

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

A Large Ball Will Be Given Tonight at the Ritz-Carlton by Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-Eugene Dixon and Mr. George D. Widener

THE large affair tonight will be a ball, but it will not be for debutantes, as the by no means barred from the ball tonight, which is to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-Eugene Dixon and George Widener, a brother of Mrs. Dixon, at the Ritz-Carlton. This will be the first large affair given in the Widener family since the death of old Mr. Peter A. B. Widener some two years ago, or for that matter since the death of Mr. George Widener and his son, Harry, on the Titanic, in that horrible sacrifice of human lives. Mrs. Dixon was Eleanor Widener, you remember, better known among her intimates as "Dimple." She was married to Eugene Dixon shortly after the Titanic disaster, as the date had been already set, but the marriage was a very quiet affair.

Society is indeed glad to welcome back the members of this popular family to its circle, and the ball tonight will be attended by very many. There will be, of course, a number of dinners and theatre parties before the dance, prominent among them that given by the William Ellis Scull for Almee Hutchinson and Joe Thayer, whose engagement was announced about two months ago. Almee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton Hutchinson. Her mother was a Miss Amy Lewis, daughter of the late John T. Lewis, and is a sister of Mrs. Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Mrs. William W. Montgomery, Mrs. J. Ogden Hoffman and Mrs. Edward Beale. So Almee, of course, is a first cousin of Eleanor Cuyler, who is to be married in the spring to Joe Walker, of New York, and also a first cousin of Hope Beale Cromwell.

Joe Thayer, of course, you know is famous under the title as The Wheeler Men, though the Thayers are not as huge for even if they do excel in point of number I doubt if they would in weight, yet the five are some huskies, too, believe me. Well all this aside from the main issue, but you see every one seems to be so well pleased over it I thought I might pass the general joy along. The Standley Stokes will give a dinner tonight before the dance, and so will the Charles Custis and the George Brooks, while Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Grant, 2d, will give a small theatre party before going to the ball.

THE second ice-skating carnival on the golf course rink of the Merion Cricket Club was held last evening and was as great a success as the first. The Bryn Mawr Band furnished the music, and to say the affair was gay would be going very mildly. Every one who knew was there. Indeed, I doubt not that the Lea's ball was almost affected by it, because there is a novelty about skating which certainly attracts more than dancing in flower-laden, heated atmospheres and eating heavy, rich food night after night. I was interested in hearing two young men talking in the main hall. They had been to a ball the night before and there was another one for that night and still a third for the night following. "Nonsense," said one. "Never again! They don't get me to another party like that. Kept up till 4 o'clock. Then I had to take Mary home in the car and finally got out to the house at 5. Didn't hit the hay till nearly 6:30, and here I am with a day's work ahead of me. Not me! They'll either have their dances earlier or they'll do without your uncle. And what's more I heard five other fellows say the same thing. I tell you it can't be did! Of course, the girls stand it all right. They go to bed and have breakfast in bed at 12 the next day and a maid to massage them and everything on earth done for them!"

"Well, it's just come to this: After this week I strike, too," said his neighbor. "So I'm tired I feel like a rag, and if I hadn't been fool enough to ask a girl for supper tonight and made a date with another for tomorrow I'd stay home, too. It's the limit!" And so young Almee, having expressed himself, settled back to the discussion of the latest move of the President, the situation in Europe and the general outlook of the business world. I felt sympathy for them, for had I not been up late the night before, too?

NANCY WYNNE.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Elkins, Jr., entertained at dinner last evening at 7 o'clock at Chelton House, Ashbourne road, in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary.

At the luncheon which Mrs. Ralph Earle, of Haverford, gave yesterday in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Edith Earle, the guests included Miss Emily Posy Kennedy, Miss Barbara Claymont, Mr. Joseph M. Patterson, 2d, and Miss Theodora K. Lill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maybin Hart, of Villanova, will give a dinner-dance tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts entertained informally at the performance of "The Great Lover" last night.

The Players and Players will hold its monthly club night tomorrow and Saturday at the Playroom, 43 South Eighth street. Two plays will be given: "Lithium," by Rupert Brooke, and "Suppressed Desires," a Fraudian comedy, by George Cram Cook and Susan Glaspell.

Mrs. John Borden, of 618 South Washington, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lavinia Borden, to Mr. Herbert S. Welsh, of Germantown.

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Miss Elizabeth Schmidt, of 5229 Wayne avenue, Germantown, gave a luncheon recently. Among the guests were Miss Margaret Bannan, Miss Laura Peabody, Miss Cecelia Kelly, Miss Eleanor Mauser, Miss Edith Granger, Miss Elizabeth White, Miss Julia Bull, Miss Lora Bennett, Miss Mary Dab, Miss Mollie Beck, Miss Sue Lucergine and Miss Sylvia Brown.

One of the prettiest of the winter weddings will be that of Miss Miriam Megaw and Mr. George Brown, which will take place this evening at 8:30 o'clock in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Germantown. The ceremony will be performed by the rector, the Rev. Samuel T. Johnson. The bride, who will be given in marriage by Mr. William Harold Sharp, will wear a superb gown of white satin and silver brocade made with a deep flounce of silver lace and silver lace sleeves. Her veil of silver lace will be arranged in a Russian style.

Farmer Smith's Column

Dear Children—All great preachers and all great writers are persons of BROAD experience and they draw from this experience in order to reach and hold their audiences.

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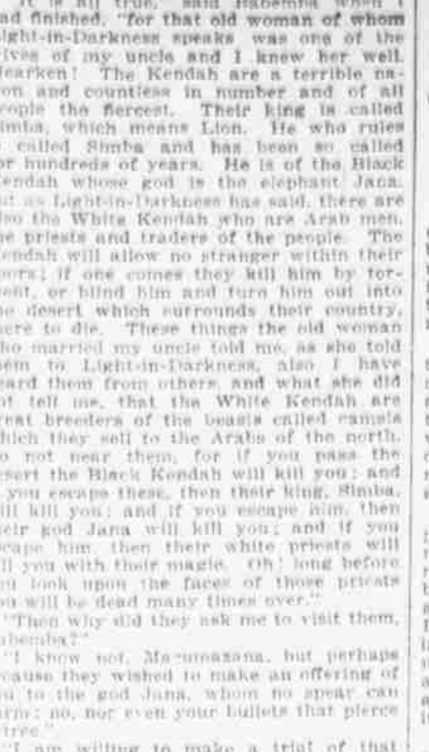


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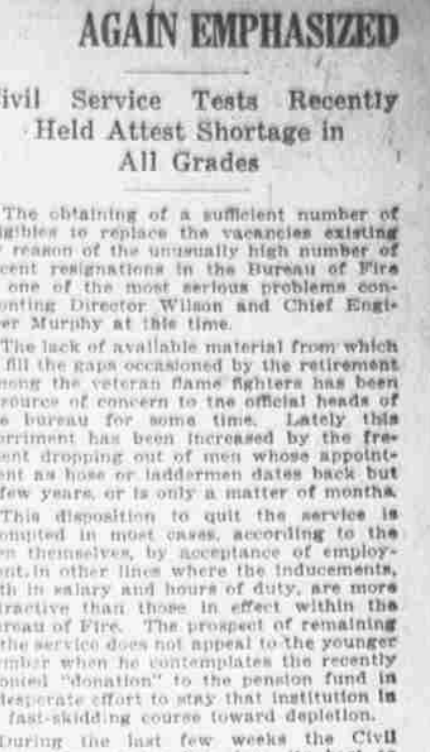


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