

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

First Assembly of the Season Will Be Held This Evening in Bellevue-Stratford Ballroom. Matters of Social Interest

AND once more will the Bellevue-Stratford ball and entrance be fenced off that only the sheep may enter in by Chancery street, while the goats remain outside, and incidentally have just as good a time probably, though not as much satisfaction. There is something in the fact that you really can have the privilege of planting down \$15, when your income is only twice that much a month, perhaps, whereas your neighbor who has thousands of dollars a month, though he may pull all the strings he can possibly come in contact with, cannot buy the privilege of belonging to the Assembly, though it only costs the small subscription of fifteen hundred pennies.



MRS. GEORGE J. HARDING, JR. Mr. and Mrs. Harding will entertain at dinner before the Assembly this evening.

Well, to return to the subject matter for tonight, the champagne balls have been taken out of the satin brocade and pearl pincushion-trimmed gowns and the middle-aged and the aged and the young married people and the for once really frightened debutante will mingle together at this historic meeting of the colons of old Philadelphia families.

IT is an ordeal, you know, for the delicate, because the old-fashioned etiquette of curtaining and veiling has been strictly adhered to for the Assembly, and not to make one would be a fearful "fox pass" even if in the doing one steps on one's neighbor's feet as he is bursting his collar buttoning profoundly to the six bobbing patronesses who, dressed to the nines, bedecked and bedowered, must run the gamut of a continuous procession of people from 11 o'clock until supper time, which is usually around 1.

It is a relief, though, when one realizes that those who form the committee of these two yearly balls do actually kick to the old traditions, and though some persons who it is known did not subscribe until late, and of very late, at that, have been admitted as subscribers now, the committee and the patronesses remain still "the cream of cream" of the city's oldest families, whose names have appeared year after year on the books of the ball, and whose ancestors were among those who started them, way back in Revolutionary times.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Henry K. Dillard and Mr. and Mrs. Armit Brown will compose a dinner party at the Ritz-Carlton this evening, to be followed by the theatre, before going to the Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waring Hopkinson, of 2219 Spruce street, will entertain at dinner tonight before the Assembly. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan, Miss Angela Newbold, Miss Gabriella Hopkinson, Mr. William Delaware Nelson, Mr. Emlen Hare Miller, Mr. Vernon Bates and Mr. Robert Morris Kempton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walker and family, of Valley Falls, near Meadowbrook, have closed their country home and have taken an apartment in town for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard T. Butler, of Overbrook, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Butler, to Mr. Alan Hurst Lundgren.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Greenbaum, of 413 Catharine street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jane Greenbaum, to Mr. Mitchell M. Cohen.

Mrs. Horace Delany and her daughter, Miss Florence Delany, of Wynese road, Jenkintown, have returned from New York, where they have been spending several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Diston, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison K. Cane, Jr., had the distinction of being the only married people invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mosher have returned to their home in the Green Spring Valley, Baltimore, after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin H. Wilbur, of St. Davids.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan Ewing, of West Virginia, are visiting Mr. Ewing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maskell Ewing, of Villanova.

Dr. and Mrs. George Fales Baker left their home in Lakewood, N. J., yesterday to spend the remainder of the winter at their cottage in Lakewood, N. J.

Miss Christine Stockton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Allen Stockton, of 230 Pine street, and her fiancé, Mr. William Hopkins, who have been visiting in Washington, where they were extensively entertained by Mrs. Hopkins's cousin, returned to town this week.

Miss Margaret Clark, of 3455 North Broad street, entertained last evening in her home at the residence of Mrs. E. E. Francis and her daughter.

FREDERICK ENJOYS THE FLOWER SHOW IN OUR VILLAGE



Farmer Smith's Column

MY NEW DOG My Dear Children—I have a brand-new dog and I must tell you about him, because he may go away or his owner may come and get him. I have been down here late and made their home with me. I think they come to town to ask other dogs where there is a good home, and the dogs always tell the stranger to go and see me.

MODERN FABLES

The Contented Donkey By Farmer Smith There was once a Donkey feeding peacefully in a field near a pond. A truck chanced to pass the Donkey and she spoke to the Donkey just to pass the time of day.

Weddings

PRINCE—LOUGHLIN The marriage of Miss Kathleen Marie Loughlin and Mr. Burling Duffield Prince took place Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 2215 Hunting Park avenue.

ALL FOR NOTHING

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What's Doing Tonight

Lectures by Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, on "What the Juvenile Court of Denver Stands For," Wednesday.

BEYOND THE GREAT OBLIVION

BY GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND CHAPTER XXIX—Continued "You do not know that man," exclaimed the patriarch. "I know him. Rather would he and his wife every living thing in this community than yield one smallest atom of power to any other."

CHAPTER XXX

UNDER the ministering care of Beatrice was rapid. The old man, consumed with fever, lost the dreaded chill. Kamm returned as the strongest effort to hasten recovery, spent himself in efforts to hasten the cure.

Next day and the next, and so on every day of looking a little more and a little more, they were able to creep out of the hut, they walk a little, and finally—sometimes alone, sometimes with one or both his nurses—all among the wondering and admiring folk, openly watch their laboring.

That the mass of them now outwardly seemed so eager to serve and care for him, so quick to obey, so grateful almost to adoration, that Stern felt ashamed of his own suspicions and of the revolver that he still always carried whenever outside the patriarch's hut.

Stern put in half a day cleaning and oiling the weapons. He found there still remained a hundred and six cartridges in his bandolier and the girl's. These he now looked upon as his most precious treasure. He divided them equally with Beatrice, and had her never go out unless she had her weapon securely belted on.

Particularly did the old man seek to understand some notions of the last man who had been there.

Girls' Winter Coats—Reduced Prices

Will Close Out Tomorrow—Saturday Taken from Regular Stock for Immediate Disposal

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Advertisement for girls' winter coats with three illustrations of different styles: Wool Velour Coats (9.75), Velveteen Coats (12.75), and Fur Trimmed Coats (15.00). Regular prices are listed as 12.75, 18.00, and 22.50 respectively.

Advertisement for girls' tub dresses, sizes 6 to 14 years. Two-piece, Russian and smoked styles in various materials, white and colors, for 1.00. Dresses of repp, pique, linene and gingham in plaids, stripes and colors, for 1.50.