

## The Week in Astoria Society

Miss Ethel Walker of Jewell was the guest of Mrs. R. M. Gaston the early part of the week. During her stay Mrs. Gaston entertained a few friends in her honor on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Gaston left on Thursday morning for Clatskanie to visit with Mrs. Fred Springer for several weeks.

Miss Olive Burkebile of Seattle, who has been the guest of her cousins, Mrs. A. M. Foard and Miss McCrea, for the past two weeks, will leave for home on the 8:20 train this morning.

Mrs. Agnes Foster and two little daughters, of Portland, were Astoria visitors yesterday en route home from a two weeks' visit with her brother, Mr. Joseph Healey, and family of Gray's River.

The members of the Birthday Club of the First Presbyterian Church and a number of invited guests were very pleasantly entertained on Friday afternoon, by Mrs. J. A. Fastabend at her residence on West Duane street. About 28 ladies were in attendance, passing the afternoon in happy manner, with their fancy work and sewing. An excellent luncheon was served at tables set under the shade trees on the lawn.

Mrs. E. A. Gerding entertained the members of the Birthday Club of the Methodist Church at her home on Eleventh street on Wednesday afternoon. About twenty-five ladies were present and spent the time very pleasantly.

Mrs. John Mattson will entertain the members of the Birthday Club of the Methodist church and a number of invited guests at her home on Commercial street on next Wednesday afternoon, August 5.

Mrs. Walter Lynch and daughters, Misses Jean and Burita, will leave for Portland on Monday, going from there to Tillamook overland to visit with friends.

The ladies of the Birthday Club of the Presbyterian Church, will give a picnic in Alderbrook Tuesday, August 11. The first president and organizer of the club, Mrs. Pyle, who is spending the summer at Seaside, will be the guest of honor at this picnic.

Mrs. Carles Bergman entertained the ladies of the Aid Society of the First Lutheran church and a number of friends at her home in Uppertown on Wednesday afternoon. There was a good attendance. After the business meeting, the time was spent in a social manner, the ladies having their fancy work with them. Dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Miss Ester Asp entertained the Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church and a number of friends with a "Walkout Party" on Friday evening. The Fairview grounds on Young's River was selected as the site for the evening's festivities. Chinese lanterns were strung from the trees and a large bonfire built on the beach. Games were played and a happy time was experienced by all. The hostess served sandwiches cake and ice cream for refreshments.

Mrs. George W. Sanborn and Mrs. Frank H. Sanborn were hostess on Friday afternoon at the home of the former for a charming five hundred party. The decorations for this occasion were beautiful and artistic, the parlors in pink and white with sweet peas and in the dining room, pink roses. About 40 guests were present and spent a delightful afternoon. High cards were held by Mrs. G. W. Roberts.

A farewell party was given at Fort Stevens on Thursday evening by Lieutenant and Mrs. Willis in honor of Lieutenant and Mrs. Kerfoot, who left yesterday for New York, where the Lieutenant has been assigned to duty. A number of Astorians were present and enjoyed the lavish hospitality of the host and hostess, and to "speed the parting guests," who will be greatly missed by their many friends.

A yachting party was given on Tuesday evening by the crew of the "Winged O." The party went down

the river as far as Flavel, returning before dark, having had a jolly time. Those present were the Misses Hattie, May and Nellie Utzinger, Maybelle Young, Jenette Peterson, Kate Wood, Carrie Short, Hanna Heitander and Messrs. Gammel, Anstedt, Carlson, Olsen and Graham.

About 30 young people were delightfully entertained on Wednesday evening by Mr. Alender Karinen at his home on Bond street. Cards and dancing were engaged in until a late hour.

Mrs. Nellie Bluet and daughter of Denver are in the city the guests of Mrs. A. A. Douglas.

The "Merry Widow" Club gave an enjoyable theatre and supper party on Monday evening last.

Miss Margaret Higgins entertained the members of the Thursday Club yesterday afternoon at her home on Eighth street.

Miss Hattie Utzinger returned last Sunday from a three weeks' visit in Vancouver, B. C., with Mrs. Prescott Ogilvie, nee Miss Caroline Young.

Mrs. Nelson Troyer and son Merwyn left yesterday on the Rose City for San Francisco to visit with Mrs. Troyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Belmer.

### What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson, of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents. Samples free at Frank Hart's Drug Store and leading druggists.

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### Ten Years In Bed.

"For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P. of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a God-send to me." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

## New York News Letter

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—New York will never have an office building a mile tall, in spite of all the recent talk to that effect. Indeed it will never have one half a mile high for that matter, unless the present building code is expanded instead of contracted as the present architectural policy demands. For the limit in height of any building in New York is now absolutely fixed at 200 feet, or about two-fifths of a mile, and in view of the present outcry against the latest skyscrapers it seems certain that that limit will not only never be increased but will shortly be diminished. The reason that New York will never have any of the mile high buildings predicted for it is not only architectural but geological. The city does not rest on a basis any too firm as it is. Beyond a certain point it will be absolutely impossible to rest additional weight on the underpinning of the city. The limit of this weight it has just been figured out amounts to a foundation pressure of the enormous amount of fifteen tons to the square foot. On a building lot 200 feet square, which is about the limit in the already crowded downtown district this will mean a maximum height of 200 feet. Beyond this the very nature of the city's base will call a halt. Other factors, however, are likely to step in before such a limit is reached, for a 200 square foot plot this 2000 foot high edifice would cost \$60,000,000. It would weigh according to present estimates 516,000 tons, or more than twice the tonnage of the present navy. Moreover the wind pressure on any one of its walls would be more than 6,680 tons. Altogether such a monstrosity is made almost impossible by its physical limitations and it hardly seems probable that any New York skyscraper will ever exceed 1000 feet, provided of course that the present building laws are not so restricted as to make the toothpick office building out of the question.

The police department is still trying to discover whether it is the subject of a practical joke, or whether it has been metamorphosed into a bureau for answering conundrums in connection with the new anti-noise ordinance. The most baffling problem which has ever been put up to this department has just developed in the question "Is it necessary for a rooster to crow?" This is looked on by some members of the force as akin to the old inquiry as to why a chicken crosses the road. As a matter of fact, however, it is a serious problem for the new anti-noise ordinance prohibits all unnecessary noises, and the question naturally arises as to the difference between those which are necessary and those which are not. Complaints having been lodged against various crowing roosters, the police department has been forced to call upon biologists to find out whether it is really necessary for a rooster to crow. The biologists, however, give no help as they merely rendered the opinion that it was as necessary as it is for a man to sing. As a result the police are still up in the air and the difficulty of their position is further complicated by persons who have announced that if it is not necessary for roosters to crow it isn't necessary for lions to roar, and that if this question is decided against the banyard fowl they will proceed to put the Zoo out of business. Already Chief Bingham's men have been deluged with complaints from flats and apartment houses against crying babies, pianos, coughing invalids and the like, all of which are alleged to be the cause of unnecessary noises and therefore punishable under the new ordinance. Meanwhile the police are wondering whether it is possible to differentiate between necessary and unnecessary noises and chiefly as to whether a rooster renders himself liable to arrest by crowing at night.

According to the views held on the Bowery no funnier statement was ever put forward than that recently made by City Physician Gerbert to the effect that six beers a day are too much for any man. The Bowery, being the center of the beer belt, naturally takes an acute interest in the question, but that any man should hold six beers the limit is entirely beyond the comprehension of its leading citizens. One of the most prominent of the Boweryites, Mr. "Suds" MacFee, known for his temperance on all subjects, has come to the support of Mr. Gerbert, in that he believes in a limit to beer which can safely be consumed by thirsty individuals. On the amount however, he and Dr. Gerbert differ widely, for "Suds" would make the limit thirty glasses a day,

or 210 of the Bowery schooners every week. Many of his brethren, however, consider this puerile. "Chuck" Connors expressed himself freely to the effect that if Gerbert's limit were carried to the fire department the boys would be going to fires alone. When asked if he could consume more than six beers without showing the effect he became extremely angry. "Me drink six" was his retort. "Why, I only been off de blankets an hour and I've planted fifteen pots." But while "Chuck" is a consistent performer he is held to be in the kindergarten class compared with such prominent Boweryites as "Galway Paddy" and "Hoxie Clark." The former once consumed seventy-six goblets of beer in six hours and then to complete the wager walked a chalk line. This performance still stands as the record. Mr. Stutt McDermott, another thirsty resident of the lower East End, averages around 50 glasses a day and says that he considers himself on the water wagon when consuming less than twenty. In view of these facts it is no wonder that Dr. Berbert's dictum has been the cause of much mirth on the Bowery.

New York has made a by-word of the assertion of Dr. Wiley of pure food fame that bad bread is responsible for more divorces than any other single cause. Queries of "How's wife's bread?" are a common salutation in the resorts along the Great White Way. Those who treat the subject seriously assert that the government scientist made a bad guess. David Graham Phillips, the novelist, who is regarded as something of an expert on this subject since his exposure of the inside workings of the divorce microbe in his latest story "Old Wives for New," insists that bad cooking ranks no higher than sixth in the causes of divorce in New York. As a result of his investigations he places the most common reasons for the rupture of marital ties in this order. Extravagances and wastefulness, Clubs, Drink, Too much mother-in-law, Bridge Whist, Bad Bread.

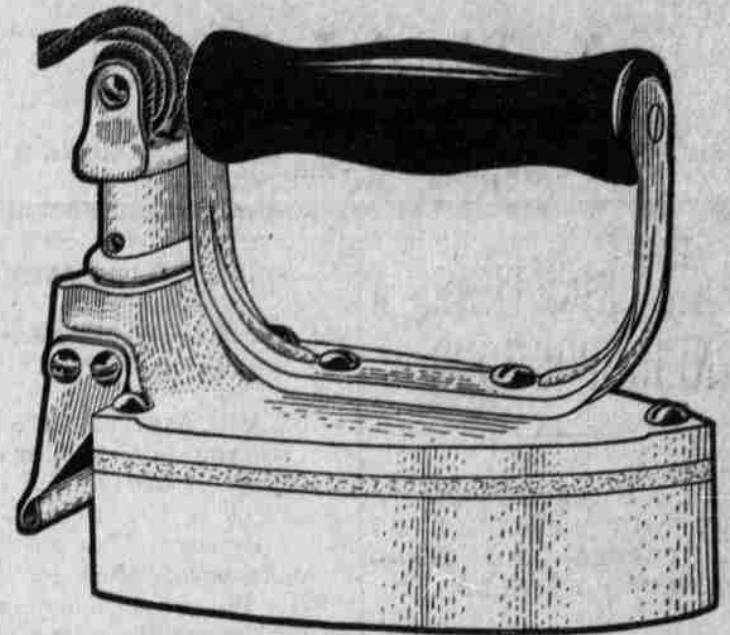
Bridge whist by the way is becoming a more and more common cause for divorce since it is stated that one business failure out of every seventeen in New York is caused by the gambling propensities of wives and their inability to win. Whatever it may think of its own shortcomings in this respect, New York is certain that such a commonplace cause as that advanced by Dr. Wiley—that is bad bread—is entirely without the pale of its consideration.

The chances are twenty to one against being blown up in New York by the Black Hand Society. At least these are the odds quoted by the famous Lloyd's, which has lately achieved considerable notoriety by writing "insurance" on the forthcoming presidential election. While Wall Street has a very black eye as a result of its willingness to gamble on so-called securities the famous English underwriters association has given New York a new lesson in the gentle art of gambling by its latest step. Practically what the English agency is willing to do is to bet that the Black Hand is bluffing but various persons who have received threatening letters from this mysterious society are not entirely reassured by this view. Black Hand outrages have become so frequent that many persons who have received letters marked confidential containing the pleasing information that unless they pay forthwith a large sum of currency themselves, their families, and the buildings they live in will be blown into smithereens, have been availing themselves of the new English insurance as a protection against explosive death. In one sense it is really a good sporting chance for as it is well known death as a result of Black Hand bombs is of common occurrence in certain sections of the city. From the standpoint of Lloyd's, however, the matter is merely one of relative chance on which the association is willing to bet twenty to one that the Black Hand won't get you or your house whether you do or don't watch out.

MANILA, Aug. 1.—Rear Admiral Joseph Newton Hemphill has been relieved by Capt. Giles B. Harbor, commander of the Maine. Admiral Hemphill sails for Hong Kong on the cruiser Chattanooga on Monday and from that port for the states on the Mongolia. The battleship Maine and Alabama of the advance fleet of the Atlantic Battleship Fleet sailed from Manila today for Singapore on their way round the world to the Atlantic coast again.

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