

Personal Gossip : Society Notes : Woman's Work : Household Topics

Society Notes by Mellifera January 22.

S. Richard Fuller at his initial lecture in Omaha at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Nash on behalf of the destitute gentlemen of France predicted that the American people who have already given generously to the war sufferers of other countries will be asked for unparalleled donations.

Certainly the tide of asking seems to be increasing now, for after one cause has been well begun another arises to which we are asked to give our support. "The cry is, 'Still they come.' But we, as a nation, are doing comparatively little for the suffering, statistics show, France and England, of course, are straining at their resources and such small countries as Tasmania, Australia and New Zealand have all outdistanced America in their giving.

Members of the Franco-Belgian relief society were almost forced to resign their promise not to charge admission for the lecture of Lieutenant Mechhoff at the Blackstone Saturday and especially that they had agreed not to ask any contribution. Many people, however, sought an opportunity to contribute to the cause and Father Lloyd E. Holsapple held the hat for those charitably inclined.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Liggett of Omaha are guests of the Elms hotel, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Mrs. Mary J. Brown of Lincoln is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. O. Hitchcock, 1333 South Twenty-eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ingwersen are in California spending the month. Mrs. William Herdman returned home Sunday evening from a visit in Savannah, Mo. A number of residents of this city are now in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Riley arrived last night from Dallas, Tex., for a two weeks' visit with relatives before going to Chattanooga, Tenn., where they will make their home. Mrs. Milton Du Rell of Minneapolis is the guest of Miss Marie Riley.

Lieutenant Austin Adamson of the San Diego aviation corps was a visitor in Omaha Saturday and Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Malchion. He left for Fort Leavenworth Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Quinlan will have a family party for their three sons, Gerald, John and Thomas, Jr., at the new play written by Sister Mary Angela, which will be presented at the Krug for the first time this evening. Miss Watt will be included in the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hoffman will have in their box Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. John E. O'Brien and Mr. M. M. Hoffman of Dubuque, Ia.

Other box holders for the evening, some of whom will entertain several guests, are Mayor and Mrs. Dahlan, Chief of Police Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. David Cole and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Dwyer.

Further Lectures Abandoned. Mrs. Anthony Merrill will not give any more lectures in Omaha this year. It was decided at the last lecture of her series Saturday morning at the Blackstone. Requests of the women were urgent that the lectures should be continued, but it was decided that so many of the class of 150 would be out of the city that it would not be feasible to continue the series.

Family Dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paterson will entertain at a family dinner this evening, when the guests will be as follows: Messrs. and Mesdames George Squires, Kenneth Paterson, Mrs. George Paterson and Mr. Judson Squires. The table decorations will be in poinsettias and ferns imbedded in a small log and the evening will be spent in playing bridge.

Y. W. C. A. Annual Meeting. Master Joseph Harding will give violin selections, accompanied by Miss Martha Gaines at the annual banquet of the Young Women's Christian association this evening. Yearly reports and election of officers will follow. About 150 reservations have been made.

Pre-nuptial Tea. Miss Charlotte Bedwell entertained informally at tea this afternoon for Miss Ruth Lindley and Miss Marie Hodge, when the guests included a few intimate Theta friends. The hostess was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Eugene Holland of Lincoln.

Whist Club Entertained. Mrs. F. J. Murphy entertained the Les Amies Whist club at her home on Saturday afternoon. The prizes were won by Mesdames J. M. Gerhard and F. J. Murphy. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Miss Mary Rasmussen.

Graduates Honored. Miss Mildred Shields entertained the midwinter graduates of the Park school Saturday evening, when thirty-four guests were present. The home was decorated in white and maroon, the school colors. The evening was devoted to games and music.

Dinner Cancelled. Owing to the illness of Mrs. George G. Sharpe, the dinner which she had planned for her daughter, Mrs. John

Timely Fashion Hint By La Raconteuse



Lovely blouse fashioned in tan Georgette crepe with sailor collar, pointed cuffs and inset medallions of navy blue taffeta. Bonnaz embroidery in navy blue outlines the medallions, the collar and cuffs affording a smart contrast. Like many of the waists this season, it is fashioned so that it will harmonize with a suit, thus making it part of a three-piece costume.

Matrimonial Fables The Husband Who Never Complained

By DOROTHY DIX. Once upon a time there was a Wife whose Husband never complained of her Faults, or told her that her Extravagance was Ruining him, or Regaled Company with Funny Stories about the Bad Bargains she had made.

This filled all the Women of her Acquaintance with Envy and Wonder. "We do not understand how Mrs. Blinks has got her Husband so Hypnotized that he does not even seem to Perceive her Weaknesses," they said to one another, as they foregathered at Afternoon Bridges.

"When I was about to be Married," replied Mrs. Blinks, "I went to a Soothsayer and asked her the Secret of how to be Happy through a Wife. 'My Child,' the Wise One replied, 'in every Family there is a Hammer Throver. Beat your Husband to the Job. Keep him so Busy Defending his own Faults that he will never have Time to Observe your Weaknesses.' Farewell!"

"I laid these Sagacious Words to Heart, and they were worked like a Charm. When I Fall for French Confections and Imported Millinery I do not wait for the Bill to come in and to have my Tender Feelings Lacerated by my Husband's Remarks thereon. 'On the contrary, I begin Discouraging about the Wicked Wastefulness of a Man spending so much Money on Cigars, and Figure out that if he would give up Smoking in a Few Years we could Buy a Large Block of Buildings in the Heart of the City. This puts me in the Piker Class as a Spender and keeps my Husband from having the Nerve to say a Word about the Cost of a Few Rags of Clothes as compared with the Money he Burns up in Tobacco. 'Nor do I, as so many Foolish Wives do, make my Husband punch the Time Clock when he comes in of an Evening. I am Glad when he stays out late Occasionally, for then when I have Tarried too long at a Bridge Party, or Tea Dance, before he can begin to Remind me that I should be at Home seeing to Dinner, instead of Gadding Around, I merely Remark that at least I did not stay out until Three, or more, and that makes it seem Advisable to him to Change the Topic of Conversation."

"I also spend Much Breath Discouraging about the Cost of Golf and how Much Time it takes a Man away from Business, and the Dangerous Ac-

quaintances a Man makes on the Links, and it requires so much Argument and Time on my Husband's Part to explain to me that a Little Amusement is Necessary to Ease the Strenuous Strain of Modern Life, and that a Tired Business Man needs the Fresh Air and Exercise, that he has no Leisure to find Fault with me because I have the Matinee Habit and like to go to Afternoon Cabarets.

"There is no Way to make a Man Blind to his Wife's Weaknesses that is so Effective as Keeping his own Faults so Closely before his Eyes that he cannot see her Blemishes. I have pursued this Policy and it has Resulted in Great Peace for me."

Moral: This fable teaches the Advantage of not Marrying a Perfect Man.

Bad Tempered Women

By MADGE ARTHUR. It is said that a bad-tempered woman can cause more actual unpleasantness for the rest of humanity than all the other disagreeable features one finds in life, and the unlovely possessor of an uncontrolled temper can easily drive to ruin or to other women the men whose misfortune it is to move in her orbit.

Men are very mortal beings; they are also very selfish, and they have a tremendous fondness for having their physical and mental comfort undisturbed. The average bachelor prizes permanent peace and content above the happiness of possessing a beautiful, attractive creature for a wife, and he knows that a bad-tempered woman and peace do not go together.

He admires a spirited woman, but he knows that a corresponding strong will goes along with strong character, and he expects her to exercise it. The assertion from a woman that she has a bad temper and is proud of it has kept more than one worthy man from asking her to share his fortune as his wife.

The woman who can control herself under the most trying circumstances is the woman who holds the strongest power over man. No matter how beautiful and clever and fascinating the bad-tempered woman may be, or how lengthy her bank account, her power is infinitesimal compared with that of her amiable sister.

And amiability is not only power, it is mental progression and health and happiness and long life to one's self and to one's friends and family.

Legend of Atlantis

By GARRETT P. SERVISS.

"What is the attitude of science regarding Atlantis? It does not mean simply the submerged continent, which is, I believe, generally conceded, but the Atlantis of Plato and Donnelly, the seat and center of a high civilization.—C. C. M., Williamsport, Pa."

It is like the attitude of science regarding any other tradition which has no verifiable facts to support it. To concede the former existence of a habitable country in the midst of the Atlantic ocean demands no extraordinary or unjustifiable credulity, because it has been demonstrated not only that broad regions of the earth's surface now submerged were once dry land, but also that on the bottom of the Atlantic lie graphic features of what may fairly be called a sunken continent. The exact position and outlines of this lost land are matters still under discussion, but its existence can hardly be disputed.

However, when we pass from this general admission of the former existence of an Atlantic continent to the particulars of Plato's legend of Atlantis we encounter something not accordant with scientific knowledge. Plato pictures Atlantis as a land brilliant with a civilization and art surpassing even those of Greece.

He tells of splendid cities of wise laws, admirable social and political institutions, of great mechanical achievements, and other things utterly inconsistent with the physical and mental characteristics of the human race as archaeology has revealed that race to us during its earliest known existence upon the earth.

Plato's Atlantis was a kind of sophisticated Eden, but science has been unable to find any indications of a period in man's history when he was particularly suited to inhabit any kind of Eden except a savage one.

The tremendous catastrophe which the ancient legend says caused the sudden disappearance of Atlantis must have occurred ages before the chain of recorded history began to be linked up. Every fact gathered by science concerning early man consistently and persistently testifies that the farther we go back the lower was his condition, the more beastlike his form and the more animal-like his intelligence.

How, then, is it possible for science to accept the Platonic legend of Atlantis as the home of men superior even to the Greeks of the golden age of Athens? In view of all that science knows at present about this subject it would be more reasonable to affirm that the inhabitants of Atlantis lived in caves, or in trees, and possessed virtually no arts and but a low degree of intelligence.

If, on the contrary, they were what Plato pictured them, whence did they derive their civilization? This is a question that lies outside the fence of science, in the wild, flower meadows of legend, where the butterflies of the imagination dazzle the eyes and confuse the reason with a maze of scintillant fancies.

And yet it is from just such uncultivated wastes that the future fields of science must be redeemed, and some time we may get a trustworthy light on this very question, which now seems so insolvable. The suggestions of the imagination should never be thrown aside untested.

It has been suggested, for instance, that the legend of Atlantis, which Plato says he did not invent (and, indeed, we know he did not), was an original form of the story of the flood, and that the Eden which the ancient scripture writers had dimly before their minds was situated on the island, or continent, of Atlantis.

With the submergence of Atlantis in consequence of a great earth shock the race that had once inhabited Paradise disappeared, except a few survivors, who reached the shores of Europe, as Europe then was.

Whether these supposed survivors encountered an autochthonous race of men in Europe, still in a savage state, with whom they mingled, or whether they found themselves alone in a new world, they introduced the seeds of change. It is a singular fact, worth recalling here, that, as far as we know, the earliest seats of human occupation in Europe were in Spain and southern France, the nearest land to the supposed site of the lost Atlantis.

Indistinctly we are able to trace the coming of a new and superior race among the valleys and the Pyrenees and of southeastern France, and some of the specimens of art and handicraft left by this race are of surprising excellence, although they do not indicate civilization in our sense. But the facial types and the size and shape of the skulls show an almost startling resemblance to those of today.

The practically world-wide prevalence of legends of a flood that almost destroyed mankind, the equally widespread traditions of former superior races, the stories heard by early American explorers of the mysterious visits by white men and wise men, coming to one knew from whence; these may all be connected with the Atlantis legend, and some time may assume such a form and consistency that science will be able to handle them.

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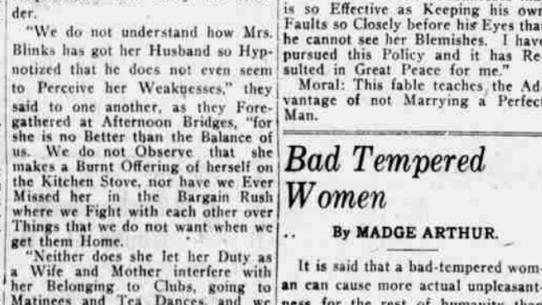
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