

SOCIAL LIFE IN AND ABOUT PHILADELPHIA

SOME among the debutantes who will assist Miss Isabel Wurtz Page in receiving at the tea which her aunt, Mrs. James Large, will give for her next Wednesday afternoon at Evergreen, her home at Graver's lane and Evergreen avenue, Chestnut Hill, will be Miss Mary Stuart Wurtz, Miss Hilda Tunis, Miss Rosamunde Fisher, Miss Kate Furness Jayne, Miss Alice Atlas, Miss Cordelia Biddle, Miss Molly Wood Baily, Miss Marian Bavage, Miss Mary Tyson Denckla, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Emily La Farge Claxton and Miss Huberta Potter.

A number of ladies will assist Mrs. Large in receiving. Some among them will be Mrs. Robert H. Large, Mrs. Howard W. Page, Mrs. Charles F. Fox, Mrs. Thomas R. Tunis, Miss Pauline D. Howle, Mrs. Felix duPont, Mrs. William Sawtell Muir, Jr., Mrs. G. G. Meade Large, Mrs. David Pepper, Jr., Mrs. Robert Kennedy Wurtz and Mrs. J. Gardner Casarit. A supper will follow the tea for the receiving party.

Mrs. Page is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Byrd Page, of Chestnut Hill, and a granddaughter of S. Davis Page. Mr. Page will entertain at dinner on several occasions for his granddaughter before the large balls this winter.

Invitations were received yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, Jr., for a small dance to be held at the Sedgley Club, on Thursday evening, November 13, at 9 o'clock, to meet Miss Dorothy Foltz, debutante daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Clinton Foltz, of Summit avenue, Chestnut Hill.

There will be a club dinner dance tonight at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Noble.

Mrs. William Platt Pepper, who spent the summer at her cottage at Cape May, will open her town house, at 230 South 21st street, the early part of the week. Mrs. Pepper has been visiting in New York and Boston for the past two weeks. Her son, William Platt Pepper, will join her next week.

One of the most important weddings of the year will take place tomorrow at noon in Old St. David's Church, Radnor, when Miss Virginia Norris Harrison will become the bride of Albert Lawrence Smith. Miss Harrison will be attended by her sister, Miss Natalie Harrison, as maid of honor. There will be no bridesmaids. Mr. Smith will have his brother, Edward B. Smith, Jr., as best man, and the ushers will be Cooper Howell, Charles Fry, Harry C. Drayton, Harry Ingersoll, Benjamin Chew Tilgman, John Lower Welsh, Jr., Radcliffe Cheston, Jr., Henry Norris Platt, Clarence H. Clark, Jr., and Durant Rice, of New York. The wedding will be followed by a reception at the home of Miss Harrison's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis Harrison, at Happy Creek Farm, Devon.

Mrs. James Rogers, of Allen lane, will give a luncheon today in honor of Miss Mary Humphreys, whose marriage to Harold Paine will take place on Wednesday, October 23.

Among the guests will be Miss Agnes R. Lewis, Miss Madeleine Paine, Miss Gladys Paine, Miss Ann Sittes, Miss Emily Moffly and Miss Elizabeth Steele.

Mrs. E. C. S. Lewis, who has lived abroad for several years, arrived from Paris recently, and is spending the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Spencer Miller, 34, at their residence, 2221 Rittenhouse street. Mrs. Lewis, who was in Paris during the war, has been quite ill as a result of her experiences, and will leave the early part of next week for Atlantic City, where she will remain for a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jordan, Jr., have closed their summer home in Bristol, R. I., and are occupying their city home at 922 Clinton street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ashby, of the Gladstone, will leave today for a two weeks' trip to Colorado.

Miss Jane Harding, daughter of Mrs. George Jasper Harding, of 225 Walnut street, has left London and is on her way to this country. Miss Harding will make her debut this year, but has, unfortunately, been detained in Europe on account of the war. She will be presented at a dance which will be given by her mother at the Bellevue-Stratford the afternoon of November 10. When last heard from she expected to sail this week for home and will therefore, in all probability, arrive next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan M. Bullitt and Miss Jean Christian Bullitt, who were to have sailed from London Saturday last, were unable to obtain passage at the last minute and will therefore not leave for another ten days. Miss Jean Bullitt will be a debutante of this season and will probably make her debut at a tea in November, though no date has been set for the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan M. Bullitt, Jr., who are living in Detroit, will come on to Philadelphia in November for the marriage of Mrs. Bullitt's twin sister, Miss Elizabeth Bissell Roberts, and Robert Chesterfield Clay, which will take place November 25 in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Locust above 16th street. Bishop Rhinelandt will officiate. Mrs. Bullitt was Miss Dorothy Margaret Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Fancoast are spending a few days in White Sulphur Springs before returning to their home in this city.

Joseph G. Rosengarten, Walter Thayer and Trenchard Newbold are spending several weeks in Hot Springs, Va.

Mrs. Frederick Hensley, who, with her niece, Miss Agnes Rowland Lewis, spent several days in New York last week at the Ritz-Carlton, has returned to her home on the Main Line.

Mrs. Joseph E. Widener, who is at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., gave a small dinner last night. Her guests were Mrs. William Lee, Jr., William Whitledge, Stephen B. Elkins, Davis Elkins and C. K. McCormick.

Arthur Lee, of this city, is at White Sulphur Springs as the guest of Stephen B. Elkins in his private car.

ALONG THE MAIN LINE

OVERBOURNE—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westley will shortly issue invitations for a small dance to be given at the Overbrook Golf Club in honor of their daughter, Miss Helen Westley, and their niece, Miss Bertha Henderson. The guests will all be members of the younger school set, and will number about 40. Mr. and Mrs. Westley will entertain at dinner prior to the dance at their home in Wynnefield, when their guests will be Miss Esther Rogers, Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson, Miss Marian Simpson, Earl Smith, Edgar Moore and Walter Reynolds.

Mrs. Edwin G. Close will entertain at a musicale this afternoon.

CINCYD—The Cynwyd Boys' Club will present "The Straw Ride," a skit recently produced in Philadelphia, by Edward Cramer, under whose instruction for several years the members have shown an aptitude for stage work of this character, which places these shows far above the usual amateur effort. For the

Church, Tulpehocken and McCallum streets, by the Rev. Charles Henry Arndt.

C. Raymond Moore, of this city, was the best man. John C. Ross and Harlan P. Ross were ushers.

After November 18 Mr. and Mrs. Van Loan will be at home at 4925 North Broad street.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beaver Brown have returned from their wedding trip and are occupying their new home at Wynnewood, Pa. Mrs. Brown will be remembered as Miss Marcy I. Curtin, one of the early September brides.

Mrs. Clinton Guthrie, of 722 North 6th street, has returned from Middletown, Conn., after a short visit to her son at the Wesleyan University.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Eisenlohr have returned from Chelsea to their home, 3512 Walnut street.

Mrs. James Stokes and Miss Mary C. Stokes, of 3642 Chestnut street, returned last week from New York, where they have been visiting Mrs. Fullerton S. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fry and Miss Bertha Fry, of 225 South 42d street, have returned from Cape May, where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Hallam Hubbard and her daughter, Miss Hubbard, of 4011 Baltimore avenue, have returned to town, having spent the summer at their country place, Cherry Blossom Farm, in Chester County.



MRS. ROBERT LEAMING MONTGOMERY

Mrs. Montgomery will entertain at dinner tomorrow night before the dance which will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKean at their place in Rosemont in honor of Miss Mary Frances Fisher.

benefit of Main Line residents who always attend the club's shows the advance sale of tickets will be announced later.

MERION—Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd have purchased land in Merion and are building a house, which they will occupy in the spring. They are at present staying with Mrs. Boyd's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Dohan, of Beacon lane.

NARBERTH—Mrs. Frank E. Bland will entertain the new Narberth Card Club today, at her home on Forrest avenue. The club expects to meet fortnightly at the different members' homes this winter. Among those present today will be Mrs. Justice Morgan, Mrs. Edwin P. Dold, Mrs. Guyon W. Gray, Mrs. William J. Henderson, Mrs. Carl L. Metzner, Mrs. Frederick A. Brown and Mrs. Edward C. Stecker.

ARDMORE—Mrs. Walter Acker, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Lillie L. Jarrett, at her home on School lane.

Mrs. James Mauraan Rhodes will entertain the Garden Club at her home, 111 Glenn road, next Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

ALONG THE READING

Mrs. Charles Louis Boris, of Wakefield House, Rydal, will shortly leave for French Lick Springs, Ind. Mrs. Boris will be gone for two weeks and upon her return will spend the remainder of the autumn at Wakefield House.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maybin Hart returned last week to the Cottage, Ambler, after a two weeks' hunting trip to New Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. Hart were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer K. Mulford, Jr., of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolf, Jr., of White Bend, Oak Lane Park, will hold a large reception, Thursday evening, October 23, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emil Wolf.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Harte, who have been spending some time in the West, are expected to return to their country home at Abington, the end of the week. Dr. and Mrs. Harte and Miss Katharine Harte will remain at Abington until about the middle of November, when they will open their town house at 1503 Spruce street.

Mrs. Paul Emil Wolf will be remembered as Miss Lora Cummings, of Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Windisch will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with the members of the First German Baptist Church this evening in the new Fleischmann Memorial at 9th and Luzerne streets. This building, which has just been completed, will be dedicated Sunday, October 18.

Mr. Windisch is a prominent wool merchant, residing on Old York road, Oak Lane. Two years ago he purchased the old Colonial mansion occupied until her death by Mrs. Anne de Benneville Mears. This, one of the oldest landmarks in this section, was built in 1727. Mr. Windisch remodeled the property and it is now one of the most attractive homes on the Old York road. Miss Elma Windisch entertained Wednesday evening, October 14. Her guests were Miss Florence MacMorris, Miss Mabel Cook, of Burlington, N. J.; Miss Marie Windisch, Miss Caroline Hallinger, Miss Beatrice Rottner, who has been Miss Windisch's guest for the past week; Charles Doud, Ralston Rogers, Howard Leary, Bert Rottner, Gray Leafold and Merret Hulbert.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight, of Glenside, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

GERMANTOWN

Mrs. John J. McDevitt, Jr., of 412 Lincoln drive, entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon. Her guests included Mrs. E. W. Gill, Mrs. C. J. Radner, Mrs. W. R. Nicholson, Mrs. Edgar Elliott, Mrs. Matthew Gill, Mrs. Clarence E. Bartlett, Mrs. Edwin West, Mrs. Mortimer Eastburn, Mrs. Fitz-Charles Green, Mrs. C. N. Fox and Mrs. Bernard Mehan.

Miss Josephine Dodge, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moses Dodge, of Germantown, will not have a formal coming-out function, but is attending a number of debutante affairs.

Charles T. Quin and his daughter, Miss Madeleine Quin, have returned to their home, 261 West Walnut lane, from a trip to Lexington, Ky.

A masquerade dance will be given by the Phi Beta Sorority at the Germantown Automobile Club, Carpenter and Emien streets, on Halloween.

Miss Elsie Marguerite Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Moore, of 124 West Sharpneck street, became the bride of Howard Marshall Van Loan at 6 o'clock last night.

The bride was attended by Miss Florence C. Yeager, of Lancaster, Pa.

The ceremony was performed a Christ

ROXBOROUGH

Mrs. Clarence C. Keever, of Harmon road and Ridge avenue, president of the Roxborough Auxiliary of the Devitt Camp, Deer Mountain, Allenwood, Pa., will give a card party at her home on Thursday, October 23, in aid of the work of the camp. She will be assisted by Mrs. Harry D. Rarick, Mrs. Joseph McManus and Mrs. Benjamin Johnson.

Mrs. Frederick Foulkrod, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Oliver S. Keely, of Lyceum avenue.

Miss Armanda Keely, of Lakemary, Fla., who has been visiting in this city since early in the summer, is spending October as the guest of Mrs. Walter Keely, of Green lane, and will return to her home the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roshon, Jr., have returned from their wedding journey and are receiving at their home, 7015 Ridge avenue. Mrs. Roshon was Miss Mabel D. Lins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lins, of 4730 Ridge avenue.

Mrs. J. F. Barclay, who has been visiting Mrs. Harry Walker, of Roxborough avenue, has returned to her home in Edgewood, Pa.

CAMDEN AND VICINITY

Miss Mary Campbell Parsons is visiting in Johnstown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robbins and Miss Mary Robbins, of 427 Penn street, are entertaining Mrs. Charles E. Hancock, of Providence, R. I., for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Atkins and family, after spending several months at Atlantic City, are at their Merchantsville home.

Miss Moore and Miss Young, of Camden, who have been making a tour of the British Isles, France, South Africa and Australia, arriving in San Francisco October 13, thus completing a tour of the world, are expected to arrive in Camden in a few days. They will be the guests of Mrs. E. Moore, at 435 North 7th street, during their stay here.

Dr. and Mrs. John S. Owens, of 109 North Fifth street, have been entertaining Doctor Owens' mother and sister, of Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. White, of 325 Penn street, entertained in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday evening.

DEBUTANTE AFFAIRS

A Luncheon, a Tea and a Dinner in the Evening Will Fill Up Today's Events

The debutantes will indeed be busy today. The ball will start rolling with a large luncheon, which Mrs. Barclay Warburton will give at Rosemary, her country seat in Jenkintown, in honor of her daughter and niece, Miss Louise Brown Warburton and Miss Marie Louis Wanmaker. The guests will be seated at small tables, which will be beautifully arranged with soft ferns and delicate flowers. About 50 of the buds will attend.

The second debutante affair of the day will be a large tea, which Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bean will give to introduce their daughter, Miss Ethel B. Bean, at their home, 133 Locust street. Miss Bean will wear a lovely frock of soft chiffon and satin. She will be assisted in receiving by Miss Huberta Potter, Miss Katherine Z. Ozden, Miss Katherine Tenney, Miss Elizabeth C. Yardley, Miss Margaret H. Burton, Miss Ethel Hastings, Miss Kate Furness Jayne, Miss Roberta B. Downing, Miss Christine Behn, Miss Edith H. Gillingham, Miss Mary Brown Warburton, Miss Anna M. Walther, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Miss Dorothea Oberbeuffer, Miss Arlean Miller, Miss Frances Tyson and Miss Eleanor Bournoville Watt.

A dinner and dance will be given in the evening after the tea for the receiving party and a few additional guests.

In the evening Mrs. Rodman B. Ellison will give a dinner dance at her home, Linden Shade Farm, Bryn Mawr, in honor of her granddaughter, Miss Jean Newbold Thompson, who will be a much feted debutante. About 100 debutantes and dancing men will attend this dance.

NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. Fannie B. Ettelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ettelson, of 1836 North 32d street, and Isadore A. Margolis, of 229 North 21st street, will be married on Sunday afternoon, October 18, at the residence of the Rev. Dr. Marvin Nathan, 2113 Natrona street. The ceremony, which will be performed by Doctor Nathan, will be witnessed by the two families of the couple, and will be followed by a dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford. The bride and bridegroom will live at 1836 North 32d street and will be at home after November 2.

Mrs. John Netter, of 2106 North Park avenue, is spending the autumn at the Delaware Water Gap. She is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Kanders.

The L. W. Club gave a literary entertainment last night in Alumnae Hall, on North Broad street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Melville Boyle, of 1534 Diamond street, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Yashel Boyle, to Raymond W. Welsh, of 4221 Pine street, Monday, October 19, at the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Broad and Arch streets. Owing to the bride's family being in mourning, the ceremony will be a quiet one.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ledig, of 408 North 12th street, are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Richard G. Ledig, 2d. Mrs. Ledig was formerly Miss Blanche Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Richter, of 306 North Broad street.

TOIOGA

Several weddings of interest will take place in Toioga in November, among them that of Miss Lillian Beckman Nagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Nagle, of 1837 West Erie avenue, and H. William Billeter, also of Toioga, for which invitations were issued today. The ceremony will be performed on Wednesday evening, November 4, at the home of the bride's parents, and will be followed by a reception. Miss Florence Geikler will be maid of honor and David E. Basler will be best man. The couple will live at 1221 Chelton avenue, Oak Lane, and will be at home after January 1.

The marriage of Miss Olive Fulton Gemmi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gemmi, of 183 West Erie avenue, and Hector Alexander Sinaelmer will take place also on Wednesday night, November 4. The ceremony will be performed in St. Luke's M. F. Church, Erie and Park avenues, and will be a very pretty affair. At home cards for after December 15 at 609 Ogontz avenue, Oak Lane, are enclosed with the invitations.

On Wednesday night, November 18, Miss Ruth Bear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bear, of Sandusky, O., and Leo M. Aach, son of Mrs. Fanny Aach and brother of Mr. and Mrs. Emil

THE DRAMA

Adelphi—"The Truth," Grace George in excellent presentation of Clyde Fitch's most brilliant play.

Broad—"Lady Betty Martingale," new comedy by John Luther Long and Frank Clayton. A dream of delightful romance and tender humor amid a nightmare of mediocre plays.

Chestnut Street Opera House—"Pilate's Daughter," by Francis L. Kenzel. Miracle play spectacularly staged.

Forrest—"Chin-Chin," musical fantasy, with music by Ivan Caryll. Fred Stone as a Chinese mandarin, Padarewski and a lady bar-buck rider. Delightful music; an engaging chorus of glorious girls.

Garrick—"The Yellow Ticket," melodrama by Michael Morton. Florence Reed, revealed as an actress of superlative ability in a melodramatic thriller. Grips but fails to convince.

Keiths—Lew Dockstader as "Teddy" in black—a screamingly funny burlesque.

Lyric—"Passing Show of 1914," revue from the New York Winter Garden. Money saved on clothes elaborately expended on scenery.

Walnut—"The Round-Up." Excellent presentation of popular drama on Wild Western life, with "Sheep" Camp, corpulent and jovial, as the "unloved" fat man.

THEATRICAL NOTES

Ben Hur, now in its 16th season, will be the attraction at the Forrest Theatre for a limited engagement, beginning December 20.

"Barbara Worth," the dramatization of Harold Bell Wright's popular novel, was produced last season by Klaw & Erlanger and presented over the One-Dollar-and-fifty-cent circuit. Philadelphia was missed, but the production will be presented in the Walnut Street Theatre in December. It will be preceded by "Little Lost Sister," and followed by "Annie Laurie."

Recent events that have followed its ownership and those that preceded them, I admit I am a bit startled, even now.

AMUSEMENTS

FORREST Last 2 Nights **MONTGOMERY and STONE** in CHIN-CHIN. THE BIGGEST HIT IN YEARS. NEXT MONDAY—SEATS SELLING.

PAPA'S DARLING Music by IVAN CARYLL. Book by HARRY B. SMITH.

B. F. Keith's Theatre Bill of Exclusive Vaudeville Stars! LEW DOCKSTADER, "BERGANT BARRY," MA BELLE & BALLETT, MR. AND MRS. JIMMY BARRY AND OTHERS.

Coming! **Miss Adeline Genee** NEXT WEEK! WORLD'S MOST WONDERFUL DANSEUSE.

CHESTNUT STREET MATS. TODAY AND SATURDAY. LAST MATINEE TOMORROW. THE FAMOUS MUSICAL PLAY **PILATE'S DAUGHTER**.

Engagement positively ends Saturday. 1000 SEATS—RESERVATIONS. 1000 SEATS—RESERVATIONS. 1000 SEATS—RESERVATIONS.

Two Weeks, Beginning Monday, October 19. Twice Daily, 2:30 & 8:30, 10, 15 & 25c. **IRELAND A NATION**.

The World's Most Stirring Photo-Drama. Now Playing to Capacity Audiences at the 44th Street Theatre, New York.

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KREISLER, AMAYO, BAUER, etc. Search Sale Now, at HEPPEL'S, 1118 Chestnut St. Prices: \$9, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$1.50.

ADELPHI Last 3 Times, Evenings 8-10. LAST MATINEE TOMORROW. **GRACE GEORGE** "THE TRUTH."

NEXT WEEK—Seats Now Selling. **"A PAIR OF SIXES"** Popular \$1.00 Matinee Today, 2:10. Evenings 8:10—8:30—8:50. Mat. Tomorrow N. Y. Winter Garden's Annual Revue—THE

Passing Show of 1914 a selling list of complimentary receipts. "Eg. Ledger." Germantown **ORPHEUM** Mats. Thurs. & Chelton Ave. **LOVE'S MODEL** Next Week—REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM.

LIBERTY Mats. Thurs. & Chelton Ave. **BRINGING UP FATHER** Next Week—LOVE'S MODEL.

WALNUT The Round-Up. Nights, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Mat. Tomorrow. NEXT WEEK—"WAT DOWN EAST."

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"ARMS AND THE MAN" TEN WEEKS ONLY. THE LITTLE THEATRE. Seats Now Selling at the Box Office. **Oct. 19**

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA Tomorrow, at 8. In "The Little Theatre." MATT BENEDY AND LIBERTY GIRLS.

DUMONT'S DUMONT'S MINSTRELS. BULLENGUE—"WORLD SERIES GAME OF BALL."

EMPIRE MATINEE TODAY. MATT BENEDY AND LIBERTY GIRLS.

CASINO THEATRE THE AMERICAN BEAUTIES. TANGO CONIERS TONIGHT.



FANNY WARD And "Unlucky Jewel" given her by the murdered Franz Ferdinand.

from the Archduke assuring Miss Ward of the pleasure he had derived from witnessing her performance and asking her acceptance of the remembrance that he was sending her.

Three months later Miss Ward was started to receive a hurried note from the Archduke saying that he was in London for a few hours only, and it was imperative that he see her on a matter of importance. The compelling tone of the note struck Miss Ward with rather a jarring note, but in answer she sent word that she would receive the Archduke at her residence, 3 Berkeley Square, immediately after the performance.

"I have come," he said, "to ask you to return to me the jewel I sent you. No," he went on, noting the look of surprise on Miss Ward's face, "the question is not one of its value, but entirely of its history, and if you are brave enough to keep it after you have heard the tale, then you may have it, but it is only fair to you to know what I myself have only just learned concerning the fatality that surrounds its possession."

"After Rudolf of Austria was found dead in his hunting lodge this watch was found in the drawer of his desk. It is fair to assume, from its character, that he intended it as a gift to Marie Vetsera, who died with him. It was turned over to the Empress, his mother, and although she wore it but rarely, you will remember that ten years after the death of her son she was stabbed to death by an anarchist in Switzerland. It passed into the possession of my wife, who felt for it a strange repugnance, although she knew nothing of its history. When I desired to send you a token of my esteem it was the first thing that came at hand. It may be," he went on with a strange smile, "that what seems like its evil genius has departed, for, you see, I am still untouched by it. But if you have a woman's natural superstitions you may not care to keep it, and in that case I hope you will allow me to replace it with something more fitting."

Miss Ward went at once to her jewel case and brought the watch.

"Of course," she said, "I can do no less than hand it back to you after what you have said, but for me it seems to have been nothing but a mascot, and I assure you that I harbor no superstitions concerning it. I should like to keep it."

"In that case," returned the Archduke, "it is yours. You are a brave woman!"

So far as her fortunes are concerned, Miss Ward says she has never had cause to regret her decision. She gave the matter little thought until the death by assassination in Bosnia of the Archduke and his wife started the world. She had never seen him since the night of his disclosure to her of the history of the jewel.

"I am not in the least afraid," says Miss Ward. "I am quite convinced that if there is any fatality attached to the thing it is only for the unfortunate Hapsburgs, but in the light of the most recent events that have followed its ownership and those that preceded them, I admit I am a bit startled, even now."

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