

## SOCIETY

### Society Women Wash Dishes and Mop Floors in Washington

Ride in Palace Autos to Vegetable Stalls and Market in "Gowns" to Economize.

By MELLIFICIA.  
SARTORIALLY smart Washington has exploited a lot of old, though beautiful, clothes at the first ball of the winter, a benefit dance. But be assured that our capital city is not wearing old clothes because it has no new ones—far from that. There are rumors to the effect that it has taken the honors from Paris, according to our latest information.

Now everyone is on the qui vive for the "Buds" ball, another benefit dance. By all the laws of the social game, a debutante heretofore has stood for tea, if she stood for anything, and Washington only waits to see this group of girls who have volunteered to be tealess debutantes, at their first ball to draw a definite conclusion as to the lengths society at the capital is prepared to go in the way of war-time economy.

Only Examples.  
It has had eloquent example for three winters for the women who at the pace for the diplomatic corps. Madame Jusserand, wife of the French ambassador, dean of the corps, is known to have practiced a constant self-sacrifice in order to be able to respond to the countless calls that have been made upon her purse since the war began. Countess di Cellere, wife of the Italian ambassador, has neither added to her wardrobe nor subscribed to sweets, for which she has a great liking. She discourages them at tables where she is to dine, and it is said by those who know her most intimately that not even so much as a piece of chocolate has passed her lips in over three years.

Nothing could be simpler than the apparel of Lady Spring Rice and her children. Even the most indefatigable of society reporters would refrain from a mention of the British ambassador's wife's hat. It is not for publication, though the embassy could turn out no more impressive propaganda among the women of Washington.

Hoover Guest at Economy Kitchen.  
Herbert Hoover, the apostle of food economy, is learning something about what women can do in his line. What mere man could have cooked a luncheon for 10 at \$1.89 net? The women who are turning the war economy kitchen accomplished that feat last week, including the amount of gas included in cooking the luncheon in the sum total of cost and having Mr. Hoover as a witness. With Mrs. Hoover and the assistant secretary of agriculture and Mrs. Carl Vrooman, he was among the 10 who sat down to the luncheon served in the basement of a building where the Mexican embassy used to have its offices, now one of the colony of buildings Mr. Hoover has absorbed in his campaign of conservation.

Mrs. Wetmore Washes Dishes.  
Preparations began early in the morning, time fortunately not yet being in the class with wheat and sugar. Mrs. Charles Whitman Wetmore, the former Elizabeth Roland, who came into fame as Kelly Bly's competitor in a race against time around the world, chateaine now one of the smartest establishments in Washington, and incidentally a leading spirit in the war economy kitchen, drew up the menu. Also she was its chief executive, seeing it through from the market to the dishpan. She went herself down to the Central market in one of the handsomest cars in town, behind two men in livery, for the purchase of a hamskin with which to enrich the split pea soup which made the first course. The hamskin cost 3 cents. The cost of running the car was not included among the expenses of the luncheon, as every one was agreed that the purchase could have been accomplished without its instrumentality. To see Mrs. Wetmore, skimming around among the market stalls was something of a sensation, for she is one of the most exquisitely dainty women and had to make more than one explanation of her presence in the market house to more practical acquaintances, whom she encountered making their daily rounds. The luncheon was served at 1 o'clock, the split pea soup, into which had gone part of a pint of milk, being followed by a scallop of fish and potatoes which consumed the rest of the pint of milk. There were muffins, 30 of them, made of shorts, beaten up and baked by the presiding genius, Mrs. Wetmore, and as a finale there were baked apples. The luncheon was a satisfactory demonstration not only to those who partook of it, but to the many interested women who frequent the kitchen for the benefit of its institution.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Mops the Floor.  
Dish washing was the inevitable chore and always as the business went on, every one taking her part as naturally as Mrs. George Vanderbilt now takes her mop for the daily mopping of the floor of the booth in the Baltimore & Ohio freight yards,



Miss Mildred Rhodes  
AFTER A PHOTO BY HEYD

Doane Powell

### Social Calendar

**Monday—**  
Box parties for opening night of grand opera.

**Tuesday—**  
Thimble club, Mrs. F. E. White, hostess.  
Woman's Guild club of Prettiest Mtie, Mrs. Lula Jerome, hostess.  
Christmas bazaar of Holy Name Parish at Knights of Columbus hall.

**Wednesday—**  
La Zelle club dancing party at Keep's academy.  
Rockford College club, Mrs. C. A. Woodland, hostess.  
Afternoon card party given by Columbian club at Lyceum hall.  
Afternoon bridge for Miss Alice Duval, Mrs. Will Schnorr, hostess.

**Thursday—**  
Cincoan club, old-fashioned dancing party at the Scottish rite cathedral.  
Dinner-dance for the Jewish relief at Rome hotel.  
Benefit card party and dance given by Bemis Park Red Cross unit at Fontenelle.  
Dinner at the Flatiron hotel given by Omaha Peru club.

**Friday—**  
Lecture by Mrs. Anthony Merrill at the Blackstone; followed by luncheon, Mrs. John McShane, hostess.  
Christmas bazaar and dinner at First Presbyterian church.  
Bazaar and cafeteria dinner at First Congregational church.  
Tea for Miss Alice Duval, Mrs. Earl Burkett, hostess.

**Saturday—**  
Week-end club dancing party at Fontenelle.  
Tea for pupils of Mrs. Douglas Welpton, Miss Mabel Allen, hostess.

**Win Prizes at Masque.**  
Miss Emma Christie as Miss Liberty and Mr. H. Goldstein as Prince Charming won first prizes at the first annual masque ball given Friday evening at Keep's academy. Miss Phelan as an Indian maiden, and J. C. Crandall as a Spanish gentleman, won second prizes, and Miss Rupp and O. L. Schnorr prizes for the best comic costumes.

## CHUMMY CHATTER ABOUT SOCIETY FOLKS WE KNOW WHO ARE BUSILY ENGAGED IN RELIEFS AND BENEFITS

**Finished in Three Weeks.**  
North Presbyterian Church Red Cross auxiliary, which numbers between 60 and 70 women, working under Mrs. H. B. Noyes, finished in the last three weeks 250 abdominal binders, 210 triangulars, 50 T binders, 34 pairs of pillow slips and 12 surgical dressings. Mrs. N. S. Haarman and Mrs. Frank Yetter are the donors.

**Benefit Cards.**  
The Deborah Franklin society announces a Red Cross benefit card party, which will be given at the Blackstone Wednesday afternoon, December 12. The proceeds of the affair will go to the Red Cross. The committee in charge of the affair comprise Mesdames Laura J. Quincy, Bertha Betschmann and C. E. Corey.

**Holy Name Parish Bazar.**  
Women of the Holy Name parish will hold a bazar December 4 to 7 in the Knights of Columbus lodge rooms. A booth where miscellaneous articles will be sold, a pantry booth and a fancy work booth will be a feature of the bazar. A number of valuable prizes will be given away, including a victrola and a Liberty bond.

**Defense Women to Raise Funds.**  
The woman's committee of the Nebraska State Council for Defense begins its big drive for expense funds December 15. This committee has been active in its work in behalf of the conservation campaign and other patriotic work and has been put to considerable expense in the way of registration cards, pledge cards, etc., and is badly in need of funds to carry on the work.

**Christmas Bazar and Dinner.**  
A Christmas bazar and turkey dinner will be given Friday by women

of First Presbyterian church. The sale will be on all day, the articles sold to be inexpensive and practical as bedspreads, but the dinner will be served between the hours of 11:30 and 2 o'clock. Circle Three, headed by Mrs. Mary I. Creigh and Mrs. Harry Lloyd, has charge of the dinner, and the bazar is in the hands of all the women of the Ladies' Aid society, the officers of which are Mrs. C. E. Yost, Mrs. G. L. Bradley, Mrs. A. D. Peters, Mrs. Henry McDonald and Mrs. W. J. Bradburn.

**General's Books to Be Sold.**  
Miss Elizabeth Black has put on sale at Matthews' and at Kieser's tiny volumes of the late General C. F. Manderson's book, "The Twin Seven Shooters," a story written by him around an experience in the civil war. The book is possessed by only a few of his friends. It will sell for \$1 and the proceeds will go to the Red Cross, a use which Miss Black feels would be heartily approved by the general himself. Miss Black is the late general's cousin.

**Hem Hospital Sheets.**  
Mrs. Cuthbert Vincent, president of the Scottish Rite Woman's club, has issued another call for the Red Cross auxiliary to rally at the cathedral Wednesday to hem hospital sheets for the Red Cross. A hot luncheon will be served for the women workers.

**Muse Proceeds for War Relief.**  
Robert Shirley of the Muse will give the proceeds of the five performances Wednesday to the war relief. Mrs. George Jewett, the indefatigable worker in the war relief, hopes to sell a thousand tickets and realize a snug sum for the work. Although the war relief or the national surgical dressings committee, as it is more properly called, is a national auxiliary of the

Red Cross, it has to finance itself and is therefore under the necessity of raising money continually to keep up its work of buying and preparing surgical dressings. The picture at the Muse Wednesday will be "France in Arms" and the tickets will be the usual price, 10 and 20 cents.

**Service League Conference.**  
Miss Inez Parker, national commander of the League for Women's Service, will be in Omaha Tuesday, December 11, for the state conference of the league, which will be held at the Fontenelle. Miss Parker has been asked to send one of the other national officers if she herself is unable to come.

**Scarlet Bonnet.**  
A playette, "Scarlet Bonnet" under the direction of Miss Mary Wallace, with five little girls taking part, will be a feature of the bazar given by the Ladies' society of the First Congregational church in the church parlors. Dorothy Sherman, Charlotte McDonald, Polly Robins, Dorothy Guckert and Maude Brown are the little actresses.

Each division of the society will have a booth, including fancy linens, fancy bags, children's garments, candy and china. A cafeteria in charge of young ladies will also be a feature of the bazar, and those who wish to have supper at the church may be accommodated. A candy booth, a fish pond and a fortune teller will help to keep patrons happy.

In keeping with war-time activities, charities and benefits, the decorations will be red, white and blue, with American flags waving overhead.

### Powell's Profiles, No. 4.

Miss Mildred Rhodes is the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Rhodes. She is a graduate of last year's class at Brownell hall and this year took up her residence at the Three Arts club in Chicago in order to pursue her studies at the Chicago Art institute. Her parents are expected home today from spending Thanksgiving, together with their daughter, with Mr. Rhodes' mother in Illinois.

### Personals

Mrs. A. R. Holahan of Milwaukee, who has been visiting her son, Mr. Bert Holahan, at the Blackstone, left Saturday for Los Angeles, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Agnes Scott left Sunday for Los Angeles, where she is stopping at the Shoreham.

Colonel S. S. Curtis and Miss Lynn Curtis, who have been at the Fontenelle for the last month, return today to New York. Early in January they expect to go to Palm Beach, where they spent last winter at the Breakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters moved Wednesday to their new home on Fourteenth street.

Clarence and Douglas Peters joined their sister, Miss Gladys Peters, in New York at the Biltmore for their Thanksgiving dinner, and Miss Eina Reed went from Vassar to Boston with three of her college mates to visit one of the latter, Miss Claire Daugherty, who is at Miss Spence's, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum and Miss Katherine Baum for the day, and Edward Daugherty went from Andover to Brockton, Mass., with a school friend.

Miss Louise Clarke, from Miss Spence's, was with her aunt, Mrs. Williams, for the day.

Milton Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams, arrived Sunday from Detroit, accompanied by his wife, to spend the week here, leaving today.

Mr. Palmer Lamoreaux, who has been in Phoenix, Ariz., for some time, will return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. C. K. Contant arrives Monday to visit her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brinker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sprague have come into town from their Benson summer home and will be in the Blackstone for the winter.

Mrs. J. W. Nash, Miss Frances Nash and Miss Crofoot arrived home Thanksgiving morning from the east, having stopped over in Chicago (Continued on Page Two, Column Six)

### Facts, Fancies and Illusions About Genius and Musician

Little Bits of Information Added to What You Have Makes a Little Bit More.

By GABY DETAYLES.

INSTEAD of being content to realize a good profit of 40 or 15 per cent on their investment a certain few men of our country have taken advantage of war and increased their profits to 200 and 300 per cent. The government, being advised of this fact, has appointed a board to do something about excess profits.

Since most of us must send flesh and blood to battle, it has been suggested that these "war pigs" send part of their money (made by taking advantage of war conditions), to help finance our struggle—to help feed some of these boys who are offering their lives for the cause.

A man in our midst has been chosen as one of a few to meet in Washington to regulate "unfair play." It has been told to me, sub rosa, that he represents fair play in every walk of life—that he believes in justice to all.

In his window there hangs a service flag on which there appears three stars.

"What does that mean?" I asked my companion.

"His three sons have gone to war," was her reply. "And his wife and daughter are tireless workers for the Red Cross and war reliefs. Now he also is serving his country. All he has in the world has been offered willingly for the right for democracy, and he loves those boys dearer than his life."

How paltry is mere money compared to the lives of his three sons? How little does the man sacrifice who gives only a part of the gold he has gained because of the bloody battles going on in the trenches?

How small is the man who asks such a patriot as this father of three soldiers to do what he can to keep his ill-gotten wealth from our country?

The man who gives all his wealth has not given one-half as much as the parent who gives one son.

A CERTAIN bachelor maid, charming and musical, invited two soldiers to Thanksgiving dinner. In describing her "rathers" to a good friend no detail was omitted. "I should like two boys who are musical. They must be refined, but not snobs; educated enough to understand the conversation of my family and they must be clean-cut chaps. For such boys I shall prepare a good dinner—no one will be bored and everybody happy."

Said her friend: "After learning so much of your 'rathers' I am wondering whether your intentions are adoptive or matrimonial."

"Neither," spoke she, "patriotic." The chapter closes here.

THE absence of corsage bouquets was very noticeable at the charity ball. They seemed to be blooming everywhere at the Ak-Sar-Ben ball, for the fashion of holding the flowers while dancing made bright splashes of color against the black coats of the men. But, alas! if the truth must be told I fear that we are beginning to hoverize on flowers and men as well as everything else these days. I noticed so often two or more pretty girls with but one man at the Fontenelle and, oh, so few flowers. It seemed to be the forecast of massed dances.

May that day never come!

SEVERAL sweet young things were waiting on the third floor for the elevator to take them down to the street.

They waited and waited, rang and rang, but no elevator.

"Let's walk down," urged one impatient young miss.

"No, indeed! Not in. Elevators are one thing we haven't been asked to Hooverize on yet—so me for the elevators, while they're running," replied one of the sweet young things. And they waited to ride down in the elevator.

THAT alidity and effort do not go unnoted in Omaha is evidenced by a little incident that occurred at the concert given for the Armenian relief. A week or so ago by Misses Adeline Wood and Dorothy Morton. One man who was congratulating Miss Wood after the concert told her that he enjoyed the music so much that he felt that the admission price was too small and that if she would call at his office in the morning he would give a little more toward the cause. The "little more" proved to be a check for \$50 when the young lady called upon him the next day.

Sermo Club Luncheon.  
Mrs. J. J. Gearhart will entertain members of the Sermo Literary club at luncheon at her home Tuesday at 1 o'clock. Mrs. G. T. Lindsey, leader of the program, will read a paper on Jean McClain Johnson.