



Two bright young society girls of Pittsburgh were talking about the way people in different localities use their voices, and one of them expressed an opinion that is food for thought for the student of human peculiarities.

"Did you ever notice," said she, "how loudly the Sewickley people speak in ordinary conversation? I mean those who really good society—on a par with members of the best class of the East End. They always seem to pitch their utterances a good mile or two above their breath."

"I have been thinking that the reason for this is that they live so much in the open air, and are so accustomed to calling across the fields to each other that the habit of shouting becomes confirmed in them before they are aware of it."

"Well, that is odd," returned No. 2, "but I believe it is true. East End people never seem to strain their voices. Talking about voices, don't you think it would be a splendid thing if someone would invent a machine to kill that maddening buzz-buzz-buzz-buzz that one always hears in a large company of ladies at teas, receptions and the like? Small talk is interesting enough when it is addressed exclusively to one's self, but when you get a wild ocean of it in one vast arch of confused murmurings it is enough to drive you out of your mind, especially if you are of a nervous temperament."

Evidently that young lady has been to a good many receptions.

In addition to the six Monday evening dances and the large reception at the Pittsburgh Club, mention of which has already been made, there are to be three dinner dances at the Club Theater on the evening of January 2 and 19 and February 14.

The reception given by Mr. William T. Wallace, last Thursday, was delightful in every respect. Not only were the appointments distinguished by that perfect taste which is never more marked than in the home of a cultured American woman, but the fact that two of Philadelphia's most charming daughters were introduced to Pittsburgh society by this entertainment made it more than usually interesting.

There will be a banquet and supper in the Opera House on Tuesday afternoon and evening next, for the benefit of Calvary M. Church, at 7 o'clock. The program includes flowers, home-made candies and cakes will be for sale at the different booths.

The Yale College Glee and Banjo Club will give a tenet entertainment in Carnegie Hall Friday evening, December 23. The list of patronesses includes the names of many well-known women of the two cities who always lend their influence toward the success of a really criticized entertainment, and the Yale boys may depend upon a large and appreciative audience.

One woman's idea of how to keep young is to husband the emotion. She says that when a woman is beginning to get old, she cannot afford to be sad or glad, as in her youth. This is very good advice—if it is practicable.

JUST BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS. Society Events of the Past Week of Interest. In the Two C's.

Mr. William L. Lapson, wife of the chief paymaster at the Edison Thomson Steel Works, gave a reception at her handsome home on Braddock avenue, West Braddock, Tuesday evening.

The Entre Nous Progressive Euchre Club held its first meeting at the home of Miss Jessie Brennan, Fifth avenue, last Tuesday evening.

Messrs. Washington Edwards, Orville Coulter, Rev. J. E. Conner, Daniel Jackson, Leonard Knox, Jr., Isaac F. Fry, Thomas Alcorn, John Hill, Howard Smith, Edward A. Hill, Woodruff Conner, Lewis Driscoll and P. Iserwood.

Owing to the very flattering success of the reception and reunion given under the auspices of Tanager Commandery No. 48, at the Alvin Theater, this city, on the evening of the 23d of February last, the almost unanimous desire on the part of the Sir Knights, members of the Commandery, for its repetition has been determined to hold the second annual reception and reunion at the same place on the evening of January 31 next.

Last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hickenbottom, of Thirty-eighth street, celebrated their silver wedding, Rev. James Stewart, of Allegheny, officiating. Mrs. Hickenbottom really looked the young bride over again, dressed in lavender silk with lace trimmings. Over 200 persons called to extend their congratulations, among whom were members of Post 88, G. A. O., of which Mr. Hickenbottom is a member.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the reception of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Braddock, in honor of its 33rd birthday. He was taken wholly by surprise and was the recipient of many useful presents.

On Friday, the 16th inst., the letter carriers of the Pittsburgh postoffice, who comprise Branch 28, National Association of Letter Carriers, will hold their second annual entertainment in Turner Hall, Forbes street.

The Federal Club, of Allegheny, entertained their friends for the first time this season on Monday evening at their club house on Arch street. About 25 couples were present.

Mr. H. E. Monroe, of Philadelphia, well known in this city, from his lectures, gave her illustrated story of the Reformation in the Opera House on Irwin Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodcock, of Covey avenue, Braddock, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday evening, or rather 10 of their friends celebrated them by celebrating it by taking possession of the Dowling home and surprising the occupants.

A reception, in honor of Miss May Anderson, formerly of Steubenville, O., was held on Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Wilson, Jr., of the East End.

A "Carnival of Nations" will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Turtle Creek Presbyterian Church, from Tuesday to Friday evening of this week.

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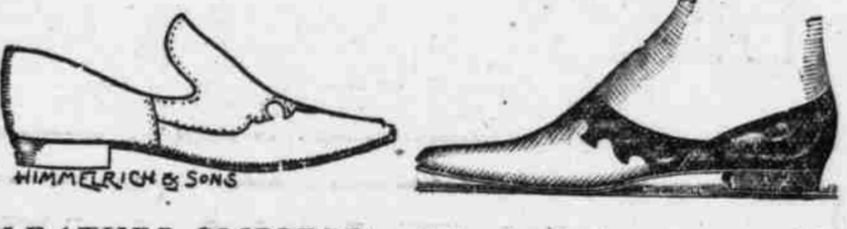
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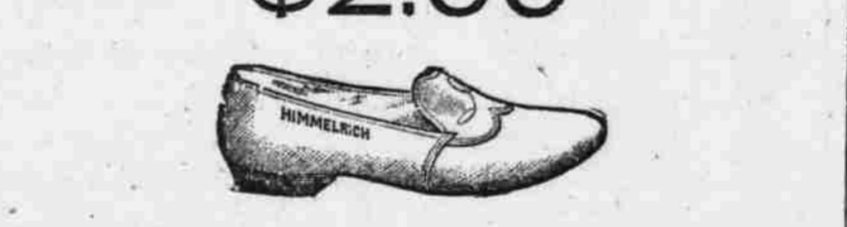
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