

Social and Personal



GUYTAVE A. HECKSCHER has issued invitations for a theatre party, followed by supper, to be given January 11, in honor of Miss Anna Massey Heckscher, daughter of Mrs. Austin Heckscher.

The first meeting of the Fortnightly Cotillions was held last night at Horticultural Hall. The guests were received by Mrs. William P. Troth, Mrs. William Wurts Harmer, George Rowland Berrington led the cotillon. Among those present were Miss Roberta Brown Downing, Miss Katherine Kramer, Miss Mary Arreen, Miller, Miss Eleanor Judd Bean, Miss Lilla Crisfield, Miss Kathlyn Shattuck, Miss Margaret Hobart, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Miss Ada Lambert Wetherill, Miss Elizabeth Brewster, Miss Anna Mary Walthour, Miss Anna Wetherill, Miss Mary Hayes, Miss Edith Gillingham, Miss Helena Robinson, Miss Dorothea Oberbauer, Miss Eleanor Bournonville Watt, Miss Christine Rehn, Miss Adelaide Collins, Miss Elizabeth MacCuen-Smith, Miss Mary Hall Laird, Miss Anne Binney Brinton, Miss Isabel Milne Rogers, Miss Caroline Ives Brinton, Miss Edith L. Smith, Miss Lucia Alice Pardee Warden, Miss Jean Lillie, Miss Katherine Soeler, Miss Marguerite Milne, Miss Dorothy DeHaven Deacon, Irwin Garrett, Charles Wetter, Thomas Robinson, Charles F. Fox, T. D. Graiz, Joel Huber, Carol Wilcox, Gordon Knipe, Clarence Barton Brewster, Edward Rogers, Alfred Watts, Alfred Norris, Agnew Adams, George Gardner, Joseph N. Dulles, Ed. Robert Morris, Gordon Fetterman.

Miss Mary L. Davis, of Drexel road, will entertain at dinner tomorrow evening prior to the club dance at Merion Cricket Club, in honor of Miss Roberta B. Downing. Those present will be Miss Lydia Cresny, Miss Frances Mecum, Miss Betty Sinnickson, Miss Mae Patterson, Miss Martha Walton, Miss Helen Bates, Miss Doris Dexter, Miss Nathalie Davis, Joseph M. Patterson, Ed. Walter Fetterall, Woodson Crossman, Clarence Pittman, Richard Powell, Robert Paul, William Swingle, John Keen, John Hoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Lortacher, of New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jayne Olga Lortacher, to Nathan Harold Cox, of New York, formerly of Philadelphia.

The alumnae of Trinity College will give a card party, to be followed by tea at the Plastic Club on January 5. The affair will be for the benefit of the Trinity College gymnasium. Miss Isabel Hartry, Miss Claire Wallace and Miss Katherine Loughran have charge.

The Matinee Musical Club will hold its second dance of the season at the Roosevelt this evening. Mrs. Harold Busby and Miss Emille Fricke will be the hostesses. Those who will assist in the arrangements are Mrs. Frank McManus, Miss Marie G. Loughrey, Miss Helen Bennett, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. George Weller and Miss Helen Walnut.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emilen Campbell, of West Durham street, Mount Airy, gave a dinner, followed by dancing, at their home last evening, in honor of Mrs. Harry Slimes, of New York, who will spend the week-end with them. The dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sinnickson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Cottingham, Miss Emma Warren, Miss Starr, Walter Carl Mason and Frederick J. Henry.

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WEST PHILADELPHIA

Mrs. W. A. Henry, of 5513 Willow avenue, will be hostess this evening at the Fortnightly Sherwood "209" club, which meets in the Sherwood Field Club every other Friday evening. Among those expected will be Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fring, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Fring, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dull, Dr. and Mrs. William S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mr. and William Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Fring, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Cullen, Captain and Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, and Messrs. Owen Geraghty, William Stewart, L. A. Payne, Rufus Kingsbury and John Barber.

Invitations have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fredus, Jr., of 4530 Walnut street, for bridge Wednesday evening, December 23. About 50 guests will be present.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Miss Annette Chazel, of South Carolina, is the guest of Commandant William Sheppard Benson, U. S. N., and Mrs. Benson at their home in the Navy Yard, Captain and Mrs. Benson's son, Lieutenant Howard Hartwell Benson, is also staying with his parents and expects to remain for about a month. Lieutenant Benson has been stationed in California.

The second of the series of informal dances, which are being given this winter in the Navy Yard, for the naval officers and wives and friends, will take place this evening. Mrs. Littleton Waller Tawell Waller, wife of Colonel Waller, U. S. M. C., and Captain A. E. Hinds, U. S. N., will receive the guests.

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NORTH PHILADELPHIA

The Silvia Club will hold their annual banquet on Monday evening at their new ballroom, 1748 North 22d street. Among those present will be Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Johnston, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Portland, Me.; Samuel Silver from Atlantic City, Maurice M. Cohen, Harry Japan, Harry Thatcher, Samuel Lipschutz, Harry Layner, Julius Katz, Benjamin Fieldman, Albert Richmond, William Samuels, Miss Lena Malinsky, Miss Ida Straus, Miss Anna Straus, Miss Rose Straus, Miss Geneva Goldberg, Miss Lillian Z. Blumenthal, Adolph Weiss, Miss Davis, Miss Minnie Schwartz, Miss Celia Hanapoly and Miss Edith De Chinn, of Paris, France.

Musical selections will be rendered by Maurice N. Feldstein, violinist; H. Japan, William Samuels and Harry Latcher will play mandolins and Harold Katz, pianist.

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA

Miss Mary Curmeyer, of 2521 Buckius street, will entertain a number of her friends at her home tomorrow evening. Those who will be present include Miss Helen Beaupaine, Miss Iris Brown, Miss Mabel Pol, Miss Elice Clay, Miss Madeline Rosman, Miss Laura Shay, Miss Bella Gear, Howard Soper, John Price, Bruce Anderson, Thomas Rork, Charles Craig, Jack Acoff and Kurt Houba.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McPeat will entertain in honor of their son, James C. McPeat, Sunday evening. Their guests will be Miss Florence Schoppe, Miss Bertha Bledien, Miss Frances Hackell, Miss Rebecca Korman, Miss Celia Stein, Miss Gertrude Wills, Miss Clara Reidel, Miss Martha Simon, Frank Voigt, Otto Beiser, Elmer Cremer, Charles Albright, Lewis Trosat, Clifford Leach, George White.

TIOGA

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weber, of Estauha street, will entertain their card club at dinner and cards tonight at their home. The guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stahler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huckel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Wright, Jr., Miss Meta Weber, James Irwin and Alfred Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haines, of 372 North 13th street, will be at home on Mondays, December 21 and 22. They will be assisted in receiving by Miss Dorothy Bringham, Miss Martha Haines, Miss Frances Bringham, Miss Mary T. Patton, Miss Margaret C. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bringham. Mrs. Haines will be remembered as Miss Emily M. Hodgson, of 274 North 13th street.

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DEBUTANTE AFFAIRS

MRS. ALEXANDER BRINTON COXE will give a large ball in the Bellevue-Stratford this evening in honor of her niece, Miss Ruth Cox, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brinton Cox. The ballroom will be elaborately decorated with palms, ferns, pink azaleas and pink begonias. The stage will be profusely decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers, behind which the orchestra will be hidden. Mrs. Cox and Miss Cox will receive in the foyer, that will also be elaborately decorated. Supper will be served at small tables that will be arranged with pink roses and smilax.

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NAVY YARD DANCE

Second of Navy Yard Affairs Will Be Held Tonight in the Sail Loft.

The second of the season's dances, to be held at the Navy Yard, will be given this evening. Many dinners have been planned by and for the officers and their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Herman will entertain at an informal dinner at their residence, in honor of Naval Constructor A. B. Court and Mrs. Court and Mr. and Mrs. Morton Gibbons Neff.

Lieutenant Commander George B. Landenberger, U. S. N., and Mrs. Landenberger will entertain as their guests at the dance at the Navy Yard Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. Planton Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Carter, Miss Irene Richardson, Stanley Richardson.

Lieutenant Charles A. Lutz and Mrs. Lutz will entertain at an informal dinner before the Navy Yard dance, in honor of Miss Caroline Emerson, of Amherst, Mass.

FASHION FETE

One of the Most Unique Affairs Ever Given in This City Was Held Last Night at the Ritz.

The second showing of American-made fashions for women, given last night in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton, caused a storm of enthusiasm, so that when the auctioning was begun by Mr. Stotebury, bidding was spirited, running the gowns up to figures which helped out the general proceeds quite substantially. And of two things that representative gathering of Philadelphians was fully convinced—that American designers have come into their own, and second, that no city boasts fairer women than these of the Quaker City.

From the minute little Miss Alberta Brinton, as Miss Philadelphia, was revealed between the drawn curtains until Miss Marie Louise Wansmaker, becoming arrayed all in white and leading two Russian wolfhounds, disappeared after making the usual promenade, there was a constant craning of necks and leveling of longnettes from the audience, who strove to make mental pictures of each and every costume.

The showing continued smoothly throughout the evening, the only mannequin scheduled who failed to appear being Miss Cordelia Biddle, whose place was taken by Miss Rosalie Dolan. So exquisite was each and every gown, and so attractive its wearer, that the judges, composed of W. Lyman Biddle, Edward Browning, Charles E. Cox, Harry M. Hart, John C. Groome, William E. Ellis, Joseph E. Widener, George McFadden, S. Wynne Foulkes, Charlton Yarnall, J. B. Evans Roberts, J. Vaughan Merrick and Robert Kelo Cassatt, were "hard put to it" to decide as to which should be awarded the coveted prize.

Finally, after much discussion, Mrs. Robert Leaming Montgomery's gown, "Reve," composed of cloth of silver and tulle, received the greatest number of votes. The Daffodil, worn by Miss Gladys Snellenburg, also received its share of approbation, as did Naahma, exhibited by Miss Cecile Pittler Howell; the Orchid, worn by Mrs. William Drayton, and Frances, in which Mrs. Harry Wain Harrison appeared.

Julia, worn by Mrs. D. Pearson Pearce, was decided on as the smartest street costume. It was of beige peau de chamois, trimmed with sable-dyed koinaki.

By popular vote, at 19 cents each, Mrs. J. Kearsley Mitchell received the prize offered by J. E. Caldwell & Co. Mr. Stotebury, as auctioneer, ably abetted by William J. Clothier, who stood in the aisle coaxing bids out of timid persons, caused much merriment. He recklessly "threw in" hat or muff with the gown to attract hesitant purchasers, and succeeded in bringing some very good prices. Mrs. Montgomery bid on the gown she wore, and after much competition finally carried it off triumphantly at \$10. Miss Snellenburg, also, only secured hers by bidding \$50. A suit worn by Miss Eleanor B. Hopkins brought only \$65, although many thought it worth much more.

After the last gown had been auctioned off by Miss Perot and Mr. Taylor, professionals, from New York.

CHESTER AND VICINITY

Mrs. C. Rodman Still, of Waukesha, Wis., is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Irving, at Irvington.

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BEST THOUGHT OF AMERICA

Digest of the Magazines

- (1) Saturday Evening Post, "The Women of France." (2) Leslie's Weekly—Seeing a British Cruiser Torpedoed." (3) Survey, "Union of Women for Peace." (4) Woman's Home Companion, "What Women Are Really Doing." (5) Cosmopolitan, "Motherhood Without Fear." (6) North American Review, "The Recent Elections and Woman Suffrage."

WOMEN

There is an interesting drift just now in the articles about women toward the concrete and away from the purely speculative. Woman's place in the war supplants former theorizing about her status or the future of feminism.

Corra Harris' description of "The Women of France" (1) is suffused with a subtle and tragic glamour that carries the very spirit of the deserted and agonizing city of women among whom it was written. She writes:

Paris is here, but all of her spaces are empty. Her avenues stretch out of sight like bars of song that are not being sung nor measured by the rhythm of feet. \* \* \* The grass in the garden of the Tuilleries stands ankle high. It has not been cut since the first of August, but all the borders are bright with flowers. They languish like forgotten ladies of the old, grand days of kings and courtiers—trailing their blossoms out upon the walks and pavements without fear of the trend of a throng that is gone.

The largest grocery (workshop) I have seen is in the famous Ledoyen restaurant, opposite the Petit Palais. Ledoyen gives three thousand free soups every day to the poor women of Paris. The women work in one of the great halls, under the direction of Daniel Lesueur, a famous author, one of the tenderest, most eloquent and charming women in France. She has managed to give the place the air of a queer drawing room, not in its appointments, which are chairs, work tables and sewing machines, but in its atmosphere of social freedom. In nearly every group of women were one or two convalescent soldiers, who gathered about the famous author on crutches or with their arms in slings or leaning upon sticks. And she could not have received them with more courtesy if they had been the generals of the French army.

These French ladies never miss the italics of emotional service. There is a workshop here where 45 women are employed at the usual wage of one franc, but, in addition, they are permitted to choose the neckties and jackets, and other garments they make to any person who applies for them. This is the first time I have ever seen paupers exercising the privileges of philanthropy.

James H. Hare, the famous war photographer, writing from Calais (2) gives another sort of picture. He was eating veal pie in a bakery.

Three Red Cross ladies and one young man came in. The young man has a voice like a woman's, but he was wearing leather leggings and getting into his shoes, and his hair was cut short, so I knew he was a man. He kept addressing the eldest lady in the party as "Mumzie." She looked so capable and businesslike that I could not understand why her son should be such an effeminate creature. Finally I was put right by something she said.

It wasn't a son after all, but a daughter, in one of those new-fashioned dresses for army nurses. Maybe it is sensible for field work, but I was not prepared to meet a charming young lady dressed in khaki helmet, khaki shirt-tie, leather leggings and tanned boots and smoking a cigarette. However, a charming young lady she was.

Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, the English suffragist, who spoke here in Philadelphia last week, uses the war as an additional argument for suffrage in appealing for a "Union of Women for Constructive Peace" (3). She writes:

Men have often passed sweepingly deprecatory verdicts upon women as a sex. They have defended their own monopoly of government by the assertion that women have no knowledge of business, that they are lacking in practical efficiency.

Today it is for men to stand down, and for women whom they have belittled to take the seat of judgment. No picture, however overdrawn, of woman's ignorance, error or failure could exceed in anti-stic, yet tragic, horror the spectacle which male governments furnish history today. The foundation of the structure of civilization which they have erected in Europe has proved rotten. The failure of male statecraft in Europe is complete.

Reversion to Type

Miss Ida Tarbell interprets man-made statistics about her sex and upsets a lot of popularly accepted notions in her article, "What Women are Really Doing" (4). Answering first the popular generalization, "There are several million young girls in our shops and factories," she writes:

There are 8,075,722 girls and women of all ages employed all or part of the time in money earning work of all kinds—as teachers, dress makers, clerks, etc. Only about one-fifth of these are in shops or factories, and not over half of this fifth can be called young girls, that is, under 25 years of age.

These young girls are a very transient class. The average girl in shop or factory does not work over three years. What does she do? Let the census tell us. Eight times out of ten she marries.

"But she is not marrying," the platform speakers tell us. "The platform is wrong. We have in the United States 41,832,889 females. Of these, 52.7 per cent. babies, maids and women, are single; but drop out those not yet of marriageable age.

Seventy per cent. of those who are 15 years and over marry. Eighty and five-tenths per cent. of those who are 20 years and over marry. Eighty-six and seven-tenths per cent. of those who are 25 years and over marry. There has been a gain of nearly 3 per cent. in the number of marriages of women over 15 in the last 25 years and 2 per cent. who are dealing with nearly 30,000,000 is a considerable number.

But they do not stay married; divorces are increasing. Five in 10,000 married women were found 185,000 who had been divorced. Considering the difficulties of married life, the number does not appear. It rather gives one greater respect for human beings to see that they can handle such complicated relations with such a small percentage of disaster.

In each of the last two decades there has been an increase of one-tenth of 1 per cent. in divorce. It is doubtful if this is due to loss of faith in marriage. A proportion of it is due to a higher ideal of marriage.

A New "Twilight Sleep" Popular interest in the possibilities of "Twilight Sleep" still runs high, to judge by the uninterrupted flow of articles on the subject, which continues month after month. The January Cosmopolitan prints an article by Vance Thompson (5) on a new method of achieving painless childbirth. It is not the scopolamin method, which has been so widely discussed, but a new French drug—detoxicated morphine.

It is over two years ago that this medication was discovered. When the dandy team of the laboratory had tried their medicine upon the animal world, they took it confidently to the greatest generalizer in Europe, Dr. Lindemann-Landmann, and he went down into the laboratory with the drug. He has since been the great hero of the European press.

the great hall, where life battled that it might live, there was silence, not an outcry, not a wail. And the doctor will tell you that what impressed him most was the strange silence and the smiling faces of those women. He told us though he had touched a miracle. One hundred and twenty experiments were made, and every case was successful. It has been accepted by the French Academy of Medicine the third week in July. Surgeons, gynecologists, chemists, doctors of all degrees have examined, tested, approved.

On the very eve of the public announcement of this discovery the outbreak of the war sank the giving of life into insignificance beside the importance of taking life. The article adds, with unconscious irony:

Reports from the French field surgeons announce that detoxicated morphine renders wounds painless for at least six hours, giving ample time to remove patients to the base hospital for treatment.

Busy Suffragists

In "The Recent Elections and Woman Suffrage" (6), Ida Husted Harper leads up to her subject with a brief but comprehensive review of the women's struggle for the franchise in this country.

When four States conferred complete franchise on the women between 1890 and 1895, the opponents became alarmed, and for the next 14 years in only three States could the Legislatures be persuaded to submit the question to the voters, and in each case political reaction, the liquor interests and the political machines, five or six years ago the more progressive element reached the limit of its endurance, and an insurgent movement began to develop.

"The end of 1913 found women fully enfranchised in nine States and one Territory, and with a large measure of suffrage in Illinois. Miss Harper gives a very good sense of the campaign waged by the suffragists in seven States this last summer and fall:

Practically all the organizations of men and women declared for suffrage with great enthusiasm, the federations of labor, the G. A. R., teachers' associations, granges, political parties, the women's clubs, etc. There are arrayed against woman suffrage all the reactionary and vicious forces in the country, all of them enfranchised and unlimited as to finances. The employers of labor are determined that no novel political movement shall be placed in the hands of the working people. Those corporations that thrive by corrupting Legislatures are exceedingly averse to a new class of voter. The political machines dread nothing so much as an electorate of women, and more aggressive, determined and dangerous than all these combined are the liquor interests, with their political ramifications, extending to the remotest corners and touching unnumbered kinds of legitimate businesses.

AMUSEMENTS

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