

SOCIETY

By RUTH LENORE FISHER.

MISS HARRIET GRIFFITH, who is studying music in Portland, is home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Griffith, for a few days.

A group of nine teachers, most of whom are from Salem, left this city yesterday morning for Toledo, and from there will hike down the coast to Crescent City, Cal. The girls are members of the Teachers' Hike club, and during the winter made many weekly hikes over the country. Last summer the party hiked up the Columbia river to Lost Lake, covering 100 miles. Those in the party leaving yesterday were Misses Etta White, Ocie Brown, Corliffe Hurd, Irene Ringheim, Margaret Power of Salem, and Mrs. M. McCaffery, Miss Mona Green and Miss Helen Phillips of Portland.

Mrs. George Dunsford, Mrs. Fred S. Wright, Mrs. E. F. Carleton and Mrs. David Wright returned yesterday from Portland where they went to join the Daughters of the Nile, the women's auxiliary to the Mystic Shrine.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, is in Colorado Springs, Col., where she is attending the American Library association's annual convention. Miss Marvin gave a talk on her experiences in the oriental book shops and had an exhibition on display.

The annual alumni banquet of the Kimball School of Theology was held at the Leslie Methodist church last week instead of at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Sherwood, as was announced. The splendid dinner was prepared by the women of Leslie church. The Kimball chorus, accompanied

by Miss Gertrude Eakin, furnished music during the evening.

It is interesting to Salem people that the J. H. Albert prize for scholarship given at the University of Oregon was awarded to Miss Adelaide Lake of Eugene. This is the first year the prize has been awarded.

It is of interest to Salem folk to know that there are three Salem people who are members of the June graduating class at the University of Oregon. Miss Marjory Kay, Miss Ethel McGilchrist and Edwin P. Cox. All three are well known in the younger sets in this city.

Miss Annette Colquitt has returned from Portland where she spent a short visit with friends.

Miss Mildred Barton leaves this morning for Portland where she will visit until July 1, when she will go to California to make her home.

Mrs. C. N. Needham was an over-Sunday guest of relatives and friends at Portland.

Mrs. Catherine Biggs has gone to Vancouver, Wash., to visit a week with relatives.

C. A. Roberts, well known architect of this city, when he lived here many years ago, is in Salem as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Barr for a few days.

Mrs. Theodore Barr has returned from Portland after visiting for a few days. Her son, Harry Barr, also returned from Portland where he was in school. He has as his guest Roy Cudaby of Portland, who will be here for the week.

Mrs. Nannie Gilbert Palmer of Los Angeles, formerly of Portland, is visiting at the home of Mrs. E. J. Swafford, 1501 Ferry street, coming to attend commencement at Williamette university. She is an alumnae of 1870. Charles E. Moore of Portland, Judge H. H. Hewett of Albany and Ed McKuhn of Marion county, are also of the class of 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kirkpatrick of Colville, Wash., who have been here some days visiting at the home of Mrs. Kirkpatrick's father, Frank Davidson, at St. Paul, were Sunday visitors with her sister, Mrs. Paul K. Reidy. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick will leave this week for their home in Washington.

Phillip Ringo left Sunday for Astoria to spend the summer.

Mrs. Roy Goodwin left yesterday for Seattle to visit for a week with her mother, Mrs. J. I. C. Conner.

Announcement is made of the marriage in Portland Sunday of Mrs. Elizabeth Herren of this city, the daughter of Mrs. D. Holman of 241 North Front street, to Bernard Clark of Portland. The ceremony took place at the parsonage of the First Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will make their home in the future in Portland. Mrs. Clark is a sister of Mrs. Albert Hurst of New York city, who is on her way to Salem to visit.

Mrs. A. L. Linbeck and small children have gone to La Grande to visit relatives for a week.

Miss Alta Jones will leave this morning for Portland to visit for two weeks and attend the Shrine festivities.

The Marion County Women's Republican club met yesterday afternoon in the matron's room at the city hall for a very enthusiastic meeting. Mrs. C. P. Bishop, the president, presided, and interesting talks were made by Mrs. W. P. Lord, who read a biography of William Harding, and also spoke on the Japanese question. Frank Davey spoke on the recent Republican nominations and of Mr. Harding. At the next meeting each member is to make a statement on one of the interesting questions of the day and the club as a whole will study the sugar question with an effort to find the cause for the high prices.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bishop will go to Portland this morning to attend the wedding of Miss Marceides Sims, which will take place this afternoon. Mrs. Bishop will remain for a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bishop, until after the McCormick concert.



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CHAPTER 617

WHO IS THE PERSON THAT WAS SPYING AT MADGE'S DOOR

Cousin Agatha! Here was the name which flashed into my frightened brain when I heard the slight scratching noise outside my door. I didn't even consider the possibility that the noise that had so startled me might have been a mouse. I was sure that my mother-in-law's cousin had been spying upon me through the keyhole as if I had actually seen her in the act.

How much had she seen? I tried to remember whether or not my back had been toward her when I was testing the possibilities of the old Chinese vase as a safe hiding place for the important secret paper my father had sent to Lillian. I must know at once.

Mentally annihilating the carelessness which had led me from force of habit to withdraw the key from the keyhole when I had locked my door, I snatched the key from the dresser, unlocked the door softly, ran across the hall to the door of my mother-in-law's room, and opened it abruptly without any preliminary knock, a formality I had never before omitted in entering the room of my husband's aristocratic old mother.

The scare which met my eyes made me withdraw quickly, ashamed of my own suspicions. Mother Graham was asleep in my bed, her aristocratic old face in its frame of snowy hair gleaming like a cameo from her dainty pillows. Add on a couch drawn near the fire Cousin Agatha, with her old face drawn and worn from her arduous nursing of her kinswoman, was also asleep. The sound of her breathing came to me as I stood tensely quiet just inside the door watching her. It was louder and more hurried than Mother Graham's quiet respirations, but still the regular, even breathing of a person sound asleep.

I tiptoed out of the room and back to my own, thoroughly nonplussed, wondering if, after all, there might not have been a mouse at my door. But with my hand upon the knob of my own door I stopped convulsively and stared at something lying on the polished floor at my feet.

It was a cheap, tawdrily jeweled barrette, one which I had seen repeatedly—the white shuddering at her taste—in Katie's hair. It was so near the door that I wondered that I hadn't stepped upon it in my impetuous rush to my mother-in-law's room.

"I So Glad."

I picked it up dependently. I had had reason to reprove Katie's curiosity before, but the fact that she had considered there was anything for her to be curious about just now alarmed me. Katie was so loyal to me, but she was the soul of indiscretion. It was highly necessary that I know just how much she knew or suspected of my secret service activities.

I locked my door again, this time

from the outside, and putting both key and barrette in my pocket went downstairs. I wanted to meet Dicky at the door to welcome him home, and I had just time for a peep into the kitchen before he should arrive.

Katie, her sleeves rolled to the elbows, was busily engaged in moulding out a pan of biscuits. From my knowledge of her culinary habits she must have been engaged in the work she was doing for at least five minutes. I held out the barrette to her.

"You must have dropped this, Katie," I said, looking steadily at her. "I found it just outside my door."

Katie looked up at me, innocently wide-eyed.

"Oh, Missis Graham," she carolled happily, "I so glad, I lose heem two, three days ago, not know vere I drop heem. Tank you so moech. I like heem lots. You ples put heem on table. I no want to feex heem now. I wait until my biscuits' come out."

Into Dicky's Arms.

Silently I put the bauble down upon the table, and silently I retreated from the kitchen, thoroughly puzzled. Both Katie and Cousin Agatha, one silently, one volubly, had proved a conclusive alibi against my suspicions of their spying.

I was forced to the conclusion that a mouse had been the cause of my mental discomfort after all. But back in the recesses of my brain where I pigeon-holed the incident, there lingered a barbed little doubt of so simple a solution of the mystery, a barb which I knew would not fail to fester in my consciousness and cause many hours of discomfort.

As I reached the front door Dicky was just turning into the gate. The sight of him in the flesh, safe and

round after the fright I had had over the message from the hospital, put to rest temporarily all the problems pertaining to the secret service work in which I was assisting Lillian.

My man had come safe home to me again. This was the only thing that mattered just now in all the world.

Forgetful alike of the coolness with which we had parted over the telephone and of the possible comments of the neighbors opposite, I pulled open the door, ran down the steps and fairly threw myself into my husband's arms.

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