

A bitter sorrow 'tis to lose a babe,
Friend, dog or horse, for grief must then be mute.
—Parsons.

WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

The hues of a beautiful sunset
Reflect the beauties.
—Babcock.

Washington Debutantes Have Stage

Christmas Spirit Fills Capital — Wilsons to Have a Real Yuletide Reunion.

Be Bureau, Washington, Dec. 13. The advent season has a new phase in the atmosphere of Washington society. The debutante and her circle is holding the center of the stage and shows no signs of relinquishing it until quite well into the new year.

Washington "before the war" was strictly official in its social atmosphere by the end of December, and the outlook is not strong for official affairs monopolizing society at any time this season. It is a new order of things all the way around. And resident society will come into its own.

What with social functions off the White House calendar; some of the cabinet hostesses abandoning their "days at home," and other cabinet hostesses omitting the returning of calls made upon them on their receiving days, there must necessarily be a change of social atmosphere.

Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice president, is doing her best (and her best is very good) to fill the gap. She is receiving on Wednesday afternoon right along, except when she is ill or absent, but so far there has been no schedule of official dinner parties, except for small affairs where there are two to six guests usually preceding a theater party or a benefit ball or fete. Of "fetes" we are having a plenty. First, there was the Italian fete of Thursday, for the benefit of Free Milk for Italian babies, now that French babies have had free milk for several years. A reproduction of street scenes in Italy, as we imagined they were before the war was given by debutantes and young and old married people.

Then there is the Vanity Fair ball and bazaar for next Friday, for the benefit of two local charities, a picturesque pageant of fashions, ancient and modern, and a series of booths representing different countries, where one may be served the particular viand beverage that country is famous for.

The springing maids will all wear native costumes and will make a picturesque scene on the ball room floor later, when the dance begins. Maids, matrons and beaux will appear in tableaux wearing the costumes of the different eras of history of the United States and all of this year's buds will appear in these.

Christmas Plans.

Plans are being formulated for Christmas. The president and Mrs. Wilson hope to have a real Yuletide celebration with a reunion of his children and his young grandchildren. There are three little Sayres, one of whom has never made a visit to the White House, and there is but one McAdoo, Ellen, who is a veritable little romp. The Sayre children are very serious youngsters, in keeping with the very serious and religious temperament of their father, who is strong in the work of

Honoree New Year's Eve

One of the most popular of the holiday affairs is a dancing party to be given December 31, New Year's Eve, by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot at the home of Mrs. E. W. Nash. Miss Virginia Crofoot and Miss Catherine Cartan of San Francisco are to be the honorees. Miss Cartan visited here during the summer and was one of the most attractive of the season's visitor. The date of her arrival is yet uncertain but a number of informal parties are to be given for her, Miss Crofoot, who is one of the members of the younger set, will arrive home from Vassar, December 20.



Catherine Cartan

the Y. M. C. A. and in the Presbyterian church. They are being brought up in the old-fashioned Presbyterian style. They have been told no lies about Santa Claus and take little stock in fairy tales.

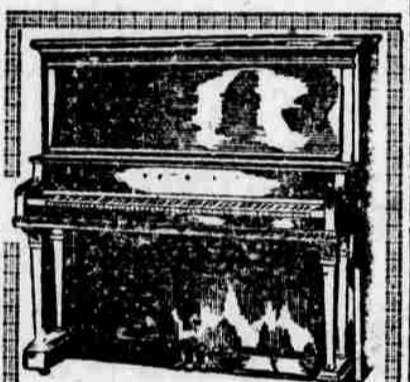
The vice president and Mrs. Marshall will go to their home in Indianapolis for the holidays, the first visit they have made there since last spring. Their last start there was but a start, for they had to run back to receive the king and queen of the Belgians and act as hosts to them, owing to the illness of the president.

The Congressional club held a really brilliant reception last Friday afternoon in the snug and attractive little club house. It was the first function of this season and the guests of honor were the wives of the new members of congress, both senators and representatives. Most of these women became new members of the club and now the wives of the members of the Nebraska delegation in congress are represented in the membership of the club, the wives of the new members being initiated on that occasion. Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice president; Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Carter Glass, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Houston and Miss Agnes Wilson, were all there, representing the cabinet circle as well as the wife of the secretary of commerce-elect, Mrs. Joshua Alexander, who will step from the congressional circle to the cabinet circle. Mrs. C. Frank Reavis of Nebraska, the new treasurer of the club, assisted in receiving.

The Ak-Sar-Ben club of girls, which was organized from the Nebraska Girls' Knitting class, met last week with Mrs. Andrews, wife of Representative William E. Andrews, of Hastings, Neb. She has a wonderfully attractive

home, which since the early days of the war has been turned into almost a refuge for young war-working girls.

She is strong for the home influence for girls and her greatest philanthropy, outside of the day nursery for the babies and children of laboring women, is the making of a home atmosphere for the girls who are here without their families. They had a charming little party on that occasion, Miss Thernes of Ne-



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Crisp Days

By ANNETTE WYNN

When days are crisp and bright
And flakes are downward hurled,
O, to wake up in the light
And find a white, white world!

O, to look out all around
On fence, and bush, and hill,
And see the snow piled on the ground
And on the window sill!

It's hard to sit in school all day
And work and study hard,
'Twould be such fun to go and play
At soldiers in the yard.

And build a fort just like the one
The picture has with flag unfurled;
The summer's good, but, O, the fun
To have a white, white world!

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Interesting to Women

At the Bucks county (Pa.) teachers' institute autumn meeting Francis B. Pearson, superintendent of public instruction of Ohio, advocated the teaching in the schools of a single standard of sex morality.

Two hundred and twenty women have thus far declared themselves as municipal candidates in the November elections throughout 29 London boroughs. The majority of these women have had executive training in war work.

One of every five doctors completing their training in England this year was a woman and it is anticipated that the proportion will be even larger next year.

Mrs. Eimeline B. Wells, 93 years old, whom President Wilson called upon while in Salt Lake City, is credited with starting the movement

Ibanes to Come.

The Omaha Society of Fine Arts, after cancelling the date for Ibanes next Tuesday, have re-engaged this month and Miss Crowley will return in January.

Mrs. Andrews will begin her Tuesday afternoons at home next month. Senator and Mrs. Norris will have their daughter, Gertrude, with them for her vacation period from the State University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She will arrive about the 22d and remain at least a fortnight.

The Christmas atmosphere is wonderfully mixed with politics this year. The meeting of the republican committeemen here this week showed the twentieth century progression of woman, for around the lobbies of the principal hotels where the conferences were held there were almost as many distinguished women as there were men. Mrs. Medill McCormick was chief among them, as chairman of the Woman's auxiliary of the national republican committee.

The Les Hiboux club of Central High school will give a dancing party at the Hotel Fontenelle Friday evening, December 26.

How would you like to go barefooted this weather? If you have wearable clothing that you can spare, please send it to the Y. M. C. A., and the Society for the Friendless will see that it is given to needy persons.

that resulted in the children of plural wives receiving legitimacy. Miss Theresa Haley, appointed federal director for Michigan by the United States employment service, is said to be the first woman ever entrusted by the bureau with finding positions for men.

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