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Society Notes by Mellificia

January 5, 1917. When you may be morally certain that the dress suit that you wore to the dance last evening will accompany another youthful swain to another dance this evening, be sure that upon returning it to its accommodating owner you have emptied all the pockets of evidences of your occupation. That is the moral of our tale.

Last week, presumably at the Phi Lambda Epsilon dance at the Blackstone, a popular young man filled his dance program with the names of pretty girls in the company, for he danced with the best at the party. Now that was just as it should be. The fault came the next day when the young man left his dance program in the pocket of his coat upon returning it whence it came.

The next evening another young man came to the vendor of dress suits, was fitted with one and proceeded to another dancing party. During the course of the evening he chanced to put his hand in the inner pocket of the coat and there, to his surprise, he found a dance program. He examined it, found the names familiar, and then took the other members of his party into confidence. They had attended the Phi Lambda Epsilon party the night before, had seen the girls whose names appeared in the program and tried from memory to determine the luckless youth who then wore the suit. Whether they were successful or not must not be told, but the moral is evident—empty borrowed pockets.

Executive Committee Meets. The executive committee of the Omaha Woman's club met with the president, Mrs. E. M. Syfert, at her apartment in the Blackstone today. Mrs. Syfert afterward entertained them at luncheon, covers being laid for:

Pleasures Past. Miss Esther Connolly entertained Sunday afternoon for the visiting school girls. Present were:

Misses: Frances Mahoney, Kathrine Lentz, Margaret Mohrman, Frances Noble, Nellie Padilla, Edith Ryan, Hazel Johnson, Mildred Elyen, Gladys Dreibus, Mildred Elyen, Gladys Crooke, Ruth Cassidy, Helen Walsh.

Notes of Interest. Misses Ruth Anderson, Mildred Kubat, Norma Bertram and Messrs. Porter and Snodgrass were guests of Mrs. L. Haylik of Wahoo, Neb., at a New Year house party.

Bridge for Guests. Mrs. Charles Belden entertained at bridge at her home this afternoon for Miss Louise Brown and Miss Caroline Fischer of Lancaster, Wis., who are guests of Mrs. C. R. Belden and who leave tomorrow for their home. The guests of the afternoon were:

Amateur Musical Club. Members of the Amateur Musical club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. A. I. Root today. The club meets every two weeks on Friday, Miss Eugenie Whitmore probably being the next hostess. The program today will be given by:

Dinner and Theater Party. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Burton will entertain at dinner this evening at the Blackstone, followed by a box party at the Orpheum. Covers at dinner will be laid for:

Family Reunion. A delightful family gathering will celebrate the opening of Omaha's newest bank building, the First National, on the corner of Sixteenth and Farm streets. For this occasion members of the Kountze family from the east and west will come to Omaha to spend two or three days or two or three weeks, as the case may be. This morning Mrs. Meredith Nicholson of Indianapolis, wife of the famous novelist and formerly Miss Genie Kountze, arrived to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze.

This evening Mr. Augustus and Mr. Herman Kountze will arrive from New York. Mr. Harold Kountze, a cousin, will represent the Denver branch of the family and Mr. Charles Junod, a friend of the family and at one time connected with the bank, will also be here.

Saturday afternoon all the men of

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the family will be present at the opening reception at the bank. Dinners will be given for the visitors by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Kountze and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart, II. All these affairs will be in the nature of family gatherings for the heads of this banking house.

School Set Luncheon. Miss Dorothy Canan was hostess to sixteen of her school friends at a luncheon at her home today. The color scheme was in pink, the small tables at which the guests were seated being decorated in pink roses in bud vases and the place cards and nut baskets carrying out the same idea. The guests were as follows:

Misses: Isabelle Pearson, Gene Burns, Inez Smith, Mary McAddams, Clara McAddams, Mildred Rockwell. Misses: Gwendolyn McCoy, Marjorie Guild, Dorothy Gray, Irene Dyball, Zoie Chalkley, Ruth Hutteroth, Frances Foote, Frances Wall.

Out-of-Town Wedding. Mr. L. W. Nygaard of Shenandoah and Miss Grace Gibson of Red Oak were married Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gibson, 601 1/2 street, Red Oak. Rev. William Murchie, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony. Miss Marie Nygaard of Omaha, a sister of the groom, and Miss Florence Fisher of Red Oak were bridesmaids and Mrs. Charles D. Finley, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. F. C. Nygaard of Omaha, brother of the groom, was best man. The ring ceremony was used, and the bride was given away by her father.

Prof. Marcus T. Nielsen sang "O Promise Me," immediately after which Miss Grace Lawrence played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party descended the stairs and marched into the parlor, which had been beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, smilax and cut flowers, the color scheme being pink and white. The ribbon bearers were Gene Clement and Jack Richards and Master John Hanna preceded the bridal couple, carrying a basket of flowers. Gene Schadel, another little friend of the bride, acted as usher of the guests during the evening.

Eighty guests were present at the wedding, the following being from out-of-town: F. C. J. L., E. F. and Miss Marie Nygaard, Mrs. G. S. McKee, Mrs. F. C. Borden, George G. Keim and Miss Dorothy Wagner of Omaha; Ed F. Rankin, Mrs. Elizabeth Bridenthaw and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kendall of Tarkio, Mo.; Charles J. W. and Miss Eva Findley of Milford, Neb., and Mrs. J. H. Warren of Elliott. A two-course supper was served after the ceremony. The bride and her husband left Wednesday evening for their wedding trip through the west. They will be at home in Shenandoah after March 1.

The bride was born and raised in Red Oak and received her education in the Red Oak schools and at Penn college in Oskaloosa. Mr. Nygaard is the son of Mrs. Emma Nygaard of Omaha. He is now located in Shenandoah, where he is in the automobile business.

Dance for Brownell Hall Fund. Tickets are out today for the dance to be given Friday evening, January 12, at the Fontenelle by Team 2 of the Brownell Hall fund campaigners, captained by Mrs. Frank W. Judson. They are on sale at Orchard-Wilhelm company and at Matthews', as well as being sold by team members. The hotel management has arranged a special table d'hote dinner preceding the dance and many dinner parties are planned. Members of the team will enjoy a Dutch treat dinner, the party to include:

Misses and Messdames: L. Reed, Charles T. Kountze, Edward Burke, C. M. Wilhelm, Walter Butler, Joseph Barker, Clement Chase, P. W. Judson.

Stork Special. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters are the parents of a new little daughter born January 3, who has been named Jane.

Notes of Interest. Mrs. Kate Sharrard who spent a week during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bailey left Saturday evening for Fort Dodge, Ia., to visit with her brother before returning to Oskosh, Wis.

Miss Ellen Catlin, who has been the guest of Miss Virginia Pixley, returned to her home in Minneapolis today.

Skates for Mr. Judson. Mr. Frank Judson's penchant for ice-skating furnished inspiration for a bit of fun at Mr. Judson's dinner last night at the Fontenelle when the guests presented their host with a pair of skates, which was brought in mounted on a square of ice. Mr. and Mrs. Judson are both clever skaters, taking every advantage for skating at the Omaha club pond, Hanscom or Miller park, when the skating is good.

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Timely Fashion Hint By La Raconteuse



The gown for afternoon occasions fashioned in meteor is an important item this season, since the long coat is so popular. Illustrated is one in pearl gray, beautifully decorated with wide embroidery. Fox fur proves an attractive trimming.

Inaugurate Series of Movies for Children

A series of ten moving picture programs for children will be shown Saturday, January 13, at 10 o'clock in the morning at both the Strand and Muse theaters. The movement is sponsored by the educational committee of the Omaha Woman's club, headed by Mrs. W. S. Knight, which will pass on all films before they will be shown to children.

Miss Agnes Burns Will Speak in Omaha Soon

Miss Agnes Burns of Chicago, organized for the National Woman's Trade Union league, will speak before the political and social science department, Omaha Woman's club, Monday, January 15. Miss Burns is the daughter of a mine worker and is identified with the Working Women's League for the Ballot.

Baptist Church Plans Revival Campaign Soon

A revival campaign of considerable magnitude is planned by the First Baptist church, Twenty-ninth and Harney streets, to be carried on from January 7 to 21. A choir of 200 voices is being organized to assist in the program.

The GREATEST BLOUSE SALE

Omaha Women Have Ever Witnessed to Be Held at Julius Orkin's SATURDAY. As a big feature event to the January clearance sales, the Julius Orkin store launches for Saturday a sale involving more than 5,000 Beautiful Blouses in Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Taffetas, Marquisette, Netts, Voiles, in all the new colors—Gold, Maize, Green, Citron, Burgundy, Copen, Mahogany, Navy, Black, Brown, Taupe, Flesh, White, Pearl, Plum, American Beauty, Rose and Novelties. Hundreds of select styles, more than half of the blouses involved are striking new spring models secured by Mr. Orkin on his recent New York trip. The new spring Blouses add a double attraction to this remarkable sale. On exhibit here Saturday you'll encounter more Blouses than you'll find in any two Omaha stores combined. Every size, every style, every color, at prices that will cause you to wonder. See big display for prices and full particulars.

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Mrs. Homer C. Stuntz Praises Women's Religious Tenacity

"Women are more faithful than men in the practice of their religion," Mrs. Homer C. Stuntz, wife of Omaha's Methodist bishop, told the Foreign Missionary society of Trinity Methodist church at the home of Mrs. Joseph Kelly.

Household Suggestions

New enamel pans if placed in a pan of water and allowed to come to the boil and then cool will be found to last much longer without burning or cracking. If milk is heated until lukewarm, then chilled suddenly, there will be much more cream; the skin which will form should be removed by straining through muslin.

The New Year Skips Out on the Carpet to meet the Crowds at Raymond's January Sale of Furniture, Rugs and Floor Coverings. Every advantage is at your command in this sale—and they are easy to see. The sale has tripped off at a lively pace and many of the Big Bargains are being picked up in all departments of the store by early callers. They are marked on the white tag—"As Advertised." The actual saving you make on these pieces is fully one-third the present market prices. Monday, January 8th, will be the first day of a big week at Raymond's. See our Sunday's "Ad" for a list of the prices that will prevail.

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The Story of the Swastika

By GARRETT P. SERVISS.

Have you a "swastika" about you, or in your house, as a fetich or symbol of good luck? If so, you possess perhaps the oldest of all talismans. Prof. George MacCurdy, the archaeologist, says that the swastika is supposed to date as far back as the neolithic period, or the later stone age, which came just before the age of bronze, which in turn preceded the age of iron.

Modern discoveries are beginning to make us somewhat familiar with the people who lived in those prehistoric ages, and it is interesting to find this thread of superstition running through them from some dim anterior period, when man first conceived the idea of controlling his luck by the aid of a magic figure, cut or drawn on wood or bone or stone. The thing about the swastika that has excited the most comment is its form, which is essentially that of a cross. This has been treated as a great mystery by those who suppose that the cross, as a symbol, was invented by Christians, and that all similar forms in ante-Christian art are prophetic prefigurations. As a matter of fact, the figure of a cross, in its many variations, is immeasurably ancient.

The swastika has been found in every quarter of the world, and among the relics of nearly all early peoples. Its connection with other religious emblems, and the traditions which have everywhere clung to it, lead to the conclusion that from time immemorial the idea of good fortune has been associated with it. Various explanations have been offered of its peculiar form.

It was sometimes called "the gamadion," because it is made up of the outlines of four capital Greek letters gamma, united at their bases. Some have suggested that it originally represented a sheaf of flames, or a flash of lightning, or the rays of the sun—but these explanations are all as fanciful as the figures itself. There are many appearances in nature, among trees, plants and rocks which might have served for its original.

The interesting thing is that it has endured so long, handed down from generation to generation, and from age, retaining substantially the same form, although used for a great variety of ornaments, all of which seem to have had an identical significance. Its universality is well summed up by the Standard dictionary, which says: "It has been found depicted on tombs at Hissarlik, near ancient Troy; on Buddhistic inscriptions in India, in Etruscan necropolises, on coins of Gaza and Corinth, on rock carvings in Sweden, and on Celtic stones in Britain. In America in pre-Columbia times it was in common use by the aborigines."

Mrs. Stuntz strengthened her statement by the recital of instances of great faith among the women in South America, India and the Philippine islands, where she has had the opportunity to study at close hand the psychology of the natives. The speaker told of the tenacity in some parts of these countries to creeds that the enlightened world rejected long ago.

These striking sentences do not cover, by any means, all the places where the swastika symbol has been found. The Encyclopedia Britannica describes a fine sepulchral urn found in Norfolk, and now in the British museum which has three bands of cruciform ornaments around it. "The two uppermost of these are plain circles, each of which contains a plain cross; the lowest band is formed of a series of squares, in each of which is a swastika."

Among the beautifully ornamented swords of the bronze age that have been discovered in Europe this strange figure appears. One writer says of it: "What is remarkable is that the swords not only show the design of the cross in the shape of the handle, but also in tracery what is believed to be an imitation of the swastika, that ancient Aryan symbol, which was probably the first to be made with a definite intention and a consecutive meaning."

The perpetuation of this emblem of good luck through thousands of years, in itself, a most remarkable thing, it shows the immense value of reputation. It reveals the secret of the indestructibility of superstition. Once let any object, or belief, become established in the imagination as superhuman in power or origin, a flood of disproof cannot wash it away, and failure upon failure will not shake it. Under the cloak of a legend the falsest prophet may flourish like a green bay tree, and laugh at exposures. His dupes are like the obstinate opponents of Galileo, who, rather than admit that there were spots on the sun, refused to look through the telescope.

So the swastika is founded on the rock of untold ages of tradition, and in the most enlightened days that the world has ever known educated people feel safer if they have the antique symbol of human credulity cut on a finger ring or embroidered on a pocket handkerchief. There is one beside me as I write, sewn on a table cover, and its silky red gleam and bent arms make me thoughtful when I reflect upon the thousands of years during which its unchanging form has thrilled and fascinated mankind. What stories of faith, hope, desire, disappointment, despair it might tell. It reveals the secret of the

Berg's 15TH AND DOUGLAS. Tomorrow, Saturday, Every Woman Should Attend This Great Fourth Annual January Clearance of Our Entire Stock of Women's Suits, Coats, Furs, Dresses, Waists, Skirts. Every article in our entire Women's Dept. is offered at most amazing reductions for our first big sale in 1917. It will pay every woman well to anticipate her future needs and buy the garments she will need while these low prices prevail. Many of the garments offered in this sale will be appropriate and suitable for wear in the spring.

All Dresses Go at Half Price or Less. Serge or Silk, for Dancing, Party, Street or Afternoon. \$20.00 Dresses go at \$9.75 | \$35.00 Dresses go at \$16.75 | \$25.00 Dresses go at \$12.50 | \$40.00 Dresses go at \$19.50 | \$30.00 Dresses go at \$14.50 | \$50.00 Dresses go at \$23.50

Women's Suits Less Than Half Price. Velvets, Broadcloths, Gabardines, Poplins, Serges, Etc., at even less than their wholesale cost to us. Suits up to \$25.00... \$8.50 | Suits up to \$55.00... \$17.75 | Suits up to \$37.50... \$12.75 | Suits up to \$60.00... \$22.50

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