

Woman's Section

Gabby "Listens In" On the Phone and Hears Young Bride Called Names

Why Do People Fear Burglars More Than They Used to? People Who Embark Frequently on Matrimonial Seas Often Find Themselves in Somewhat Embarrassing Situations.

By GABBY DELAYS.

A PRETTY young matron was attempting to phone her grocer a few days ago. The connection was made by the operator, but wires became crossed, and instead of being able to give her order for the evening meal, this housekeeper was left in another conversation. When at another conversation, she was given a connection with the grocery store, she remarked in explanation: "It seems some one cut in on the wire, Mr. Olson." "Yes," he replied, "there were some other hens on the phone." (Naturally a butcher's mind runs to fowls.)

WE wonder just what a certain Omaha apartment contains. We don't know, but at least we have a right to our own suspicions. The matron who resides in this cozy little place, about to leave the city for several weeks. The society editor, ever eager for news, phoned to ask the date of her departure. Waited the matron, "Oh, please, I beg of you, do not put it in the paper. I am so afraid that my apartment will be robbed while I am away." "Just what did this matron possess that she feared losing? Her jewels, we knew, were safely tucked away in a bank vault with all her silverware. It was also known that a most obliging neighbor had promised to take her plants and ferns during their owner's absence. Her oriental rugs were securely placed in storage with numerous other valuable articles of furniture. So what was the precious thing she did not wish stolen?"

Well—Gabby realizes that it is very wicked to tell tales, especially on Easter Sunday—but Gabby thinks she has solved the mystery and it is "the cup that cheers."

A PROMINENT Omaha girl, who recently married, now resides in an eastern city. Her husband had been married before. His first wife left the city with her family shortly after the divorce was granted and he heard nothing further from her. Not long ago Mr. B, as we will call him, had occasion to go to New York on a business trip, and decided to take his wife with him. In New York he met a former business friend, who invited them to dine at his home, and assured Mrs. B that his wife would look after her entertainment during the day. Imagine Mr. B's surprise when the hostess turned out to be the first Mrs. B.

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ONE young Omaha clergyman made a sad mistake when he he has learned a lesson, at least Gabby hopes he has. Unfortunately for this divine, when he walks, he just walks, he does not strut, or have a peacockish air. When he talks, it is in a low, cultured, and cultivated voice, he does not shout or roar so as to inspire awe in the minds of his hearers. But the young man should have done so—he should also have told broadcast that he owned an expensive car, an equally expensive piano, and that his parents were wealthy and prominent. This, however, he did not. Yes, and to this he should have added that he speaks a foreign language fluently.

Some time ago, a celebrity was brought here that Omahans might witness his marvelous talent. He was of foreign birth and speaks English very brokenly. The young clergyman, who was one of the few who spoke the celebrity's language well, entertained him throughout the day, took him to dinner, showed him the city and did everything to make the day one of pleasure. This, however, was unknown to all except a very few.

That evening a wealthy Omaha dowager gave a very grand reception to honor the visitor. Invitations were sent far and wide to people of wealth and prominence. The hour came for the great affair. The honor guest was present

He is Risen!



"THE CHOIR BOY," Posed by William Brooks of Trinity Cathedral, Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brooks.

inside your front door as well as light and gas. Fireplaces in every room necessitate coal. Bunkers for this are provided in the basement and the janitor brings up the day's supply before 10 o'clock each morning.

The kitchen is small, like our American kitchens, with a large tiled chimney in which a gas stove or one of those abominations, a coal range, may be fitted by the tenant. There are no built-in cabinets, no side tables, not a shelf in this room. It is merely a square, bare room.

Next to it and connecting is the scullery, out of which the larder or store cupboard opens. This is fitted with wooden shelves and a window, but no connection with the service and drain board are placed, and here, unless it is a very sunny day, the lights must be kept burning all day long. A shelved closet fills the space at the end of the drain board. The bathroom is of good size with a bath and wash bowl, no shower, no hot towel rods, no medicine closet or glass shelves, but a clean composite floor of a deep, ugly blue color and white tiles shoulder high. The bathroom has a window opening upon the area shaft, which is lined with white tiles. There are two lavatories.

No provision is made for laundry, either in the flats or in the basement, and there is nowhere to do any washing except in the sink, which is very shallow and has no dip.

Although the roof of these new flats is flat, it has not occurred to the architect to lay it out, for use in summer by the tenants, as is so universally done in America now.

Unpolished pine floors necessitate the use of tacked-down carpets and the entire absence of all built-in closets and shelves makes it necessary to retain the now universally condemned heavy clothes cupboard or wardrobe set upon carpet from which it cannot be moved except with the help of furniture movers.

The entrance to these flats is very simple, the corridors are finished in white marble and the stairs, which run around the elevators, are carpeted in heavy red velvet. There is to be a restaurant in the basement where tenants may have their food or may order it to be served in their apartments.

Our modern apartments in America and even right here in Omaha offer much more than these "modern" London apartments, which are really attracting attention over there.

Fine Arts Society Will Co-Operate On Posters

The Omaha Society of Fine Arts will co-operate with the Humane society in the poster exhibit which will be held during Humane week, April 12 to 17. Hundreds of beautifully colored, artistic posters, representing original and purposeful thought have been presented in the four classes of contest by grade and high school pupils of Omaha. The primary, the intermediate and the high school class, as well as a special class for the "bird bath," are the four divisions.

The fine arts lecture by George Breed Zug, scheduled for April 6, has been cancelled.

Springtime Dance To Be Given On May Day

May day and springtime being synonymous a characteristic dance is to be staged at the benefit performance for the Christ Child society Saturday evening at the Brandeis theater.

The appellation is "Spring" and it will be springlike in every detail. The costumes worn by the dancers are now being made from beautiful shimmering materials in shades of the palest yellows, flesh tints, orchid, apricot and white. The designs are alike in flowing drapery, and the dancers all are barefooted.

Those taking part include the Misses Madeline Dising, Pauline Coad, Pauline Crane, Elizabeth Elliott, Cecelia Fox, Anna McConnell, Jane McConnell, Grace O'Brien, Frances Patton, Virginia Pierce, Eloise Searle, Frances Swift, Orpha Travis, Mildred Walker, Merriam Wiley and Dorothy Guckert.

Tea for College President. The Rockford College association will give a tea Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John H. Beaton, 5211 Cass street, in honor of Dr. William A. Maddox, president of Rockford college.

Folk Theatre

The directors of the Folk theater announce that the next production will be given early in May. These are to be under the personal direction of Oscar Craik will be out of the city during the summer.

Marcus Curran, who was recently elected to the board of directors, has been appointed business manager of the Folk theater.

Washington Society Is Quiet Though Lent, Awakens With Easter Passing

Weddings, Balls, Breakfasts and Tea Dansants Will Put Heads in Dizzy Whirl Beginning Monday Morning. Many Nebraskans Visiting At the Nation's Capital City.

Bureau of The Bee, Washington, April 3. Washington society experienced the veritable "calm before the storm," during the past week. Not that society was strictly observing the religious duties of Holy week, but there was a real dearth of festivities, save for the little shopping luncheons at the downtown hotels, or the clubs, and the dinners of convenience, in the same places. For there is a great scarcity of cooks, and they hold themselves at very high prices, all the way from \$15 a week to \$35. They are a modern variety, too, and choose their own hours and their own duties and refuse to infringe upon the duties of other employees of the household. So the mistresses of homes in Washington have no path of roses just now.

Tomorrow the spring season will burst forth with a vigor it has not known since 1914. There are weddings, balls, dinners, breakfasts, paper chases and tea dances enough to put every head in a dizzy whirl, beginning Monday morning. It is gratifying, too, to the churchly people that the churches throughout the Lenten season have been overcrowded. Mrs. Wilson has slipped into St. Johns church through the side door, just across the park from the White House, a number of times, but it must be said, not with the same regularity she observed before her marriage and for a considerable time after it. She has for several weeks now taken her accustomed Sunday afternoon motor rides with the members of her family, indicating the continued improvement in the president's condition. Mrs. Wilson had two young nieces, the Misses Lucy and Ann Maury of Big Stone Gap, Va., spending the week-end at the White House, and they had a second machine last Sunday with Mrs. Wilson's mother and sister and brother, and the two girls, out for a family motor party. The girls went to the apartment of their grand mother and aunt, Miss Bolling, on Monday, and spent the remainder of the week with them, luncheon and dining frequently at the White House, and driving with their distinguished aunt.

The center of social interest during the summer will likely be up Nantucket way from June to an indefinite time, as the president and Mrs. Wilson will move themselves and a portion of the family, and all of the clerical force, to the Crane place at Wood's Hole, Mass. The Mayflower is being put in readiness for the trip, and the presumption is that the president and Mrs. Wilson and their regular body guard of secret service men, doctors, nurses and servants, will make the trip aboard. That is to be settled later, however, and depends upon the president's condition. The Mayflower will hand around Cape Cod all the summer, anyway, and short trips will be taken on it from time to time. The place is the summer home of the newly appointed United States Minister to China and Mrs. Charles R. Crane, who have several houses there. Secretary and Mrs. Houston have occupied one of the cottages there ever since the beginning of the Wilson administrations. Miss Margaret Wilson has spent a fortnight or more in New York but will return here before Tuesday. Gossip persists that Miss Wilson's voice has not recovered from her attack of diphtheritis of nearly three months ago.

Representative and Mrs. Reavis of Falls City, Neb., will entertain a company of representatives in congress, and their wives at supper tomorrow evening. Their younger son, Jack, came down from Cornell university on Wednesday and will spend his Easter vacation of 10 days with them.

Miss Ruth Hitchcock is assisting Miss Frances Hampton, chairman of the young ladies' committee for the Authors' Carnival ball of the League of American Pen Women on April 14, which is to be an interesting and picturesque affair. The guests will be in the costume of a well known character in a book, and there will be booths for the sale of books autographed by the authors; manuscripts of music and various donated articles of literary value. It will be given in the Sheridan, home of Mrs. F. B. Moran, who is the author of "Miss Washington of Virginia" published and sold for the benefit of the D. A. R. Continental hall fund.

Judge Robert E. Evans, representative from Dakota City, Neb., and Mrs. Evans entertained at dinner on Thursday evening and had among their guests Representative and Mrs. C. Frank Reavis of Falls City, and Representative and Mrs. M. O. McLaughlin of York, Neb.

T. J. Randolph Nicholas of Omaha made a short visit in Washington last week enroute to make a visit to his mother, Mrs. William Cary Nicholas, at her country place, "Alassaco," in the fashionable Green Spring Valley, just outside of Baltimore.

Mrs. Andrews, wife of Representative William E. Andrews of Hastings, is leaving by the middle of the month to spend the remainder of the spring and summer in the home they are building this year.

School Forum Will Offer Citizenship Course

Since the suffrage convention in Chicago with the subsequent citizenship school under auspices of the League of Women Voters, there has been interest displayed throughout the country in similar schools. At one time it was thought there would be such a school in connection with the Nebraska state suffrage convention, but that convention having been dated ahead to June, the original citizenship school idea has been abandoned, though there may be some form of it carried on, suffrage leaders say.

Immediately after the Chicago convention, the Equal Franchise society put the wheels in motion to offer what would have been a highly profitable course under the leadership of Mrs. H. H. Wheeler of Lincoln, who is considered eminently qualified for the responsibility. Mrs. Wheeler found it impossible to undertake the task and to the regret of all interested this plan had to be given up.

Now comes the Omaha School forum with a plan for a course of eight lectures by prominent educators, designed to furnish women with the information which they need in order more intelligently to discharge their responsibilities as voters.

These lectures will be given on Saturdays beginning April 17. To reach all groups of women each lecture will be given three times on Saturday at 10 a. m., 2:30 and 8 p. m. in the council chamber of the city hall. A nominal fee will be asked for the lectures.

The schedule is as follows:

- April 17—"Political Parties," Prof. C. H. Meyerholz, Iowa State Teachers' college, Cedar Falls, Ia.
- April 24—"This Man Made World," Prof. E. Ross, University of Wisconsin.
- May 1—"Some Fundamentals of American History," Prof. James A. James, Dean Graduate school, Northwestern university.
- May 8—"Proportional Representation," Walter J. Millard, Ford Secretary American Proportional Representation League.
- May 15—"The Nation and World Politics," Prof. J. W. Garner, University of Illinois.
- May 22—"How the Nation is Financed," Prof. Horace E. Secrist, Northwestern university.
- May 29—"The Judiciary," Prof. P. O. Ray, Northwestern university.
- June 5—"How to Americanize America," Miss Grace Abbott, Chair Executive Committee of Bureau of Immigration of Illinois.

Reorganization of G. F. W. C. Is Planned

The reorganization of the working policy of the General Federation of Women's clubs is to be worked out at its biennial convention in Des Moines, Ia., June 16-23. Mrs. Robert Burdette of Pasadena, Cal., chairman of the reorganization committee, has prepared and had approved by the executive board of the organization, plans relating to membership, dues representation at its national meetings, the elimination of unnecessary offices, the elimination of direct membership by individual clubs, the establishment of national headquarters and the creation of an advisory committee. These questions will come up for consideration before the Des Moines convention by the revision committee to be properly correlated as amendments to the organization's by-laws. The rules of clubs. The offices of general federation are to be simplified. Membership or less, and of state and territorial federations and foreign clubs. The offices of general federation secretary and that of auditor are to be done away with if the new plan goes through. The question of establishing national headquarters in either Chicago or Washington will also be considered, a special committee on investigation having been appointed.

Representation shall remain the same, the basis of state and territorial membership being one delegate for the first 500 paid memberships or less, and one delegate for every other 500 paid memberships or more. The state president and director of each state, are, by virtue of their offices, additional delegates.

Dues shall be on the basis of 10 cents per capita for the membership of individual clubs holding direct membership in state or territorial federations. State and territorial federations will pay annual dues of \$1 or each organization holding direct or affiliated membership in them. Annual dues for delegate to national or international organizations shall be \$25 and for foreign clubs \$5.

Under the new plan the office of correcting secretary shall be elective by the board of directors at a meeting immediately following a convention, the secretary to be elected by the same or not by state to the one in which the president resides.