

Topics of Interest in the Realm Feminine

IN SOCIETY

Mrs. Matilda von Bolton, Miss Von Bolton and Miss Nicholson gave the last of their charming bridge soirees yesterday afternoon, when guests were invited for eight tables. As usual the rooms were beautifully decorated. Wall flowers graced the dining room and in the hall and parlor Easter lilies, pink mountain laurel, pink hydrangeas, roses and carnations were combined with artistic effect. Mrs. Russell E. Sewall and Mrs. J. Mann presided at the tea table. Prizes were given at each table and the fortunate players proved to be Mrs. Roger B. Stinnett, Mrs. Louis H. Tarpley, Mrs. George B. Schalk, Mrs. Charles E. Wainwright, Mrs. Frederick A. Nichey, Mrs. H. Northup, Miss Wygant and Miss Marguerite Collins, the guest of Mrs. Frank Nau.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Crane, prominent Chicagoans, of 2541 Michigan avenue, who have been spending the winter in Pasadena, Cal. left there Tuesday for the northwest, where they will visit in Portland and Seattle before returning to their eastern home.

An interesting event of tomorrow is the garden party to be given by the women and officers of Vancouver barracks to a number of the officers who have recently been promoted in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Andre Poulthoux will give up their King's Hill apartment the first of the week and remove to 683 Marshall street, where they have taken a house.

Captain and Mrs. Gordon Voorhies will arrive today from San Francisco, where Mrs. Voorhies landed Tuesday from three weeks spent in Honolulu. Mrs. William S. Biddle, who was with Mrs. Voorhies, has gone to Santa Barbara to visit her son, Billy, who is in school there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith, accompanied by their daughters, Miss Lucile Smith and Miss Alice Smith, will return tomorrow from their trip of two months in China, Japan and other points of interest in the orient.

A daughter was born April 7 to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Story.

Mrs. E. W. Blackwood, 581 Tillamook street, has invitations out for a "five hundred" afternoon tomorrow in honor of Mrs. M. Love of Victoria, B. C., and Mrs. John Clary of St. Joseph, Mo.

The Northwestern University club of Portland was entertained by Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Myers of Larch street, Wednesday evening. Pleasant features were the solo given by Dr. W. F. Fleibig; the reading from Mr. Dooley by Miss Henriette Haney and the talk of old college days by Dr. Cassaday. The guests included Miss Jessie Y. Cox of Salem, Miss Laura Williams of Woodland, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Zollinger, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hoserman, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lawbaugh, Earl Coe, Dr. Viola M. Coe, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Fleibig, O. F. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bonebright, Miss HONEY, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore, Dr. Jessie McGavin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris, Mrs. Shaley, Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Sabine, S. E. Webb, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Asher, Mrs. E. M. Cassaday and Dr. F. P. Cassaday. The members are planning picnics and launch parties for the summer season.

An address "Shakespeare as a Focal Point in the Life of the Artist" given by Professor Joseph Shafer of the University of Oregon will be enjoyed by the Portland Shakespeare Study club and guests tomorrow evening at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium. In addition an interesting program of music, readings and scenes from Shakespeare will be given by well known talent. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all those interested in Shakespeare.

NAVAL MILITIA FRAGAS INQUIRY IS ON TONIGHT

Witnesses have been summoned, the required number of court attendants named and quarters selected preparatory to the assembling tonight of the court of inquiry charged with the duty of making a full investigation into the causes that led up to the trouble three weeks ago among the officers of the Oregon Naval Reserve and which resulted in the shedding of blood and embittering the already hostile feeling that existed between the two factions in the reserve.

Judge Advocate Cecil Bauer said today that a number of witnesses have been subpoenaed and the principals to the controversy, Captains Shepherd and Blain, instructed to bring in their retainers.

Just what the scope of the inquiry will be none of the court's members are willing to hazard, although there is a pretty well grounded belief among members of the militia that the inquiry, before it is finished, will lay bare the history of the organization from its beginning.

As the court will be hampered by no files of evidence, being a law unto itself, it will be possible to get at the original cause of the ill feeling between Captain Shepherd and Captain Blain, and thereby ascertain who is at fault.

With reference to the fight at the Armory and the part that it will play in the investigation, it is understood that Captain Shepherd will contend that he was entirely within naval regulations when he, as commanding officer of the naval reserves, ordered an enlisted man to eject Captain Blain from the drill hall, Captain Blain at the time being in mufti; while Captain Blain will insist that it is an unheard of proceeding for an enlisted man to lay violent hands on an officer, no matter what the provocation nor at whose command the assault was made.

The investigation will be on at 8 o'clock tonight at the Armory, Tenth and Couch streets.

SAYS HE'LL PROSECUTE ZEIGLER FOR ASSAULT

Because the East Side Business Men's club adjourned last night while he was talking, J. B. Zeigler became very angry. When George Dilworth suggested to Zeigler that he should not come to the meeting, Zeigler struck Dilworth in the face, breaking his glasses and bruising his eye. Dilworth attempted to defend himself with a chair, but was restrained. This morning he said he would have Zeigler arrested and use the prosecution as a basis for an action to have him expelled from membership in the club.



The Silly Woman Wise

By DARRA MORE.

MUCH abuse has been hurled from pulpit and press and club, at the heads of those "silly" women who powder their noses, teeter about on high French heels, augment their stunted coiffures with false and flirtatious puffs and curls, rouge their lips and cheeks—in short, those women who are striking duplicates of the eggy latest fashion plates. Ministers preach sermons against them, newspapers caricature them, and clubmen sit in their windows and gibe and leer at their follies.

At the same time, it is these same "silly" little women who are loved and petted and well taken care of. If you'll observe carefully, you'll find that these are the women who are continually surrounded by an army of admirably young men, the women whose whims rule the world. Many a woman's wisdom lies in her folly; her strength in her weakness. So, pulpit and press and the world at large may criticize and deride, but she will ever be cherished and man will ever go out and work himself to death to buy the little French heels, the shapely string of golden curls, the gauzy lingerie and other trifles that go to make the fetching picture.

With his vanity of a God, man parades his doll-woman in the haunts of luxury and light, gathering to himself all the glances of admiration she excites, and the next day at luncheon at the club he scoffs at "foolish feather headed, extravagant women," dwelling at length upon their follies and uselessness.

As he returns to the office he buys a box for the theatre that night, orders an expensive bracelet at the jeweler's, and dispatches a bunch of American Beauties to his address, meantime, reflecting to himself how lucky he is to have captured an astonishingly beautiful and fascinating wife.

Man is ever misleading; that which he values the most in secret, he often underrates in public. Actions again, show the trend of the heart. And you may rest assured, young women, that the surest test of a man's regard is by touching his pocketbook. The object upon which he squanders money is the nearest to his heart. The best treated women are the "silly little geese," who, in the words of Oscar Wilde, "treat us (the men) just as humanity treats its gods. They worship us, and are always bothering us to do something for them."

The next time you hear a man ridiculing a "silly woman"—just watch him. The next time a man tells you he loves you, if you are in doubt as to the depth of his affection, propose that he settle a certain amount of money upon you on your wedding day.

Tomorrow—"Rouging an Art."

Unanswered Letters.

Those letters that I ought to write— Their haunting memory thrills Me with a vague uneasiness, Like thoughts of New Year's bills. Too long have I neglected them, And now I see them there, All mutely looking up at me. With a reproachful air.

They haunt me in my waking hours, They haunt me in my dreams, I know to all my waiting friends My fault enormous dwells. I know I ought to answer them, My rigid willow— Yet I don't feel like sitting down To write those letters now. —Somerville Journal.

In a Quandary.

Should women wear the harem skirt? I'm really not decided, For how can I what's right assert On a question so divided? —New York Telegram.

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Rights of a Wife

The crude common law notions of the matrimonial relation, which often resulted in great injustices to the wife, have gradually given place to more enlightened theories. The modification of the law in this respect has been brought about chiefly by statute, but to some extent also by judicial decision. An important case, recently decided, which marks another step in this progress, is De Brauwere vs. Brauwere (59 Misc. 477), where the late Justice Whitney held that an abandoned wife who has expended her money for necessities for herself and the children of the marriage may recover the amount so expended in an action directly against the husband. This decision seems to have been a novel one.

It is, however, only the logical extension of doctrines long recognized by the law, namely, that one who has supplied with necessities which the husband has failed to provide may recover the reasonable value thereof from the husband on the theory of an agency implied in law, or, to put it otherwise, that the wife has the irrevocable right to pledge her husband's credit for necessities in case he fails to supply her therewith, and further, that she may in such case even borrow money on his credit and expend it for necessities, and that the lender may recover the amount so lent and expended from the husband, on the theory that he is sub-rogated to the rights of those who have furnished the necessities purchased with the money so loaned.

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