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Society Notes by Mellificia

December 8, 1916.

A "mere man" called my attention to the subject of today's chat. (The "mere man" happens to be my boss, but, since it would not do to reveal his name, I have the melancholy pleasure this once of designating him as a mere man.)

It was a thrifty, pretty custom which good old housewives cherished. They laid away in their old rough-hewn wood chests heavy linens, sprinkled thick with lavender and such clean smelling perfumes, in view of the time when the daughter would have a home of her own in which to use the sheets and the table linen, the lace and the garments made with such pains.

Modern woman does not find marriage the only field open to her, she becomes haphazard admitting her ambitions in that respect and disguises her bride chest under the name of "hope box."

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Aitchison entertained at dinner last evening in honor of Mrs. Aitchison's sister, Mrs. W. J. Gaskell of Kansas City.

Stork Special. A daughter was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coad.

Celebrate Anniversary. Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gille celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home.

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Amateur Musical Club. The Amateur Musical club met today with Mrs. George Barker, jr.

Club Luncheon. Mrs. D. J. Lahey entertained at a luncheon Wednesday at her home in Icard Court.

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Making Pets of Birds



Eagle Brought Up as a Pet by an English Officer.

By GARRETT P. SERVISS. The basis of the interest excited by pet animals is the exhibition of mind, or intelligence, which their association with human beings calls forth.

The bird mind is in some ways the most interesting of all that we encounter below our own level, because of the peculiar physical structure and powers of its possessor.

Some of the stories told of the intelligence of birds are almost incredible. For instance, Prof. George Romanes, in his book on "Animal Intelligence," describes an automaton once publicly exhibited in England which performed certain movements in any order that the spectators might demand.

There is a well-accredited story of a golden eagle which, having been caught in a fox-trap that mutilated its claw, submitted to a surgical operation, at the Paris Zoological gardens, in a manner which impressed all the observers with a conviction that the eagle comprehended the intentions of its surgical attendants.

Linked with the example is a recent one of a golden eagle caught when very small by a British soldier in the Balkans, and now as tame as a canary.

Wilson, the ornithologist, related a remarkable story of a pet crow, in Delaware, which lived for years with its master, and performed many curious tricks to the amusement of the family of visitors, but at last suddenly disappeared. It was believed to have been shot, but nearly a year

later, as its master was standing with some friends, one morning, on the shore of a river, a flock of crows passed and one of them, leaving its companions, flew straight toward the man and alighted on the shoulder of its old master, "gabbling away with great volubility."

But it refused to let itself be caught or detained, and after having, as it were, made a passing call for the sake of old friendship, flew away in pursuit of the flock, now far off in the sky, and was never seen again.

The wonderful power of mimicry possessed by parrots is the chief cause of their popularity as pets, for no more striking evidence of quasi human intelligence could be given by a bird than the capacity to repeat words and sentences with an appearance of comprehending their meaning.

After a few hours the bird is heard trying to repeat the phrase that it has listened to. The first attempts are "very poor and ludicrous," but eventually the words are repeated perfectly in their proper

order. "If the sentence be composed of a few words, the first two or three are said over and over again, and then another and another word added, until the sentence is complete, the pronunciation being at first very imperfect, and then becoming gradually more complete until the task is accomplished."

Thus hour after hour will the bird be indefatigably working at the sentence, and not until some days have elapsed will it be perfect. Dr. Wilks adds that the process pursued by the parrot seemed to be exactly what he had observed in a child learning a French phrase.

Nuts Are Nourishing

The sharp winds of autumn are bringing in their train not only sparsely falling leaves and increased appetites, but a harvest of rich food value. However, it frequently happens that we do not appreciate sufficiently the things that are close at hand and inexpensive, and this seems to be true of our native nuts—hickories, chestnuts, hickories, black walnuts, filberts—which may all be found in woods and along the road.

Until recently always regarded as a delicacy or a confection, nuts are at last taking their place as true food, giving us the highest food value, comparable to meat, fat and starch, in the smallest condensed shape. It is a pound of nut, or that a dozen almonds are equal for half the food supply of a meal. Most nuts consist of protein and oil. The exceptions are that group to which the chestnut belongs, and which consist almost entirely of starch. The poorer people of foreign countries have shown us its possibilities as a stuffing, boiled as a vegetable or preserved as those delicious "marrons."

Nuts for Children. Although nuts may have been considered indigestible, these unpleasant results have been due generally not to the nut itself, but to the manner in which it was eaten. Of course, they will prove a tax if eaten on top of an otherwise heavy meal, or when combined with rich sugar or if they are not thoroughly masticated. But children should have nuts, and plenty of them, and they should be taught to chew them thoroughly, and in case of some nuts, especially almonds, the tough outer coating should be removed by blanching in boiling water.

It is also an easy matter to grind nuts through the meat chopper, either in coarse particles or in the form of "butter," which can then be spread on bread. The nut bowl should be kept heaped on the side table, as an otherwise hasty, inadequate meal can be made substantial by the addition of walnuts, almonds or filberts. The protein of nuts is exactly what growing children should have.

The old-fashioned method of cracking nuts with the edge of a flatiron or a hammer resulted not only in loosened kernels, but in bruised fingers, so it has always been considered that nut-cracking is an unpleasant, untidy proceeding better to be done at some other place than the family table. This criticism, however, does not stand before the up-to-date cracking devices, which make it possible to do the work both efficiently and pleasantly at the table. One of these is a large scissors-like gripper, which has enough leverage to crack the nut so that the meat comes out whole. Another novelty is a bowl of polished wood with a permanent sheller, operating by the pressure of a screwing handle, which bears down on the nut, thus bursting it out and allowing the nut meats to fall into a whole. The same device comes with a clamp, which can be fastened to the edge of the table. For kitchen use the latter is most practical and far superior to the old simple lever "cracker."

If the housewife who thinks that nuts are a luxury or a sweetmeat will once try a nut dish, she will be surprised at their number and variety. When meat falls or when its price is soaring too high, try a nut roast. A nut hash is much more attractive than meat hash. Peanuts can be combined in numberless ways and a most delicious cream puree made, using peanut butter. Use chestnuts for fowl stuffing or a vegetable accompaniment to beefsteak and you will be surprised at the delicious, novel piquancy of this inexpensive dish.

Berg's 15th and Douglas. We Will Give You "Inside Information" Concerning Our Sale for Today, Saturday, December, 9. We sent our ready-to-wear buyer to New York last week and gave him two instructions. First—He was to buy only "desirable" merchandise, from the standpoints of style, quality and make. Second—He was to buy this merchandise at a reduced price. We expect bargains from the manufacturers at this time of year, the same as you expect bargains from us. He succeeded. We received something like 540 Coats, Suits and Dresses by express the first part of this week—all desirable garments, and every one bought at a discount from the regular wholesale price. These Garments Will Be Placed on Sale Saturday—and You Will Be Given the Benefit of the Saving We Made. A Rack of Winter Coats Values \$15 to \$18.50... \$10. Silk or Serge Dresses Values \$16.50 to \$22.50... \$12.50. Plush Coats: \$22.50 Plush Coats, \$15.00; \$30.00 Plush Coats, \$22.50; \$35.00 Plush Coats, \$28.00; \$40.00 Plush Coats, \$29.75; \$50.00 Plush Coats, \$37.50. Women's Suits Half and Less: \$20.00 Suits for... \$9.50; \$25.00 Suits for... \$11.95; \$30.00 Suits for... \$14.50; \$35.00 Suits for... \$16.75; \$40.00 Suits for... \$19.50. Women's Furs: Fur Sets, Fur Muffs, Fur Scarfs, 1/4 off. SEPARATE SKIRTS: Solid colors, Plaids, Stripes. Any Skirt in stock—1/3 off. Choice of the stock. Any Lace or Silk Waist. Up to \$8.50 for \$4.95. Including the new shades Flame, Bisque, Chartreuse, Gold, Beige, Flesh, White. Silk Waists: Tailored or Fancy. Values to \$4.25—\$2.95. Berg's 15th & Douglas. Use the telephone for Bee Want Ads. Tyler 1000. Seven trunk lines. Intelligent ad-takers. One Cent Per Word. EVERY WOMAN IN OMAHA SHOULD SEE THIS NEW Twilight Grey WALK-OVER Kid-Buck Boot. The lines are beautiful. Has long, tapering vamp, full Louis covered heel, high tops with blind eyelets; in fact, we think that this shoe is about the class of Omaha and very reasonably priced, at—\$7.50 to \$10. Christmas Slippers for Men and Women. We have a complete stock of splendid House Slippers for men and women, in the popular styles, and at prices that will surely suit you. WALKOVER BOOT SHOP 317 South 16th St., Between Harney and Farnam Sts.

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"WAIT" On Sunday, when the family asks: "What's for dessert?" tell them to wait and see. You have something nice for them in our Sunday special. This week it's PEACH MARMALADE. Hardings The Cream of All Ice Creams.