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For the Visiting Frenchmen.

Oh, these fascinating French men! How many hearts of our young girls are palpitating at the thought of the "distingue" foreigners. They are being feted and invited to teas and generally talked to death. At least four of the debonair gentlemen are making their headquarters in the city, stopping at the Blackstone, attending the meetings of the French society and proving perfectly delightful lions for the afternoon teas. The latest tea, in honor of one of these gentlemen, was given Sunday afternoon by an attractive girl of the older debutante set and her equally charming elder sister.

"Cultivating the gentlemen" said one charming matron, "why, my dear, all the girls are perfectly crazy about them."

At the lecture given by Prof. Albert G. van Hecke of Louvain university before L'Alliance Francaise last evening very interesting pictures of the Belgian refugee children were shown. The lantern, however, which was used to project the pictures upon the screen, was rather noisy in action. This fact led one of the French gentlemen to remark drolly to one sitting near, "Ah, madame, we have not only ze picture machine, we have ze talking machine." Another one who remarked about the pleasant teas at which they are being entertained contented himself with saying, "Ah, zose teas!"

For the Belgian professor and his engaging Belgian wife, Miss May Mahoney had a few Belgian relief workers in for tea this afternoon. Prof. Hecke has taught some of Miss Mahoney's friends whom she visited in Belgium and is acquainted with the Prince Henry de Croy who was Miss Mahoney's guest in this city. This evening Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gifford have asked Prof. Hecke and his wife for dinner.

With the Bridge Clubs.

Mrs. Will Schnorr will entertain the Junior Bridge club at her home tomorrow.

Mrs. John Redick entertained the Tuesday Bridge club at her home today. Spring flowers formed the decorations. Because of the absence from the city of a number of the members, four guests were invited. They were:

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| Mrs. E. Metz. | Mrs. Arthur Rogers. |
| Paul Gallagher. | Harry Tukey. |

Unique Children's Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKittrick entertained on Monday evening, the guests coming dressed as children. They played children's games; went to school again and teased the teacher, and when school was dismissed retired to the cloak room, where they found their lunches in souvenir baskets and buckets. Hollis Johnson as the "Dutch Kid," and Davey Larson as "Ole Larson," wore particularly effective costumes and were naughty boys.

On the Calendar.

The St. James Orphanage Sewing club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Peter Cunningham. The Fidelis club will entertain at a valentine dancing and card party tomorrow evening at the hall on Thirtieth and Webster streets.

Mrs. E. C. Jensen will entertain a few tables of guests at bridge informally at her home Wednesday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Edmund V. Krug of Pasadena, Cal., who is visiting their mother, Mrs. John F. Coad.

Snowbound Coming Here.

Mrs. Will J. Coad arrived in Omaha Friday from a visit in St. Paul. Mr. Coad returned a week before. She had expected to reach home almost a week earlier, but was stalled in a snowdrift at Mankato, Minn., for several days. The passengers did not actually suffer, but the delay was very tedious. Finally Mrs. Coad took a train for Chicago and came home by that roundabout route. Since her arrival in Omaha she has been ill from the effects of the experience.

Minneapolis was a wonderfully gay place during Mrs. Coad's visit, for the winter carnival was in progress. The whole city was given over to the carnival spirit. Men wore costumes representative of their different clubs, wore them on the streets, to work and everywhere. The national skiing contest took place and skating and tobogganing contests were staged. Mr. and Mrs. Coad, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Park Learned, took part in some of the events.

Entertain for Visitors.

Mrs. Ed Vestal of Knoxville, Tenn., who will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Frantz, for two or three weeks more, is being entertained at numerous informal affairs. A luncheon at the Blackstone on Saturday is planned by a number of her friends.

Mrs. M. Dailey entertained at a theater party in honor of her daughter's guest, Miss Dorothy Davenport, of Evanston, Ill.

For Bride-Elect.

Mrs. M. B. Cameron entertained today at a prenuptial luncheon at the Blackstone in honor of Miss Marie Hodge, when covers were laid for eight guests. The table was attractively decorated with a basket of pink Killarney roses and favors in the shape of little hand boxes with pink roses on top and filled with candies. The place cards represented hand boxes, which were bursting open with pink roses and bearing the name Marie.

Welsh People Meet.

The Cambro-American society of Omaha was entertained Thursday evening by Mr. Jean Jones, Bishop Arthur Williams and Mrs. Williams were the guests of honor and contributed to the program of the evening. The next meeting will be in the form of a celebration of St. David's day, the Welsh national day, on March 1. Mr. John T. Yates will be the speaker of the occasion.

To Honor Mrs. MacDowell.

Mrs. Edward MacDowell, wife of the foremost American composer, will be honor guest at the Valentine dinner of the Ciel club tonight at the Hotel Loyal.

Mrs. MacDowell is remaining over until late Wednesday afternoon and will be honor guest with Miss Lillian Fitch of Chicago at the fortnightly

"My Valentine"

By Nell Brinkley



MY VALENTINE—I made her. Will her face fit into your heart? Many a man's heart looks just this way on the Good St. Valentine's Day—out of it looks eyes and a smile that you—with another sort of eyes and smile looking out of yours—may not think beautiful—but that fill his heart with a bubbling, throbbing wine that all but just spills over,

and are the very eyes and smile of the face that "launched a thousand ships" to him.

Sings the Lover: "Oh, flower-face, the peak of your black hair and the point of your little chin are of such fashion that they fit just in my heart—line on line. So do I prove that you are mine—my Valentine—there is no quarrel about it!"

luncheon of the Omaha Woman's Press club tomorrow at the Loyal. Miss Fitch has come to direct rehearsals of "The Amazon."

Notes at Random.

Mrs. Blackburn, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. G. Buchanan for the last three weeks, left yesterday for her home in Des Moines.

Dr. J. A. Fuller, son of the late John A. Fuller, will leave Friday for his home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. C. C. Rosewater returned last week end from Los Angeles. Miss Selda Brown leaves this evening for New York.

S. M. Brown, W. J. Moring, Mrs. Paul H. Ellis, W. White, J. A. Beatty, S. B. Campbell, E. E. Rhys, J. H. Laughren, Mrs. W. H. Butts and E.

H. Barrett of this city, are among the winter guests at Hotel Clark, Los Angeles.

Informal Entertaining.

Mrs. A. J. Rothchild, whose marriage to Miss Rose Orkin will take place tomorrow evening, will entertain this evening at a dinner party at the Blackstone, when covers will be laid for twenty-five guests.

Mrs. Fred Wallace entertained informally this afternoon at a Valentine tea in honor of Mrs. F. N. Heller of Chicago, her house guest. The parlors were decorated in red roses and

fifteen guests were invited in to meet Mrs. Heller.

Mrs. Samuel Reynolds was hostess this afternoon to the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae association when twelve members were present. The

afternoon was spent in hemming table linen for the sorority house in Lincoln.

Mrs. W. M. Giller entertained at an informal luncheon at the Blackstone, when covers were laid for six.

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Table Decoration.

The holiday month of February, with its three special days within four weeks, sets one to thinking of decorations for the table. It is only too true that table decorations have violated every rule of good taste; for we have blindly followed the dictates of certain magazines whose cardinal principle seems to have been "how much can we pile on?" I hope that day is passing, and that the party table of the present is dominated by the idea of simplicity. Effectiveness of decoration is always best secured by a few well-chosen bits of color.

In the choice of a centerpiece we taboo immediately any large, high arrangement of flowers or greenery. A low bowl or basket, or a bud vase containing one or two flowers, is always in good taste. The new low bowls containing flower standards insure artistic arrangement. A tulpe bow on a basket handle aids in carrying out a color scheme.

For a small table colored candles with shades are a doubtful addition to an artistic centerpiece. They are apt to crowd too close to the flowers and detract from their beauty. At a large table candles are helpful. They may, however, be used at a small table in place of a centerpiece, a group of two or three of them held together by smilax. I once saw an interesting arrangement at an oblong table for eight—a single candle toward one corner and a single flower in a slender vase toward the opposite corner.

To carry out a color scheme there are always nut cases, favors and place cards. If all three devices are used, two of the three should be unobtrusive. For example, with attractive favors, use small, plain-colored nut cases and very simple place cards. The place cards may be combined with the nut cases or the favors, as seen in the downtown stores.

Some of the common mistakes in ornamentation are the use of ribbon or paper streamers flat on the tablecloth; the strapping of paper decorations on the cloth, and the use of decorated paper tablecloths with other elaborate decorations. If one chooses a deco-

rated cloth, then surely other table appointments, including china, should be of the simplest, not to spoil its effectiveness. It is sometimes said that flowers should never be placed on the cloth, but, personally, I have always been pleased to find a blossom on my plate—though perhaps I should not be! Very effective place cards may be made by tying a plain white card to a small flower.

In striving for an effectively decorated table choose one point of interest—it usually is the centerpiece, it may be the candles or the favors—and make everything else subordinate to that point of interest.

February Dinner Menus.

- SUNDAY.**
Clear Tomato Soup. Wafer.
Casserole of Chicken with Peas.
Baked Potatoes on the Half Shell.
Hot Biscuit.
Fruit Salad.
Cheese Wafer.
*Milton Pudding.
- MONDAY.**
Hamburger Cakes with Horseradish Cream Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Browned Parsnips.
Tomato Gelatine Salad.
Pineapple Rice Compote.
- TUESDAY.**
Chicken and Macaroni Baked.
(Left from Sunday Dinner).
Corn Fritters. String Bean Salad.
*Norwegian Prune Pudding.
With Whipped Cream.
- WEDNESDAY.**
Broiled Lamb Chops.
*Tomato and Cheese Pudding.
French Fried Potatoes. Lettuce Salad.
Caramel Custard. Wafer.
- THURSDAY.**
Beef Steak with Dumplings.
Scalloped Corn. Celery and Nut Salad.
Chocolate Pie.
- FRIDAY.**
Spilt Pea Soup. Wafer.
Steamed Halibut with Maitre d'Hotel Butter.
Boiled Potatoes.
Grapefruit Salad.
Steamed Cottage Pudding with Cherry Sauce.
- SATURDAY.**
Roiled Shoulder of Mutton Baked.
Boiled Rice. Creamed Peas in Turnip Cups.
Lettuce Salad. Thousand Island Dressing.
Peach Cobbler.
- TOMATO AND CHEESE PUDDING.**
1 pt. canned tomatoes; 1 salt
1 c. bread crumbs. Pepper
1-2 c. grated cheese
- Mix, pour into a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with buttered crumbs, and bake twenty minutes in a moderately hot oven.

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