

NOTES AND QUERIES

Last week I was in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for a week. I had no friends or acquaintances there but a young man, a student in Harvard university. I had met him at a ball and afterwards he had called at my home. I wanted to send him my card but doubted if my acquaintance with him, which was of the most casual kind, warranted me in doing so. The circumstances that kept me at the hotel for a week waiting for my mother and aunt were commonplace enough but tiresome. I grew tired of walking about. I wanted somebody to listen while I said how lovely things were. I did not send him my card and spent a very dull week in consequence. Was I too scrupulous? *Jessie B.*

My dear young lady, you weigh conduct and motives on delicate scales. Of course you erred, if it were an error, on the side of propriety. I think, however, I should have risked the young man's suspicions. Anyway I should have deserved them, for I should have expected much more than a plain call. I should have wished him to walk with me over the lovely college grounds and into some of the historic buildings, to drive me to Mt. Auburn and show me the immortal graves of Longfellow, Lowell, Charles Sumner, Margaret Fuller and others. Besides there are the Boston theatres just over the bridge! Good form depends upon where you live. In New York city it is one thing in Lincoln it is another. Conform to the accepted rules wherever you are. They change with the years, with the amount of money you have, with the circle around you. If the young man in question is a western man, as I conclude he is from your having met him, he must have been in the habit of doing without a chaperon. Your card would have been a boon to him. He would have been glad to meet a girl from his "ain countrie," would have appreciated her society and have shown that he did by the attentions dear to the hearts of girls. My opinion is that your dullness was deserved. You missed making a friend, for after the week was over your acquaintance with the young student would not have been of "the most casual kind."

When an engagement is announced is it proper to congratulate the young lady. *W. D. G.*

No, only the young man. It is sometimes impossible to congratulate the young lady with even as much sincerity as society requires. My experience is, however, that if you do not congratulate the young lady the bell which tells the years of your friendship might as well be tolled.

Books on etiquette were apparently written before telephones and bicycles were invented. I should like to inquire if it be polite to ask the name of the person who comes in response to your ring. *Robert T.*

It is not correct to ask who is speaking. You know whom you wish to speak to. You have called his residence or office. The one who answers does not know who calls or what he wants and is always embarrassed by the request for his name. The better way is to tell whom you wish to speak to, tell your own name and then, if necessary, ask the name of the person talking. Some business houses make it a rule that their employees shall not converse through the telephone without knowing exactly with whom they are talking. It is a good rule but it works both ways.

When two ladies are bicycling together and a gentleman known to one of the ladies rides up and converses with her, should she introduce him to her friend? *Agnes T.*

There is danger that special rules of etiquette be accepted by bicyclists. Any rules, not capable of general application are superficial. The laws of introduction has been for some years in a transition stage. Those who follow the English custom introduce as little as possible and never on the street. One of the objections urged against bicycling is that the ordinary rules of conventionality are relaxed. Any accident to your wheel or yourself at once halts other bicyclists. They offer

aid. If needed it is accepted. When able to move on unless the man has wits enough to know that he must not leave the choice of riding on with him or snubbing him to the woman he has just helped, there will be some awkward moments. To return to the circumstances mentioned by my correspondent, I should certainly avoid an introduction.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Among the Lincoln people noticed in Omaha Thursday evening viewing the Ak-Sar-Ben parade were: Prof. F. W. Taylor, J. H. Mallalieu, Mr. Sheldon, Miss Dena Loomis, Miss Charlotte Clark, H. C. Young, C. B. Gregory, S. T. Cochran and P. O. Hedlund. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cornell have returned from New England.

Mrs. F. W. Bartruff left Thursday for Philadelphia. Judge Dundy and party returned this week from the northwest. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr, of this city, were members of the party.

Miss Mae Lansing has returned from her trip east. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dorgan and Mr. and Mrs. George J. Woods left Thursday evening for Colorado Springs.

Tuesday evening Mrs. J. A. Buckstaff gave an informal luncheon to a number of her friends. The notable guest of the evening was Mrs. Robinson, of Chicago, who is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. John B. Wright. The guests were Messrs and Mesdames A. B. Coffroth, C. S. Lippincott, J. B. Wright, A. G. Beeson, R. J. Green, F. W. Brown, G. K. Brown, C. E. Yates, C. F. Ladd, G. M. Lambertson, Mrs. Robinson, Chicago; W. C. Wilson, W. M. Leonard, Lieut. and Mrs. Townley.

THE COURIER'S correspondent in Grand Island sends the following:

Mrs. R. J. Barr and son have returned from their eastern trip.

Miss May Snyder, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, is the guest of Mrs. H. H. Thummel.

Mr. Cassidy, of Rawlins, Wyo., is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Horth.

Mrs. Reimer and daughter are in Omaha.

Rev. A. Pinkham is home from Boston.

For Miss Snyder, Mrs. Thummel gave a most delightful luncheon Saturday afternoon. Her guests were: Mesdames Horth, Pardonner, Wolbach, Bell, Mickelson, Pearne, Alter, Misses Snyder, Howard, Gahan, Bell, Reimers, Bentley, Wasmer, Warmick.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Peame left for Omaha Thursday morning.

Mr. Thos. Conner and Mr. T. W. Ashton attended the races in Omaha Wednesday.

Mrs. Thummel, Miss Howard and Miss Wasmer have gone to Omaha to attend the Court ball of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

THE COURIER'S Omaha correspondence sends the following:

The court ball in the den of Ak-Sar-Ben Thursday evening was the crowning triumph of the fair festivities. I was correct in my prediction that Miss Woolworth would be chosen by the King. His majesty was E. M. Bartlett. The royal box held the following:

Maids of Honor—Misses Daisy Doane, Hattie Cady, Helen Hoagland, May Bartlett, Alice Drake, Meliora Woolworth, Grace Himebaugh, Brownie Baum, Sue Colpetzer, Linda Curtis, Blanche McKenna, Lillian A. Wilcox, Stella Hamilton, Pearl Hartman, Nellie Rurmuehlen, Council Bluffs; Charity Babcock, Council Bluffs; Marie Marshall, Lincoln; Bertie Clark, Lincoln; Olive Latta, Lincoln; Kate Black, Kearney; Blanche Finch, Kearney; Effie McIntyre, Hastings; Ida Leland, Hastings; Carrie Wasmer, Grand Island; Margaret Howard, Grand Island; Mary Wilson, Nebraska City; Reba Duff, Nebraska City; Sylvia G. Anderson, Beatrice; May Bradt, Beatrice.

Ladies in Waiting—Mesdames Henry Estabrook, Victor Caldwell, Charles W. Hull, Clement Chase, Dimer E. Bryson, James E. Baum, Gilbert M. Hitchcock, John E. Wilbur, Harry Cartan, William Lyle Dickey, William S. Poppleton, Warren M. Rogers, Thomas A. Fry, William A. Redick, Walter Jardine,

Oliver H. Simons, Council Bluffs; William M. Leonard, Lincoln; A. T. Cole, Beatrice.

Ladies of the Court—Mesdames Charles F. Manderson, Guy C. Barton, James M. Woolworth, Robert S. Wilcox, J. M. Metcalf, George W. Doane, E. M. Bartlett, W. R. Bennett, H. J. Penfold, Ben B. Wood, H. M. Caldwell, James McKenna, Lewis M. Rheem, Gordon W. Wattle, Adolph Meyer, George H. Thummel, Grand Island; John M. Ragan, Hastings, Carl Funke, Lincoln.

This week we publish a picture of Ethel and Alice Dovey, the two little girls from Plattsmouth whose futures are so full of promise. The pictures were taken in the costume in which they sang "When Jesus was Here Upon Earth Among Men" in London. The pictures are certainly pretty, but they do not flatter the originals. There is a possibility that Lincoln people will have an opportunity to hear the Misses Dovey some time in October, as they may appear in concert here. If they do I advise everyone who can to hear them, for I fancy there will come a time when we will all be glad to say that we heard them when they were little tots in long curls and short dresses.

SHERIFF SALE.

First publication Sept 21. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska within and for Lancaster county Nebraska in an action wherein Alexander Lederer and Moses Strauss, partners as Lederer and Strauss are plaintiffs and John H. C Meyer et al are defendants.

I will at 2 o'clock P. M. on the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1895 at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to-wit:

Lot twenty-one (21) in block one (1f of Knob Hill, an addition to the city o. Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September A. D. 1895.

Oct. 19. Fred A. Miller, Sheriff

First publication Sept. 21. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL In the County court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska to Daniel W. O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, James W. O'Connor, Ellen Keating, Sarah E. Donohoe and to any others interested in said matter:

You are hereby notified that an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary O'Connor deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of Michael O'Connor as executor. That on the 17th day of August, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to Michael O'Connor.

This notice shall be published for three weeks successively in THE COURIER prior to said hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal this 25th day of July, 1895.

[Seal] I. W. LANSING, County Judge.

Oct. 5.

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