

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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An Unregretful Dissolution.
When you played at bridge with me,
When I saw you lightly make,
As my smiling viv-a-vis,
Every possible mistake,
I forgave you, though I paid
Dearly for the slips you made.

When you played at love with me,
Ah, what science then, what skill
Drew me to your feet, to be
Now discarded at your will;
Shall I still forgive you? Yes!
Nothing ever grieved me less.

"WHAT'S THAT? Tape? Ribbon?" asked Mr. Jarr, seeing something in the shape of a small ribbon of about a quarter-inch in width trailing after Mrs. Jarr.
"What is it?" he repeated. "Why, it was trailing after you for several yards. And it's silk."
"Well, if you must be so inquisitive," said Mrs. Jarr, "it's a corset string."

"Nonsense!" said Mr. Jarr. "I know a corset string when I see one. They are round like a sandal wick or an old fashioned shoe lace, and they have little brass tips that are round, and they are made of cotton. I used to go to the store and buy them for my mother when I was a boy. Ten cents."

"I dare say," replied Mrs. Jarr, as if she desired to change the subject.
"What did that one cost?" asked Mr. Jarr, "a quarter?"
"A quarter!" said Mrs. Jarr in fine scorn. "That shows how much you men know what it costs to keep a woman half decently dressed. It cost a dollar."

"What's it so long for? How long is it?" he asked.
"It's five yards long, and some of them are ten yards long!" snapped Mrs. Jarr. "There! I hope that satisfies you, Mr. Nosey!"
"I asked you why they were so long?" said Mr. Jarr, grinning, for he saw he was on the point of having revealed to him one of the mysteries of the goddess of feminine frills.

Mrs. Jarr sat down and gave him a searching glance. If Mr. Jarr would walk into the trap, let him.
"Corset strings are made that long so women can lace themselves," she said. "If a woman has a maid the maid can get the long ends around her wrists and pull like all possessed. If she hasn't a maid the woman who is lacing herself will get the long ends around a bedpost and get a good what-you-may-call-it on it."

"A leverage?" suggested Mr. Jarr.
"Yes, a leverage," said Mrs. Jarr. "And they are flat because the round strings cut, and they are silk because, after all, good silk is the strongest, nicest and wears the best."
"Thanks. That'll be about all. I hope you don't do the bedpost act."
"If you mean do I lace, I do not. I don't have to," said Mrs. Jarr. "No woman will admit she does."
"But that isn't about all. Since you are so nose-y and while we are discussing the matter, I might as well tell you that I must have a Classique."

"A what?" asked Mr. Jarr, in alarm.
"A Classique; that's the new shape that is worn with the directoire gowns. If I get a directoire gown, and I should have one."
"But you have a directoire gown," faltered Mr. Jarr.
"I have not!" said Mrs. Jarr sharply. "That is only a two piece suit—a walking suit of modified directoire. So, now that you are interested you can get me a brais-saire Classique. And the cheapest are ten dollars. But I can get a very nice one—a beautiful one—for eighteen. You can't sit down in them when you are wearing them, you know!"

Mrs. Jarr said this last as if it were the finality of ease and comfort described.
"Why, I see corsets advertised for three dollars," stammered Mr. Jarr.

"Yes, and I see men's suits advertised for five dollars, but I notice you don't wear that kind."
"It's an awful lot of money for a corset," repeated Mr. Jarr.
"Nonsense!" said Mrs. Jarr. "Mrs. Stryver gets hers made to order in brocaded satin. She never pays less than seventy-five dollars. And it's little enough for you to give me the price of an eighteen dollar one since you are so interested in the subject."

"Oh, Lord, how long?" exclaimed Mr. Jarr, seeing the pit into which he had fallen.
"Five yards, and often ten, I said, if you are still so nose-y," replied Mrs. Jarr.
"But you bet he'll never be nose-y again."

Most of the club meetings and usual regular social events in Marshfield and North Bend have been abandoned for the holidays as everyone is busy getting ready for Christmas, but there will be plenty of special events to make the holidays lively.
There will be a number of family dinners and small parties for Christmas and several large social events. The Millicoma Club will entertain; the North Bend Commercial Club will have a ladies' night, the volunteer firemen will have their big ball on Christmas night and the Assembly Club will have a dance between Christmas and New Years.

The members of the Millicoma Club are preparing for a big reception which will be given next Tuesday night. The wives and lady friends of the members will be invited.
The best string reception orchestra on the bay has been secured and there will be vocal and piano numbers by some of the best talent in the city. A supper will be served and the club rooms will be decorated with Oregon grape and flowers. The club members expect to make this one of the most pleasing of the entertainments yet held.

You get what you cry for when you are young, and cry for what you get when you are old.
One of the important holiday social affairs will as usual this year be the dance to be given by the Volunteer Fire Department on Christmas night. This is always an elaborate social event. The firemen know how to arrange and give a dance and they say that the ball this year will surpass any previous efforts.

Miss Letty Larsen entertained a number of friends last Saturday evening at bridge. The first prizes were won by Russ Tower and Laura Kruse. The house was decorated with ivy, huckleberry and white chrysanthemums. Those in attendance were: Misses Genevieve Sengstacken, Mae Bennett, Kathleen Bennett, Laura Kruse, Alice McCormac, Nellie Tower, Lucy Horton, Mary Minot and Mrs. Otis Rogers and Messrs. Oakley, Brown, Butler, Bob Booth, Otis Rogers, Irving Chandler, J. G. Fergusen, Walter Butler, Claude Nasburg, Willis Kennedy and Russ Tower.

The members of the Assembly club are arranging for a dance to be given on the night of December 29.
Mrs. R. H. Walter gave a party Thursday afternoon at her home in South Marshfield in honor of Mrs. L. R. Robertson, who left for Portland, where she will reside. It was an informal card party. Lunch was served and the guests also enjoyed music. Those present were Messdames James Rollinson, C. W. Curtis, John C. Merchant, George Ayre, William Thomas, William Hutchinson, E. Bear and L. R. Robertson.

Another affair given in honor of Mrs. Robertson was at the home of Mrs. John C. Merchant. During the afternoon Mrs. Merchant favored the guests with selections on the piano and refreshments were served. The guests included Mrs. John Sullivan.

PERSONAL notices of visitors in the city, or of Coos Bay people who visit in other cities, together with notices of social affairs, are gladly received in the social department. Telephone 1331. Notices of club meetings will be published and secretaries are kindly requested to furnish same.

Mrs. William Thomas, Mrs. L. R. Robertson and Mrs. R. H. Walters.

Mrs. Robert Scott entertained the members of the Minne-Wis. Club at her home on Broadway Thursday afternoon. It was termed a "swap party." Each guest was to bring a present valued at not more than twenty-five cents and swap with one of the other guests. If anyone brought a present worth more than twenty-five cents they were to be fined that amount. Mrs. John LaChappelle assisted the hostess in entertaining. It was decided to entertain the gentleman members of the club at the next meeting which will be held New Years Eve at the home of Mrs. Charles LaChappelle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Gettins will entertain a number of their friends next Thursday evening at their home on Third Street. The occasion is to celebrate their wooden wedding.
The young men of the C. A. Smith Lumber company office force will give a dance to a few of their friends this evening at the office building.

At the last meeting of the Evergreen Whist club which was held at the home of Mrs. Friedberg, the first prize was won by Mrs. Bradley. The club has suspended meetings during Christmas week. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday after New Years at the home of Mrs. Hazard.

The A. N. W. club members are not meeting through the holidays. The next gathering will be at the home of Mrs. I. Lando the first Thursday after New Years.

The members of the Progress Club are taking a vacation for the holidays and no meeting will be held until January 5 when the home of Mrs. J. M. Upton will be the meeting place.

Mrs. D. W. Small entertained a few friends Friday night at her home on 'B' street in honor of Mr. Small's birthday. The guests played cards and refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Misses Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Upton and Mr. and Mrs. Gettins.

The marriage of Miss Lettie Mattson and Wilson R. Bickford will take place December 24 at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pierce in Marshfield.

During the holidays there is to occur the wedding of one of the well-known business men and a Marshfield young lady. The formal announcement has not yet been made.

Quite a little party gathered at the Getty home in Empire Friday evening, the event being a surprise for Miss Aileen Getty whose birthday was thus honored. Games and cards were the diversion of the evening and proved quite a treat to all. Refreshments were served and the guests enjoyed a splendid evening.

Among those present were: Messdames C. E. Getty, A. Wickman, Leo Cook and W. Magee; Misses Annie and Mabel Wickman, Rubina and Lizzie Ollandson, Estella Cook, Mae Magee, Florence and Mabel Farley, Mayme and Leah Elliott, and Nae Rozell; Messrs. C. E. Getty, Mark A. Getty, George Wilson, Andrew Wickman, John Wickman, Eddie Peterson, Henry Wickman, Walter Holden and John Ollandson.

A quartet composed of Mr. Getty and his son, George Wilson and Mrs. C. E. Getty furnished a splendid musical program which added greatly to the enjoyment of the entertainment.

Unforeseen circumstances prevented today the leaving on the Breakwater (Continued on page 4.)

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