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SOCIETY

The event of the week was the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sawyer on New Year's night. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer gave their first New Year's reception in 1891. Each year since then the same guests, with an occasional addition have welcomed the New Year with Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer with music, literary programs and responses. The Virginia reel has always closed the evening. About seventy-five guests were present last Monday night to listen to the following program:

Piano solo—Mrs. Wurzburg.
Address—The Closing Century, Honorable C. H. Gere.

Vocal solo—Minstrel Boy, Shelley, Mr. Movius.

Poem—Mr. Bixby.

Vocal solo—Sleeping World, Dudley Buck, Mrs. Ward.

Each guest was called upon to respond to the subject "Important Events of the Century." Some of the subjects chosen were as follows: "Wireless Telegraphy," "Evolution," "Steam Inventions," "Germ Theory" and "The Legacy which this Century leaves Us." Mr. Sawyer read a letter written one hundred years ago upon the much discussed subject of when the new century shall begin. The letter appeared in the Norfolk (Virginia) Herald one hundred years ago and last week in The Conservative, and reads as follows:

Princess Anne, Dec., 18, 1798.
Mess. Willett & O'Connor.

Sirs: I am a poor widow woman, whose great uncle by her father's son died lately, and by his will he hath left me a legacy of £100, to be paid me in the 19th century that is, he says: "Item, I give to my niece; Deborah Violet, £100, to be paid to her in the 19th century." Now, sirs, as I am a poor woman, and I am told you have a great many law gentlemen in Norfolk, you will render a great service if you will get their opinion when, and at what time, I have really a right to demand the same. In so doing you will oblige,

Yours at Command,
Deborah Violet.

Mr. William Cobbett, author of the famous "Porcupine Papers," treated the letter as a huge joke and printed a letter to her in mock seriousness. He started out: Dear Madam: Having a singular affection for widows of the violet race (especially those who are in full bloom) and observing you in some little distress for advice, you will not be surprised, that, without further ceremony, I proceed to offer you the best, which it is in my power to bestow." He assured his "sweet violet" that she had applied to the wrong source that lawyers' skill consisted in knowing how to procure delay and that she must sue for her money. He advises her to plead her own cause as no eloquence is so eloquent as that which falls from female lips. He then puts forward an argument and ends by saying, "But, if there be amongst them any man of a sound understanding and a clear conscience he will remain locked up 'till he has gnawed off his hands, before he will give a verdict against you'."

Mr. Sawyer proposed that they should try the case and chose at random, Mr. W. B. Lamb and Mr. F. M. Hall on the affirmative and Mr. H. H. Wilson and Judge Tibbetts on the negative side. Mr. E. E. Brown, Judge Pound and Mrs. Ricketts were chosen as judges.

The whole affair was a delightful little farce and needless to say the decision rendered was in favor of the widow.

After refreshments were served the guests danced the Virginia reel. Mr. and Mrs. Wurzburg and Mr. Bixby furnished music for the dance. The following out of town guests were present: Mrs. John S. Briggs of Omaha, formerly lady commissioner for the World's Fair; Miss Francis Briggs of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rush, of Omaha. Mrs. Sawyer was assisted by Mesdames Field, Ricketts, Wilson, Hall and Hartley.

Mr. Boyd Putnam who is a cousin of Mrs. Putnam of this city was selected by Mrs. George Gould (born Kingdon,) to take the general management of the play she gave in her own little theatre. Mr. Putnam has been with Mr. Crane but just at this season was out of an engagement and when he received Mrs. Gould's note inviting him to be her leading man he accepted the position and the responsibility for one night for four hundred dollars. Mrs. Gould acted the part of a social adventuress and her graceful motions and elegant diction revived memories of her first success in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" under Mr. Daly's management. To entertain more than one hundred persons for twelve hours and to keep them contented might almost be classed among the extra labors of Hercules. This is what Mrs. Gould had to try to do. Her New York guests left Jersey City in special cars at 3:20 P. M. When they reached Lakewood they found carriages waiting for them and were driven to the Hotel Laurel in the Pines, where all the guests had a room and private bath to himself, to herself or to themselves. When they met for dinner Mr. Gould explained that Mrs. Gould was so nervous about her reappearance on the stage that she was unable to meet her guests at the table. But the theatricals were a great success. It is a little curious that Mrs. Gould should have chosen to enter society from the stage. Having made up her mind she made a triumphant entry and there is nothing to prevent her from occupying a proud place in New York society except the memory of her father in law against whom, though dead, there is still a strong prejudice.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan has returned to the city after a visit in the south where he hunted a tame panther and narrowly missed an ostrich-back ride. His hunting trip did him good. He is in excellent condition.

The younger members of the Unity Club entertained for the older members on Monday night at Walsh Hall. The first part of the evening was spent in playing cards. Miss Rose Cahn and Mr. Sam Wessel took the royal prizes. Long tables were laid in the dining room and supper was served before the dancing. The tables were beautifully decorated with candles and holly. Those present were: Misses Sorenson of Sacramento, Pollock of Omaha, May of Des Moines, Cahn of Pueblo and Mrs. Aach of Burr Oak, Kansas. Messrs. Harris of Omaha, Sarbach of Holton, Kansas, Justin Sarbach of Fairbury, Heymor of St. Louis, Meyer of Holdrege, Frankenburg of Charleston and Simon of Washington, Kansas. Messrs