

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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MY SHIPS.
[From "Maurine."]
If all the ships I have at sea
Should come a-sailing home to me,
Ah, well, the harbor could not hold
So many sails as there would be
If all my ships came in from sea.
If half my ships came home from sea
And brought their precious freight
To me,
Ah, well, I should have wealth as great
As any king who sits in state—
So rich the treasures that would be
If half my ships now out at sea.
If just one ship I have at sea
Should come a-sailing home to me,
Ah, well, the storm clouds then might
frown,
For if the others all went down
Still rich and proud and glad I'd be,
If that one ship came back to me.
If that one ship went down at sea
And all the others came to me
Weighted down with riches and wealth
untold,
With glory, honors, riches, gold,
The poorest soul on earth I'd be,
If that one ship came not to me.
Oh, skies, be calm! Oh, winds, blow
free—
Blow all my ships safe home to me,
But if thou sendest some a-wrack,
To nevermore come sailing back,
Send any—all that skim the sea—
But bring my love ship home to me.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

TAKING "DOMESTIC Life of the Orient as Compared with Domestic Life of the West," by Ng Poon Chew Chinese editor and lecturer, gave the Berkeley (Cal.) Hillsdale Club something to ponder over the other day. He said, in part: "As we Chinamen understand it, love is a hallucination, a delusion, intoxication, mirage in the desert of passion, a perverted product of a deluded brain, a disease, and a most deadly contagious one, a kind of dementia Americana. It is a symptom of a disordered brain, as a nightmare is a symptom of a disordered stomach. "We Orientals have no use for love, emotion or tender passion in marriage affairs or any other affairs. We are not sickly, sentimental creatures, but cold, philosophical, fatalistic beings. We do not know, we do not recognize any love, strict or free. "In these matrimonial affairs you Americans go at it blindly. In all other things, even at the most inconsequential ones, you follow reason; but in the most important of all life's affairs, marriage, you follow the blind impulses of the reason-defying emotion of passion. "You throw deliberations, logical conclusion, reasoning, all the products of the matured brain to the winds, and, rushing along under the influence and stimulation of one of the by-products of passion, which, for a better name, you term love, you come to grief on the shoals of matrimony. To the Oriental mind such a course leads only to disaster. "We admire the American people for their intellectual attainments, their material progress; yet we can not but marvel at you, wise as you seem to be, permitting yourselves to be led and guided by the mischievous, brainless kid you call Cupid in the most serious affairs of life. Now, since marriage is arranged in such a hap-hazard manner, it is no wonder you call it a lottery and so many draw blanks. "A Means, Not an End. "In China marriage is regarded as the means, while in this country it is the end. It sometimes ends in a surprisingly short time. Now, since marriage is the means for the conservation of the human race, it follows that it is not for the convenience of the man and woman concerned. Individual concerns, pleasure, convenience and happiness are merely incidentals and not the sum total of the purpose of marriage. The parties assuming the marriage state are merely performing the necessary functions of life. Once assumed it is final, and there is no way out of it but death. "To the Oriental marriage is absolute and not a trial. We marry because we must; you marry because you will. We marry because we hold it an obligation to our ancestors and a duty to our posterity; you

marry because you fancy that you have found your affinity. "In China no life career is considered a success unless a marriage state is entered into finally and truly. A man is no man until he is married. Though a Chinaman be born a bachelor, he invariably dies a married man, provided he lives to a marriageable age. **Divorce Unknown.** "To the slow-thinking Chinese marriage will not last for a day or a year, but for all time. It will last for better or for worse in truth; it sticks closer than a brother through all the span of life. Divorce is unknown and trial marriages much less. "You regard marriage as an affair of the heart, and by logical conclusion you are bound to follow the whim and fancy of ever-changing emotions in choosing so-called life partners. We pay more attention to its negotiations than you exert in the search into the title of farm or lot with a view to purchase. "In this deliberation we do not for a moment take into consideration the wishes or desires of the young people immediately involved; consequently our young people have absolutely nothing to do in their marriage arrangements. "In a Chinese marriage absolute impartiality is extended to all parties concerned; either party can take the initiative in negotiating for marriage, while in America a square deal is denied the girl. The young man has the initiative and chance to choose, while the young girl has no chance at all. "Your method is unequal, partial and unjust, for you deny the woman privileges that are her right. In our marriage ceremony we are also far ahead of you, for we do not enjoin the woman to obey her husband, neither do we ask her to love him. For to a civilized being the one is just as irksome as the other." Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flanagan entertained Wednesday evening in honor of the Misses Sheridan. The event was one of the most enjoyable of the week, the suburban home being artistically decorated for the occasion with colored lights evergreens and asparagus ferns. The early hours were devoted to bridge in which James Keane and Miss Maud Painter carried off the honors. Whist was followed by dancing. Refreshments were served. Among those present were the Misses Sheridan, Anne Flanagan, Maude Painter, Agnes Hutchinson, Mrs. Chas. Nicholson, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Wm. Lawlor, Mrs. Farringer, Mrs. Rice and Miss O'Connell and Miss Butler, and Messrs. Harry Butler, George Goodrum, Thayer Grimes, Alton Sengstacken, James Keane, Charles Keane, Wm. Lawlor, J. W. Flanagan, Claude Nasburg, Charles Nicholson, Otto Schetter and H. W. Skinner. Mrs. J. A. Matson and son, have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Matson's mother, Mrs. Kruse, on Isthmus Inlet. The Progressive Club will open the season with a luncheon September 29. The meeting has not been formally called yet and in consequence the meeting place has not been announced. Mr. and Mrs. Jas Lyons and Don Lyons left today for Portland where Don will enter the Columbia preparatory school. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons will spend the winter in Hoquiam, Wash. Mrs. C. J. Mills gave two launch parties this week in honor of her guest, Mrs. D. M. Watson of Portland. The first was Wednesday afternoon and was up Coos River and the second was Friday afternoon and was to Charleston Bay. Both were very delightful affairs, the weather being fine and permitting the natural beauties of Coos Bay and its surroundings to appear at their best. Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Mills'

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party consisted of Mrs. Watson, Mrs. M. C. Horton, Mrs. Frank Parsons, Mrs. P. A. Devers, Mrs. Poyntz, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Garlinghouse, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Thaver, Mrs. Neff, Miss Graham, Miss Helen Bradley, Miss Lucy Horton, Mrs. Mills and Miss Mable Clare Mills. Friday afternoon, the party consisted of Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Neff, Mrs. Schoonmaker, Mrs. Travers and Mrs. Mills. Mrs. Peter Scott, Jr., entertained a small party of friends at Progressive whist the other evening. A very delightful time was enjoyed. Among those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lawhorne, Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Buttz and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Doane. Patrick Flanagan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flanagan, who has been visiting at the Seabrook home in Portland, will enter the Columbia Preparatory school there this fall. Miss Annie Smith has returned from a week's vacation spent with her parents on Kentuck Inlet. Miss May Stauff is spending a week with friends in the Coquille valley. Mrs. Sheridan and daughters, Misses Minnie and Grace, who have been visiting at the McCollum and Flanagan homes in Marshfield and North Bend, left yesterday for Roseburg. The Misses Sheridan have spent the greater part of the summer on Coos Bay and they will be greatly missed in the younger social set to the pleasure of whose numerous events their presence has greatly added. After a short stay, they will proceed to San Francisco. Miss Susie Eickworth has returned from a summer vacation spent with relatives in southern California and her friends are anticipating with pleasure a renewal of the musicales which contributed much to last season's social gaiety. Mrs. Raymond Street entertained Friday afternoon for her sister, Miss Berenice Platt of Ohio. Bridge was played and Miss Lucy Horton won first prize. Those present were Miss Bennett, Miss Kathleen Bennett, Miss Helen Chandler, Miss Helen Doble, Miss Lucy Horton, Miss Genevieve Sengstacken, Miss Nellie Tower, Miss Alice McCormac, Miss Mary Minot, Miss Maude Painter, Miss Eleanor Helm, Miss Perch, Miss Vivian Taylor, Miss Platt, Mrs. Street, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. W. A. Toye. Miss Platt will spend the winter in Marshfield and with her brother will occupy a flat in the Williams building. The Minnie Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. E. L. Kelley in South Marshfield Thursday afternoon. This club has a membership of twelve and was organized for the purpose of sociability and pleasure. Refreshments were served and all departed expressing themselves as having had a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Holmes will entertain the club on September 24. Among those present last Thursday were: Mrs. A. Z. Downs, Mrs. F. F. Ray, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Charles La Chapelle, Mrs. C. C. Goring, Mrs. Chas Craig, Mrs. Alonzo Knight, Miss Nellie Knight, Miss Helen Knight, Mrs. Wm. Haydon and Mrs. August Prizzen. Mr. and Mrs. Tom James of North Bend entertained at their home Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Benj. Rice of Tulsa, Okla., who has been visiting on the Bay and also in honor of Miss Maude Painter who will leave in a short time to spend the winter in Okla. The James' home was artistically decorated, huckle-



Mlle. SIGRID WESTERLIND
The Swedish-Finnish Songstress Who Will Give Two Concerts in Marshfield Sunday and Monday Evenings.

Mlle. Sigrig Westerlind who appears in concert in Marshfield, Sunday and Monday evenings, was born in the city of Stockholm, but at a very tender age moved over to Finland, where her father Kapellmeister A. E. Westerlind, soon became the leading violin virtuoso, and for years was the director of music at the military academy of Frederichshamm, the West Point of Finland, until suppressed by the autocrat of all the berries being used effectively in the reception room and Nasturtiums in the dining room, the table centerpiece being of grapes. Clam chowder such as Tom James only can make was served. Following dinner, the evening was spent at cards. The first honors were carried off by Mrs. Rice and Frank Lambertson and the consolation prizes went to Mrs. Farringer and Mr. Demoro. Among those invited were Dr. and Mrs. Burmeister, Mrs. Brigham, Miss Brigham, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Farringer, Misses Lena and Bertha Kruse and Messrs Frank Lambertson, James and Charles Keane and Ray Demoro. The Ladies Art Club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. M. Flye. The afternoon was spent in needle work and conversation. Dainty refreshments were served. The club will meet with Mrs. E. W. Burnett on next Friday afternoon. The Beautiful America Club of North Bend has requested the North Bend Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Commercial club rooms Tuesday afternoon to hold their meetings in. The application will undoubtedly be granted by the club and the first session in the new quarters will be held next Tuesday afternoon. It is planned to have the business meetings followed by social sessions. Hitherto the Beautiful America club has been meeting at the city Hall and has been entertained Wednesday afternoons at the Commercial club. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rood have returned from a summer of travel. They left early in July taking in the Yellowstone park on their way to Deposit, New York, where they visited Mrs. Rood's mother. Miss Elizabeth Kauffman left on the Plant today for New York and Boston via San Francisco. She will take a course in domestic science preparatory to teaching. Mrs. E. A. Todd returned from California where she has been visiting on the last Plant. Among the other arrivals on the same boat was Miss Peach who is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Toye. Mr. Frank Hague, Mrs. Minot and Miss Eleanor Helm drove to Myrtle Point Thursday. They returned the same day, making a trip of sixty-seven miles. Mlle. Sigrig Westerlind is a guest at the home of Alex Johnson during her brief stay in Marshfield. "Girdles belts and sashes are all very fashionable this season," says Grace Margaret Gould, the Fashion Editor. "The narrow belt is no longer the vogue. Wide effects are in demand. Many of the models are made of folds of satin, and fasten at one side with a flat satin rosette and two

Russians. In this city was at that time also situated the Vassar College of the country, at which the young girl was graduated before being allowed to give herself up to her musical studies. Her vocal teacher became Emelie Mechelin, of the city of Helsingfors. Already after her first years of vocal study the young singer began touring the country as a soloist, accompanying and assisting her father on his professional trips. long ends. Often the girdle ends and sash ends are finished with fringe. "The early fall imported costumes show much braiding and many buttons as their trimming. Very large buttons are used, and among the novelties are bone buttons having a satin center. The satin is either black or matches the color of the gown. Mrs. Benj. Rice, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Painter, in Marshfield, will leave soon for her home in Oklahoma. She will be accompanied back by her mother, Mrs. Painter, and her sister, Miss Maude Painter who will spend the winter there. Mrs. Tom James and daughter, of North Bend, will leave Tuesday for Portland and Newport, Ore., where they will spend a month or so visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James' parents. Mr. James will join them during the latter part of their stay. The New Ribbon Comb. Since the fashion for wearing ribbon buttonholed through the hair has become popular some clever person has invented a comb to save trouble. It is of shell or imitation, is shaped in a circle, and is slipped into the hair by a group of teeth in the center of front and back. The rim of the comb is very fragile and is the color of the hair. There are buttonholes through it and through them ribbon is put. In arranging it, lace the ribbon in and out of the holes before putting the comb in the hair. Make a large bow at the left side or a rosette on each side. Do not have one in the front and back. Then push the comb into the hair around the center of the head, and you have no idea how attractive the effect is. You can use any color of ribbon to match the costume. It is an especially pretty hair dressing for autumn evenings and need not be kept for special occasions. It is not too dressy for one's own house.

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