



Gabby's Gossip
Is Harmless as
It is Truthful

In Her Column You Are a
Friend—Out of It, Out
of Luck for the Week.

By GABBY DETAYLES.

M. R. "BILLY" BYRNE, for about two years, has told his many friends that little Billie Byrne Chambers, his granddaughter, was an exceptionally good child. Mrs. Chambers, who is in California at present, applied for quarters in one of California's most beautiful homes. Upon being informed that children were on the blacklist of this home, Mrs. Chambers repeated what she had often heard fond father say about the excellent behavior of her child. "Really," said she, "Billie Byrne is a lovely child and she will not cry or disturb you in any way. She does not pound, nor does she play rough like most children."

Billie Byrne was left on the first floor while Mrs. Chambers accompanied madam to the second floor. Twenty minutes later they returned to the first floor and baby, whereupon they discovered a pumpkin pie scattered over an oriental rug, the books tumbled from the bookcase and pictures drawn in most of them.

"I will let you know," said madam. "Thank you," replied Mrs. Chambers. But madam has evidently made no effort to communicate with Billie's mother.

Mr. Byrne thinks madam has nothing to hold against the child, but laughingly admits that it all depends on whose baby it is as to the gravity of a crime.

THERE is at least one heartless soldier at Fort Crook who did not appreciate a lovely sweater sent to him by a dear girl who knitted night and day to produce just the right kind of a garment. Upon receipt of this sweater said soldier boy promptly offered it for sale to one of his comrades.

After an hour of agony soldier-of-the-second-part asked soldier-of-the-first-part:

"Has the girl who sent you this sweater red hair?"

"She has, but that is none of your affair," promptly snapped soldier-of-the-first-part.

"Maybe you think it isn't, but I have already pulled one pound of red hair out of this knitted jacket."

And so saying soldier-of-the-second-part returned the sweater to soldier-of-the-first-part, for whom it was made.

Cruel world!
Heartless soldier!
Sacrificing girl! Take this good "Advice to the Lovelorn."

AN Omaha girl whose betrothal was announced less than a fortnight ago was the center of a disconcerting triangular situation not long ago—only this had to do with two men and a maid, instead of the reverse.

"He" had not popped the question yet it seems, so the young woman in question accepted another man's invitation to a dinner-dance. The morning of the affair "He" wired he would be in town that evening and would like to escort her to the dinner-dance, but, alas, she could not accept, having already promised the other man in the case.

The girl held to her original invitation and her escort was a devoted one, so that although her present fiancé was present, he had no time that evening to ask her the momentous question, that being his intention.

His opportunity came shortly thereafter, presumably, for Gabby read the betrothal announcement in The Bee.

She wonders how the obliging other man must have felt.

"SAMSON" of Ak-Sar-Ben fame called on The Bee society editor the other day to present his apologies in person for not having been on hand during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities this year. The small matter of a near-escape from death, due to an auto accident, was the reason.

Samson, otherwise known as "Dad" Weaver was in the midst of the blood-curdling details when suddenly his face was a study!

"I forgot all about my cigar! I was just in the act of lighting a fresh one when the crash came and I forgot all about that cigar until this very moment!" he exclaimed.

"I'll bet it's still lying in the road—or maybe some one smoked it already," he mused, crest-fallen.

"Dad" plans on going out to look for that cigar as soon as the weather clears up.

TWO colored men were having a heated discussion on the street car the other night. The point at issue was whether men of small stature were as good citizens as large men. The one who was arguing for the small men said:

"Why, man, some of the nicest men in this town are short."

"H'm, is dat so?" sneered his companion.

"Yes! dat's right," the other went on, "do you know Mistah Cowell?"

"Mistah Cowell; no, who's he?" the second one said.

"Doan you know Mistah Cowell, the general manager of Rippatrick's?"

"Why, he lives right near me, an' I

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Pauline Settle

Photo by Osato



Grace Layfield

Miss Pauline Settle

Miss Pauline Settle, the beautiful young daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Douglas Settle of Fort Crook, is a popular addition to the school set. Miss Settle, who attends the Beechwood school near Philadelphia, has been spending the holidays with her parents at the post. Numerous affairs have been given in her honor and that of her guest, Miss Grace Layfield, of Wilmington, Del. Miss Settle, who is as charming as she is pretty, is of the betwixt-and-between type of loveliness, with brown hair, fair complexion and blue eyes.

tell you, he's the nicest man in dis here town."

A GOOD story is being told of an Omaha girl, in fact she tells it herself. A certain young man of her acquaintance who had been a close friend in days gone by is now living in Canada. As Christmas drew near the young lady had rosy visions of some lovely gift which would surely come from the north. Two days before Christmas a mysterious looking package came bearing her name. Wait until Christmas? Indeed not! Who could stand the suspense when they knew some lovely surprise lay inside all those paper wrappings. In eagerness she tore off the paper and string and what do you think fell out? A newspaper from his home town! As the young woman is interested in newspaper work the dear boy thought she would appreciate a newspaper from another city. Wasn't it sweet and thoughtful of him? I am afraid I must tell you that the furnace fire was started with said newspaper the next morning.

Two pretty young matrons made the rounds of the fraternity houses last week, canvassing for memberships in the Red Cross society. At the

In the Name of Dan Cupid

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Truman Yates announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Eva, to Mr. Vincent F. Vacek of this city. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Bacon will entertain at a New Year's eve party,

Phi Chi house on Thirty-eighth and Farnam, the members of which fraternity are medical students at the University of Nebraska, the hospitable frat men invited the attractive young women for luncheon.

The invitation was accepted, to the enjoyment of both hosts and guests. Then every man in the house signed up for the Red Cross, winning a service flag to hang in the window Christmas eve.

Who were the pretty young matrons? Well, that would be telling.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Rosenstock, Mr. J. L. Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Susman of Omaha are guests of the Elms hotel, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

honoring Mr. and Mrs. Walter More, who were married last week. The bride was formerly Miss Lottie Underhill. Holiday decorations will be used and a musical program given.

At an informal party, Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Maynard C. Cole announced the engagement of her sister, Claire Russell Moody, to Mr. Howard Pomeroy Gates. The wedding will take place shortly after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Forster announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Jean, to Mr. Fred Boswell Wiles, son of Mrs. F. W. Stubbendorf, formerly of Omaha, now living at Stratton, Colo. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Stubbendorf entertained at her ranch in Stratton Christmas day in honor of Miss Forster and Mr. Wiles, who were spending the holidays at the ranch. Miss Forster, who is a graduate of the Commercial High school, is employed by The Bee Publishing company.

Pretty Maids and Lovely Matrons to Servé Goodies At the "Buttermilk Bar"

Pretty girls and charming young matrons will dispense cheer and home made goodies at the David Cole creamery in the First National Bank building Friday and Saturday. The "buttermilk bar" will be transformed into a veritable tea room with small tables, flowers, palms, fragile china and attractive waitresses. The buttermilk fans will be able to buy home-made sandwiches, doughnuts and cake to eat with their buttermilk. The Young Women's auxiliary of the St. Mary's Avenue church will be the hostesses for the two days and the proceeds of the sale will be used for the new church fund.

Mrs. O. T. Eastman, chairman of the auxiliary, will be assisted by the 30 young women who make up the membership of the club. For those who cannot be tempted by the dainty edibles themselves, cakes will be on sale, which may be taken home by the patrons of the buttermilk shop.

Spanish Students' Party.

Miss May Mahoney entertained students of the Spanish department of the Commercial High school at her home Friday evening. The evening was spent playing Spanish games.

New Year's Eve at Theaters.

Many large parties will be entertained at the theaters New Year's eve. At the Orpheum W. Farnam Smith will entertain a party of 18; L. F. Crofoot, George Waterman and J. Wiese, 16; J. Jacobberger, Mr. Fox and Mr. Riesch, 12; S. Golstrom, 10; W. P. Thomas, eight; N. Rehfeld, Roger Holman, Edward Phelan and H. S. Byrne, six; Clarence Bergman, H. Lindsey, five, and B. Berkowitz, E. V. Armstrong, M. Losch and Ralph Kitchner, foursomes.

Entertains Officers.

Wednesday at the Fontenelle Frank W. Judson had with him at luncheon six officers here on holiday leave,

As the New Year Over-Takes Us Here in Omaha

By MELLIFICIA.

SOCIETY will dance the old year out and the New Year in this season as in past years, for despite the war the New Year will be ushered in with a blare of trumpets and a ringing of bells. The school set will begin to one-step in the afternoon at the Chase home when Mrs. Clement Chase and Mrs. Waite Squier will give a tea darsant from 4 to 7 for their daughters, Miss Helena Chase and Miss Katherine Squier. The party was originally planned for New Year's afternoon, but owing to the fact that the Spence girls will return to school that day the affair will be given Monday afternoon instead. A number of them will then be whisked to Fort Crook for the officers' dance to be given at the fort, as Miss Pauline Settle will have a number of them as her guests that evening to watch the New Year in at a real army hoop. Mrs. Harry Burklely will give a movie party followed by a dance at her home New Year's eve for a crowd of the school boys and girls, and as this will be the last affair of the vacation for many of them, the "hopping" will continue

until the New Year is several hours old—perhaps.

The Fontenelle announces that the hotel will have its usual New Year's celebration with a souper de luxe from 10 p. m. until midnight in both the cafe and the ball room and dancing in the lobby. As the Fontenelle is always the scene of a gay crowd on the festive night, it is expected that there will be many parties of the younger married set, the debutantes and young officers at the hotel.

The B'nai B'rith will give a watch party and dance at the Castle hotel. Many of the Country club members will avail themselves of the supper-dance at the club that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ludovic Crofoot will entertain the members of the Saturday Night club at the Orpheum, the party motoring out to the Country club for the supper-dance after the theater. The festivities will continue until Tuesday night, for a number of parties will be given then. Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Durkee will give a dinner-dance at their home the first evening of 1918 and Miss Myrtle Brown will be hostess at a dancing party for a number of the younger set at her home.

Captain Robert Burns, Captain Malcolm Baldrige and Lieutenants C. J. Lord, Raymond Low, Cuthbert Potter and Cedric Potter.

Dance for Akita Girls.

The Akita Campfire Girls will give a dancing party New Year's night at the home of Miss Ann Axtell. Orange and dark green, the Akita colors, will be used in the decorations, and 30 of the school set will attend the affair.

Dei Que Reunion.

A little club of a dozen girls calling themselves the Dei Que club, who went through the grade schools and the high school together, have continued to meet once a year for luncheon together. Friday was the day set for this luncheon and it was given at the Blackstone. The girls present were:

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| Messrs— | Misses— |
| Eleanor Austin, | Caroline Holmquist, |
| Irvin Pearce, | Evelyn Ledwith, |
| Marion Cook, | Marion Waller, |
| Margaret Grimmel, | Margaret Williams, |
| Corinne Elliott, | Florence Russell, |
| Grace Drake, | Helen Shepard, |
| Mrs. J. H. Seacrest, | Lincoln. |

A Valante Club.

The A Valante club entertained at an Orpheum party last week. The party danced and lunched at the Hen-

shaw after the show. Those present were:

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| Messrs— | Misses— |
| May O'Connor, | Mary McDonough, |
| Loretta Dammis, | Katherine Lang, |
| Anne Wardian, | Theresa Mullaly, |
| Theresa Stacey, | |
| Messrs— | Messrs— |
| Leo Rubnitz, | Guy Stacey, |
| Frank Burris, | James Ryan, |
| Bob Randall, | Clarence Vincent, |
| Lieutenant Norwood. | |

Omaha Elks.

The Omaha Elks will give a formal dance in the lodge room Monday evening, New Year's eve. The army officers at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook have been especially invited and an invitation has also been extended to visiting Elks in the city. Refreshments will be served and the regular hours of the dance will be extended so as to dance the old year out and the new year in.

Mrs. C. S. Lobingier went to Bay City, Mich., Sunday to spend the holidays with her sister, after which she is going to Battle Creek sanitarium for two months before returning to Shanghai.

Mr. Cameron Reed of Kansas City and Mr. Donald Gallagher of O'Neill, Neb., will spend the week-end at the Fontenelle, returning to Cornell, where they are students, Sunday evening.