

# WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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### THE UPPER ROOM.

**I**N my house of life is an upper room, A small and garnished place, And there I dreamed in the mist gray gloom,  
And I looked my soul in the face.  
(O upper room with your dreams where I Let my friends, unwept, go passing by!)  
Once Love tried the door, and a child's voice came—  
I heard it through my prayers—  
But the door was barred when they called my name,  
And the steps went down the stairs (And yesterday at the door I found A toy and a rose trampled on the ground).  
And my prayers were heard, for with toll my hope  
Has grown, though empty, great,  
And from my upper room I see  
Crowds gathered around my gate  
(From my upper room with its dreams where I Let the loveless years go passing by).  
I have fought my fight, Hark! They bring the prize!  
I have won—I have won the race!  
But I sit and I dare not lift my eyes  
To look my soul in the face  
(For yesterday at the door I found A toy and a rose trampled on the ground).  
—Mary Roberts Rhinehart.

**I**N THE true sense of the word dress is not a weakness of woman. It has become, after generations of encouragement, a mania.

Though she may be exemplary and sweet in every other respect, she will resort to the most petty kind of deceit to procure raiment that will make her the envied of the rest of her sex. She will put up with incompetent help and toll unnecessarily herself to add the few dollars difference in wages to her dress allowance. She will cut down on her table and worry herself sick compiling presentable menus that allow of the reduction of the butcher's and grocer's bills; then add the miserable sum to the clothes item!

She will waste hours of valuable time at a milliner's trying to decide whether a feather should be placed at an angle of forty-five or sixty degrees, and she will tramp her feet full of callous spots looking for something some one will think she paid \$25 for when in reality it cost only \$18.

She says she knows men like simple clothes, therefore she is about to clothe herself simply. The man is overjoyed at the prospect of "cheap simplicity;" the rude awakening is when he finds that simplicity, when applied to woman's dress, is a most extravagant luxury! When he puts his foot down on the futerance of the "simple wave," she says, "Oh, that's right, find fault; you don't know an artistic creation when you see one. I suppose you wouldn't care if I went around in a bathing suit all day!"

And though the man thinks decidedly that a bathing suit is a far more sane garment than those with which she is wont to adorn her person, he wisely keeps silent. Then, just for spite, she goes off and buys a getup that gives her the appearance of an overtrimmed lampshade!

The length of time she takes to dress is proverbial and has been bread and meat to all the comic papers in existence for decades, but tell her that a garage is on fire across the street and that they fear terrific explosions in a few minutes and she will don the same number of clothes, look just as charming and have a minute or so to her credit at the end.

Then let the poor desk-chained husband suggest a new suit! He finds that she has very decided views on that subject. First that when the style in men's clothing does change, the change is so slight that no one knows whether he has a new suit or not. That the principal thing about men's clothing is that they should be well pressed and that he has every Sunday morning to press them. The men's clothes take up so much room in the closets because the material is so heavy. All this and more he learns about wearing apparel of his own sex within fifteen minutes. Then, one day when he sneaks into a clothier's and blows himself to a suit that looks just like his old one, without the well seasoned shine, he comes home vainglorious at his deception, and is spotted before he gets his overcoat off!

So, after years of study we have

come to the conclusion that one of the strongest props that the heredity theory has is woman and her insatiable mania—DRESS!

Miss Isabelle Johnson of San Francisco arrived this week for a short visit with Mrs. J. Albert Matson, Miss Mary Black and other friends on the Bay.

Mrs. Grace French, who was expected here this week from California to visit at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McCormac, postponed her trip until later in the summer. She expects to accompany her father back when he returns from Paso Robles, where he went this week to take treatment for rheumatism.

Mrs. J. W. Woods, of San Diego, returned to her home this week after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. P. M. Tully. Mr. and Mrs. Tully will probably visit there later in the season, Mrs. Tully having changed her mind about accompanying her mother home for a visit now.

James Aiken, who has been at Mt. Tamalpais, is expected home on the M. F. Plant next week to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Aiken.

Miss Grace Kruse is hostess to a bevy of the younger girls at a house party at "The Nook" over Sunday, leaving here today. Among her guests are Eugenia Schilling, Nora Tower, Frances Williams, Helen Bradley, Ruth Allen, Hazel Powers and Florence Aiken. Miss Isabelle Johnson, Mrs. J. Albert Matson and Mrs. E. S. Bargelt are chaperoning the party.

Clifford Benson and wife and baby of Gardiner are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell in Marshfield. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were neighbors of Mr. Benson when his father, now Gov. Benson, resided in Roseburg.

Mrs. C. W. Tower and daughter, Miss Nellie, who have been spending a few weeks in Portland, expect to remain there until after the Rose Carnival. Immediately after their return, Dr. and Mrs. Tower will go to their summer home on South Coos River, which is now being overhauled for them.

Mrs. Eugene O'Connell plans to leave next week for Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Boyd M. Richardson, for a few weeks. Mrs. Richardson and daughter, Rosemary, will return with her to spend the summer here.

The A. N. W. Club met on Thursday last with Mrs. F. M. Friedberg at her new home in West Marshfield. Twenty-one club members were present, besides three guests, Mrs. E. Mings, Mrs. C. E. Nicholson and Mrs. M. C. Maloney. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. J. W. Bennet who underwent an operation at the Home hospital yesterday is reported getting along nicely, much to the gratification of the many friends of the family.

Miss Anna Newman arrived here this week from Lincoln, Nebr., to make an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Morrissey.

Chas. Van Duyn and wife, arrived here the first of the week from Enid, Okla., to make their home on the Bay. Mr. Van Duyn, who is a cousin of Eugene Crosthwait, will be identified with The Chandler. Mrs. Van Duyn is a sister of Max Roberts, who spent the summer here a few years ago.

Mrs. E. Kelly expects to leave May 30 for Minneapolis and other eastern points where she will visit for three months.

Last Wednesday, Erwin J. Jamison, of California, and Miss Mildred May McIntosh of Coos Bay were married at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. H. I. Rutledge officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Hauschildt

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and has many friends here whose well wishes will follow the couple to their home near San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Haines will entertain the Tuesday Night Whist club at their home next Tuesday evening.

The Minnie-Wis Club was entertained this week at the home of Mrs. John LaChapelle. Sewing was the principal diversion and was followed by a bountiful luncheon, Mrs. Chas. LaChapelle assisting in serving. The club has arranged to hold the annual picnic for the members and their families May 28.

Last Tuesday, a party of Marshfield ladies enjoyed a fine outing trip to the Coquille Valley. They took their lunches with them and stopped between Myrtle Point and Coquille where they spent an unusually pleasant day. Among those in the party were Mrs. Chas. LaChapelle, Mrs. D. A. Jones, Mrs. John LaChapelle, Mrs. C. A. Metlin, Mrs. W. Brown and Frank Ray.

The Junior girls of the Domestic Science Department of the Marshfield High School served a most delicious three-course dinner to the Board of Directors at 5:30 Friday evening. The girls regretted very much that Dr. McCormac and Clerk John F. Hall could not be present, but felt highly honored to have W. S. McFarland and M. C. Horton as guests. The table was set for five, Mr. McFarland acting as host and Mr. Horton, Miss Kaufman, Myrtle Downer and Nellie Tribbey occupying the other seats. Rose Wall acted as head waitress. The dinner was prepared by the four Junior girls, Rose Wall, Alice Curtis, Myrtle Downer and Nellie Tribbey, who, under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Kaufman, have become quite proficient in the art of cookery. This is the third dinner served by the girls to invited guests, the two previous dinners having been given in honor of the High School faculty.

The Sisters of Bethany met this week with Mrs. F. A. Sacchi and the afternoon was spent in the usual work. The club is planning to adjourn soon for the summer and the next meeting will be on call of the president.

Last Monday the Progress Club met with Mrs. H. S. Tower, the new president, at her home in South Marshfield. It was "Reciprocity Day" for the club, papers from other clubs of the State Federation being read. The two papers were on "The Eucalyptus, Cultivated in the United States," by Mrs. Wallace LeRoy Whitmore, and "Early Traditions of the Oregon Indians" by Miss Lulu P. Eppinger of Baker City. Both were able works and very interesting and are highly prized by the club members. The new year books of the

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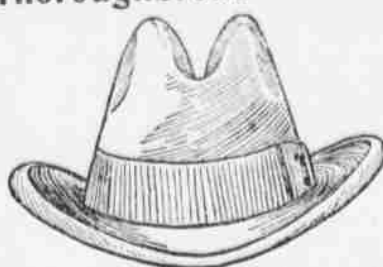
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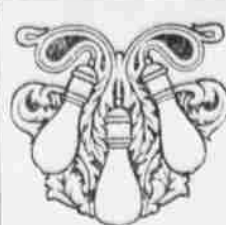
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