album containing the portraits of all of the grand officers of the state since the foundation of the grand lodge. Addresses were made by Louis Helms, S. K. Greenleaf, J. W. Dodd, J. L. Alverston, Martin Dunham, W. H. Larkin, D. A. Esquert and G. W. Reynolds. About 100 members of the order were present.

At the last meeting of Nebraska lodge, Knights of Pythias, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a joint celebration of the thirty-eighth anniversary of the organization of the order, to be held at Myrtle hall, February 22. The exact date of the organization of the order is February 19, but the hall being engaged for that date and the regular meeting coming so close to the date it was decided to celebrate on the 22nd. All members of the order and their friends are invited to be present.

Nebraska lodge has inaugurated a new schedule, and the ranks will be conferred on the first three meetings of the month. The fourth will be devoted to social entertainment.

Knights of Pythias will be the guests of the Rathbone sisters at a ball to be given Monday evening at Myrtle hall.

Triangle lodge worked in the rank of Knights of Pythias last week. They will be work in the rank of Knights.

Members of the Modern Woodmen are interested in the election of a successor to Head Consul Northcott, who has announced

that he will retire from the office after the Indianapolis meeting of the head camp. The membership of Nebraska is especially interested, as at the present time indications are that either Nebraska or a Kansas man will be chosen as head of the order. It is said that the present administration is rather more friendly to the candidacy of A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, while those opposed to the present administration favor J. G. Johnson of Kansas. The Douglas county convention will be held here in April, the state convention at South Omaha in May and the national convention in June.

Notwithstanding the storm of Tuesday night, many members of Clan Gordon, No. 63, Order of Scottish Clans, were present at the regular meeting, and a very pleasant couple of hours were spent. Reports were read showing the clan and the order generally in the most flourishing condition. Classman R. A. Watson was president with his voice, and John McBeth, a Chicago clansman, was there with a newly imported set of bagpipes, with the Glasgow coat-of-arms still on them. They are now pipes, and he played them well. One new application was handed in from a well-known Scot, and the pipe struck up "Johnnie, you're in luck this morning" as the most suitable tune he could think of.

Meece court, Tribe of Ben Hur, is arranging for an entertainment to be given February 13.

Gate City hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold its annual ball February 13.

LIFE EXTENDED FIFTY YEARS

Corporate Mistake of Twenty Years Ago Corrected by a Hard Struggle.

The Omaha Loan and Building association had filed in the county clerk's office two amendments to its articles of incorporation—one providing for the extension of the life of the association to seventy years, or fifty years from April next, and the other a method by which future amendments may be adopted.

These amendments have been approved by the state banking department, and the filing in the county clerk's office is a mere formality. Their adoption and approval involved the association in a vast amount of labor and gave the managers considerable anxiety.

When the association was organized in April, 1883, the articles of incorporation limited its life to twenty years and omitted the usual clause providing for amendments. At the end of the twenty years approached the directors consulted the state banking department and were advised that a unanimous vote of the shareholders would be necessary to effect the needed change. The proposed amendments were then submitted to the shareholders, and at the end of eight months the association submitted to the banking board the approving vote of 88 per cent of the shareholders. The vote was deemed sufficient by the board and the amendments were approved.

HYMENEAL.

Double Wedding at Harvard. HARVARD, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A double wedding occurred at the German church here when William Sinner was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Honstine and Miss Kate Schreier to George Yost, the event being attended by a large gathering of the friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Bonnkoemper of Sutton performed the marriage ceremony.

OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

A new course in mechanical drawing will be opened in the near future at the high school. This will be for the boys in connection with manual training, and a room for the building is being fitted up in this department. Mr. Peterson of Beatrice will be instructor.

The senior hop given Friday evening at the Metropolitan hall was one of the prettiest and most enjoyable affairs of the year. The senior colors, blue and gold, could be seen throughout the hall, and here and there in inviting spots corners attracted many. The chaperons were hung with beautiful high school and senior flags.

The Klain society held the first of its public program meeting Friday. Large attendance of pupils listened to the following addresses by the president, Ruth Robinson; piano solo, Helen Saldiek; story, Margaret Whitney; recitation, Florence Johnson; vocal solo, Mary Krivier and a song by Mrs. Ely. The second edition of "The Oracle" was also read. It is a most amusing and interesting work published by the society. This edition contains a story by Hazel Linn and other articles written by Hazel Linn, Mary Krivier and Ruth Harding.

A great deal of inconceivable has been caused on account of the few English history textbooks at the high school. All the books in the library are being distributed among the pupils, but there still remain one or two classes without textbooks. The pupils without books must obtain their own knowledge from outside sources. Never before has a class studied history without books, and much interest is taken in the outcome of this plan. Mr. Peterson, chief of the history department, will instruct the classes without books.

Even the favors for valentine parties seem to have lost their old-time character. One of the smartest trinkets in this line is a perfect reproduction of a leading actress in her new role in a Japanese play. The head is of bisque, with real black hair, dressed in true Japanese style. The kimono is of crepe paper, and even the tinfan is perfect to its smallest detail. The doll stands on a pedestal, which may be filled with very small candies. From England comes a comical reproduction of the traveling bag which the London girl loves to carry wherever she goes. It is of real crash, pillow-like in shape, and about four inches in length. It has handles of genuine leather, and a very real cord gathers it up at either end. Within is a tube to be filled with sweets. Of candy boxes in heart shape there is literally no end, and Japanese effects seem to be most popular, the small gold of love being cast somewhat in the shade this year.

For the valentine dinner or party there is nothing prettier than raspberry ice, served in heart shape. Through each one is thrust a dart and an arrow, made from gold paper. These may be bought at any shop where cotillion favors are sold. Dinner cards come in the form of double hearts, which stand upright at the covers. The correct favor for occasion on this occasion are red roses, Jacqueminote or American beauties.

The engaged girl will find exquisite double frames made especially for her gift to the fortunate man. They come in both Florence mosaic and enamel, discounting in price and smartness both gold and silver effects. A particularly dainty favor, with delicate traceries of ivory, showing a slender lily in the center, crowned by a heart. It will hold two small pictures,

A Memorable Event

\$4,000 Worth of Furniture Sacrificed—It's our way of closing out sample pieces that have been on our floors beyond a certain time. Every piece LESS THAN COST, some at half cost. These pieces have been on show for two days—On sale Monday, February 9th, at 8:30 a. m. Furniture for the bed room, dining room, parlor, library and den.

Table listing furniture items and prices: \$25.00 Mahogany Dresser, \$16.75; \$15.00 Mahogany Rocker, \$9.50; \$4.50 India Stool, \$2.50; \$15.00 Book Case, \$11.00; \$2.00 Desk and Chair, \$1.25; \$2.50 Combination Library, \$1.50; \$7.50 Sewing Stand, \$4.95; \$10.00 Ping Pong Table, \$11.25; \$12.00 Turkish Chair, \$13.00; \$2.00 Library Table, \$13.00; \$12.00 Italian Chair, \$7.50; \$4.00 Brass Bed, \$28.50; \$7.50 Iron Bed, \$4.25; \$2.00 Dressing Table, \$13.00; \$12.75 Music Cabinet, \$8.00; \$2.00 Ladies' Desk, \$13.00.

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Any Cloak in Our House For \$10.00

Monday morning, and while they last, we give you choice of any Cloak in our stock for \$10.00. Velvet Blouses, Velvet Monte Carlos, Cloth Monte Carlos, Three-quarter Cloaks, Cloth Capes, Cloth Blouses, Cloth Norfolk Jackets, Cravenette Rain Proof Coats. Everything goes. Choice for \$10.00.

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Mrs. J. Benson Special Sale of

Muslin Gowns at 87c, Drawers at 48c. 20 dozen gowns of new spring stock, handsomely trimmed with embroidery, lace and insertion—all made of good muslin, long cloth or cambric. Drawers of same materials, extra value, at 48c. Pleece Lined Hose, extra good, at 25c, Monday at 18c, 35c quality at 23c.

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Suits made by us are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. We do not allow a garment to leave our store unless perfectly satisfactory. Walking Suits, from \$40.00 up. We want you to inspect our work. We are confident we can please you. 1607 Farnam Street.

WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

With \$250 already paid in subscriptions and all reports not yet in, it remains only for Mrs. William Spencer Crosby to make good all that the press at home and abroad have said of her when she presents her Wagner lecture recital the latter part of the month, to insure to the Omaha Woman's club one of the greatest successes that it has ever undertaken. The enterprise has received the most hearty co-operation of the women of the city.

"The Industrial Home for Girls at Millford" and "The Home for Friendless Children at Lincoln" will be the subjects of Monday afternoon's meeting of the political and social science department. Mrs. G. W. Clarke will preside during the meeting and the latter subject will be presented by Mrs. Cadet Taylor.

Mrs. B. F. Carpenter, a prominent member of the Woman's club, and one whose home has frequently been thrown open to the various departments, is ill at the sanitarium, Hotel Julien, at Englewood, Ill.

The bill for providing for a court for juvenile offenders is progressing most satisfactorily, and it is expected that it will be presented this week.

COPLEY JEWELER

"He Sells Watches." Copley is fast becoming the recognized WATCH EXPERT of Omaha. Is there anything wrong with your watch? 2155.16th Block.

THE RIGHT THING.

A New Catarrh Cure, Which is Rapidly Coming to the Front.

For several years, Red Gum, Blood root and Hydrastin have been recognized as standard remedies for catarrhal troubles, but they have always been given separately and only very recently an ingenious chemist succeeded in combining them, together with other antiseptics into a pleasant, effective tablet.

Druggists sell the remedy under the name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and it has met with remarkable success in the cure of nasal catarrh, bronchial and throat catarrh and in catarrh of the stomach.

Mr. F. N. Benton, whose address is care of Clark House, Troy, N. Y., says: "When I run up against anything that is good I like to tell people of it. I have been troubled with catarrh more or less for some time. Last winter more than ever. Tried several so-called cures but did not get any benefit from them. About six months ago I bought a 50-cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and I am glad to say that they have done wonders for me and I do not hesitate to let all my friends know that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are the right thing."

Mr. Geo. J. Casanova of hotel Griffin, West 9th street, New York City, writes: "I have commenced using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and already they have given me better results than any catarrh cure I have ever tried."

A leading physician of Pittsburgh advises the use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets in preference to any other treatment for Catarrh of head and throat or stomach. He claims they are far superior to inhalers, salves, lozenges or powder, and are much more convenient and pleasant to take and are so harmless that little children take them with benefit as they contain no opiate, cocaine or any poisonous drug.

A Gift Enterprise

Good Sir Valentine is rapidly being loved from the patron saint of loving hearts into the realm of the gift enterprise. If he keeps up the pace established for him this year he will soon rival St. Nicholas. It seems only yesterday since the amorous swain gave expression to his feelings in burning words, hidden in the depths of paper lace and enigma. He has now taken the approach of the affectionate old saint's day finds the young man's thought, if not his fancy, turning toward violets at advanced prices, bouquets in extravagant receptacles, and gifts quite out of the old simple spirit of the day.

A fashionable shopkeeper insists that the vogue of valentine gifts is largely a matter of evolution, and that for several years they have been growing more general, more personal and more expensive. A young man who usually is satisfied with sending the object of his admiration flowers, bouquets or books, now selects a gift that will show relations of a more intimate nature.

Fiances, especially, let their imagination and their purse-strings run riot. Heart-shaped gifts, to come to the most common, are not largely shown this year. Of course, there are suggestive articles of jewelry, including bangles for bracelets and lockets in the form of tiny hearts, while your true lover's knot comes in silver, gold or enamel for brooches and neckties. But these are voted old, and in their place small articles of the art nouveau are shown.

If the young man has money aplenty, he will find no difficulty in making his choice. There are the daintiest of chateleine articles and furnishings for one's opera bag. A trifle in enamel is a chateleine mirror, whose face is hidden by a panel, showing a bird, with head thrown back, calling its own love song. This costs \$12.75, and is to be worn on a slender gold chain. In the same class comes a wee powder box in art nouveau of exquisite pattern, with a lid holding a mixture set of rhinestones. While the lid springs up,

small mirror is disclosed, and the puff within is no larger in diameter than the silver dollar, according to the quality of the miniature and rhinestones. One New York jeweler has just sent out a box like this set in real diamonds.

The rage for all things Japanese has brought into vogue a pretty wrist-bag of heavy Japanese silk in roses, with a frame of heavily chased gold. Among the new, very long and slender, which may be worn either in the back of the hair or across the pompadour. It is of tortoise shell, studded with gold nail-heads, or a delicate tracery of gold repoussé. The latest in combs show the same dark, almost ruby-red tortoise studded with small gold ornaments, in fact with usually is satisfied with sending the object of his admiration flowers, bouquets or books, now selects a gift that will show relations of a more intimate nature.

Watteau and Dresden effects, which may be put to practical use when their contents have been enjoyed. They come in both heart-shaped boxes and the large, crimson hearts, finished on the top with great bows of satin ribbon in the same tint. For flowers, the most popular novelties are the small automobile in pale colors combined with white. They look exceedingly innocent, but they will absorb enough violets to strike terror to the soul as well as in the purse of their sender. A Broadway florist is showing some odd-shaped baskets—suggestive of Florida and palm-tree hats. They are a pale cream in tint, very plain and very costly.

The engaged girl will find exquisite double frames made especially for her gift to the fortunate man. They come in both Florence mosaic and enamel, discounting in price and smartness both gold and silver effects. A particularly dainty favor, with delicate traceries of ivory, showing a slender lily in the center, crowned by a heart. It will hold two small pictures,

costs \$23 and forms an appropriate gift for the "coolest man." If her fiance has a hankering for a pipe, and even the tinfan to hint that smoking will not be under the ban after they were married, may send him the newest thing for his smoking table, a combination cigar cutter and lighter. A long, slender, bone effect in bone is tipped one end with a silver tail. At the other end is fastened a round alcohol lamp in silver, while in the center is a cigar clip. In real bone and sterling silver this costs \$7.50, but it also comes in clever imitation at greatly reduced price.

Even the favors for valentine parties seem to have lost their old-time character. One of the smartest trinkets in this line is a perfect reproduction of a leading actress in her new role in a Japanese play. The head is of bisque, with real black hair, dressed in true Japanese style. The kimono is of crepe paper, and even the tinfan is perfect to its smallest detail. The doll stands on a pedestal, which may be filled with very small candies. From England comes a comical reproduction of the traveling bag which the London girl loves to carry wherever she goes. It is of real crash, pillow-like in shape, and about four inches in length. It has handles of genuine leather, and a very real cord gathers it up at either end. Within is a tube to be filled with sweets. Of candy boxes in heart shape there is literally no end, and Japanese effects seem to be most popular, the small gold of love being cast somewhat in the shade this year.