

FLORA'S RECEPTION.

A Beautiful Spring Day In the Allegheny Conservatories.

THE PARKS SOON TO BE PRETTIER.

Preparations For Their Adornment Are Already Under Way.

THE SOCIAL CHATTER OF YESTERDAY

The Phelps conservatories held a reception yesterday afternoon. It was an entirely impromptu affair. This statement is made that the many friends of the family who were not present will understand the matter, and not imagine that the visiting list of the conservatories has been cut down. The delightfulness of the day was directly responsible for the affair and for the unusually large number of guests, including ladies, babies and dogs, and a few academics in masculine attire.

Flowers Not The First of All. Seldom it is that anything floral takes precedence of the orchid, but in this instance such was the case, and warmed-over adjectives were the only ones bestowed upon the orchids, beautiful as they were, until the Nepenthes was reached. It permitted the use of a different class of adjectives, for it is such a little cannibal, pitcher-like in shape, delicately tinted and wax-like, it is nevertheless a "will-you-walk-in-my-parlor" sort of blossom for it possesses a double row of teeth, which mean death to any insect that enters the pitcher, unless it can fly. The Nepenthes liquor with which these blossoms are filled is also cannibalistic in its tendency, as it feeds on minute insects or flies, will thoroughly digest beefsteak in small pieces as served by Superintendent Hamilton, the strength of which is diffused throughout the body of the plant, so that the orchid who received yesterday were many whose delicate and fragile beauty was not sufficiently strong to support the angry name of their family, and little pieces of board were called in requisition for that purpose.

Amazon of the Aquarium. The Victoria Regia, an Amazon queen in the aquarium, was the youngest of the reception committee, it being in fact almost an infant. Its little round face, about the size of a breakfast plate for the hostess, is held up to entertain as it lay smiling on the face of the water. Later in the season at the close of the subsequent reception the Regia will make a more commanding appearance and will be able inside of six months to hold some of the baby ones, not exceeding 60 pounds, upon its then attained eight-foot face.

The gold fish were delightful acquisitions to the receiving party, and charmingly entertained, as our goldfish can. They have not in four months had the water of their aquarium changed, yet they were enjoying the best of health and their colors were immaculate. Superintendent Hamilton says that even for the series of impromptu receptions to be given by the conservatories this season, the gold fish will not be permitted to change of area, as fish extract oxygen from the water and exhale carbonic acid gas; while plants, when growing, give off oxygen and inhale carbonic acid gas, hence the water is purified. Extensive preparations are being made by Superintendent Hamilton and his assistants for the coming entertainments, and April 20 will find the parties undergoing their annual beautifying. Nothing new or novel thus far is contemplated in the arrangement, and it is not even known whether George Washington or Lincoln will smile a welcome with a hen and chicken attachment.

AN APPROACHING WEDDING.

Major McKee soon to become the husband of Miss Birdie Chaifant.

An event of great importance in the social world, hitherto unannounced, will take place within the walls of the Chaifant residence, on North avenue, Allegheny, as soon as the work of remodeling is completed, and though depriving the home of one of its lovely daughters, will be the signal for the establishment of a new home, within the city, over which Miss Birdie Chaifant, as Mrs. Major McKee, will preside.

Resuming Their French. French, for a time, was compelled to relinquish its hold upon the Pittsburgh public in favor of the grip, but it is now once more assuming its accustomed position, 27 pupils of Professor Fayre having recovered and resumed their lessons this week.

Social Chatter. The McKinley-Higler duplets this evening. The Traw-Bradley wedding takes place to-day.

Mrs. REUBEN MILLER, of Fifth avenue, gave a handsome luncheon yesterday.

The marriage of Miss Anna Christine and Mr. Jacob Foster will take place this morning.

A musical and social entertainment will be given this evening at the Bethany Lutheran church, East End.

Mrs. M. HERMANN, of St. John, Kan., is visiting her brother, Mr. Eli Katz, at 133 Buena Vista street, Allegheny.

The regular meeting of the Dopsis Circle, C. L. S. T., was held last evening at the residence of Miss LITIA, No. 35 WEST END.

The annual meeting and reception of the Homopathic Medical and Surgical Hospital and Dispensary of Pittsburgh will be held this afternoon at the chapel of the hospital.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given this evening at the Jenny M. E. Smith. A lecture will be delivered by Rev. D. H. McKee on the subject, "All Sorts of Talkers."

The Waverly Literary Society, of the Allegheny High school, notorious for its clever conceits, will give the annual one next Friday evening, with a program replete with novel and interesting numbers.

One of the prettiest annual events that occur within the city will be given by Miss Agnes Hamilton's dancing classes. This year it will be given Tuesday evening, April 23, and the program will be more interesting than ever, with the introduction of several fancy dances never before given in the city.

Important. Three-story brick, large store room and elevator on Sixth street; rents for \$2,600. For information call at 1112 Penn avenue.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED YESTERDAY.

Table with columns: Name, Residence. Lists marriages such as William Gariboy, Pittsburg; Annie Tennison, North Fayette township; Leana E. Woods, McKeesport; Edward Price, Allegheny; Annie Schenck, McKeesport; Anton Szalkowski, Pittsburgh; Michael Marcin, Braddock township; Ida H. McElhinny, Allegheny; Mrs. J. W. McGee, Millin township; William Shields, Pittsburgh; Annie A. Niland, Pittsburgh; John Cox, Pittsburgh; Robert Lambert, Hanks station; Elizabeth Dragg, Hanks station; Clara Honninger, Allegheny; Joseph Steiner, Allegheny; Joseph Morrison, Stowe township; Nicholas Wien, Stowe township; Emma Warr, Stowe township; William Hayden, Stowe township; Colie Kester, Hammar township; Mary McLoughlin, Pittsburgh; John Brown, Pittsburgh; Giuseppe Ferrara, Pittsburgh; Edward Murphy, Pittsburgh; George Wilson, Allegheny; Katie Strother, McKeesport; Francis Zyzanski, Pittsburgh; Arthur McKee, Pittsburgh; George Wright, Pittsburgh; Frank Moran, Allegheny; Kate Liota, Allegheny; Thomas Wilson, Allegheny; Elizabeth M. Breaman, Allegheny; Edward J. Brennan, Pittsburgh; Philip Pfeiffer, Allegheny; Helen M. McKeown, Allegheny; Karl Kaszicki, Pittsburgh; Rozalia Lowandowsk, Pittsburgh; Thomas Wilson, Walker's Mills; Anna J. Slocy, Pittsburgh; Julia A. Schoemaker, Pittsburgh; V. McDonald, Lawrence; Thomas B. Hoover, Homewick; John Kress, Allegheny; Tillie Volkert, Allegheny; Annie M. Kane, McKeesport.

DIED.

ALLEN—At Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, April 12, 1891, at 45 years of age, of smallpox, the late Wm. Allen, aged 8 years. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Burial on Monday, April 15, at 11 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Burial on Monday, April 15, at 11 o'clock.

BENDER—At his residence, 916 Second avenue, Sunday morning, April 8, 1891, at 47 years of age, ALONZO K. BENDER, in the 44th year of his age. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Burial on Tuesday, April 14, at 2:30 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

BHINKMAN—On Sunday, April 12, 1891, H. BHINKMAN, died at his residence, 1210 1/2 Pennsylvania street, of cholera morbus. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Burial on Tuesday, April 15, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CRAWFORD—On Saturday, April 12, 1891, ANNA CRAWFORD, widow of the late John Moore Crawford. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Burial on Monday, April 15, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DOSCH—On Sunday, April 12, 1891, at 8:40 P. M., MARY, wife of George M. Dosch, in the 57th year of her age. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DIXON—On Monday, April 13, 1891, at 12:15 P. M., THOMAS DIXON, aged 68 years. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

ELWOOD—On Sunday, April 12, 1891, at 5:20 P. M., JOHN J., son of John and Emma Elwood, aged 7 months and 20 days. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GIBBON—On Monday, April 12, 1891, at 12:20 P. M., SARINA GIBBON, aged 85 years. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GILLIAND—On Monday, April 13, 1891, at 2:30 P. M., GEORGE GILLIAND, aged 7 weeks. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HAHN—Entered into rest on Monday, April 13, 1891, at 4:20 P. M., ANNA EVA, widow of Herman Hahn, aged 82 years 1 month 20 days. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

JAMES ORCHARD & CO. Insurance Co. of North America. Losses adjusted and paid by WILLIAM L. JONES, 84 Fourth avenue.

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O. MCCLINTOCK & CO. CARPETS. A good article at a fair price is the truest economy. We have just added many patterns to our lines of Carpets at bargain prices. Some of these are old and some new patterns just bought at special prices. We now have the strongest showing of Carpets at the low prices quoted below.

Wiltons, \$1 75. Moquettes, \$1 25 and \$1 35. Velvets, 90c and \$1. Body Brussels, \$1 and \$1 25. Tapestry Brussels, 45c, best, 75c. Tapestry Brussels, extra, 85c. All-wool Ex. Super Ingrains, 65c. All-wool Super Ingrains, 60c. Half-wool Super Ingrains, 45c. Heavy Cotton Ingrains, 35c. Medium Cotton Ingrains, 20c.

CHINA MATTINGS. Our new stock, just landed, is now in store. Handsome patterns of Seamless Mattings reduced from 45c and 50c to 30c, to close out. Good quality of Mattings by the roll of 40 yards at \$6.00.

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We are showing full lines of Boys' Shirt Waists of all the new materials including Seersuckers, Zephyrs, Oxford, Percales, Linen and Flannel. We have them with Round Collars, Sailor Collars Standing Collars, Boy's Collars, and White Waists with Bands for separate Collars.

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HAMPTON—On April 11, 1891, at Lakewood, N. J., JOHN H. HAMPTON. Funeral services at his late residence, 127 North avenue, on WEDNESDAY AT 2 P. M. Interment private.

WILSON—On Saturday, April 11, 1891, at 6 o'clock P. M., BARBARA HASTMAN, mother of Alderman Hartman, aged 71 years. "Our mother dear has gone to rest. Our father has gone before; In tears of Jesus, They shall rest peacefully evermore." Funeral to take place at St. Michael's Church on TUESDAY, April 12, at 10 o'clock A. M., where solemn requiem mass will be said. HITE—At Sewickley, Pa., on Saturday, April 11, at 11:30 P. M., ALBERT W. HITE, son of Joseph and Catherine Hite, aged 5 years and 2 months.

HOBHN—On Saturday, April 11, 1891, at 6 o'clock P. M., AT CARRON, O., WILLIAM HOBHN, aged 30 years. Funeral from the residence of his brother-in-law, Louis Horst, 32 Stever avenue, Allegheny City, TUESDAY, April 14, at 2 o'clock. Friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

ROBER—On Saturday, April 11, at 5:30 P. M., WILLIAM ROBER, in his 61st year. Funeral from his late residence, 113 Pennsylvania avenue, Allegheny, on TUESDAY, April 14, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HUGHES—At his residence, Thirty-eighth street and Penn avenue, on Sunday, April 12, at 6 A. M., HENRY HUGHES, aged 42 years. KERR—On April 12th, 1891, RYMER E. KERR, eldest son of Walter J. and Julia Guss Kerr, aged 67 years and 2 days. Funeral from his parents' residence, Guss and McClure avenues, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, at 10 o'clock TUESDAY AFTERNOON. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

KIRK—On Monday, April 12, 1891, at 12:15 o'clock P. M., ETHEL KIRK, aged 79 years. Funeral services at the residence of her sister, Susanna Cathart, corner of Fortieth street and Valley street, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MORAN—At the residence of his brother-in-law, Thomas Riley, Kincaid street, Nineteenth ward, on Monday, April 12, 1891, at 9 P. M., JOSEPH MORAN, member of Company A. C. of A., aged 20 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

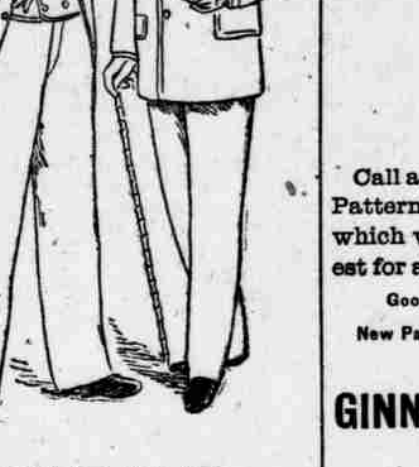
MEEHAN—On Monday, April 12, 1891, HERMINA, wife of John F. Meehan (nee Smelser) in her 81st year. Funeral services at her late residence, 2902 Josephine street, Southside, city. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

NEWPORT—At the family residence, 149 1/2 Third street, Twenty-first ward, on Sunday, April 12, 1891, at 1:30 P. M., WILLIAM NEWPORT, eldest son of Mrs. Margaret and the late William Newport, aged 22 years and 9 months. Funeral services at Sacred Heart R. C. Church, Chester avenue, East End, on WEDNESDAY, April 15, at 9 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

RYAN—On Monday, April 12, 1891, at 4:30 P. M., MARY ANN RYAN, mother of Miss Edith Ryan, in her 69th year. Funeral from her late residence, 74 Washington street, Allegheny, TUESDAY, April 14, at 2 P. M. Interment private at a later hour.

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What they termed the finer grade they claimed to be the same shirt that we are selling at 99 cents. We claim that this is false and that they know it to be false and we mean the public to know it also. All anyone has to do to prove what we state is to examine the underside of the tab at end of bosom on shirt and they will find that whether they paid 35 cents or 85 cents, the number is 2 G.

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