

# WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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**WHEN THE BABIES GO TO BED.**  
When the western sun is dipping  
In a golden flood of light,  
And through fleecy clouds is slipping  
Down the valley out of sight;  
When the shadows on the hillside  
With a misty veil are spread,  
And the crickets chirp a greeting,  
Then the babies go to bed.

Then the white brigades are forming  
For a march to Slumber land,  
Nightie-robed, its turrets storming,  
Both to capture and command.  
'Tis a paradise of sunshine,  
From which gloom and fear have fled,  
And 'tis reached in just a twinkling  
When the babies go to bed.

Then wee tired lids are drooping,  
Little hands are in repose;  
Sweet-faced mothers gently stooping,  
Kissing lips fair as the rose;  
And a halo as from heaven,  
'Round and over all is spread  
In that hour of tender parting,  
When the babies go to bed.

'Tis the sweetest hour that meets us,  
When the eventide draws near,  
And the "Now-I-lay-me" greets us,  
Lisped by babies fond and dear,  
And the long years seem to vanish,  
Back to childhood we are led,  
Back to mother's fond caresses,  
When the babies go to bed.

Mother, may I go in to swim?  
Yes, darling daughter, and yet,  
Remember 't would ruin your bathing suit  
If you happened to get it wet!

**THAT IS THE 1909** version of the old maternal advice about the water and the hickory limb. It certainly looks, too, as though an awful lot of women are preparing to take "mother's advice" this season, according to a clever San Francisco girl who now and then writes about the latest thing in the Market street shops to a Coos Bay friend.

"If one may believe the evidence of the bathing suit departments in the various big stores it simply will not be done by the best people—that's all."

Even a bathing suit is not a bathing suit at all this year. My goodness, no! One would think the woman actually intended to go into the water! A bathing suit is now a "beach costume." Every bit as classy as it sounds. And directoire-ish—to the point of vanishing entirely.

In one of the big shops on Market street a row of these beach costumes is hanging in a closet awaiting the proper moment when they will be flashed, in window display, upon the public.

"Why, no, they couldn't be worn in the water," the buyer for the department assured me in shocked tones. "They are not meant for that. It would ruin them completely to get them wet!"

And yet to the uneducated eye they look like bathing suits. Just bathing suits made of very wonderful and giddy silks, much trimmed and embroidered. But they're not. They're beach costumes.

One way that you can tell they are beach costumes is that there are lots of beautiful things to match that all go with them. There is a parasol of exactly the same silk as the costume, and when the outfit costs over one hundred dollars the ribs and metal trimmings of the parasol are 14k. gold so that the sea air will not rust them.

Then there is a vanity bag covered with harmonizing material, closing very tightly and lined with rubber supposedly in case it was dropped in a puddle, for the wearer of

all this elegance ought not to venture within a quarter of a mile of the ocean.

A most becoming cap is fashioned over a rubber foundation, and slippers that are secured by silk strappings which match the costume are worn over thin silk stockings of the same shade.

"But are there no—er—er, no—er?" I asked.

"Bloomers would completely destroy the proper clinging effect," explained the buyer. "They have been out of fashion for that reason for several seasons. Last year they wore quite tight knickerbockers beneath the skirt. This year tights are worn. The regular silk tights such as are worn on the stage."

But unless you can afford to pay from fifty dollars up to one hundred and fifty dollars for your beach costume you had best make up your mind to join in the common herd buy a plain, everyday bathing suit and—go on in and get wet all over. Nor are the plain everyday bathing suits devoid of possible sensation. There is the Jersey topped suit for women, made of the same material as undershirts or the regulation suit for men. These seem to promise as much concealment of outline as would a coat of paint. A full plaited skirt—the idea is good if it had been more evenly distributed—falls from the waist to the knee, but above, the fabric becomes as intimately adhesive as a poor relation. There is a straight up and down bathing suit with many buttons, that is more like an abbreviated directoire dress than any of the others. Most of these fasten down the side, are fashioned in a rather loose and clinging manner, and could not conscientiously be recommended for fat ladies.

Stripes are without a doubt the thing for the matron of formidable proportions. Black and white stripes running vertically, or even red and white, like one in a Van Ness avenue department store that seemed to promise its wearer the alluring contour of a peppermint stick.

Well, after all the most noticeable thing about this summer's bathing suits and beach costumes is that they are scarcely noticeable. To the human eye they seem quite apologetic.

With evening gowns becoming lower and bathing suits becoming higher, the answer seems to be a blush.

Mrs. Bennett Swanton and children returned early in the week from a ten days visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Abernathy, at Dora.

The past week has been a rather quiet one in social circles on the Bay, practically all the clubs have adjourned for the summer season and few parties have been given. Many are arranging to move to their summer homes on Coos Bay, Ten Mile or other pleasant spots during the coming week for a couple of months stay.

The coming week will probably be another quiet one in social circles owing to the proximity of the Fourth of July. Society will have to give way to the general celebration of the nation's natal day anniversary. Celebrations in Marshfield, Sumner and Lakeside next Saturday will attract the attention of this section while the Coquille valley will celebrate at Myrtle Point Saturday and at Bandon Monday.

The past week or ten days has been marked by the return of most of Coos Bay's students who have been attending various schools and colleges the past year. There has been some talk of organizing the students into a young set and arranging for several functions for the vacation months, but no definite steps have been taken. Among the

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young ladies returning were: Misses Lucy and Hazel Powers from Minneapolis, Miss Madge Barry of Empire, from San Francisco; Miss Preuss from Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis, Miss Edith Horn of North Bend, from St. Helen's Hall at Portland.

Mrs. W. S. Chandler writes that she and Miss Helen Chandler will reach here early in July to spend the summer at their bungalow on South Coos River. The Chandler family expects to visit the Seattle exposition prior to coming here. Ben R. Chandler, who has been attending Oregon State University at Eugene, will also spend the summer here. Mr. Chandler expects to spend several weeks on the Bay.

Mrs. Mary Merchant, accompanied by her grand daughter, Miss Mable Lang, left this week for Oakland, Cal., where they will remain for several months.

Last Saturday afternoon, Miss Florence Edwards, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Edwards of Allegany, and J. J. Ott of the same place, were quietly married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in this city by the Rev. H. I. Rutledge. The young couple will make their home at Allegany. Mr. Ott is associated with Capt. Edwards in operating the steamer Alert.

Judge and Mrs. John S. Coke and son returned Friday from Wedderburn where they have been for the past week. Judge Coke was attending to business matters there and Mrs. Coke and son accompanied them for a short visit with friends in that section.

Miss Mary Hague arrived here this week from New York for an extended visit at the homes of her brother, F. E. Hague, and sister, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell. Mrs. Elizabeth Minot, who had planned to go to San Francisco last week for an extended stay, remained over to meet her sister here. Mrs. Minot will go to San Francisco shortly.

Mrs. Albert Edward Seaman entertained at an informal luncheon, Friday. Mrs. Trego and Mrs. Morris of Spokane, were the guests of honor. Covers were laid for twelve and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed.

Last Monday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McArthur entertained about twenty-seven little folks at their home in honor of the Eighth birthday of their daughter, Miss Mary Louise McArthur. It was one of the most delightful gatherings of little ones that has been witnessed on Coos Bay in many a day, games and diversions marking several of the most delightful hours that the Masters and Misses present will long remember. It was a "cob-web" function, an intricate net of strings reaching from the interior of the home to the doors and windows where each terminated with a number. Following the silken strands, closely resembling the silver strands of the real cob-web, the children were lead to handsome favors. A feature of the luncheon was the birthday cake, lighted by eight

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