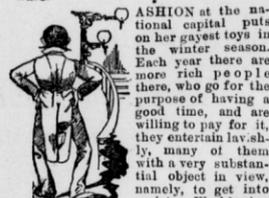


WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

GULFS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT SOCIAL CLASSES.

Efforts Made by Parvenu Millionaires to Break into Fashionable Circles—It May Be Done, but at the Expense of Much Good Food, Choice Wines, and Silverware.



AFTER THE "WEDDING" PROCESS.

ASHION at the national capital puts on her gayest tints in the winter season. Each year there are more rich people there, who go for the purpose of having a good time, and are willing to pay for it, they entertain lavishly, many of them with a very substantial object in view, namely, to get into society. Washington is, in fact, a sort of winter Newport.

Money is no object to them, and their chief business in life is giving entertainments and going to other people's entertainments. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Times, referring to this matter, says: "A general impression has gone abroad to the effect that anything can obtain an entrance into Washington society, owing to the necessarily mixed character of the cosmopolitan population here, but this is not really true, although there are certain exceptions for the statement. Undoubtedly many persons of large means do come hither, and, by the judicious use of cash, secure social position; but what city is there in the world to-day where the same thing may not be accomplished in the same manner? One thing only is necessary in such a case—that the wealthy parvenu should leave the town where he has made his money and go to another. In Washington at this very time there are people who have earned fortunes here in trade, and who are anxious to be received in the exclusive set, but they have not succeeded because the shop is not much in evidence, so to speak. In New York, or in any other large city, they would have a much better chance. This millionaire tradespeople from elsewhere migrate to the capital, and, by earnest effort and the employment of the mighty power that money signifies, find their way into the swim.

The proper thing to do, if you are a parvenu millionaire with the ambition—presumably your wife and children will have the ambition, and not yourself—is to come to Washington and begin operations by hiring a fine house in the midst of the most intensely fashionable quarter. Money, it must be remembered from the start, is no object; you are, of course, prepared to spend your hard-earned dollars like water in the pursuit of the social ignis fatuus. Accordingly you proceed, after furnishing your house gorgeously, to give a series of public entertainments. You do not know anybody, and so you invite everybody, and you are not a little anxious to get in with will not come; but plenty of others will, among them many



EVERYBODY ACCEPTED.

whom you have probably not invited. If you are not aware beforehand that the guests come simply for the purpose of getting a free feed, you will soon be made to realize it. The men will make a rush for the dining-room the moment the doors are opened, and stand around the tables gorging themselves until they can hold no more. Three rows of them can supply themselves directly with provender and drinks, while others on the outside grab the bottles of wine and chicken salad, etc., from the waiters borne by the servants as the latter try to make their way through the crowd. You will receive, however, from trying to clear the supper-room by imitating the expedient once adopted by the Chinese Minister here in such a case—burning pepper—because your object is to get into Washington society at any cost, and this is your first step in that direction. It will not occasion you too much discomposure when you observe that your guests are so far from being satisfied by throwing the tables and chairs, and your wife and daughter will merely smile graciously as hiccupping good-nights are addressed to them by young men who have difficulty in concealing a quart bottle of extra champagne under each arm, beneath their dress-coats; nor will you be otherwise than philosophical about it when you discover, after the final departure and the removal of the few gentlemen who have accidentally fallen asleep on the stairs, that many articles of silver, as well as the more readily portable of the parlor ornaments, have also been carried off. This, you see, must all be gone through, if you are to get into society at the national capital.

Far from being discouraged, you give other entertainments each week, and will select that the last—your little wedding reception invitation list continually of the most undesirable people—until at length a pretty fair sort of crowd comes to your balls and parties.

The most exclusive circle of fashionable society in Washington is defined by the membership of the Dancing Class, the Bachelors' German Club, and the Bowling Club. The Dancing Class consists of 100 young men and women; it is run by the women, and the men are honorary members. The Bachelors' German Club includes the most popular of the Washington young men and a few of the more youthful members of the diplomatic corps. Its balls are altogether the swiftest entertainments given at the capital; the girls all wear their very best gowns, and to be invited to receive for that has given rise to the notion that anybody may get into Washington society, but the fact is that this official society is as distinct from fashionable society as if it were in a different country.

The official rank in fashionable society here is only valuable to a modified extent. If a high official is also a fashionable man his place lends him prestige; but, if he is not a fashionable man, he won't be in that sort of society. Cabinet members are necessarily exceptions to this rule. It is a rare thing to meet a member of Congress, even a Senator, in

LETTERS FROM THE CORNERS.



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It was along about 2 o'clock in the morning, I guess, when I heard some one knock on to the door an Joshua a talkin to em.

"Whose there?" see he, an I nudged William Henry to wake him up in case he was needed.

"Open the door an see," see some one. "Be you white caps?" see Joshua, kindly trambly.

"No, sirs, we're blue caps, or sogers, arter you to go to the encampment. Now you open the door or into the garden house you'll go fur impudence to a superior officer." An by that time I'd got Wm. Henry awake.

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The Proper Weight of Man.

Professor Huxley asserts that the proper weight of man is 154 pounds, made up as follows: Muscles and their appendages, 68 pounds; skeleton, 24 pounds; skin, 10 1/2 pounds; fat, 28 pounds; brain, 3 pounds; abdominal viscera, 11 pounds; blood, which would drain from the body, 7 pounds.

Eight varieties of leprosy are recognized in China, and the disease is regarded as contagious, infectious and hereditary, but is said to disappear in four generations.

A Woman in the Case. There always is, she is the power behind the throne. A woman's influence over the man who loves her is often absolute.

The Chicago postal clerks are demanding eight hours a day and graded salaries.

A pocket match safe for smokers of "Tanilla's Patch" 5c. clear.

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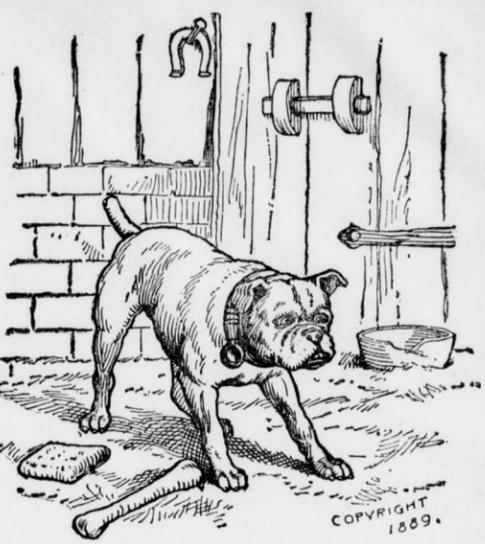
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