

# Social Personal

**H**OLIDAY week is to be the gayest in many seasons. There is a new foot on the floor, and a new face in very bright, with the lightness and the brightness of youth which is forever being renewed and forever seeming more beautiful than it was before, and the Christmas-tide festivities will have in them more than in many a day the element of the very early spring of life. The season's debutantes will be reinforced by a large number of guests who will be lavishly entertained during the holiday recess. Every day and evening will be full. There will be few spare moments for the young men and maidens who are home from school and college, and the older set will be equally busy.

It is rather a pity that it is not the custom here to arrange some entertainment for Christmas night. Christmas Eve is essentially the occasion for family festivity, as is the happy day, but Christmas night is seldom employed for any social affair.

The holiday gaiety opens the night after Christmas with the following schedule:

- Dec. 26—A dance given by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton.
- Dec. 27—The Assembly dance. Reception given by Mrs. Oakford.
- Dec. 28—Dinner, dance given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, Dimmick. Card party given by Mrs. Dale. Card party given by the Misses Sanderson. Cooking club dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith.
- Dec. 29—Dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warren. Card party given by Mrs. Edwin Gearhart. Luncheon given by Miss Helen Boies.
- Dec. 30—The Bachelors' ball. The Assembly at Wilkes-Barre. Qui Vive dance.
- Jan. 1—Reception given by Mr. and Mrs. William Connell. Dance party given by Mrs. Edwin W. Gearhart. Card party given by the Cooking Club at the Country club.
- Jan. 2—Dance given by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins. Subscription dance at Bicycle club.

The Bachelors' ball is the chief topic of conversation, for people have grown to realize that it means the center of the social universe, which makes people forget all the disadvantages of Scranton and for one happy night gives us a prestige whose halo extends outward far enrolling the year. This season the ball will take on a new dignity, being for the first time lifted to the eminence of a chartered institution. The arrangements are at a stage which leaves no uncertainty as to the supreme success of this great affair. Rehearsals of the dance music are being held, and early next week the floor will be placed. It will be located near the Adams avenue end of the Thirtieth regiment armory, the two sides and the rear being fitted up with boxes. Most of these have been sold. Among the holders are: Messrs. A. B. Blair, Henry Bellin, Jr., O. S. Johnson, E. B. Sturges, W. W. Scranton, E. L. Fuller, T. H. Watkinson, Miss Platt, Willard Matthews, George Sanderson, F. M. Vandling, A. D. Blackinton, H. W. Taylor, W. J. Torrey, J. L. Kemmerer, T. C. von Storch, Colonel H. M. Boies, J. H. Woodley, J. Earl, Dimmick, Mrs. Crane von Storch, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Lynde, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Keller, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Murray, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wentz, Dr. and Mrs. Wainwright.

lated effect. It is an assured fact that the big building will be well heated on this occasion, and extra lighting facilities will also be introduced. The out-of-town guests will exceed in number all previous records.

The second in the series of great subscription concerts, of which Mr. F. C. Hand has the direction, will be given under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association, January 15. The celebrated Four Symphonies orchestra, of New York, with Miss Elsie Gifford, the beautiful soprano, and Mr. Arthur Hochman, the famous pianist, as soloists. The Young Women's Christian association has not taken up any great enterprise like this since it made a nice sum of money out of the Women's Paper. It has numbered excellent workers who will assist in making this concert a superb success. Scranton people like good music and are willing to pay for it. This splendid orchestra will fill the new armory with good music.

The list of matronesses includes the following: Mrs. Thomas Dickson, Mrs. William Connell, Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury, Mrs. E. N. Willard, Mrs. L. A. Watson, Mrs. William D. Boyer, Mrs. G. Dale, Dimmick, Mrs. L. B. Powell, Mrs. H. H. Brady, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Blair, Mrs. H. A. Knapp, Mrs. G. G. Brooks, Mrs. A. E. Law, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Mrs. E. H. Ripple, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. John Jermyn, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. James A. Linn, Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. J. Bell, Dimmick, Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mrs. C. B. Penmar, Mrs. F. E. Platt, Mrs. W. M. Dickson, Mrs. James P. Dickson, Miss E. K. Richmond, Mrs. J. S. McAnulty, Mrs. F. L. Peck, Mrs. Thomas G. Sprague, Mrs. W. L. Connell.

Miss Allis Dale has issued invitations to a card party on Saturday night, December 28, in honor of her guest, Miss Hollis.

There will be a subscription dance at the Bicycle club on Friday night, Jan. 3, when the patronesses will be Mrs. Thomas R. Brooks, Mrs. William M. Curry, Mrs. Charles W. Hurlbut, Mrs. Willard Matthews, Mrs. Theodore Wolf and Mrs. Andrew N. Walker.

On Monday night next the annual Princeton dinner will be given by the Princeton Alumni association. This time it is to be at the Hotel Sterling in Wilkes-Barre. It is expected that the alumni of this region will be out in large numbers. Mr. Benjamin F. Dorrance, of Dorranceville, will be toastmaster. Professor Woodrow Wilson of Princeton will represent the college.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jermyn entertained at cards on Wednesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. Klots, Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Twitcheil, Mr. and Mrs. Crane von Storch, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Lynde, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Keller, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Murray, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wentz, Dr. and Mrs. Wainwright.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cristy, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Courten, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Bellin, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kingsberry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brady, Mrs. E. B. Jermyn, Mrs. Gearhart, Mrs. N. Y. Leet, Mrs. H. B. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Watson.

Congressman and Mrs. William Connell have issued invitations to a reception in celebration of their golden wedding day to take place on Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1902. The invitations are particularly attractive, engraved as they are in gold with an exquisitely designed monogram at the head.

The annual New Year assembly of Wilkes-Barre will be held in the armory of that city on New Year's eve. The committee consists of Messrs. Chester Derr, George MacLean, Fred North, R. Nelson Bennett and Henry A. Pease.

Mr. Harold Norton returned last night from Philadelphia.

Miss Candace Watson, Miss Gertrude Bookwith, Miss Helen Jones, Miss Janette Schlager, and Miss Helen Powell have returned from Pelham Manor.

Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson are delightfully situated in their new home at Pelham Manor and are in excellent health.

Miss Helen Boies will entertain at luncheon on Monday following Christmas in honor of several guests of the younger set.

Miss Ruth Hand will entertain a company of guests informally next Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Hand.

Miss Post of New York and Miss Gilbert of Harrisburg will be Miss Boies' guests next week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins will give a large dancing party at their residence on Monroe avenue Jan. 3, for their son and daughter, and the guests of the family, Miss Florence and Mr. Marion Wyeth.

Among the Princeton men who have returned for the holidays are: Messrs. Raymond Sanderson, Rob Hull, Arthur Hoover, Leon Levy, Edwin Guernsey, Lawrence Watres, E. H. Henry, John Blair and Ellis.

The Christmas assembly will be at the Bicycle club on Friday night, December 26. The committee consists of Mrs. Paul R. Bellin, Miss Archibald, Miss Bellin and Miss Hunt.

There are many honest people in the world; one of them lives in Scranton and his name is William Moran. He is the young man who found a pocket-book the other day on the streets bulging with Christmas money, and promptly returned it to the distracted owner, a lady, from whom he refused any reward further than her profuse thanks.

The first in the series of cotillions, which Messrs. Worthington Scranton and LaMotte Bellin will direct, is to be held January 13.

Mrs. Bellin and Miss Bellin gave a card party yesterday afternoon. Mrs. B. E. Watson and Mrs. E. B. Jermyn won high scores.

Among those who will have house parties next week will be Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald.

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Major and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bellin, Jr.

Miss Bennell entertained at dinner last night at her home on Washington avenue.

Miss Hardenbergh will spend the holiday vacation in Harrisburg, the guest of her brother, Auditor General Hardenbergh, and his family. She will also attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Music Teachers' association, to be held in Reading on the 29th, 30th and 31st.

Mrs. Richard A. Oakford will give a reception on Friday, December 27, in honor of Miss Mauness, the fiancée of Mr. James S. Oakford. The hours of receiving will be from four to six.

Mrs. Edwin W. Gearhart will entertain at cards on Monday and Thursday afternoons, January 2, in honor of Miss Ruggles, of New York.

### HER POINT OF VIEW

**B**EHOOLD A tale of bricks; gold bricks. It is said that there are very honest people who do not think they have had a bargain unless they have cheated the merchant, and perhaps it is true that we are all pretty keen after the advantages in buying and selling, but it is none the less true that we all sooner or later acquire a choice collection of gold bricks. Perhaps, too, we sell some to others, but that is another story.

We all dislike being swindled. It is largely a matter of conceit. We do not hate the intimation that we are not shrewd enough to detect the swindler. We do not so much regret the money spent for gold bricks as the loss in pride and self-sufficiency. It is a terrible blow to most of us when we find that we were overreached by one who was more acute. La Rochefoucauld said that "self-love makes us blind. It is the greatest of flatterers," and it is just possible that may be true enough to account for the large and complete assortment of gold bricks which we may see in a very secret closet which nobody knows about but ourselves.

Sometimes when we feel particularly low-spirited and should go out in the sunshine we persistently remain indoors and by way of diversion, turn the key in that hidden closet and take a careful inventory of the contents. After the process is ended we are in a condition of mind to go forth and assassinate our dearest friend or place dynamite on a street railway. There is really nothing more depressing than talking account of stock when gold bricks constitute the assets. We can face such a task with so much more equanimity when some other person is the proprietor. Then it quite becomes a pleasure, but it is not enlightening to look over our own possessions in this line.

Perhaps, nicely wrapped up in tissue paper is the gold brick which we know represents a friend for whom we paid a high price—so high that it meant a barrier of self-respect to meet the demands. The friend is always there, done up in tissue paper and seeming real enough and sometimes we try to forget for a little while that she isn't genuine. Yet always, down deep in our hearts, we know that if we should once unfold the tissue paper she would be sure a gold brick, nicely gilded, to be sure, but only gilded. We do feel so uncomfortable about that gold brick and a number of cynicisms troop into our thoughts, and one seems inclined to say: "It is what some dyspeptic man of a certain leader—we would have paid far more if it had been demanded at the time, but when we carried the brick home and undid its voluminous wrappings by the cosy fireside, where our really smiling friends, smiled at us from the niche above, and we heard the soft sobbing of the wraiths of old and unattractive and faithful friends we had shut outside the warmth of our hearts because there would now be

so little room and so little time for them, somehow we found the new brick very light and its gold did not gleam so richly by the fair home glow. But we have kept it very carefully, for it cost so much, you know, and we have never told to this day just how great was the price and just how cruelly we were cheated.

Maybe there was the time when we thought we were going to buy love so very fast. It was the most beautiful gold brick you ever saw, and they say it was the real thing at first, but we were so anxious to secure a good bargain that we did not watch the juggler quite sharply enough, and while we were trying to get better terms and give as little as possible, a slight-of-hand trick made a swift exchange and we really got only what we paid for and scarcely that. We have always felt deeply injured about the transaction, but we haven't talked it over with our friends, and sometimes we parade our nice gold brick with the love label as the only true thing in the world.

Then there was that other time when we were actually willing to buy a fair price for a wonderful shining brick, and we did just that. It was to be worked out—the cost was—and it would take a few years only to clear the debt. It meant taking the best years of our lives, the sunniest, dearest, but the conditions did not seem hard then. Looking back over those years today we realize that they have stretched on and on until the present; that we have waited and toiled and struggled to pay the debt and have not stopped to gladden our eyes with the treasure, and hat all the time it was a gold brick and the real, true thing which we thought we had bought was close at hand in fair glimpses and often in glad "wellness which we might have taken to our hearts and carried all the way. The large gold brick for which we paid so dearly is marked "Happiness."

But the assortment is so large and so discouraging that we have not the heart to go over it just now to see if any bricks are missing. We could build a grand and unsubstantial mansion with our accumulation. There are the bricks which were sold in the name of religion, politics, charity, favoritism, prestige and appreciation, and then, dear men, there are all those Christmas gold bricks. We have paid pretty well for one each but after all we are rather glad we have not caught a permanent squint by going through the world with glances of suspicion at every step. Our collection is not a good one. Lessons learned and perhaps a little gentleness, a little unselfishness and faith in other people; so possibly some day we shall see our gold bricks set into a solid wall which stands for character and nobility of purpose and perhaps even of our most critical friends will be unable to detect that once these were frauds.

### SAMOAN DRESSMAKERS.

How Garments Are Made by the Natives in the South Seas.

From the New York Tribune.

In the South Seas dresses are made with a hatchet, a club and a not of paint. Every housewife is her own robe and habit maker. When she feels the need of a new gown she goes and chops down a tree. When her husband needs a new suit she chops down another tree. That is easy, for men and women are clad exactly alike, a plain fold of cloth caught about the waist and hanging loosely to the knee or shin. The trees inhabiting the islands of the tropical Pacific are almost alone in having no idea of the loom and the various arts of the spinner and webster. This lack is undoubtedly due to the natural provision of a material which renders a woven cloth unnecessary to this primitive people. The only fabric used in that part of the world is a crude, tough paper made of bast. The tree from which the material is derived is the paper mulberry, or *Broussonetia papyrifera*, which is grown in plantations under the sole charge of women, and is also found wild in all parts of the islands. In archipelagoes so highly advanced as Samoa and Tonga, where women have none of the coarser work to do, the entire care of the mulberry plantations rests with the women of each village.

The trees are planted closely, to insure a spindling growth, without lateral branches. The plant will grow from seed; in such a climate there is no difficulty about getting things to grow, but experience has shown that better results follow the planting of twigs from the sturdier wild trees. In about three years from planting the tree will be in the best condition for

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Ladies' Purse and Pocket Books seal, aligator, imitation aligator and Morocco, at 25c, 29c, 49c, 59c up to \$3.00.  
Chatselaine Bags, come in seal, aligator and suede leathers, 25c up to \$3.00.  
Music Rolls, from 25c up to \$2.98 each.  
Men's Bill Books, at 50c up.  
Leather Cuff and Collar Boxes, 25c to \$4.25.  
Women and men's Card Cases, seal and aligator leathers, 25c to \$1.25.  
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