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Society Notes by Mellificia

October 23, 1916.

This evening society will enjoy the first grand opera of the season at the Auditorium when Geraldine Farrar with the Ellis Opera company, sings "Carmen." Supper parties are the rule for this evening.

party attended the inspection of George A. Custer Woman's Relief Corps, of which Mrs. Everson is president, and in the evening Mrs. Everson was hostess at a reception to forty guests in honor of Miss Jewell.

Special Meeting Called. Instead of the regular meeting planned by the Woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Hebrew association for Tuesday evening of this week, a special meeting has been called for Friday evening at the club rooms, 335 Paxton block.

Dancer Entertained. Miss Albertina Rasch, premier danseuse with the Ellis Grand Opera company, was entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chandler, whose daughter, Gladys, appeared in "Hansel and Gretel" at the Century at the same time with Miss Rasch. Dr. and Mrs. Gladstone Derby were the other dinner guests.

Orpheum Parties. Reservations for small parties at the Orpheum this evening have been made by Robert Trimble, Norris Brown, Judge Baker, L. M. Cohan, Paul Furth, L. Hiller, A. V. Kinsler, H. S. Mahon.

At the Opera. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot will have as their guests at the opera this evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter Page and Mr. C. W. H. H. Mr. T. C. Byrne will have a box party of four this evening.

Hallow'en Birthday Party. Mrs. R. O. Knox is entertaining at this afternoon and evening at a Hallow'en party in honor of the tenth birthday of her little daughter, Dorothy. The guests of the afternoon were:

- Messes: Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith, Mrs. William Sears Poppleton, Misses: Harriet Smith, Grace Smith, Dr. Paul Lovington, Mr. Isaac Carpenter, Jr.

Butterfly Club Meets. The members of the Butterfly club met Saturday night with Miss Henriette Degen at the home of her uncle, Dr. James S. Goetz. The guests were dressed as witches and goblins and spent the evening playing games suitable to Hallow'en. Those present were:

- Messes: Lenora Frall, Ariens O'Brien, Lovis Abbott, Evelyn Whyte, Maude Judgett, Helen Mancuso.

Luncheon and Matinee Party. Mrs. T. J. Dwyer entertained at luncheon at the Fontenelle today, followed by an Orpheum box party in honor of Dr. Dwyer's sister, Miss Anna Dwyer of Butte, Mont. Ward roses in a big bouquet formed the centerpiece of the luncheon table and two baskets filled with the roses were used at the ends. Those present were:

- Messes: Charles Stout of O'Neill, T. Redmond, A. F. Mullin, Roy Byrns, J. R. Dwyer, Charles Garver, Misses: Lulu Weiss of Montana, Mary Duffy, Mrs. G. W. Clarke.

Celebrate Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary yesterday at their home by entertaining several friends at dinner. Those present were:

- Messes and Mesdames: M. Bowman, Harry Matkin, G. W. Sterling, Charles Laid, James Pickens, William Umpsher, Len Hall, Miss Mary Neville, Mr. G. W. Clarke.

Dance Postponed. The Tuesday evening dance at the Metropolitan club house has been postponed from Tuesday evening until Friday evening.

Luncheon and Box Party. Mrs. Warren Switzer entertained at luncheon at the University club today for her sister, Mrs. J. H. Branham, of Columbia, Mo., who is her guest. Following luncheon the ten guests were entertained at a box party at the Orpheum.

Daniels-Davis Wedding. The marriage of Miss Adele Marie Davis and Mr. Robert Daniels of Council Bluffs will occur this evening at 7:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis.

Luncheon at the Omaha Club. Mrs. Robert Gilmore entertained at luncheon at the Omaha club today in honor of Mrs. Ada Hertsche of Portland, Ore., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Metcalf, and Mrs. E. A. Wurster, of Milwaukee, who is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Beaton, and Mr. Beaton. Covers were laid for fifteen. A mound of chrysanthemums formed a centerpiece for the table.

Comus Club. The Comus club met last Thursday with Mrs. Charles Everson. The next meeting will be held a week from Thursday with Mrs. E. B. Ferris. Prize winners at the last meeting were Mesdames J. F. Dimick, George Morris, P. O. Jennings and Mrs. Charles Langstrom.

B'nai B'rith Program. Miss Esther Johnson of the juvenile court will be the speaker Thursday evening at a meeting of McKinley Ladies' auxiliary of the B'nai B'rith order. Miss Laura Goetz will sing the "Song of Provenge" and Miss Henrietta Rees, musical critic of The Bee, will play a group of Chopin selections. The meeting will be held in Miss Cooper's studio in the Lyric building.

To Honor Miss Jewell. Mrs. Charles G. Everson entertained at luncheon Saturday in honor of Miss Nettie Jewell of Falls City, Woman's Relief Corps department president. The other guests were Miss Clara Feenan and Mesdames George W. Winslip, Sarah Gardner, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Tennant and Nellie Toney. After the luncheon the

Timely Fashion Hint By Raconteuse



Charming shoulder scarfs made of flat felts bid fair to continue popular throughout the season. In this instance the upper portion, fastened by a crepe de chine loop. The hat worn is of hatter's plush, the crown heightened by lowering loops of two shades of maroon velvet.

Home Work Retards Children

By WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D.

The motto of the new schools of today is, "Everything that helps the child to grow." They don't stop to quibble over whether the growth is mental or physical or moral—all growth looks good to them, and they proceed to get behind it and boost it. Because they have discovered that there is only one kind of growth after all, and that what looks like, mainly, physical development today, helps mental growth tomorrow, and moral all the time. In one sense, you can't teach morals at all to a child; just set him a decent example and let him grow his own. In another sense, you just can't help teaching them all the time, because they're inherent in everything. There's nothing foreign or imported or come-down-from-the-skies about them; they simply go with the job, belong to the game, are the only way to play it—squarely, fearlessly, kindly. A child's mind and a child's character grow just as naturally and as irrepressibly and as sure and definite a goal as its body does and anything that really helps one helps all three.

But the new nineteenth century education is setting itself to protect and improve the child's health in another most effective fashion. One of the many problems of child welfare which the schools have had to face, but have hitherto blandly ignored, was that of work done by the children outside of school. A very considerable percentage of children in both town and city schools have tasks or chores or jobs of various sorts to do, at home or for the family, either permanently from poverty or in the emergency of sickness in the family or failure of health in the bread-winner.

Within reasonable limits, both as to time and strain upon their strength, this sort of homework is no drawback—in fact, may be a very valuable part of a child's training. But when such tasks begin to take too much of his time or to tax his strength, they become a real and serious handicap, and prevent his devoting the full strength and energy that he should to the already heavy and most confining school program. Delivering newspapers or milk, for instance, or doing barn chores or tending furnaces for neighbors, which involve getting up at 6, or even 5 o'clock in the morning, often bring the child to school all tired out, fatigued by three or four hours of active occupation, to face three hours of imprisonment at the desk, instead of fresh from bed and breakfast, as he ought to come.

Many a child has laid the foundation of a lifelong dyspepsia or neurasthenia or chronic anemia by this sort of double duty and overstrain in his school days. Parents and teachers both mean well, but they seem desperately afraid that the poor youngsters will never learn to work, develop habits of industry when they grow up unless they begin crowding

A Man's Fear of Seeming "Effeminate" is Very Silly

BY DOROTHY DIX.

The ultimate insult to a man is to call him an "old woman." He would rather you applied every other vituperative epithet in the whole category of abuse to him. Even among little boys the fighting word is "Sissy" or "Lizzie."

Women share in the feeling of antipathy to anything that even smacks of the woman in man. It is what makes the big, coarse-fibered type of brute so fascinating to many women, and it is what makes her raise her sons up to be hoodlums.

"I don't want my boys to grow up into being Miss Nancies," say the mothers, and the sons are indulged in all of their natural savagery. As soon as a girl is old enough to understand anything, she is taught that she must try to make herself charming to other people, that she must be dainty about her person and clothes, and that she must study the things that will refine and cultivate her tastes.

No such lesson is impressed on the boy. He is permitted a brusqueness in conversation, a slovenliness in dress, and a lack of manners that would not be tolerated an instant in the girl, and his mother excuses it on the ground of his sex and as a proof of how manly he is. And, in truth, good manners and cleanliness are so solely the monopoly of little girls that we have all come to think that a well-mannered little boy is effeminate. Other mothers seem to think it will make their boys effeminate to perform household duties. We all know poor, tired, overworked women who slave over the cookstove and wash tub while their sons, ten times as able to work as they are, develop their manliness and muscle playing base ball. Mother will work until she drops in her tracks before she will demean her boys by making them sweep and wash dishes and make beds and do women's work at a house.

Yet, can anyone in their senses esteem a boy less manly for helping his mother? On the contrary, if it is to lighten the burden of her who has borne so much for him, does not the humble drudge in his hands become as knightly a symbol as the colors the warriors of old pinned on their helmets when they went out to do battle for their ladies?

Certainly it is no more effeminate for a boy to get up and get breakfast to save his mother than it is for him to cook dinner on a camping expedition, and if more boys were brought should have fewer lazy loafers being supported by their poor old mothers. There are plenty of men too proud to work at what they consider women's work, but not too proud to let a woman work to feed and clothe them.

As a matter of fact, in our fear of effeminacy we are like children frightened of the bugaboo the "imagination has conjured up. Why should it be thought any degradation to the august masculine character to have feminine traits? Why is it such a disgrace for a man to be thought to be like a woman in any particular?

Every great preacher, every great writer, every great artist, every great actor, every great philosopher and teacher has been more than half feminine in his mental makeup. It is when God gives a man a woman's intuition and fineness of perceptions and delicate imagination in addition to his masculinity that He turns out a genius.

Also we women know many things that men would be the better for being taught. We bring up our boys in utter ignorance of everything domestic because we are so afraid of making them effeminate, yet that makes them the victims of every female with whom they have to deal.

No man can even intelligently argue a question of household economy with his wife because he doesn't know anything about it. She says it costs so and so to live, and that the children must have this and that. He may see that the net result is bankruptcy and ruin, but he doesn't know where the leaks are so that he can stop them. He can only offer the futile protest of ignorance to her waste and extravagance.

Men would also be benefited if their education included some elementary knowledge of color and material. We hear a great deal of the color blindness of men. In most cases it is nothing but ignorance. A man would certainly be no less manly and he would be a far more satisfactory husband or son if he was cultivated along this line.

The majority of women will bear me out when I say that among the most agonizing moments of our lives have been those awful occasions when our husbands have brought us home a new dress or hat as a present, or had the house papered in our absence as a surprise. A drawing room papered in gilt like a barroom, a bonnet of last year's vintage that the milliner had

unloaded upon him, a green gown when we have a complexion like a saleratus biscuit.

Such were the results. Dear fellow, and he meant so well. So we choke down our disappointment and breathe a prayer, "Lord, forgive him, for he knows not what he does," when he goes shopping.

Another thing—just think how much it would gild matrimony and do away with its monotony if husbands possessed the feminine talent of small conversation and also if they had the gift of telling news. Did you ever think what a dull and silent world this would be if we depended on men to do the talking? It's the women who make the pleasant little interesting chit-chat about the house.

Of course, men say this is because they don't gossip, but I have yet to meet the man who didn't like to hear the news just as well as any woman, and who didn't feel personally aggrieved if his wife knew any she kept from him.

We women are not too conceited to learn from men or try to imitate their good qualities. We read the things that they are interested in, and try to reach up to their broader point of view. Turn about is fair play, and men would be equally benefited by learning some of the things that we could teach them, and which they sadly need to know.

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