

Girls Who Go In for Athletics Shine Brightly in the Summer Sports



MISS ALICE PORTERFIELD.

Jack when it comes to certain bits of athletic work these days; and Maggie, Marie Maud and Mabel hold their own readily with the youngsters of the sterner sex in several of the sports that are suited to their limitations of sex. Very soon mere man

JENNIE is just as good in summer games the girls have an equal show with their brothers and the tennis court and the golf links attract them with equal lure, while the lake and the river, the motor car and the tramping club find their fair devotees ardently pursuing sport simply for sport's sake. Omaha women have long been noted for their activity in this direction and have won local distinction, at least, on the field. Tennis and golf are both within the scope of the feminine field of endeavor hereabouts and the players developed have shown such class as would warrant their being noticed wherever they appear. In boating, swimming and fishing they vie with the boys, and frequently excel them in the games. Golf appeals to many of the fair sex as the better form of sport and exercise combined. For hours they will tramp the links, golf club in hand, in nimble pursuit of the little white ball that is so hard to govern, and with faithful caddy in attendance. Some of them have, with long practice, become so expert at the game that husband or brother is a little careful about what part of his golfing tales he tells at home, for fear that he may some day be challenged to a match that will not perhaps come with much credit to the male members of the family. No woman will ever forego a bathing beach if it is to be had, even though it makes her hair unmanageable, but the trouble or failing of this delightful sport is that it is not always convenient for the lake to be at hand, especially one of the right size and depth. This same trouble is to be found in the matter of fishing, and besides, as one young woman remarked, it takes a crank like father to go fishing day after day and never get a bite.

Tennis, in its different forms is recognized by the most of the athletes as the handiest sport to be had, even with its many drawbacks. It is, of course, played mostly on a hot, dusty court, and it is awfully hard on the eyes and almost ruins the complexion. But such a nice coat of tan can be obtained after a couple of days on the court, and a man will almost always play tennis with a girl, while he never wants to golf in their company.

No matter what manner of sport is taken up by the summer girl as her share of the athletics for women, all of them are of a distinct benefit to the participants. The long walks of golf improve the carriage greatly and straighten up the body; bathing, in its good to the chest and lungs cannot be beaten, and tennis, because it teaches the girl to be quick on her feet and to move around easily, has the effect of teaching the awkward girl to be a graceful one. The fresh air obtained in all of them is good for the girl and the exercise given the body is invaluable.

For some years past an annual feature of the summer life of the Omaha clubs has been a tennis tournament for the women folks. There have been held at the Omaha Field club because of the accommodations offered there in the number and quality of the clay courts, and in the large club house. A large number of the women tennis players of the city always enter the tournament for the city championship, this year there being forty-two in the singles alone. Besides the championship match for the singles, there are always a consolation and a doubles match. A small entry fee is charged to those entering the tournament to pay for the prizes given and the current expenses of the event. This year one of the largest expenses was the great number of tennis balls lost by the players in the tournament. A committee was in charge this year consisting of Miss Kate Moores, chairman; Miss Helen Buck, Mrs. J. M. Cudahy, Miss Hortense Clarke and Miss Elizabeth McConnell. The committee took entire charge of the matches and the management of the event and finished one of the most successful years the ladies' tournament has ever seen.



GROUP OF PLAYERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE LADIES' TENNIS TOURNEY OF THE OMAHA FIELD CLUB LAST WEEK.

The weather for the week was ideal for tennis playing. Not the slightest bit of rain to spoil the condition of the courts, the wind did not blow so hard that the playing was hindered by it, and although it was hot, the women were still able to play. The courts themselves are in the best condition this summer that could be wished for and show the care the club is taking of them.

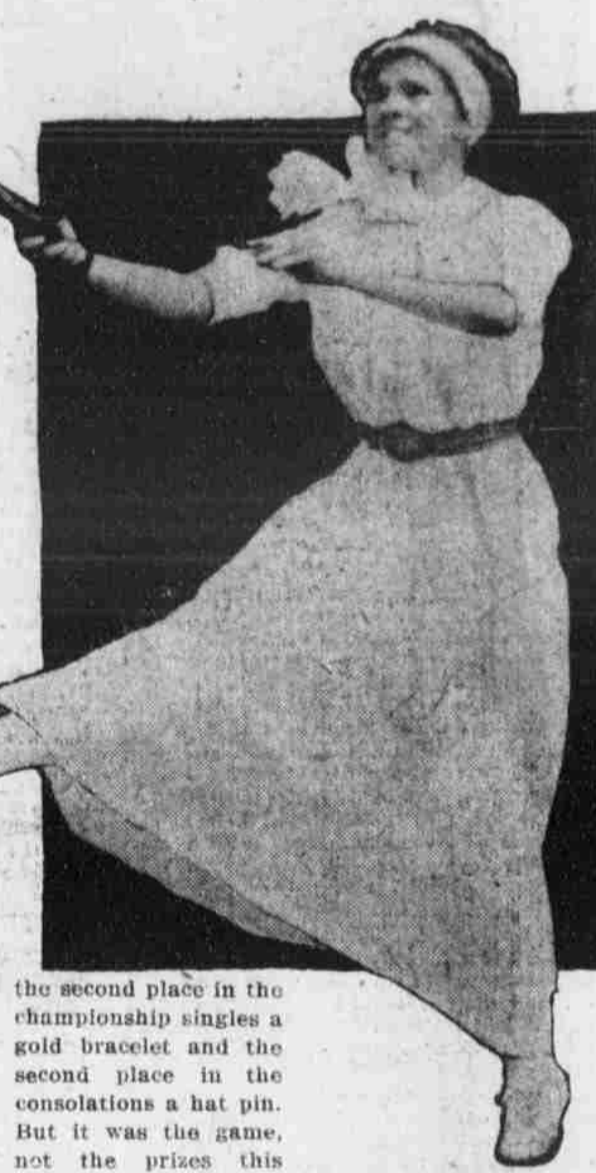
The play during the week was watched with a great deal of interest by spectators and friends of the players from the veranda of the club just above the tennis courts. Every now and then, when an especially good play was made, a little burst of clapping would start, and as there are seven courts in use there was almost always a sound of applause from the gallery. The court itself was a very pretty sight with the many girls in their white skirts and the navy blouses which are the greater part of them wore to play in. Several "dark horses" appeared as the play proceeded during the progress of the matches. Miss Carmelita Chase woke the whole tournament up by the way in which she had developed into a fine player and won her place in the finals by defeating Mrs. J. M. Cudahy and Miss Janet Hall. Another surprise was Miss Hortense Clarke when she took a match from Miss

Kate Moores in the semi-finals who was up on the respective qualities of the different ability of the players of the tournament either of these to win a place in the finals, although they had been picked as possibilities in the semi-finals. One of the remarkable things about the two girls who won the places of champion and runner-up, is that neither of them play a very brilliant game of tennis. Neither has many good strokes, although Miss Chase seems to have a few more than Miss Clarke, but both girls play a steady consistent game of tennis all through. Miss Clarke has a better developed backhand stroke and is strong in the placement of the ball, while Miss Chase has to use two hands to make a backhand play she covers the court better and is quicker on her feet than Miss Clarke.

In the consolation and doubles matches the Omaha High school girls were in evidence as the winners. Miss Laura Zimmerman and Miss Lucille Fellers both took places in the consolation matches that showed that they were in line to develop into championship players and in the doubles Miss Zimmerman and Miss Elizabeth McMillen showed up well against the experienced. Miss Kate Moores and Mrs. J. M. Cudahy were picked as the winners of the doubles by all when it was announced that they would play together in these as they are together the fastest players that were entered for the doubles entries.

The new city champion, who wears her honors with all grace, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase. She has attended an eastern school and while there made a fine showing in her studies as well as in athletics. The runner-up, Miss Clarke, is well known in social circles, where she is admired, because of her many attractive ways, as well as for her powers as an athlete.

The prizes offered for the winners and the runners-up in the matches were very fine ones. The winners in the two championship events got silver cups, the second place in the championship singles a gold bracelet and the second place in the consolation a hat pin. But it was the game, not the prizes this time.



MRS. J. M. CUDAHY.

DOLL DECKED WITH JEWELS

Latest of the Favors Seen at the Grownup Parties.

NEWEST WRINKLE FROM GOTHAM

They Are Real Dolls, Elaborately Dressed and Used to Convey Gifts to Brides, Bridesmaids and Others.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Doll favors at grownup parties are one of the latest fashions. Not the ordinary doll found in the toy stores, though. Far from it. At present the doll favors used at fashionable affairs are mostly made to order from samples sent only in the showcases of certain caterers and confectioners, the most original in fact being contrived by experts, who carefully guard their work from the public eye during transit from their workrooms to the houses of purchasers.

The idea of this use of dolls originated with a woman who in using this means to help herself out of financial straits, and is succeeding, too. This woman originated the birthday doll, which now has the entire to the highest society, besides other dolls contrived after the women stars of recent dramatic and operatic successes.

The birthday doll is perhaps the most popular just now. At a birthday luncheon given for a 14-year-old girl the other day there was a huge cake in the center of the table topped with twelve dolls, one for each guest, arranged in pyramid fashion. In sending out her invitations the hostess asked each child who accepted to tell her birthday month. As a result every one who attended the luncheon carried home with her a doll who wore an elaborate garniture of jewels corresponding with her birth stone. Two, for instance, had corsage and confiture diamond ornaments; two wore ruby ornaments, others were decorated with sapphires, turquoise and amethysts.

At a birthday dinner given in honor of a recent bride each guest found a birthday doll seated in state at her plate facing her. "The little darling!" cried one guest as rapturously as a child might. "At a large dinner given at a hotel the other evening the women guests, the hostess said, made far more fuss over the doll favors, consumed to represent theatrical and operatic stars, including Salome, than over the music or the menu.

With almost no exceptions so far the dolls used for favors are of French make, jointed so that they can be made to recline or sit in several different positions. They are six or seven inches tall and they include the blue and brown eyed and the light and dark hair varieties. The choicest of white accordion pleated liberty silk is used for the gowns of birth-

MAKES APPEAL FOR BABES

Father Condon Conducts a Little Felix's Mission.

NOISE IS NO BARRIER

"No Sweeter Music Than the Prattle of Children," Declares the Reverend Father.

BY D. V. FRANCIS.

NEW YORK, July 2.—(Special Dispatch to the Bee.)—The Pied Piper of Hamelin had no success with children not employed by Rev. Father John E. Condon, S. J., who with Father John Walsh, S. J., is conducting a mission at the Church of St. John Chrysostom in the Bronx. Father Condon announced that he would hold a blessing service for babies, and he wanted every child in the parish present, especially the babies. He urged the mothers to attend and bring babies. Those who had none could borrow their neighbors' and those who had many could bring them all.

"And don't be afraid to come with them because they make a noise," the priest said. "I think there can be no sweeter music in the heavenly choir than the prattle of little tongues, and no sacred altar ever profaned by their innocent presence." The word spread through the Bronx and on the appointed day there was the widest search for babies that ever happened north or south of the Harlem.

Congregation of "Kiddies."

Into the church a crowd of cooing, gurgling infants was carried to the overburdened pews. Some of the little ones who could walk were toddling up the aisles and staring up with delighted faces at the blazing lights on the altars and one stood before the life-sized statue of the Blessed Virgin, lifting up her chubby hands in entreaty to be taken up and fondled.

When Father Walsh, who officiated at the service, came to the altar, ready to say the prayers and pronounce the blessing, he paused in astonishment. A chorus of "Goo's" and "Gee's" and rippling baby laughter met him, and seeing one toddler who was vainly trying to make the step up to the foot of the altar, where the Savior's benignant face looked down, he caught the inspiration for his sermon and advancing to the front, repeated, "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me, for of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The priest spoke briefly on the blessings of motherhood, and proceeded with the prayers and blessing for children and mothers present and the blessing for sick children who could not come. All the responses were loud and fervent "goo-goo's," and if the child came at the right place they came often. Not a child cried noticeably and the congregation evinced much interest in the service, some of the little ones laughing outright when, as the priest passed down the aisles sprinkling holy water, the drops hit their heads.

There were 90 persons present, 600 children, of whom at least 400 were babies in arms.

Missionary Exhibition.

A huge missionary exhibition, on unique and ambitious lines, occupies Birmingham, England, has been promoted by the Church Missionary society of Birmingham. The display represents Africa and the Far East effectively. Practically the whole field of the Church Missionary society's enterprise in those great areas is covered by the exhibition. It depicts the national life of those countries with fidelity and vividly brings home to the mind the native religions, with their quaint customs, and strange superstitions.

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

Great Britain has three newspapers and two magazines devoted to the interest of woman suffrage, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Austria, Russia, Finland, Iceland, France, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland have one paper each, while Belgium and Turkey have each one woman's magazine which advocates giving women the ballot.

Phelps Ward is maintaining an active part in the fight for woman suffrage. She has fought for the cause for more than forty years. In her novels and in essays she has argued for votes for women. Recently she was chosen vice president of the New England Woman Suffrage association. Mrs. Ward now lives in Newton Center.

Mrs. Frederic T. Dubois, wife of the former United States senator from Idaho, delivered the most talked-about speech at the national mothers' congress recently held at Denver. In discussing the causes of unhappy marriages Mrs. Dubois said: "The fault lies with men and women who enter marriage untrained for its responsibilities. This fault, the mothers' congress is bound to rectify by starting with the children and implanting in them ideas of unselfishness and regard for the rights of others."

Four young women have been appointed to offices in the courts of Porto Rico by Judge John J. Jenkins of the federal court. Miss Louise Colburn was appointed clerk at a salary of \$2,000. Miss Nellie Colburn deputy clerk at \$1,500. Miss Lulu Gross at \$1,200. Miss Colburn has been for several years private secretary to Judge Jenkins and had previously held a similar post with Senator Stephenson.

Mrs. Harbrough Sheard, a Virginia woman who now lives in England, has interested in birds called the Dickie society. The purpose of the society is to furnish food and water for wild birds, especially in the season when provisions are scarce. Last December Christmas parties were given at Ponce at which the children acted as hosts. Meat bones and coconut shells containing lard were fastened to the trees and shallow dishes containing seeds and water were placed on the ground. Thousands of birds looked to these parties. The organization is reported to have more than 5,000 members.

The panic of 1897, following close on the heels of the general election, held up the raising of the fund, but in twenty months of real activity we obtained \$230,000.

Some Good Short Stories

The Chief Crime.

THE minister's class at the Kirk Whistler, the artist. A friend having earned the story of Joseph and his brethren, and the minister was asking the boys a few questions in review. Their replies had all been quick, concise and correct, such as: "What great crime did these sons of Jacob commit?" "They sold their brother Joseph."

Mark Twain and Whistler.

One time Mark Twain met James McNeil Whistler, the artist. A friend having earned the humorist that the painter was a confirmed joker, Mark solemnly averred that he would get the better of Whistler should the latter attempt "any funny business." Furthermore, Twain determined to anticipate Whistler if possible. So when the two had been introduced, which event took place in Whistler's studio, Twain, assuming the air of hopeless stupidity, approached a just completed painting and said: "Not at all bad, Mr. Whistler; not at all bad. Only," he added, reflectively, with a motion as if to rub out the cloud effect, "if I were you I'd do away with that cloud."

Feminine Curiosity.

Her husband was a merchant, and one day while downtown she dropped into his office. "What are all those books on top of the safe?" she asked. "Those are the day books, my dear," he replied. "And where are the night books?" she queried. "Night books!" he echoed, in surprise. "Yes," she rejoined, "those you have to work over at night sometimes, when you're kept here until 2 o'clock in the morning."—Chicago News.

A Horrible Motive.

Edward H. B. Green, the son of the richest woman in the world, is a bachelor. "The reason why I am a bachelor," said Mr. Green to a St. Louis reporter, "is that I'm so big that I can't disguise myself sufficiently to pose as a poor man. In my own person I'm afraid of being married for the wrong reason.

"I'm afraid not, like the woman, with the doughnuts, I may be the victim of ulterior and insulting motives. The woman I refer to, after assisting

After spending an evening with convivial friends, the head of the family entered the house as quietly as he could, turned up the reading light in the library and settled himself as if perusing a massive, leather-bound volume. Presently his wife entered the room, as he knew she would, and asked what he was doing.

"No, madam, I ain't feel like turning in when I first come home, and I've been reading some favorite passages from this sterling old work."

"Well," said his wife, "it's getting late now, shut up the volume and come to bed."—Everybody's Magazine.

A Hint to Young Lawyers.

Some time before Judge S. S. Ford was elected to the common pleas bench he was employed as attorney for the defense in a case in criminal court. The jury was out three hours, but finally brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

"Next day Judge Ford met one of the jurors in the case. "Well, we set your man free," the juror said. "He was as innocent as a new-born baby."

"Certainly he was," remarked Judge Ford. "I was a little surprised at the length of your deliberations."

"I'll tell you about that," said the juror. "If you had rested your case when the state got through, we would have acquitted your man in a second. That testimony you put in for the defense sort of rattled us."

"I'm an old juror, judge, and I want to give you a word of advice. When in a trial by jury you are defending an innocent man keep him off the witness stand."—Cleveland Leader.

Saney Soldier Shut Her Up.

Colonel Robert C. Carter, at a Nashville banquet, was talking about campaign comrades. "Then there was Dash of Company A," he said. "Dash had the reputation of being the nastiest toughest man in the regiment. "It was Private Dash, you know, who, out foraging one evening on a rich estate, came accidentally upon the owner's wife, a grande dame in evening dress. She refused him. He asked again. But still refusing, she walked away. "No," she said. "I'll give you nothing, respousing like this! I'll give you nothing. My mind is made up."

"Made up, is it?" said Dash. "Like the rest of you, eh?"—Louisville Post.