JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Tells of the Doings of Debs of Last Year and Several Years Ago—The Doughertys' Dance Last Night Great Success

WE MAY well say where are the buds of yesteryear, with Molly Thayer, not only writing but publishing books and poems; Isabel Page in the movies, Polly Thayer definitely going on the concert stage and wild rumors of all sorts of theatrical offers Peggy Thayer has had.

Many and varied are the occupations of the ex-debs, and while the things which many of them are doing may not sound as exciting, perhaps, as the ones I spoke of just now, still they keep the girls very busy. Dorothy Stevens, Helen Shelton, Josephine Thompson, Clarie Smythe and lots more are stenographers and secretaries; and Mary Howland, Valentine, or "Vava" Mitchell, Polly Bayard, Mary Bartow, Margaret Phelps, Frances Ross and Frances Leech are some of those studying shorthand and typewriting.

Anne Townsend, Mary Siter and Polly Griffith are freshmen at Penn; Mary Thayer is at Vassar; Libby Boyd, Evelyn Page and Jane Yeatman are at Bryn Mawr, and Eloise Warriner is studying "agriculture" at Cornell; Margaret Gest is taking "illustration" at the School of Industrial Art, and they say she is doing very good work, as are Betty Welsh and Mary Glendinning at the Academy of the Fine Arts.

Mary Ernestine Appleton, Marianne Harris, Charlotte Starr and Peggy Ferguson, you remember, are at the School of Design, and Kitty Morris, who used to go there, now has a studio of her own, and is doing very attractive landscapes. Marina Wister and Nancy Cope, great friends of Kitty's, are both accomplished musicians—so much for art! Rita Heckscher, Sarah McLean, Caroline Nixon and Elise du Pont are taking cooking, and Eleanor Gummey, Bonnie Wood and Kay King are taking French.

Now isn't this a formidable list? We shall have to mind our Ps and Qs with such an accomplished and learned crowd soon to be let loose in Philadelphia.

There are lots of girls, too, who are doing wonderful and very hard charitable work (I've done it, so I know) through the Junior League. Margaret and Gina Earle and, last year, Betsy Davis, Barbara Benson and Kitty Brinton drove an ambulance to take children to and from the hospitals; I'm not sure whether the last three are doing it again this year or not, but the Earles are. Ruth Packard does hospital work, too; so altogether I think every one—sub-debs, debs and ex-debs—is having a very busy winter.

THE Graham Dougherty ball last night for Isabel Frazer was lots of fun. There were about seven hundred, I should say, and the ballroom in the Bellevue-Stratford was very handsome, being decorated entirely in greens, Palms, smilax and cybodium ferns were used.

Mrs. Dougherty, who is Isabel's sister, received the guests looking very well in a gown of turquoise blue satin and chiffon. The overdress of chiffon was embroidered in crystal and had two straight panels down either side of the skirt which were finished with crystals. Isabel was lovely in the simplest of frocks. It was of corn-colored chiffon, made without lace or ornament of any kind, and it was very girlish and quite becoming. She wore also silver slippers and stockings.

Supper was served in the Palm Room and we all stayed pretty late, just as after the Heckscher party the night before. It seemed as if no one would ever wake up. I tried to get four different girls to go to tea with me yesterday, and behold each one was sleeping after the party and it's the same today. Clarice Claiborne, of New Orleans, who is a great friend of Isabel, came up from the South for the ball and will stay on for a few days.

THE first of the series of four dances which have been gotten up at the Merion Golf Club on four Friday nights for members of "the older young married set" was held last night, and it was great fun. Mrs. Matthew Baird is chairman of the undertaking, and she and her able committee certainly managed to have a delightful and congenial crowd out there. A good many were enthusastic bridge players, and one of the rooms was given over to card playing entirely, while those who liked to "shake a foot" had a fine time on that good dance floor out there.

POLLY had been quite sick, and the doctor decided that she had better have a liquid diet for several days. Now Polly is three years old and she loves chicken and little bits of beefsteak and potatoes, and she does not love soups. "Grammy" was with her at lunch time the second day of the diet, and a beautiful bowl of chicken broth was brought up. "No," said Polly, "I don't like it." "But, dearie," said Grammy, "you don't know how good it is. Why mother and daddy both love soup, and so do Aunt Molly and Uncle Ned." "Well, maybe they do," agreed Polly, "but you know I don't believe it's good for children." NANCY WYNNE.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Miss Evelyn Rodman Drayton, debutante daughter of Mr. Robert Massey Drayton, of the St James Annex, will be the guest of honor at a dinner on Friday, February 3, to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Dorr E. Newton, of 2054 Locust street, before the dance Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Biddle, of Hinderton House, Chestnut Hill, will give at the Ritz-Carlton in honor of Miss Dorothy Hamilton Hexall, of Baltimore; Miss Eden Mackay, daughter of Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, of New York, and Mrs. Biddle's daughter, Miss Virginia Southall Goodes, debutantes of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Michell, of 2312 Chestnut street, will also entertain before Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Biddle's ball. They will give a dinner at their home in honor of Miss Virginia Heckscher, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ledyard Heckscher, of 2123 Spruce street and Bollingbrook, Radnor, whose engagement has recently been announced to Mr. Barclay McFadden.

The guest who attended the dinner last night which Mr. and Mrs. H. Winder Johnson, of Chestnut Hill, gave in honor of Miss Clarisse Claiborne, daughter of Mrs. Fernand Claiborne, of New Orleans, who is passing January as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sill Clark at Kates Hill, Chestnut Hill, included Mr. and Mrs. W. Sewell Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tome, Jr., and Mr. Joseph Rockwell.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Shoemaker, 420 West Stafford street, Germantown, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Peggy Shoemaker, and Mr. James Iredell McRee, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead Taylor, of 8 St. Martins lane, Chestnut Hill, will entertain in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Osborne Tuth at a tea tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. They will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. Taylor's sister, Mrs. William G. Hopkins. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will give a small supper after the tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Lisle, who are spending their honeymoon at Havana, Cuba, will return to this city next week, where they will occupy an apartment at the Clinton. Mrs. Lisle, before her recent marriage, was Mrs. Charles Kenneth Clemmshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John White Geary and their daughter, Miss Mary deF. Geary, of Chestnut Hill, who are traveling in Europe, have left Rome and are going to Sicily. Miss Geary will be one of next season's debutantes.

Miss Mona Morgan Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Egerton Elliott, of Flushing, L. I., whose engagement has recently been announced to Mr. William H. B. Townsend, will arrive this evening and will be entertained as the guest of Mr. Townsend's mother, Mrs. John B. Townsend, Jr., of Rayn-ham, Overbrook, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kane S. Green, of Montgomery and Radnor roads, Bryn Mawr, entertained at dinner last night before the dance at the Merion Golf Club.

Miss Mary Falck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McQ. Falck, of Lincoln drive and Springfield avenue, Chestnut Hill, who will be one of next season's debutantes, will be formally presented to society by her parents at a dance on Tuesday evening, November 28, at the Bellevue-Stratford. Miss Falck will graduate this spring from Springside School.

GERMANTOWN

Mrs. William P. Moosley, of Allens lane, entertained at luncheon in honor of Miss Mary Louise McCown, 6804 Emlen street. The guests were Mrs. John R. McCown and the bridal attendants of Miss McCown, Miss Mandeleine Frank, Miss Annetta McCown, Miss Julia Davis Lee, Miss Frances Weiser and Miss Anne Trosser.

The Misses Herman, of the Wissahickon Apartments, gave a theatre party on Friday in honor of Mrs. Clinton Gardner Dickinson, of New York.

Miss Winifred Nicholson, of Wissahickon and Midvale avenues, is entertaining Miss Elizabeth Shriver over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Umsted, of 214 Pelham road, gave a dance last night for their daughter, Miss Ruth Umsted, at the Pelham Club. The guests were of the school set.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of 5907 Boyer street, will give a dance at the Pelham Club Friday evening, January 27, in honor of their son, John Williams, Jr.

The Pelham Club will give a luncheon and bridge party on Thursday next. There will be thirty tables. Among those entertaining will be Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Hopkinson and Mrs. Umsted.

ALONG THE READING

The annual concert of the Old York Road Choral Society will be given in the Beechwood forum on Thursday evening, January 26. The choral, which is under the direction of Bessie Kille Slaugh, will be assisted by Michel Penha, cellist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and Mary Nock Malpass will be at the piano. The choral has recently joined the National Federation of Music Clubs; it has been in existence for many years, and until lately the weekly meetings were held in the parish house of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour at Jenkintown. The Monday afternoon rehearsals are now held in the parish house of St. John's Lutheran Church, Old York road and Melrose avenue, Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whan, of Oak Lane, will shortly leave for California, where they will make their home. Mrs. Whan will be remembered as Miss Bessie Dobbins, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dobbins, of Ashbourne, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Dobbins, formerly of Old York road, Ogontz.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Hart, of 2413 North Nineteenth street, and Mr. Henry T. Nash, Jr., of Narberth, will take place Tuesday evening, January 24, at the bride's home, and they will leave immediately for a trip to Bermuda. Returning, they will occupy their new home, Shady Lane, Narberth, Pa. Mr. Nash served during the war with the 47th Aero Squadron. Miss Hart is the daughter of the late Mr. Henry Hart.

Les Oiseaux, which is a social and charitable club, will give a theatre benefit at the Garrick Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, February 6, 7 and 8. The attraction will be "Welcome Stranger." The members of the club include the Misses Ida Berliner, Celia Elkins, Kate Epstein, Kate Feinberg, Lillian Le Vene, Hilda Orliner, Sylvia Richter, Bella Ray and Lillian Salvin, Frances Schiller and Bessie Winkelman.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Preparations are being made for the 60th annual dance to be given by the Vandalia Club at McCrea's Academy, 1517 Snyder avenue, on January 27. Those on the committee are Mr. Thomas Lone, Mr. Raymond Wagner, Mr. Thomas Bruder, Mr. John Green, Mr. Francis Heinz, Mr. Thomas Rooney, Mr. F. Feeney and Mr. William Cleary.

Mr. Edward Cudden and Mr. Edwin Burke will entertain at a reception and dance in the Mount Carmel school hall, at Third and Ritner streets, tonight. The proceeds of the affair will go toward the building of the new parish church.

The members of St. Thomas' Dramatic Association will entertain tomorrow afternoon in the Epiphany school hall, at Twelfth and Jackson streets. They will present a play called "The Intruders." Among those who will take part in the affair are Miss Nan McGucken, Miss Nan Hannigan, Miss Regina Corish, Mr. Joseph Finnerty, Mr. William Carey, Mr. John Malloy, Mr. Thomas Finn, Mr. Daniel Malloy, Mr. William McDonald, Mr. John Eirieg, Mr. Anthony McGlone, Mr. William Barratt, Mr. Joseph Hickey, Mr. James McLaughlin, Mr. John Nehill, Mr. Robert Fitzgerald, Mr. Frank O'Brien and Mr. William Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fredricks, Jr., of 1928 Fitzgerald street, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Engaged

MISS PEGGY SHOEMAKER

Miss Shoemaker's engagement to Mr. James Iredell McRee, of Virginia, is announced today

STRAWBERRY MANSION

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldenberg, of 2415 North Napa street, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a baby daughter. Mrs. Goldenberg will be remembered as Miss Kathrine Feld.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sobel, of 2072 East Clearfield street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Esther M. Sobel, to Mr. Louis Snyder, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The members of the Thimble Club were entertained by Miss Esther M. Sobel at her home, 2072 East Clearfield street, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal, of Bridgeton, N. J., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen H. Yudizky, of 3228 Fontain street.

Mrs. Adelaide Lavin, of 1842 North Thirty-second street, entertained the members of the Ten Needle Sewing Circle at her home this week. Those present were Mrs. Sue Clair, Mrs. Tillie Cylinder, Mrs. Fannie Walker, Mrs. Clara G. Brown, Mrs. Esther Cohen, Mrs. Mollie Rothstein, Mrs. Mildred Kober and Mrs. Mary Bernstein.

LOGAN

Mrs. Frederick R. Gersen, of 748 Highland avenue, Pittsburgh, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. McCauley, of 4509 North Eighth street. Mrs. Gersen will be remembered, before her recent marriage, as Miss Margaret McCauley.

The Misses Miriam Zipper, Reba Kretsge and Elinor Silver, of Logan, are being entertained over the week-end by Miss Sadie Kline at her home in Atlantic City.

KENSINGTON

Mrs. R. Seip, of Coral and York streets, entertained on Thursday afternoon at a Kaffe Klatch in honor of her seventieth birthday. Those present were Mrs. G. Krumm, Mrs. C. Seip, Mrs. A. McGrory, Mrs. A. Stephens, Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. M. E. Mitchell.

Miss Alice Mendel, of East Montgomery avenue, will spend the coming week-end in New York as the guest of Mrs. Paul Ludwig.

Mrs. J. Reeves, of 2172 East Cumberland street, will entertain the members of the Wesley Sewing Circle at her home on Thursday afternoon of next week. Those present will be Mrs. Charles Lambert, Mrs. Howard Melcher, Mrs. S. Hudson, Mrs. F. Marley, Mrs. C. Beckman, Mrs. Sprowls, Mrs. Hubbs, Mrs. N. Davis, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. O. Ellis and Mrs. Harry Rowan.

HOLMESBURG

The Emergency Aid of Holmesburg will give a card party on Tuesday, January 31, in the Holmesburg Library for the benefit of the Holmesburg Post, American Legion. The committee in charge will be Mrs. Rudolph Snyder, chairman; Miss Alma Brown, Mrs. H. Smythe, Mrs. A. B. Cartledge and Mrs. Charles Blaker.

Mrs. J. Anderson and her daughter, Miss Marguerite Anderson, of Rhawn street, are spending several weeks in Wheeling, W. Va., where they are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beyers.

YARDLEY

At a meeting of the Civic Club on Thursday afternoon a demonstration in scout work was given by the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather and eleven of the Scouts. At the close tea was served by Miss Emma Howell, Mrs. Henry Stackhouse, Miss Maggie O'Connell and Mrs. Norman Ross.

Mrs. Alfred Danser entertained the members of her bridge club on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. J. Augustus Cadwallader is on a business trip to St. Louis.

MOORESTOWN

Mrs. Simeon Van T. Jester, of Oak avenue, gave a bridge party yesterday to meet her guest, Miss Carol Rix.

Miss Carrie Love entertained the members of her card club at her home on Friday of last week.

The Field Club will hold a dance in Odd Fellows' Hall tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolf Makud, of West Main street, entertained a few friends at cards on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wood entertained at dinner last night before the charity ball at Camden. Many dinners were given before the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kennard, Jr., of Central avenue, gave a dinner last Saturday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Warner Love, of Oak avenue.

NORRISTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ennis, of 654 Chain street, entertained at a children's party in honor of the fifth birthday of their daugher, Miss Sara Jane Ennis.

Mrs. Eugene Schweiger, of 623 Corson street, was the guest of honor at a surprise party of twenty friends. The event was arranged by her daughter, Mrs. Herman Rickers.

Mrs. Fred M. Amonson, of 922 West Marshall street, entertained the members of the Norristown Reading Circle at her home. Mrs. George N. McGlathery was in charge of the discussion for the day, which was on the life and fiction of Shisley L. Seiffert.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Bosler, of 1440 Powell street, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on January 17.

The marriage of Miss Lydia Conrad Parry and Mr. Joseph Cosand, of the Friends' Home, Swede and Powell streets, took place on January 18 at the home. Miss Edith Williams and Miss Anne K. Parry, nieces of the bride, acted as flower girls and the ushers were Mr. John T. Williams and Mr. Isaac Parry. Mr. and Mrs. Cosand, upon their return from a wedding trip, will live in Norristown.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Mrs. J. V. S. Bishop, of Swarthmore, will entertain the Duplicate Bridge Club at her home on Monday afternoon, January 30, when her guests will be Mrs. Harold Barnes, Mrs. Wesley Clyfford, Mrs. Thomas Downs, Jr., Mrs. Frank Huntoon, Mrs. Horace Keen, Mrs. Bayard Morrison and Mrs. Louis Wheelock.

Mrs. Ralph Stewart, of Lansdowne, will leave next week for New York, where she will spend a fortnight as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Northrop.

Bride of This Week

Photo by William Shewell Kilts.

MRS. ABEL KNIPE SHEARER

Mrs. Shearer before her marriage yesterday was Miss Helen H. Hayden, of Merion

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Knox and Penrose

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—With the death of Senators Knox and Penrose both the State and Nation have suffered an irreparable loss. As a politician, Mr. Knox's ideals were above the average conception, but as a statesman he was the peer of any. His splendid work as Secretary of State raised our standard of statesmanship in the eyes of the world and won for him a lasting place in the admiration of his fellow countrymen. I love to think of him along with Jefferson, Adams, Clay and Webster, men of high ideals and lofty conceptions of the duties of public servants. How content might the nation feel to confide its destiny into the keeping of such honorable men.

Senator Penrose, though born to the purple, became the idol of the masses. He partly divorced himself from his traditional aristocracy to touch elbows with his fellow men in the humbler walks of life and the power which came to him in consequence exceeded that acquired by any other man in the history of Pennsylvania politics. As a politician, he knew the game from A to Z and played it with a master's hand. Senator Quay and the two Camerons loomed large in their day, but I doubt if either of them held so firmly within his grasp the reins of politics as did Senator Penrose.

From his offices in the Commercial Trust Building he moved the powers upon the political chessboards of city, State and Nation and always with that certainty of result which at times seemed uncanny. There will be many aspirants to his honors and pretenders to his throne, but there will not be centered in the hands of one man, during the next quarter century the power which Penrose wielded for more than twenty years.

With the death of her two most illustrious sons Pennsylvania finds herself once more in leading strings in point of senatorial experience, but in point of the highest type of ability, she has covered herself with glory in the selection of Mr. Pepper.

It is true that we often see things from different points of view, but, after all is said and done, I think that we may safely accept, as a ground of common agreement, the fact that no two men will be so sadly missed from the councils of the nation, nor will there soon be two who stand so high in their chosen spheres. Time and experience alone can develop and stamp indelibly upon their country's history such master minds as Knox and Penrose.

Peace to their ashes!

ELIJAH HODGES.
Philadelphia, January 19, 1922.

The Inconsiderate Automobilist

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I think the automobilist who will go dashing along the streets at a high speed these days, throwing slush all over the pedestrians on the sidewalks, is very inconsiderate. Today I have seen a number of exhibitions of where such fiends have ruined the clothes of a number of people along Chestnut street. To curb such inconsideration I think an ordinance should be passed that where an automobile driver makes of himself such a destructive nuisance, those who are harmed should be allowed to take his number and report him to the Director of Public Safety, and he should be compelled to pay the damage.

I have seen automobile drivers drive deliberately into a puddle of slush, when ladies were passing, and literally cover them from head to foot with his splash, and then drive away laughing at what he considers a good joke. The automobilists seem to think they own the city and that any one without a car has no privileges on our streets. An example should be made of such offenders in order that they may be brought to their senses and made to understand that other people also have to be considered. H. W. L.

Philadelphia, January 20, 1922.

States and Prohibition

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I have just read of Mr. Cuvillier's bill to allow hotels to sell beer and wine, and predict it will pass; the blind here are getting their eyes open to what business men saw at first was a great error. If the bill is passed it would probably be termed as something akin to State rights—being at variance with the national law.

I hope New York will pass this law. I would not advocate secession, nor a disruption of this great Nation, but if New York passes a law such as this gentleman has introduced there is no doubt that enough other States would follow to have its influence on Congress.

There is no doubt that in due time enough States will come out boldly against this outrage snaked through at Washington while the brawn and sinew, the builders of this country, were abroad fighting for the life of this great Nation.

The South tried to secede in order to maintain slavery, the deprivation of the liberty of some men; Mr. Cuvillier's bill would be a revolt against the Volstead idiocy and a contest to maintain the liberty of all the people—the citizens of what we call and believe to be the most enlightened and liberal nation on earth.

I see that the Chicago Council voted 52 to 14, condemning the Foolstead Act.

JOHN H. MULLIGAN.
Philadelphia, January 12, 1922.

Is Uncle Bim Saved?

Bim Should Vamp Zander

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Why does not Uncle Bim turn the tables on the Widow Zander and do a little vamping himself? He should recognize that he has been entirely too easy with the widow, and the thing to do, if he really is infatuated, is to find some other dame, with whom he will pretend to fall in love. The widow will soon miss the daily visits from the jeweler, the automobilist, the florist and the candy manufacturer. They are all mercantile men, dear to a woman's heart, and especially a widow's.

If I were Uncle Bim, and had plenty of money, I would buy the finest car on the market, and get some attractive female to share it with me, and I would set such a pace and take every method possible to bring it to the notice of Zander, that she would have to show her hand, which would either have to be a full one, or she would be compelled to draw her cards from some one else. Vamp her, Bim, and see how quickly you can bring the flirting widow to her senses? I myself am, at present, on my knees. A WIDOW.

Philadelphia, January 14, 1922.

The Deceitful Widow

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I am so angry this morning that I put aside my ironing, after reading how that deceitful widow is trying to smooth out poor Uncle Bim, and after pondering over the Gumps for about an hour, I have decided to write to you and say that if Mr. Smith allows that Zander woman to put one over on Andy, I am done with him forever and will never again become infatuated with a cartoon movie. Talk about scheming old maids to get a husband, they are not in it with the brazen widows. Ananias was a saint aside of this deceitful widow. Don't let Bim fall for her "mush." The "old friend" gag has been dead years ago. Just as I was happy over a reconciliation, then that boob Bim seems to have swallowed all the widow's lies, and I can see by the expression of his face that she has him, "tooth and nail" in her claws once more.

MRS. W. L. T.

Philadelphia, January 20, 1922.

Is Ours Really a "City of Brotherly Love"?

"Sarcastic Raymond's" Au Revoir

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I, "Sarcastic Raymond," have on two different occasions seen fit to address the People's Forum, and both of my treatises have, quite properly, been considered of sufficient moment for dissemination among the populace via the printed word. As a result of these letters, the citizenry have, in turn, handed me the rose and the razz. They have wafted their plaudits and they have assailed me (vigorously).

Tonight I note an interesting letter captioned "What's Become of Raymond S.?" It is this that draws me from my seclusion. Having become, evidently, something of a character to those former readers, who peruse letters other than their own, I feel it would be a breach of good taste, as well as unfair to my public, were I not on this, the eve of my departure, to say a few fitting words.

My friends, I have just received a wire calling me back to town. I have enjoyed my rest in Philly and, thoroughly recuperated in body and mind, I feel competent to again enter the stresses of city life. These little side trips into the isolated corners of the earth are not without their recompense.

I invite all Philadelphians to visit Chicago, the city of the world's finest stores, universities, boulevards, parks, theatres, etc. That city of culture raised to the nth power and where refinement is universal. It is civilization's jewel, shining radiantly on the brow of the Middle West, to light the limpid purple of unparalleledly beautiful Lake Michigan. Modesty forbids that I should mention her charms.

If any Philadelphians need jobs, situations or positions while in Chicago, I will see that they get work putting wrinkles on prunes. This is a slow and tedious process and hence one at which Philadelphians would excel. The factory being in a quiet zone, I feel sure that after being provided with roller skates (which matter I shall attend to) the danger of these Philadelphia visitors being run over by pushcarts would be greatly minimized. And so I bid you all adieu. May Philly rest in peace. RAYMOND.

January 19, 1922.

Finds Philadelphians Polite

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Your column on the "City of Brotherly Love" gives considerable spice to your valuable paper. The manner in which strangers take the liberty of firing broadsides at Philadelphia, and the disposition of the Philadelphians to "pop up" and come back at them is most interesting.

Judging from the number of times it is mentioned, the letter of "Raymond S." seems to have been "the most unkindest cut of all." (I use that quotation in deference to the Boston man, who has not heard any Shakespeare since he came to Philadelphia, poor man!)

With reference to "Raymond's" letter, will say that it was singularly witty and sarcastic, and presumably written by some young man who was bent upon having a little quiet fun out of Philadelphia.

If this be true he has surely been gratified, as none of the replies have contained the keen sense of humor which characterized his letter, but all savor of the fact that at least some Philadelphians take themselves so seriously as to be wholly impervious to a joke.

The most amusing letter of the strangers, to me, was the one which was written by a lady who commented upon the general rudeness in Philadelphia, comparing it to Chicago in that regard and favorably to the latter.

It brought to mind the "Politeness Campaign," which was promoted by the Chicago Tribune some time ago.

It will be remembered that a reporter was sent out every morning with fifty dollars ($50) in his pocket, which he was to give to the most polite person whom he found that day. His experiences were varied, and sometimes quite thrilling was his weary search.

It was necessary for him to accost persons, asking some civil question, and "history records" that it was near nightfall on many days before he found a person in the streets of Chicago who was sufficiently polite to warrant the bestowal of the $50.

Surely a man would not have to tramp all day to find a polite person in Philadelphia, for there are many such. However, the Tribune project gave a temporary uplift to Chicago. When it became noised abroad that the man was out with the $50 it produced a wonderful amount of bowing and scraping, doffing of hats, "yes, sir," "no, sir," "please, sir," and "thank you," and "may I assist you, madam," the wave of politeness reaching the high-water mark where men even rose and offered their seats to women in street cars. Now, it is only fair to the lady who wrote the letter to which I referred, to say that she no doubt visited Chicago while it was under this magic spell, and therefore received a radically different impression from what she would have had in normal times.

Chicago is a magnificent and incomparable city in many ways, but if there is a place in the whole wide world where the people believe in "The greatest good to the greatest number," and the greatest number is No. 1," it is good old "Chi." Long may she wave!

ONLOOKER.

Philadelphia, January 19, 1922.

Questions Answered

To Change Name

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—How shall I proceed to change my name? Is it expensive? Would a savings bank charge for making the change on their books? J. J. C.

Philadelphia, January 16, 1922.

The change may be made by an application to a Justice of the Supreme Court at a nominal charge. You should be able to satisfy the bank by showing the papers permitting you to use your new name. Consultation with the bank will settle that point. The record of the change of name with the Secretary of State at Harrisburg is an important step in the procedure.

Our Largest Locomotive

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I will appreciate it if you will tell me what is the largest locomotive in use in the United States. This is to settle an argument. J. K. L.

Philadelphia, January 18, 1922.

The largest locomotive in the United States is on the Virginia Railroad. It was built for coal freight, has twenty driving wheels, and weighs 684,000 pounds. The total weight of engine and tender is 898,300 pounds.

"Postmaster" or "Mistress"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Please state in your People's Forum the way in which you address a woman in charge of the mails. "Postmaster" or "Postmistress." H. L. R.

Philadelphia, January 18, 1922.

The Postoffice Department says that in this country a person holding the position as head of a postoffice is known as Postmaster, regardless of sex. The word postmistress is not used in official correspondence of the Postoffice Department.

Most Physically Perfect People

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—What people have gained the greatest degree of physical perfection in the world today, and why? H. W. L.

Philadelphia, January 19, 1922.

Authorities generally are of the opinion that the Americans have gained the greatest degree of physical perfection in the world today. They attribute this to a mixture of races, and the great attention paid to sanitation and hygiene.

"W. C. T."—Harps are strung with catgut, except the lowest strings. These are usually silk combined with light wire.

"E. L. C."—There will be no joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets this year, as Congress did not provide funds for fuel and other operating expenses.

Poems and Songs Desired

"I Have No Mother"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I have been looking for some time for a poem or the words of a song which starts as follows:

"I have no mother, for she died
When I was very young
But still her memory round my heart
Like morning dew has clung."

MRS. R. L. WARE.

Philadelphia, January 14, 1922.

Wants Old Song

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Kindly publish the words of an old song—name unknown—but containing the following words:

"Turn out your toes, sir;
"Aye, corporal, I will!"

The band played sweetly (or louder)
My father was a corporal,
And well he knew his trade
Of women, wine and gunpowder

He never was afraid."

It is probably from an opera. SMITH.

Philadelphia, January 9, 1922.

A Poem and Old School Letters

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—"When the bairnies cuddle down at night" is a quotation which I have been trying to run down. Can any of your readers give me the name of the author, and tell me where in his works I can find these words?

When I was a boy in school, about 1870, one of my teachers used to read aloud to the children very interesting chapters from a book called "The William Henry Letters." I wish I could get some facts concerning this book, especially its author, publishers, etc. F. D. L.

Philadelphia, December 31, 1921.

First, the line quoted is from "Cuddle Doon," a poem by Alexander Anderson ("Surfaceman"), which can be found in his collected poems.

Second, "The William Henry Letters" were written by Abby Morton Diaz and published in 1870 by Fields, Osgood & Company. They were printed in an edition used in schools by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard several years later.

Mrs. Diaz was born at Plymouth, Mass., November 22, 1821, the daughter of Ichabod and Betty Morton. She was an ardent worker in the cause of anti-slavery, an early disciple of New Thought and was interested in social economics. She was the founder and for many years the president of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union in Boston. Her writings include many books for children. She died in 1904.

"Do It Now"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I inclose you copy of my New Year's card. I thought the lines might be of interest to your readers. They were recited by Ex-Governor Charles Miller in closing an admirable address to Hon. Edwin S. Stuart at a dinner given by him to the officers of the Union League on retiring from its presidency. This sort of sentiment, if put into practice, will make the new year brighter for all of us. D. L. ANDERSON.

Philadelphia, January 16, 1922.

DO IT NOW

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him, tell him now;
Don't withhold your approbation till the man or person makes location
And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow.

For no matter how you set it, he won't really care about it,
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed
If you think some praise is due him, now is the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny,
And the hearty, warm approval of a friend;
For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver,
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end.

If he earns your praise, bestow it; if you love him, let him know it,
Let the words of true encouragement be said;
Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

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