

IN SOCIETY

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THE REASON.

The hats appeared a year ago
With nothing but a feather.
That looked as though it had been
through
A month of rainy weather;
A narrow quill, or scanty bow,
Or wing erect and lonely,
Or solitary tall aigrette,
Or fluffy pompon only.

Now now on every female head
Behold the autumn bonnet
Of many shapes, but each without
A scrap of trimming on it.
Now since the price of beef has
has soared
To heights Olympus dimming,
We may afford to buy the hats,
But not, alas, the trimming.

IN A PART of India it is generally understood, and is even the custom, at formal dinner parties to keep silence if there be nothing of interest to say, and to speak only occasionally when one thinks of something to say, or talk all the time if those at the table have enough to say which they consider worth while.

It being the custom to have short or long silences, there is not only no embarrassment about a silence, but it is rather refreshing, as indicative that the thoughts of host and guests are active and when there is a result worth while expressing, it will be expressed. Thus the silence is always alive and never dead.

Some one has very aptly said that the strength of silence lies entirely in the spirit within it. We have all had the experience at luncheons or dinners or in any company of two or more acquaintances experiencing unexpectedly a silence, and then it is curious to see how one will wriggle with discomfort and speak any inanity rather than let the silence last.

It is because the impression here in this country and in many others is that if a man does not speak it is because he has nothing to say. Therefore, women are constantly speaking when they have nothing to say, for fear by silence they will expose their empty minds.

Many women speak when they would much prefer to keep silent, because they have been brought up to believe that silence is discourteous and awkward. And so it is while this custom of constant talking is upon us.

But why not change the custom? It would take some time to do it, but it could be done. We should have to send out dinner cards or luncheon invitations with "temporary silences requested" down in the left hand lower corner.

The request would at first be met with contemptuous remarks and scornful suggestion with regard to the hostess being at such a loss for subjects of conversations what she must in her invitations request the leniency of her guests, etc.

But let two or three women who are known to be good talkers try the experiment and stick to it for a season and they will find not only that the restfulness of their dinner and luncheons will add greatly to their attraction, but the guests will come away with all that has been interesting in the conversation fresh in their memories instead of with the impression of a general jumble of words and food.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Henry Sengstacken entertained the Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon with a Bridge luncheon. The color scheme was yellow. Yellow flowers and yellow candles and shades carrying out the effect. After a five course luncheon cards filled the remaining hours of the afternoon. The prizes were won by Mrs. W. M. Blake, first prize; Mrs. George Flanagan, second prize and Mrs. L. J. Simpson, consolation.

Those present at this meeting were

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CHARIVARI PARTY

The boys and girls of the high school assisted Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Grannis in settling their new home on South Fifth street Wednesday night by means of a charivari. The program opened with the usual noise, which lasted until Mr. and Mrs. Grannis appeared at the door. Then Leslie Isaacson, in behalf of the boys, presented them with a beautiful library lamp. After this a sextette of boys sang a touching little song of sympathy for the groom. Mr. Grannis responded with a speech and the entertainment was closed by the boys with three cheers for each of the family. Harvey Walters and Shot Powers also attended.

FAREWELL PARTY

Miss Nora Tower, who has been here from Berkeley, Calif., to spend her vacation from the University of California with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tower, Friday afternoon entertained informally a few friends at her home in South Marshfield. Among her guests were Misses May Preuss, Ruth Allen, Agnes Carpenter, Francis Williams, Madge Barry and Mrs. D. E. Maloney.

ROYAL AUCTION CLUB.

Mrs. R. K. Booth was hostess to the Royal Auction Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at her home in West Marshfield. After a lovely luncheon served by the hostess the afternoon was spent in cards. Mrs. A. L. Houseworth won the prize.

The next meeting of the club will be next Tuesday with Mrs. F. K. Gettins.

Those present at Wednesday's meeting were:

Mrs. C. P. McKnight, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. J. H. Milner, Mrs. E. E. Straw, Houseworth, Mrs. F. K. Gettins, Mrs. F. E. Hague, Mrs. D. Y. Stafford, Mrs. W. F. Nicholson and Mrs. G. A. Bennett.

WEDDED IN SALEM

The Salem Statesman contained the following last Sunday concerning the marriage of F. L. Grannis, who arrived here a week ago with his bride:

"At 5 o'clock last Sunday afternoon Miss Anetta P. Wilson and Frank L. Grannis were united in marriage at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher Homan. The ceremony, which was performed by Dr. Homan, was witnessed by relatives and a few of the most intimate friends of the bride and groom. The house was beautifully decorated with yew boughs, Oregon grape and ferns.

"Proceeding the ceremony Miss Buona Bicknell sang 'Oh, Promise Me.' Miss Mabel Fraley played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the company, led by Miss Katherine Homan, ring bearer, entered the room.

"After the ceremony a dinner was served to the guests in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with smilax and pink and white carnations. Assisting with the serving was the Misses Lottie Penn and Julia Todd.

"The young couple left on the 8.55 electric train for Portland, where they spent a few days and then proceeded to Marshfield where Mr. Grannis is a member of the high school faculty.

"Mr. Grannis is an alumnus of Willamette university and his father was a former minister in Salem, holding the pastorate of the First Methodist Church several years ago.

The bride came to Salem almost two years ago from Creston, Iowa, where she has many friends, who all join with her Oregon friends, in wishing her many happy years as the bride of a man who is as popular as Mr. Grannis."

The Salem Statesman of last Sunday morning contained the following advance account of the nuptials:

"At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Homan on Seventeenth street will be solemnized this evening, December 29, at 5 o'clock, the wedding of Miss Anetta Wilson and Frank Grannis, Dr. Homan, uncle of the bride, performing the ring ceremony. Miss Mabel Fraley, a former student of Willamette university, will be present and play the wedding march for the occasion. A splendid wedding dinner will be served. After the ceremony the young people will go to Marshfield, where Mr. Grannis is teaching, by way of Port-

land and the steamer Breakwaer. They will probably visit in Portland a few days before continuing their journey.

The bride, who has lived in Salem for about two years, has been nurse at the Oregon state reform school for the past year.

Mr. Grannis is well known here, having graduated from Willamette university and spent several years teaching at the local reform school. He is now the teacher of history at the Marshfield high school.

The host of friends in Salem of the bride and groom join in many congratulations and well-wishes for the two young people in their new life."

IN NEW HOME

Mrs. B. W. Olson this week moved into their fine new home in South Marshfield and hopes to have it completed by the time Captain Olson arrives from his long trip around Cape Horn on the Adelaide Smith, the big new lumber schooner of the C. A. Smith Company. The house is one of the most commodious and most palatial on Coos Bay being most complete and modern in every particular as well as elegantly finished. Mrs. Olson expects tomorrow or next day to receive the first word from Captain Olson since he left Delaware. He is due to reach Point Arenas, Chili, about January 12, or thirty days after he left the port on the Atlantic.

JOLLY DOZEN CLUB

Mrs. R. K. Bush of Bunker Hill entertained the Jolly Dozen club last Wednesday afternoon. After a business session of the club the hostess served light refreshments to the following ladies: Mrs. W. Gale, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Christiansen and Mrs. George Rourke. The next meeting will be January 22 with Mrs. A. L. Buttz.

A. N. W. CLUB

The A. N. W. Club was entertained last Thursday by Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, assisted by Mrs. E. K. Jones and Mrs. F. E. Hague.

After a short business session the afternoon was spent in sewing, when dainty refreshments were served to those present who were:

Mrs. F. E. Allen, Mrs. Olivia Edman, Mrs. J. T. Hall, Mrs. F. A. Hazard, Mrs. E. Mings, Mrs. G. F. Murch, Mrs. Mary McKnight and Mrs. C. F. McKnight.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 16th with Mrs. H. Reed at Kittyville. The club members will meet at the home of Mrs. M. R. Smith at 1:45 o'clock next Thursday and go in a body to Mrs. Reed's home.

MINNIE-WIS CLUB

Mrs. Helen Baldwin was hostess to the Minnie-Wis Club Thursday afternoon at her home on South Fourth street. At a business session of the club, the following were elected officers: President, Mrs. E. E. Kelley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Mary

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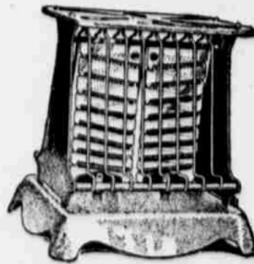
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