

DINING WOMEN DELEGATES

Amsterdam is Making the Woman Suffragists at Home.

VISITORS GET MUCH ATTENTION

Delegates to International Congress Have Unusual Chance to See Intimate Side of Quiet Old City.

AMSTERDAM, June 26.—At all international meetings held in Europe much more time is given to social festivities than is allowed in the United States. Perhaps this is not always carried to such an extent as at the last International Peace conference, which, in The Hague, is referred to as the "Eat Congress."

As a rule sessions of the Woman Suffrage alliance are held only mornings and evenings, leaving the afternoon free. Foreign ladies have confidentially told us that when they went to conventions in our country they were surfeited with work and families for food. Here, our dining opportunities seem a little strenuous to them, and it is also true that we do not give them as much to eat as they get at home. At these meetings the women of all countries look more rosy and solid than the Americans, and they declare that it is because we are underfed, but we prefer to think it is the difference in climate and the temperature of the houses in Europe that gives the ruddier, healthier appearance and also the fact that they live much more out of doors.

Our private opinion is that American women are more apt to carry their youthful figures into middle life than are those of other countries, and this is worth some sacrifice.

We are all, however, deeply appreciative of the cordial hospitality which we receive. It gives us glimpses of a home life that even a long sojourn as tourists would not afford. The most elegant residences in Amsterdam are situated on the banks of the widest canals, some of them facing the street, with the garden at the back sloping down to the water's edge and protected by dense shrubbery; others separated from the canal by the paved street and a row of tall trees, with a walled-in garden behind. In either case a complete privacy is assured which seems impossible for American homes.

Manors of Old Cities.

Along the Keizer's Gracht and Heeren Gracht (emperor's and gentlemen's canals) are long rows of what are known as "patrician houses," most of them about 300 years old, dating from the opulent days of the Dutch republic. They are built of small, flinty bricks, with splendidly carved stone facings and cornices, the five or six stories running up to the high pointed gables characteristic of Holland architecture, and they show not the slightest sign of decay. The massive front doors of what is really the second story opens out on a "stoop" with steps on either side down to the street. Here in older times the rich merchants smoked their pipes in the evening while the ladies of the family gossiped back and forth with their neighbors.

Few bridges crossed the canals in those days and the ships were anchored in front of their doors laden with merchandise, much of which was hoisted up into the spacious storerooms under the roof. The nobility then as now lived for the most part in these patrician families, formed an aristocracy whose prestige still lingers. Some of the mansions are occupied by their descendants, others have gone into the possession of those who are founding new families, but the old regime has passed away, nearly two centuries ago. The canals, forbidding entrance to the alga but giving the populace easy access to these pleasant tree and water bordered streets, and the patrician has tied to his garden.

The houses are lifeless and impassive as monuments. It would be the height of bad form for a face to be seen at the window, and when an occupant must emerge the door is quickly closed after him by the solemn faced butler and the house resumes its air of mournful and exclusive desolation. There is, however, a charming family life within and here and there a committee is permitted to share in the dinner parties which have been given for us.

Art in a Banker's Home.

One especially to be remembered was that at the home of B. L. Gompertz, now the head of the great banking firm of Wertheim & Gompertz, whose highly cultured wife in nearly two centuries ago, had the honor of receiving the congress. The hall and reception rooms on the first floor are richly adorned with pictures, statuary and almost priceless bronzes and porcelain, while the drawing room on the second floor is famous for its mural paintings, the work of noted artists nearly two centuries ago. The price of one of these panels would buy any house in Amsterdam, a guest told us. They line three sides of the room from the floor to the high ceiling, which also is richly decorated, and the large windows on the fourth side overlook the lovely garden.

There were present members of both houses of Parliament, the leader of the Liberal party, university professors, foreign consuls and presidents of various boards. After a sumptuous dinner all passed into the garden where scattered among the flower beds against a dark background of trees and shrubs were little tables each containing a handsome electric lamp and bowls of pink, white and red peonies. Here coffee, liquors and cigars were served and conversation was continued till nearly midnight in English, though all were dutch except the American women—and about us was the silence of the forest, although we were out of doors in the heart of a city of 600,000 people.

Pleasing Little Play.

The opening reception of the international suffrage meeting now in progress was held at the Cousturier, the Sherry's of Amsterdam, with the usual splendor of such affairs. A pleasing variation was a capital little play in blank verse, "The Council of the Gods," given by a party of young people from The Hague. Jove summons the gods and goddesses to know the reason of the terrible strife going on in the world beneath whose noise penetrates his realm. Mercury says: "I guess, but, Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure, that 'tis the 'sides making all the row.' In the midst of the discussion a mortal woman begs admittance, sets forth the grievances inflicted on those of her sex by man and ends: "And so, great gods, I come imploring your assistance."

Jove says: "This is, by Jove, no easy question. You, Juno, have the floor." She answers: "Tis not the first time that I have for Jove to solve a problem." She then moves that the women present her case, after which the gods and goddesses argue it in a very clever manner. Finally Juno calls for a vote; it stands five for the woman, four against; and Pluto makes

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SUMMER VESTS

Fine Swiss ribbed Cotton Vests, low neck, sleeveless style, chest trimming, full taped, one hundred and fifty dozen available. Special 19c

LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

Women's strictly all pure linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, nice shirring quality, 50c each, would for less than 20c; pay to buy a year's supply now—10c

Pre-Inventory Sale.

Now comes our semi-annual reckoning. Twice a year, July 1st and January 1st, we take an inventory; at these times stocks must be reduced to a minimum. It means a great clearing up in all departments. Odds and ends must be weeded out, broken lots cleared away, surplus stocks must dwindle. The power of vigorous price reduction strikes home with telling effect during the next two days. Monday and Tuesday will be by long odds the best money saving days of the season at Bennett's. Every department is making a desperate effort to unload. Two days of record-breaking June merchandising. Come tomorrow.

Ladies' Home Journal Summer Style Book now on sale at Pattern Counter. With every copy at 20c each, we give FREE any 15c Ladies' Home Journal Pattern.

Never such a sale of fine wash fabrics before.

A sale on finest grades summer dress materials, absolutely without precedent. A before-stock-taking sale that is notable for its marvelous low prices. Our choices 50c, 59c and 75c fabrics, such as Swisses, Linens, Silk Ginghams, Embroidered English Eyelet Mulls, etc. New goods, best of all many effective color harmonies in the line. Ultra fashionable and exclusive effects. In a great clean-up Monday—per yard.

23c

\$1 and \$1.25 Wool Dress Goods Marked Way Down

Extraordinary stock reducing in the Dress Goods. A variety almost unlimited in its scope. Fine plain and fancy woolen fabrics in panamas, batistes, taffetas, voiles, etc., in fact the choicest weaves, now in vogue; blacks and any color, nothing reserved. Goods worth and regularly marked \$1.00 and \$1.25. On sale Monday in a grand pre-inventory sale clearing, at yard—48c

An Unprecedented \$10 Suit Sale Monday



Any Woman's Tailored Suit, Worth to \$35.00 \$10.00

Any Woman's Silk Jumper Suit, Worth to \$25.00 \$10.00

Any Woman's Silk Costume in House, Worth to \$25.00 \$10.00

Such selling is simply a revelation to the Omaha shopping public, just prior to inventory to reduce the stock we make this most unprecedented offer.

Monday we put on sale our entire suit stock absolutely without any exceptions, including the very finest tailored models selling upward as high as \$35.00. We have every color and many ultra fashionable modes. In addition to this we also include

EVERY SILK JUMPER SUIT OR SILK DRESS IN THE HOUSE WORTH TO \$25, ALSO AT \$10.00

This is a bona-fide offer, backed by the Bennett reputation for always living up to their advertisements. It will be a day of tremendous selling. Extra salespeople to handle the crowds.

Any Dress Skirt in the House One-Third Off

Thousands or more to choose from. Handsome panamas, voiles, novelty weaves, blacks or any color. All our newest and best styles from our regular stock. A grand pre-inventory clearing—33% off

Wonderful Selling White Waists 600 on Sale

White lingerie waists, all odd lots, broken sizes, some mussed from handling. Every size in this line but not in every style. Plenty of choice bargains, all are \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 waists; 49c to clear out before inventory, price cut to .49c

Great Unloading Sale 2,000 Plates, Oatmeals & Fruits

Visit the China section Monday. There's a bargain such as comes but once in years. Tremendous lot fancy china bread and butter plates, oatmeal and fruit dishes, values up to 75c; choice, Monday—10c

Mason Fruit Jars at lowest prices; phone your order if you cannot come, quick deliveries. Quart size for dozen .50c Half gallon size, dozen .75c Jelly Tumblers, tin tops, dozen .18c

Everything in stoneware. Complete line stone jars, jugs, pans, water coolers, water filters, ice water churns, etc. Prices that mean good savings to you.

Pre-Inventory Sales Just two lots that get sacrificed in this department and they are reduced with a vengeance.

The lines embrace hundreds of yards of embroidered and dotted Swisses and Batistes, checked and striped lawns and dimities. Unseasonable weather retarded their sale in May and June. That accounts for drastic price reductions to move them.

LOT 1—Novelty Swisses, check and stripe lawns, dimities and all fancy waistings, all 30c, 40c and 50c goods, for .19c

LOT 2—Dotted Swisses, check and stripe lawns, embroidered batistes, etc., a few are slightly mussed from handling, 19c and 25c goods, at .12 1/2c

150 Room Size Rugs Marked for Final Clearance

First of all we bought these rugs from a maker who was discontinuing these styles, drop patterns they are called some of them are salesmen's samples, but all were purchased at a great discount. We sold scores of them in the past two weeks. Now to close out the remaining lot before we take stock. Here's the way they'll go. See them in the window:

Tapestry Brussels Rugs—Full 9x11 feet, fast colors, regular \$15.00, quality . . . . . \$9.75  
Fine Axminster Rugs—Very handsome, serviceable parlor carpets, regular \$30.00 values, bright beautiful patterns, for . . . . . \$16.85

LISLE HOSE

Genuine full fashioned imported Lisle hose with double sole and high spliced heels, never less than 50c; in Monday's sale, 10c price—25c

SILK GLOVES

Finest 16-button Monquatre Silk Gloves, exquisite hand, double tipped fingers, all sizes and colors, regular \$4 line—\$1.29

A Sensation In the Silks

Best white and black Habutai or Jap wash Silks, 36 and 27 inch widths; worth \$1.00 a yard. Genuine imported rough Shantung, also Rhabas, Tussorahs, and other popular lines, rough silks, all worth \$1.00 yd, 59c

Monday Again \$1 and \$1.25 Corsets of well known makes, at 27c

Corset Crowds that eclipse anything at BENNETT'S before attended this sale last week. Monday 150 dozen new fresh models on the tables again; all \$1.00 and \$1.25 goods, best known American makes, new style, too, you'll find your favorite corset in the line, choice . . . . . 27c

Impressive Wall Paper Sale

Almost like giving good papers away. Our car load purchase jobbers bring you handsome gifts, papering, florals, etc. Every roll absolutely a 12c, 15c, 20c and 25c value. In a record breaking sale, a roll . . . . . 1c-3c  
For next 30 days we hang paper at 12 1/2c roll.

Groceries

- Bennett's Capitol Flour, large sack . . . . . \$5.00  
And 100 Green Stamps  
Bennett's Capitol Flour, sack \$1.50  
And 50 Green Stamps  
Bennett's Breakfast Coffee, 2-lb. can . . . . . 48c  
And 50 Green Stamps  
Teas, assorted, pound . . . . . 48c  
And 50 Green Stamps  
Batavia Fancy Saitons, can . . . . . 22c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
B. C. Sweet Wrinkled Peas, five cans . . . . . 50c  
And 30 Green Stamps  
Dr. Price's Breakfast Food, three packages . . . . . 25c  
And 20 Green Stamps  
Worcester Table Salt, 2 sacks 10c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Marshall's Kippers, Herring, can . . . . . 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Peanut Butter, two jars . . . . . 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
A. B. C. Catsup, bottle . . . . . 25c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Rex Lye, three cans . . . . . 25c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Advoxa, Jams, assorted, 2 jars 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Sulder's Pork and Beans, two cans . . . . . 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
New York Cream Cheese, lb. . . . . 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Swiss Cheese, pound . . . . . 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps  
Limburger Cheese, pound . . . . . 20c  
And 10 Green Stamps

Great Pre-Inventory Reductions On Furniture

We have rummaged through the entire stock, picked out all odds and ends and priced them as you never saw good furniture priced before. We must close out in two days. If you are looking for real furniture bargains you'll find them in these columns.

One only, No. 185 Shaving Cabinet, in golden oak, was \$20.00, for \$13.75  
Three only, No. 2139, girl's golden oak desks, were \$9.00, for . . . . . \$5.75  
One only, No. 541, Library Case, three section, was \$22.50, for . . . . . \$14.75  
Two only, No. 232, Chiffoniers in golden oak, with mirror, were \$10.00, for . . . . . \$7.45  
One only, No. 641, Hall Mirror, was \$12.50, for . . . . . \$8.75  
One only, No. 637, Hall Mirror was \$7.95, for . . . . . \$5.45  
One Bird's-eye Maple Dresser, slightly discolored, was \$25.00, for \$15.00  
One only, white enamel Chiffonier, five drawers, plate mirror, worth \$11.00, for . . . . . \$7.00

Two only, No. 184, Oak Dressers, were \$28.00, for . . . . . \$18.75  
Three only, No. 180, Dressers, were \$25.75, for . . . . . \$17.50  
Two only, No. 1245, Dresser, were \$22.50, for . . . . . \$15.00  
One, No. 73, Mahogany Dresser, was \$22.50, for . . . . . \$15.00  
One only, \$2654, 5-drawer Dresser, were \$20.00, for . . . . . \$14.00  
One only, Princess Dresser, was \$15.00, for . . . . . \$9.75  
One only, No. 195, Golden Oak Princess Dresser, worth \$18, for \$13.00  
One only, No. 1907, Golden Oak Princess Dresser, worth \$36, for \$25.00  
One only, No. 3227, Golden Oak Princess Dresser, worth \$18, for \$10.50

One only, Golden Oak Dressing Table, worth \$25.00, for . . . . . \$15.00  
One only, No. a99, Hall Seat, worth \$12.00, for . . . . . \$7.50  
One L. 3, Brass Bed, slightly dented, handsome \$46 bed, for . . . . . \$30.00  
Three, No. 3560, Brass Beds, worth \$35, for . . . . . \$29.85  
One genuine Mahogany Bedroom Suite, three pieces, a magnificent \$110 suite will sell at . . . . . \$75.00  
All Go-Carts in big clearing sale, all prices reduced.  
Kitchen Cabinets, just six, these are fine one, too, worth to \$20.00, now \$9.48 and . . . . . \$12.20  
Parlor Suites—Reductions of a surprising nature, on every suite \$10 to \$25 savings.

Refrigerators Lowered Prices

Our well known "Capitol" refrigerators are specially reduced for Monday and Tuesday. Have too many on hand, rather than include them in the inventory we cut the price several dollars to hasten their sale. "CAPITOL" Refrigerators are built of ash, lined with heavy zinc, filled with mineral wool. They are constructed that they are easily kept sweet and clean. No locking plates for grease or impurities. Large sizes (31x19x42 inches), regular \$19.85 Refrigerators, for . . . . . \$15.85  
"ICE COLD" Refrigerators with good built-in freezers, sold in every joint—two dollar reduction on each size:  
22 1/2x34 1/2 now . . . . . \$6.35  
25x19x34 1/2 now . . . . . \$7.95  
27x18x41 now . . . . . \$9.85  
28x19x42 now . . . . . \$11.85

Hardware

A Day of Great Clearing Sales In the Basement Hardware Store. Gas Ranges Reduced—Dangler Range, No. 616, this one has a large oven with five burners on top, including simmerer, and giant burner; this is a regular \$15.00 range, Monday, \$12.50  
Kettles, Monday's sale, \$1.00 and \$1.25 goods, best known American makes, new style, too, you'll find your favorite corset in the line, choice . . . . . 27c  
Enameled blue and white Water Pails, 1 1/2-gal., seamless, worth \$1.08, for . . . . . 49c  
Four coated \$1.28 enameled Berlin Kettles, Monday's sale, . . . . . 49c  
Largest size 89c Galvanized Wash Tubs, cut to . . . . . 59c  
Cherry Filters, Enterprise and Hallmark makes, . . . . . 75c  
Hollands Beach Cream Freezer—Handy size to take about . . . . . 95c  
Hollands Beach Cream Freezer—Best size to take about . . . . . 1.00  
Lawn Mower that is in line just a few more to close out, discount 25%  
Hollands Beach Cream Freezer—Best quality, . . . . . 95c  
Griddle and Toaster, worth 20c, . . . . . 15c  
Lemon Squeezers, . . . . . 10c and 15c  
In Our Sporting Goods Department we carry complete lines of Hammocks, Bats, Balls, Baseballs, Fishing Rods and Tackle, Bathing Suits, etc. You fit you out in anything in this class of goods and quote you very lowest prices.

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of a lie, saying: "I am opposed, for if woman got the upper hand my reign would soon be over." Juno then summons Themis, goddess of justice, who bids the woman lay her duties on one side of the scale, her rights on the other. She does so, the latter flies to the beam and Themis says: "One side is much too heavy, take something from it." The woman protests, begging that the duties be not lessened, and Themis answers: "Then must I lay more rights into the other scale." The decision pleases all and the play ends with their unanimous demand that

In every country woman henceforth shall be found. Choosing her own work, doing what she can, Not free, not slave, but helpmate to the man. It is a bright little production which we shall bring home with us and adapt to the audiences of our country.

the midst of their second general election campaign, in which the women are taking quite as much interest as the men and doing their share of the work. The bills introduced by women at the recent Parliament were mostly for temperance, morality, raising the "age of consent" and reforming the marriage laws. The women of Norway were enfranchised in 1902 after years of vigorous effort on their part. Their suffrage association is more than twenty years old, and as their present electoral rights carry with them a slight property qualification which is not imposed on men they still maintain their organization in order to secure the removal of this by Parliament. The first election in which women will vote for members of this body is now approaching and they are holding many large meetings to discuss candidates and measures. The present Parliament contains seventy-six liberals and ten socialists, all of whom voted for the woman suffrage bill, which received also ten votes from the conservatives. The Norwegian women are sympathetic in the opinion that women striving for the suffrage must not pin their faith to one party but must have support in all of them.

The women of Denmark give glowing accounts of their great banquet to celebrate the granting of municipal suffrage last month. It was held in the magnificent town-hall of Copenhagen and was attended by cabinet ministers, members of Parliament, the mayor and city councillors, university professors and members of the clergy. The president of the suffrage association proposed a toast to the king, thanking him for signing the bill. It was conveyed to the palace and before the dinner ended his private secretary brought an acknowledgment, which said: "His majesty the king sends to the men and women gathered at the festivity in honor of the new suffrage law his heartfelt return greeting and thanks, adding the wish that this important reform shall work for the success and happiness of our country."

Australian Official Representatives. The government of Australia has sent an official representative to this Amsterdam congress. Mrs. Henry Dobson of Tasmania. Her husband is an influential member of the national Parliament and has accepted an invitation to address the congress on the practical working of woman suffrage in Australia. The official reports from there and from New Zealand, with facts and figures as to the large percentage of women who vote and the effect on legislation, the state, the family and the development of character in women themselves, answer conclusively all the objections usually made to woman suffrage and refute absolutely the adverse statements as to those countries which occasionally find their way into print unsupported except by their authors. Ringed testimony is included in these reports from governors, prime ministers, supreme court judges, members of Parliament, editors—all declaring in favor of the franchise for women with a unanimity that would hardly be possible for any other measure. The delegates who come from countries where neither English, German nor French is spoken and are obliged to make their speeches and remarks in one of these languages often refer pathetically to their great disadvantage, which those of these favored nations fully appreciate. It is, however, impossible not to smile at the quaint form some of their expressions take, and which would be much worse on our part if we attempted to translate our ideas into their language. "I think we will not quarrel, for we are all cultivated people and we will avoid explosive matter,"

said one. Another wrote: "I have waited to meet Mrs. C. and at last I have met her in the telephone." And another: "Do not tax your brain, it is most dangerous of all." Among other expressions were these: "The joy for victory heaped in her features." "Praise of our meeting resounded out from the press." "We prostrated our agitation on the members of Parliament." "She has her hands full trying to kill Frau Schmitt," which did not indicate any more alarming intentions than to defeat her for re-election. One referring to a speech said: "There were many synonyms and some fighting inclinations in it." Another, criticizing the report of an English delegate, declared: "She made as big a teacup and that of Lady—the size of a tub." IDA HUSTED HARPER.

NATION'S EDUCATORS GATHER

Program of Unusual Excellence Will Be Given at Meeting at Cleveland. CLEVELAND, O., June 27.—Hundreds of delegates to the National Educational association convention have arrived and registered at the bureau in the new federal building. Vice President Nathan Sheffield,

who will preside over the sessions in the absence of President Cooley, arrived today and began preparations for the opening of the convention Monday. The group of addresses to be delivered at the general sessions of the convention in the Hippodrome next week is the most brilliant ever given here. The leading speakers announced so far are David Starr Jordan, president of Lehigh University and head of the United States Seal commission; Jane Addams, the famous social worker; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Estelle Reel, superintendent of Indian schools; Booker T. Washington, president of Tuskegee Institute; Andrew F. Wood, dean of Princeton; William H. Maxwell, superintendent of New York schools and William O. Thompson, president Ohio State University. Three entirely new and unique features of entertainment will be offered the delegates. The first will be the inter-city spelling bee at the Hippodrome on Monday morning. The second is the evening reception Wednesday night at University Circle on the campus of Western Reserve University and Case School of Applied Science and in Wade park as far as the college for women. The third is the play ground festival Friday afternoon at Rockefeller park.