

SOCIETY AND WOMAN'S WORLD



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NOT QUITE, BUT NEARLY.

(An adapted poem.)

I can remember when a club,
If it had only been a spade,
Might well have made of me—poor
dub—
As glad a girl as ever played;
And oh, those "no trumps" that
lacked but one,
Those "aces" that barely lost the
game—
Give me those hands I almost
held!

If Mrs. Jones had taken one trick
less—
If Mrs. Brown had taken one
trick, I guess,
Or else a flat of aces four;
If I had spades; if I had a slam;
If I had played a heart instead
Perhaps I might have happened on
Some bridge hands I almost held!

I have few things to beg of fate,
But if I had to make my choice—
And ask a boon—however great—
I'd lift my soft and modest voice
And wish—no, not for gear or gold—
Not thus my dream of joy is spell-
ed—
But only for the chance to hold
Those bridge hands I almost held!

DA TARBELL says that woman's service to the state lies in her duties as mother, in bringing into the world, and training healthy, right thinking citizens.

No other calling in life is equal to that of mother.

Allice Hubbard echoes the statement and wants the state to pay mothers for these services.

This is all commendable and predicts the trend of the times in point of paying where pay is due, says Sophie Loeb. The mother theory is as old as time. No one will dispute that she has the highest vocation.

A mother is the noblest work of god. Yet at the same time "there is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will." A wise Providence has incanted in the spirit of the mother the love germ, which can not be eradicated.

With all due interest and respect to Miss Tarbell and Mrs. Hubbard, the mother, to begin with, has heretofore had little or no thought of her duty to the state.

But she has thought of the duty to her child only.

Yesterday I heard a childless woman say to a mother, "What a joy it must be to have some little soul all your own." The mother replied, "Yes, my dear, but you can not know the joy without the heartaches. They go together. This is the fundamental cause of the so-called race suicide."

The woman went on further to combat the theory that has been expounded that all women are not suited to be mothers. "Why," she said, "at the very first call of the infant the mother is impelled by natural inclination alone to care for the wee one."

Further, this mother said what the world needs is to create in the minds of modern women the one great theory that motherhood has its compensation outside the realm of the state. She is by the very nature of her sex intended to fulfill the duty of motherhood.

The great truth is apparent that the women who could through circumstances bring into the world and probably make ready for that world good citizens do, indeed, have the least children. This is not as it should be. While the hue and cry is on to compensate mothers, which should be done in the case of the needy ones at least, a greater work is yet to be done, in the matter of actually educating the women who do not have children—that they are not only losing hereditary, human attributes, but that the years will find them personally less happy than if

they had fulfilled their part as mothers.

It would seem that the uplift spirit that is sweeping the country should carry with it the seed of unselfishness in the matter of progeny. On the other hand, women who are not mothers and can be, should lend a helping hand to the mother who is overburdened in that respect—then they would not only do their share to the state but reap a harvest of joy in the action.

After all, as the millionaire said the other day, "A man can only realize but a very small portion of what he calls his own. He can only get a certain supply of creature comforts." So that there must be, by the very reason of this, something else in life besides the mere getting and spending.

This may be summed up in one word—humanity.

Humanity means people. People means men, women and children. Without children we would have no men and women. So it narrows down to the beginning—the child. Every woman, in business or in the home, should cherish and foster the feeling of motherhood.

If she does not marry, coming in close communion with mothers and children will create a spirit of humanity that must react in any walk of life. The tendency to dislike children and keeping apart from them is, I am sorry to say, a growing tendency of the strenuous times.

Therefore it would seem that the noblest need at present lies in the further impression and action of Miss Tarbell's theory that woman's duty as mother is the best of all.

Too many of my sisters say, "Yes, I think motherhood is fine—but not for me." There they dismiss the subject. What you and I and all of us need is to create a child-loving disposition. The rest follows, and the state will take care of itself.

Mrs. L. M. Noble entertained at a very delightful bridge luncheon at her home Tuesday, complimentary to Mrs. F. S. Slagle of Coquille. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion, ferns predominating in the scheme. The afternoon's play resulted in Mrs. F. S. Slagle winning the first prize and Mrs. A. T. Haines receiving the consolation. Among those present were Mrs. F. S. Slagle, Mrs. C. E. Nicholson, Mrs. A. T. Haines, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, Mrs. C. W. Tower, Mrs. I. Lando, Mrs. F. A. Hazard, Mrs. J. T. McCormac, Mrs. M. C. Maloney, Mrs. E. McGingus, Mrs. E. G. Perham and Mrs. W. T. Merchant. Pretty Myrtle plates were the souvenirs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bear, who have been spending the winter in town moved out to their ranch this week to spend the spring and summer months.

Mrs. H. S. Tower will entertain the Progress Club at her home Monday. The subject for the meeting is "A Trip to India."

Mrs. J. T. Harrigan entertained the Sisters of Bethany at her home Thursday afternoon. Various matters were discussed but the afternoon was devoted principally to needle work. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. C. Maloney next Wednesday. Among those present last Thursday were Mrs. C. K. Perry, Mrs. Arthur McKeown, Mrs. F. A. Saechl, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. M. C. Maloney, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. Frank Denning and Miss Alice Butler. Mrs. Dorsey Kviltner and Mrs. F. K. Gottius were special guests.

Mrs. E. Mingus entertained at a bridge luncheon at her home last Saturday. Among her guests were Mrs. F. A. Hazard, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. J. T. McCormac, Mrs. L. M. Noble and Mrs. P. M. Willbur.

Wm. Ford and wife were expected to reach Portland this week from Rose City. Mrs. E. K. Jones, a sister of Mrs. Ford, arranged to surprise them on their arrival there by going to Portland to meet them and also to visit her sister, Mrs. Boyd M. Richardson.

Mrs. J. T. McCormac entertained the Altar Guild of the Marshfield

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Episcopal church at her home Wednesday. The Guild is planning for more active work than they have been doing in the past and a number of important matters are under consideration. The next meeting will be next Tuesday when Mrs. F. A. Hazard will be the hostess. Among those present Wednesday were Mrs. Geo. F. Murch, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. H. Sengstacken, Mrs. R. E. Browning, Mrs. F. A. Hazard, Mrs. C. K. Perry, Mrs. C. F. McKnight, Mrs. Arthur McKeown and Mrs. F. E. Leefe.

Mrs. Chas. S. Kaiser entertained the A. N. W. club at her home in North Bend Thursday afternoon. Flowers were used effectively in the decorations and bouquets of violets were given as favors. There was no business of importance taken up. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Vaughan of North Bend was a special guest. The club members from Marshfield in attendance were Mrs. F. A. Hazard, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. J. T. McCormac, Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, Mrs. F. P. Norton, Mrs. W. P. Murphy, Mrs. S. Lando, Mrs. W. F. Squires, Mrs. F. E. Allen, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Chas. Stauff, Mrs. J. T. Hall and Mrs. M. R. Smith. The club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Hyde at her home in South Marshfield.

Mrs. R. E. Pinegor, who is here from Portland to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Eleworth, expects to spend a couple of months on the Bay.

Mrs. A. E. Adelsperger was a hostess at cards last Saturday afternoon at her home in South Marshfield. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. J. W. Ingram won first prize and Miss Nellie Tower second prize. Among her guests were Mrs. E. S. Bargelt, Mrs. C. R. Peck, Mrs. R. K. Booth, Mrs. G. W. Kaufman, Mrs. M. H. Bliven, Mrs. M. C. Maloney, Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, Mrs. J. W. Ingram, Miss Elizabeth Kaufman, Miss Nellie Tower and Miss Charlotte Murch.

Mrs. J. G. Cook and her daughter, Mrs. Geo Twambley of Eureka, are guests at the home of Mrs. Cook's son, Geo. E. Cook. This is her first visit in here in four years. Mrs. Twambley returned to Eureka yesterday but Mrs. Cook will remain for some time.

Mrs. Harriet Nichols, who was called to Portland last week by the illness of her daughter, Miss Eunice Nichols who has been taking a course as a trained nurse there, is expected home soon.

A wedding of more than usual interest to the people of Coos county took place Wednesday evening at the home of County Clerk James Watson in Coquille when Miss Jettie W. Watson and Harry Folsom were united in marriage. Relatives and a few intimate friends of the

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Among those from Marshfield in attendance at the nuptials were Misses Evelyn Anderson and Agnes Hutcherson.

Dr. J. T. McCormac, who has been spending the winter at Honolulu for the benefit of his health, will leave there for San Francisco, March 8. On his arrival in San Francisco, about March 14, he will go to Orland, Cal., to visit his daughter, Mrs. French, and will return to the Bay the last of the month. Mrs. McCormac planned to meet him at San Francisco but probably will be unable to do so now.

W. A. Border and wife of Myrtle Point have been guests the past week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. W. Traver. Mrs. Border has been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. A. O. Rogers, Jr., who has been spending a few weeks in San Francisco, went to Los Angeles this week to visit relatives and friends there.

The concert given last Tuesday evening at the Masonic Opera House by the Chaminade club was unquestionably the best home talent musicale ever given on the Bay. There was a good attendance and all present are unqualified in their praise of the Marshfield singers whose ability in chorus work as well as soloists were revelations to them. The club has been practising hard and their efforts Tuesday evening plainly showed the benefits of the careful rehearsals under the director, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr.

The program was nicely arranged, the choruses being interspersed with solos, quartettes and trios. All shared equally in the honors of the occasion. Several pleasing encores were given during the evening.

The accompanists of the evening were Miss Edna Larson, Mrs. Perl Riley Ballinger and Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr.

Those participating in the chorus were:

Sopranos—Mrs. W. N. Ekblad, Mrs. E. L. Nicholson, Mrs. J. V. Smeaton and Mrs. Chas Stauff.

Mezzos—Mrs. Perl Riley Ballinger, Mrs. J. S. Coke, Mrs. B. B. Ostlund and Miss Clara Myren.

First altos—Miss Evelyn Anderson, Mrs. F. E. Leefe, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. R. K. Booth.

Second altos—Miss Esther Johnson, Mrs. M. A. Sweetman, Mrs. C. H. Walter and Mrs. M. H. Bliven. The club will at once begin rehearsing for another concert to be given the latter part of May or early in June when Mrs. Rose Block Bauer, the celebrated songstress of Portland will appear as soloist for the club.

Mrs. R. K. Booth entertained informally at a luncheon Thursday at her home in West Marshfield, the Misses Bertha and Laura Kruse of North Bend and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy being her guests.

Mrs. W. T. Merchant left this week for Oakland, Cal., where she will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Miss Emma Erickson left today for Portland where she will spend a couple of months at the home of her brother, E. Erickson.

A. T. Haines and wife will entertain the Tuesday Night Whist club at their home next Tuesday evening.

Last Saturday evening Miss Clara Sherwood was hostess at one of the largest social gatherings of the season. "Five Hundred" was played for a short time. Mrs. Ward C. Gage and Mr. James Watson winning the first prizes and Mrs. Bert F. Folsom and Dr. Endicott the consolation prizes. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Lawrence A. Liljeqvist and Miss Gretchen Sherwood. Those invited were: Messrs. and Mesdames Thomas H. Mehl, Bert F. Folsom, Paul Sterling,

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