

For Pleasure Do a Good Turn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

About twice a day I get a letter from some one who is just "plain unhappy." Life is drab for Jane or John. Nothing happens to add a touch of rose color to the dish water gray of existence. And with a cry of weariness Jane or John shrieks out at me a plea to find a way out—OR— And that "or" is a threat to let go the reins, stop "trying to be good," give it all up as a bad job.

Before I go into the matter of (let's say) Jane, I want to tell you a tiny happening of today. There came to me in a bit of distress our competent and likeable head stenographer. She needed the address of an author. And she had no data other than the woman's name. I failed to produce any information concerning what the woman had written, but suggested that at lunch time I'd stop in at one of our big book shops and ask for information.

Said Anna: "Perhaps I can save you the trouble by telephoning."

Within five minutes a beaming young woman stopped at my desk and informed me that she had the writer's country home address. (Yes, we'd looked in the telephone book, before despairing of finding out for ourselves.)

"Thank you so much," cried Anna in her warm, friendly way. "I thought you'd be able to help me."

Smiling gratefully, she departed to tell some one else how I'd helped her. Of course, I'd done nothing—a chance suggestion had worked. But Anna's viewpoint did it all. She felt gratitude, beamed gratitude, expressed it, too. And I had a nice, warm, cozy feeling that I'd really done something for one of my fellow workers.

I'm sure for Anna and me the day had a particularly rosy hue—all made up for blue skies and golden warmth and great good will.

Any one may illuminate a day with the elements that make up our delight. Gratitude, graciousness—those were the things Anna brought to the occasion. It doesn't matter that the gratitude was for the merest trifle. She felt good will coming from me to her. She gave out good will again.

Chances to do tiny things for folks are coming along all the time. To look for them, to seize upon them, to make of them an opportunity for self-forgetfulness, is to insure a certain warm glow that's bound to put to flight all the misuses and clouds of ordinary events.

If Jane will forget herself some particularly gray and dull day and just hunt around for an opportunity to make some one else forget the color of the scheme of things, she's likely to find that there's no one for whom she'd done so great a service as just for herself.

The folks who are gracious and sweet make every one else happy. But how much chance do you suppose there is for them to be miserable?

Suppose some one offers you his place in a line at a crowded box office? Isn't that enough to make the world seem a pretty good place?

Suppose a street car conductor carefully helps off a withered little old lady or a tiny boy—isn't that a proof that the old world is a fine place?

To see kindness or to do it is a real joy. To feel that some one has been helped a bit because you are there at the psychological moment is a wonderful satisfaction. There's nothing finer than a bit of service. To give it joyfully or to take it gracefully is to make life worth while.

Harvard Woman's Club Endowment Fund. At a meeting of the Harvard Woman's club Friday, November 12, at the community club rooms, the chairman of the endowment fund announced that their share of the \$10,000 state endowment fund had been raised.

In October the membership was divided into two sections, with the president, Mrs. A. J. Jenison, and the vice president, Mrs. Charles Perry, as chairmen. Each section was to raise money for the fund. Preparations commenced at once, one division holding a food sale Saturday, November 6. The other section staged a vaudeville show November 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schuck. An after theater supper was served following the performance.

At the meeting November 12 the program included the study of the "Catechism of the Constitution," led by Mrs. C. V. Tucker; parliamentary drill, led by Mrs. Jenison, and reports of the state meeting held in Fremont last month, were given by Mrs. Jenison and Mrs. C. J. Eller.

Mrs. McDonald Here



Mrs. George McDonald of Fort Worth, Tex., is a visitor in Council Bluffs at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Riker. A number of informal affairs are planned by Council Bluffs matrons to honor Mrs. McDonald during her stay.

Council Bluffs Society

Weddings.
A very pretty wedding took place in St. Francis Xavier church Wednesday morning, where Miss Angles Mullen and Mr. Harlin Hurd were united in marriage by Rev. Father McManus.

Miss Coletta Ketchum played the Mendelson wedding march as the bride party entered, and during the ceremony Miss Mary Ellen O'Neill sang.

The bride wore a dainty gown of white crepe de chine. Her veil which was made in the coronet style was held in place with bands of pearls and she carried a shower bouquet of roses and sweet peas.

Miss Mary V. O'Neill, as maid of honor, was gowned in Pekin blue satin with hat to match and her arm bouquet was of Ophelia roses.

Harold Bender of Keswick, Ia., a nephew of the groom, attended as best man.

Following the wedding, a breakfast for the relatives and a few friends was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Mullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd have gone west on their honeymoon and after December 15 will be at home to their friends in this city.

Zimmerman-Von Tersch.
A very simple and quiet wedding was solemnized at the rectory of St. Peters Catholic church Tuesday afternoon when Miss Von Tersch became the bride of Mr. Reed Zimmerman, formerly of this city, but now of Omaha.

This was the culmination of a romance which began before Mr. Zimmerman left for overseas duty and while his bride was taking a course in nursing at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Zimmerman wore her traveling suit of blue silverstone with small close fitting feather hat, and a corsage of Ward roses.

The bridal attendants were Miss Helen Minear of this city and Carroll Schneider of Shenandoah, Ia.

After a short wedding trip the young couple will reside in Omaha where Mr. Zimmerman is doing newspaper work.

Bridge.
One of the latest afternoon parties of the week was given on Wednesday by Mrs. A. V. Hennessy, when 40 guests were present.

Tables were placed for bridge. Mrs. Horace Pierce and Mrs. W. J. Heiser having high and low scores, respectively.

Dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price entertained 10 guests at dinner Monday evening. Pink roses and white chrysanthemums in a low glass bowl made an attractive centerpiece for the table.

Bridge Luncheon Series.
Mrs. Fred Empkie and Mrs. Perry Badollet were hostesses at two very enjoyable parties last week at the Empkie home on Bluff street.

On Tuesday luncheon was served at 1 o'clock from a large and small tables, which were adorned with crystal baskets of pink chrysanthemums and place cards of old-fashioned girls wearing pink gowns.

The afternoon was devoted to bridge. Mrs. Lyle Burton having high score. Miss Agnes Wickham won the cut-for-all.

Twenty guests were also present on Wednesday and the same color scheme was carried out in the decorations. Mrs. Harry Hussie of Omaha won the high score prize and Mrs. George Gerner the cut-for-all.

These two matrons have issued invitations for another bridge-luncheon next Wednesday.

Squires Return.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Squires have returned from a six weeks trip to Boston and other eastern cities. During their absence Mrs. Squires visited relatives in Massachusetts.

Dance.
The Elks held another of their very delightful dancing parties last Thursday. About 40 couples attended.

Klatter Club.
Mrs. Caroline R. Theinhart entertained the Klatter club girls on Friday and Mrs. Hubert Hicks of Omaha will be the next hostess in two weeks.

Dinner.
A family dinner of 15 covers was given at the O. P. Wickham home last Thursday evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Wickham.

For a Texas Visitor.
Mrs. Frank Riker and Mrs. J. A. Clark honored Mrs. George McDonald of Fort Worth, Tex., last Thursday.

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