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man is, in general, better pleased when he has a good dinner upon his table, than when his wife speaks Greek," for as Saxe says:

"Though Greek and Latin be the lady's boast,
They're little valued by her loving mate,
The kind of tongue that husband's relish most
Is modern, boiled and served upon a plate."

This department met first with Mrs. Brindley.

Mrs. Herrick read a very practical paper on "The History of a Loaf of Bread," which called forth an interesting discussion. Mrs. Watts on "Tea," its history and use as a beverage, and some general rules in regard to its preparation. Mrs. Haight, "A Girl's Cooking Club."

At each meeting of this department it has been customary for the hostess, who was also leader of that meeting, to furnish refreshments, and whenever the numbers on the program would allow, the refreshments were to be practical demonstrations of the subjects discussed.

Mrs. Geer's paper, "The Preparation of Meats," was followed by a general discussion.

Mrs. Garlow, "Rest," argued that the reason people were nervous and prematurely old was because they allowed themselves to worry over everything that went wrong. The writer urged that when you were expecting company, and the servant girl left and the ironing was not done and the baby spilled molasses on her last clean dress, not to grow nervous over the situation, but to sit down and rest a few minutes and then bravely take hold of the work and do what you can and leave the rest undone. This article called forth much discussion. It was thought by those present that the theory was all right, but that people might experience some difficulty in putting it in practice.

"The Chemistry of Food" by Mrs. Herrick. She said "no one has mastered the art of cooking who does not know something of the chemical elements of foods and the purpose they serve when taken into the system."

The February meeting was with Mrs. Gray, the program having been prepared by Mrs. Covert. This was distinctively a "home" meeting. Miss Minnie Becker on "Home Decoration," made a plea for simplicity in home decoration; that dark draperies and heavy tapestries might be done away with and delicate shades and tints substituted. She rejoiced that it was no longer customary to have a "front room" carefully shut off from the rest of the house, which was only to be used on state occasions, but that no part of the house was considered too good to be enjoyed by the members of the family.

Mrs. Gray, "The Cruelty of Allowing our Children to Become Disagreeable."

Mrs. Herrick had charge of the March meeting. Mrs. Haight, "Food for the Sick," and Mrs. Brindley told us of Mrs. S. T. Rorer's visit to Omaha. An interesting feature of this meeting was a practical demonstration in "Omelet Making" by the hostess, which was followed by a practical demonstration of "omelet eating" by the members of the department.

The department met with Beanie Sheldon in April. After roll call, which was responded to by quotations relating to the work of the department, Mrs. Geer, "The Starch Fiend."

In Mrs. Herrick's paper on "The Question of Diet" she said: "How to eat scientifically is fast becoming one of the problems of the day. Not with the majority of the world, however, to whom the greater problem is, how to get anything to eat, at least enough to sustain

life. How often to eat, how much to eat and what kinds of food, are special questions for solution." These were some of the questions dealt with in this paper.

"The Women's Club and the Home," Mrs. Rorer. "A careful examination of the programs of many of our leading clubs shows that the home occupies a prominent place in the thought and effort of our club women. The average woman's interest is first and above all in the home."

The closing meeting of the year was held with Miss Minnie Becker, May 27. Mrs. Sullivan, "Children as Teachers" and Mrs. Baker, "Fruits as Foods and Fruits as Poisons."

The domestic science department had charge of the general meeting of the club in April at Mrs. Williams. The club on that occasion was addressed by Mrs. Heller of Omaha and Professor Williams, superintendent of our public schools. This department had charge of the reception given at the close of the addresses.

We believe the domestic science department of our club has come to stay. It has been said that "women are naturally conservative; they are slow to adopt new methods in housekeeping; that domestic science has not kept pace with the marvelous development of the world in other lines." We believe that through the influence of the Woman's club, this statement cannot truthfully be made five years hence, for educated women are learning that housekeeping is a science, and home-making an art worthy of their serious and earnest thought.

Literary Department—The literary department of the Woman's club began the year's work with a membership of fourteen enthusiastic, earnest workers, each resolved to teach and be taught. Later we added four new names to our list. Our first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gietzen and work planned for the present year. We decided to read and discuss Equality, by Bellamy, also to study the French Revolution, by Carlyle.

We finished Equality and I must say the work was not a favorite in the department. Some of the members thought the French Revolution was too deep and required more time for study than could be well spared. As it is characteristic of this department to be considerate of each other, we, with reluctance on the part of some members, dropped Carlyle's great work for the present, hoping to find time and inclination to take it up later. A committee of six viz.: Mrs. Voss, Mrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Albert, Mrs. Gietzen and Miss Ward, was appointed by the leader and a meeting held at Mrs. Gerrard's, where it was decided that the literature of our own country furnished an extensive and rich field for study and the author and his principal works was assigned for each meeting. We found this work exceedingly interesting, every meeting being well attended and each member doing her part with pleasure and profit.

The first afternoon in American literature was given to Hawthorne and his works, at the home of Miss Becker. Roll call was responded to by giving a quotation from, or an incident relating to, the author's life. A biography of Hawthorne was given by Mrs. A. M. Post. Mrs. Voss reviewed the "Scarlet Letter" and Mrs. Gerrard read one of his selections. Following are the programs of the literary department for 1898:

Feb. 15—with Mrs. Raney—Bryant. Biography, Mrs. Raney; reading, Miss Luth; recitation, Mrs. Ward.

March 1—with Mrs. Post—Emerson, biography, Mrs. Sullivan; reading, Miss McMahon; Brook Farm Community, Mrs. Gietzen; essay, Mrs. Page.

March 15—with Miss Sheldon. Discussion of Longfellow and Whittier—Leaders, Mrs. Gerrard and Mrs. Voss.

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March 29—with Mrs. McMahon—Holmes. Biography, Mrs. Alberts; reading prose, Mrs. Post; reading poem, Miss Becker; recitation, Miss McMahon.

April 12—with Mrs. Sullivan—Stowe. Biography, Miss Luth; "Old Town Folk" recitation, Miss Sheldon; reading, Mrs. Stevenson.

April 25—with Mrs. Raney—Lowell. Biography, Mrs. Gietzen; essay on Lowell, Mrs. Voss; recitation, Mrs. Alberts; Bigelow Papers, Mrs. Ward.

May 10—with Mrs. Alberts—Cary, Field and Riley. Sketch of the Cary sisters, Mrs. Kramer; reading from the Cary sisters, Mrs. Raney; Sketch of Eugene Field, Mrs. Sullivan; recitation from Eugene Field, Miss Becker; sketch of James Whitcomb Riley, Mrs. Gerrard; recitation from James Whitcomb Riley, Mrs. Wm. Watson.

Roll call at each meeting incidents in the life of the author.

We held our last meeting with Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Gietzen at the home of the latter. An impromptu program

was given, also a reading by Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Suiter was elected leader for the next year. A committee was appointed to investigate the university extension, with a view of taking it up for our next season's work, this decision to be submitted to the department at a meeting called for that purpose. In conclusion, I will say our meetings have been so pleasant and members so agreeable and congenial we were loath to disband our little circle, but parted hoping that each and every member would enter the field next October more active than before.

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