

NAUGHTINESS AT DINNERS.

It is becoming more common in New York's social set. In view of the disclosures which have been made regarding the indecent actions at the Seelye dinner in New York recently, it is not without interest to note that the practice of having as entertainers at swell society dinners members of the theatrical profession, if possible the naughtiest members thereof, is decidedly on the increase in the gay metropolis.

This custom of entertaining guests at dinner with professional talent has been growing in America for the past fifteen years, and last winter found it in the fullness of its popularity. And these entertainers come high. An artist who has made any kind of a hit with a concert hall audience demands anywhere from \$50 to \$1,500 for an hour's work.

"Our curious thing about it, too," the agent went on; "our best business is done during Lent. You wouldn't think it, would you? But it's so, and has been for the last two or three years. While society is doing penance and goes about in sackcloth and ashes before men, it is being entertained in its drawing rooms and dining rooms by artists whose work in the winter has made them famous or infamous, whichever way you want to look at it.

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The Old Greek Costume. Men often wore the himation alone, without chiton. The chlamys, another rectangular garment, shorter than the himation, weighted at the corners, and fastened by a brooch so that one corner hung down in front, was worn by men, with or without the chiton. It is especially well shown in the horseman on the frieze of the Parthenon.

Occasionally Diana, or an Amazon, wears the chlamys, but it is the distinctive garment of the young Greek. Bands, belts and fillets were much worn. Men and women would fillets around their heads. Women wore, often under their chiton, a breast band adjusted below the bosom, not to compress the form, but to protect the organs. Indeed, there was no temptation to compress the waist, the flowing drapery veiling the waist. The band which confined the short, or caught up the long chiton, was also of cloth, but the outer belt, holding in the loose folds of the upper part of the long chiton, was often of gold enriched with jewels, and always beautifully adorned.

Great care was taken of the hair; indeed, a mysterious virtue was supposed to lie in the locks, which, carefully washed and perfumed, were one of the bodily graces of the Greek. Women often wore elaborate head-dresses; many were revived in the latter part of the Eighteenth century and the first of the Nineteenth. Out of doors the head was covered either by folds of the peplos brought over the head and around the throat, or by a separate veil, sometimes thick, sometimes thin.

Unnecessary Noise. This is a noisy world. All nature's operations are accompanied by more or less noise, so that even in "the quiet country" uninterrupted silence seldom reigns. In the city the din is almost insupportable; it has increased very much during the last half century because of the vast amount of machinery employed, and the use of electric and steam power. Now night brings the city no respite, and how much of the nervousness and insomnia of the present decade is due to this increase of noise might be an interesting subject for the study of sanitarians. Humanity adjusts itself usually to all necessary noises, and even becomes so accustomed to certain sounds that many cannot sleep when the noise ceases. The noise which is most disturbing is that heard close at hand and unusual. A few nights of sleeplessness or short time ago led me to think the slamming of doors with creaking hinges, the rattling of blinds, creaking chairs, with noisy, heavy walking, were the most distracting and annoying noises. Next to this is loud conversation and whispering. The inventor of a noiseless shoe, and elastic door casings, which will enable people to shut or slam doors hard yet without noise, will confer a great boon upon nervous humanity. In the meantime, all persons, especially at night, should wear felt or cork-soled or other soft slippers. All doors and locks should be kept well oiled, and every one should try to cultivate the art of shutting doors as noiselessly as possible.

The Capitol's Weather Map. The immensity of the rotunda impresses the visitor at the Capitol, the frescoed are attractive, the turbulence of the House and the quiet dignity of the Senate are interesting in their contrast, but, after all, the feature of universal interest in the white-domed building is the weather apparatus. It is something novel to glance at a map which tells you whether it is raining or snowing, sunny or cloudy in Montana, Illinois or Louisiana, or anywhere else in this broad land. You can tell whether the friends whom you left at home are wearing mackintoshes or airing their spring clothes under blue skies, while even the temperature and the direction of the wind are recorded. But the map is not the only feature. There is something mysterious in the cabalistic characters which are traced on revolving cylinders, and which tell at a glance how hot or cold it is, or how hard the wind is blowing, or whether the sun is shining. The instruments which furnish the information are up on the roof of the Capitol, but delicate wires, charged with electricity convey the weather to the equally delicate instruments within the building. All day long a crowd of interested visitors at the Capitol throng around the pretty mechanism and never cease to wonder at the progress of the age.

The United States has produced two-thirds of the cotton consumed by the world for the last 67 years. The coloring of oriental rugs is less likely to be out of harmony with wall decoration than any other floor-covering. Painted woodwork is more desirable than natural finish for bedrooms, or wherever especially dainty effects are desired. Lace draperies are used on almost all dress materials. Combinations of color are among the favorite studies of artists in costuming. Hairdressing is growing more and more elaborate. The tresses are closely crimped and arranged very loosely over the sides of the head. Silk is so cheap that it is almost a glut in the London market. The newest patterns are early Victorian in design and color. Small and large checks, conventional flora, and geometric figures denote a return to old modes. Women of wealth who have stores of costly lace are having priceless shawls made over, or draped, into the popular style. Less fortunate ones have the opportunity to buy lovely garter-trimmed ready-made for a small sum.

Tailor-made coats and skirts alike, of cloth, tweed or cheviot, are quite as much worn as ever, and there is no end of fancy waists to wear with them, the most pronounced of all being those of bright plaid silk, made up in the shirt-waist style. "Carmelita" is the second wife of General Porfiero Diaz, and is in her thirty-third year. She stands as a type of advanced Spanish-American womanhood, and among other accomplishments speaks English and French almost with equal fluency. She is remarkably well informed on current events, and her advice is often sought by her husband. The President is sixty years old, and is very proud of his fair young wife. When their marriage took place, in 1884, they took their wedding tour through the United States. Her girlish grace and simplicity of manner well match her beauty. Her ancestry dates far back into the nobility of old Castile, and the evidences of long culture are easily marked. It is plainly apparent that a considerable part of the republic of Mexico and the desire of the people to keep President Diaz in office are due to the general esteem for his lively wife.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Flowers for the Hat. In millinery the lilac take the lead, and some very fetching effects are fashioned from these exquisite flowers; entire toques being formed from them. Another favorite flower is the giant clover in shaded red and mauve tints. Some of the largest of these clovers are about as big as a small orange. They tower up loftily forming a very striking trimming. The dainty mignonette is quite popular, and a bunch of this sweet little flower, together with several half-open rose buds, peeping from under the decorated brim of a large hat form a decidedly picturesque effect.

A Remarkable Duchess. Speaking of some of the women octogenarians of England a writer in London Answers pronounces as probably the most remarkable member of the aristocracy the aged Duchess of Cleveland, famous by her own individuality, and still more famous in the person of her celebrated son, Lord Rosebery. Though the Duchess is well over eighty years of age, she is more juvenile in some things than many women of fifty. Her Grace always dresses in white whenever it is at all possible, and she has a perfect passion for traveling. Half her life is spent on the continent or at the cape.

'Old Hickory's' Granddaughter Resigns. There is an old saying that few Government employes die and none resign. Secretary Gie is able to disprove this assertion by a transaction which occurred in his office Friday. A granddaughter of "Old Hickory" Jackson, Mrs. Wilcox, who is a \$600 clerk in the Sixth Auditor's office, called upon the Secretary of the Treasury and told him she had enough of Government service and proposed to resign, to take effect August 1. Incidentally she informed Secretary Gie that she was born in the White House, and a lock of her hair is now in the corner stone of the Treasury Department building. She was a little girl at the time the corner-stone was laid, and a lock of her hair was solicited and cheerfully given for this purpose. Mrs. Wilcox is now beyond the four score-mile post in age, and retires from Government service, where she has served uninterruptedly since 1882.

Charming Queen Regent. The Queen Regent of Spain is one of the most charming of women. She has a sweet voice, a pleasant smile, and a gracious manner. Her life is passed in almost as complete retirement as that of our own Queen. She never dines out, and rarely goes to the theatre or the opera. Yet her time is fully occupied, she holds a council once a week, sees her Ministers, gives various audiences to various officials and others every day, and superintends her children's studies with the greatest care, says The Lady. She herself is most accomplished, speaks four languages, besides her own, quite perfectly, and is passionately fond of music. In addition, she is a fine rider, and has a splendid seat on horseback. In her stables are to be found English, Spanish, Irish and Arab horses, to all of which she is devoted, her own personal favorites following her as soon as they hear her voice, and eating sugar prettily from her hands. Both the Princesses, her daughters, and the little King ride and drive constantly, while the Infanta Isabel, her sister-in-law, may be seen tooling her four-in-hand of mules in the private park with great dexterity, or following the hounds in the country.

A Popular Mexican Woman. Mme. De Diaz, the wife of the President of Mexico, is not only the first lady of the country, but is the most popular woman of the republic. Senora Dona Carmen Romero Rubio de Diaz is known among her people, from the mansions of the rich in the brilliant capital to the humblest hut on the frontier, as Carmelita, meaning "Our little Carmen," says the New York Times. Her popularity ever increases, for each year sees a larger number of good works dispensed by this generous woman, who uses her power to improve the lot of a long-oppressed and unhappy people. Mme. Diaz is often appealed to on behalf of some one or other sentenced to long imprisonment or death. Official pardon is a delicate power for any one to hold, and the President's wife is naturally careful for the justice of her cause before she goes to her lord to plead for executive clemency. But the President himself is of a forgiving nature, and not infrequently the pardon is granted. Neither the President nor his wife attends the brilliant but brutal bull fights, and in every way they use their influence against the degrading spectacles. It is certain that the President will entirely prohibit them as soon as public sentiment gives any hope of upholding his wishes.

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THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

Time Wasted—A Believer in the Fitness of Things—Conjugal Repartee—Pat—Natural Indignation—A Distanced—A Change of Base—His Advice, Etc., Etc. I kissed her first. Then for one more Persistently I plead, Until at last the maiden spoke: "You talk too much!" said she.—Puck.

A Believer in the Fitness of Things. "Teacher"—"Spell kitten." "Bobby"—"Pook, I'm too big to spell kitten. Try me on cat."—Truth.

Conjugal Repartee. "Jack, dear, it isn't a bit nice of you to let such small troubles worry you so soon after our marriage." "They do seem insignificant when I think of that."—Life.

Force of Habit. "Board the enemy!" shouted the pirate chieftain. "It were perhaps well to say, en passant, that he had kept a summer hotel prior to becoming a buccaneer, and was never able wholly to depart from the method in vogue in his former line of robbery.—Truth.

Among the Old Families. "Our market man," observed Mrs. McSwat, as she poured the tea, "is a decided character in his way. He prides himself on his pedigree, and has documents to show that his ancestors came over in the Mayflower." "I don't doubt it, Lobelia," replied McSwat, savoring away energetically on the fowl before him. "I believe his ancestors came over in the Mayflower, and I believe they brought this old hen with them!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Vain Search for Coal. Melbourne Theosophites have spent \$40,000 in driving a shaft 4000 feet deep at Red Bluff, St. Kilda, having been assured by Mahatmas that they would find rich deposits of coal there. So far only ocean mud has been found.

A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL HAS NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

The Revivifying Effects of a Proper Nerve Food Demonstrated. From the Era, Bradford, Pa. Several months ago, Miss Cora Watrous, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. I. C. Watrous, a locomotive engineer, of 611 Clarion Street, Bradford, Penna., was seized with a nervous disorder which threatened to end her life. The first symptom of the ailment was a loss of appetite. For some little time Miss Watrous had no desire to eat and complained of a feeling of extreme lassitude. This was followed by severe pains in the head. For three weeks the young lady was nearly crazed with a terrible headache and nothing could be procured to give her relief.

Finally, after trying numerous remedies, a physician was called and began treating the patient. He said the trouble was caused by impoverished blood, but after several weeks of his treatment the young lady's condition had not improved and the parents decided to procure the services of another physician. In the meantime Miss Watrous' nervousness had increased, the pains in her head had grown more severe and the sufferer's parents had almost given up hope of her recovery.

It was at this time that Mr. Watrous heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He bought the pills were highly recommended for nervous disorders and concluded to give them a trial. A box of the pills was purchased and before they had been taken there was a marked improvement in the girl's condition. After a half dozen boxes had been used, the young lady's appetite had returned, the pain in her head had ceased and she was stronger than at any time for several months.

Miss Watrous concluded that her cure was complete and left home for a visit to relatives in the grape country near Dunkirk, N. Y. She stopped taking the medicine and by over-exertion brought on the ailment back again. As soon as the returning symptoms were felt, Miss Watrous secured another box of pills and the illness was soon driven away. She is now in better physical condition than she has been for years and declares that she owes her life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. and Mrs. Watrous were interviewed by a reporter at their home on Clarion Street. Both are loud in their praises of Pink Pills. "My daughter's life was saved by the medicine," said Mrs. Watrous. "Her condition was almost hopeless when she commenced taking them, but now she is as strong and healthy as any one could be. I cannot recommend the medicine too highly."

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Rones in a Silver Vein.

If the find of a Colorado silver mine, made half a dozen years ago, be taken into account, there is but little doubt that the human race existed on this continent as long ago as the time when the silver veins were in process of formation. In the Rocky Point mine, at Gilman, 400 feet below the surface, a number of human bones were found imbedded in the silver-bearing ores. When taken out over \$100 worth of ore still clung to the bones. An arrowhead made of tempered copper and four inches long, was also found with the remains.

The Left Ear the Best. It has been ascertained by experiments that a number of persons who use the telephone habitually hear better with the left ear than with the right. The common practice of the telephone companies is to place the receiver so that it will be applied to the left ear. In order to educate the right ear to the same point of efficiency it is recommended that the receiver be held in the right hand half of the time.

A Continuous Performance. Mandy—Come on, Silas; it costs too much to eat in that place. Silas—Yes, 60 cents is a lot per pay for a dinner, but look how long we kin eat—from 1:30 to 8 o'clock. Let's go in.—New York Tribune.

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