

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Mrs. E. P. Baker and Mrs. R. Nichols Entertain.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The beautiful sunshine and balmy air of Thursday afternoon proved most auspicious for the ladies who had been invited to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. E. P. Baker and Mrs. R. Nichols. The invitations had said "thimbles," and taking their fancy work the ladies repaired to Mrs. Baker's handsome home on North Jackson street.

The ladies who enjoyed the hospitality of Mesdames Baker and Nichols were: Mesdames Robert Morris, S. J. Crawford, H. K. Tefft, Martin, Farnsworth, David L. Lakin, Meade, Parker, Gage, W. F. Parker, Weiss, Overholt, Remington, Skinner, Troutman, George Hackney, O. D. Skinner, Gordon, Buck, Collins, Payne, Whiston, Miles, M. Holman, C. Holman and daughters, Hayden, Call and Woodman.

Last evening the hospitality of these two ladies was again extended to friends, whom they entertained at a delightful progressive high five party at Mrs. Baker's home.

The party club will keep open house on New Year's Day with Misses Richmond Horton and Alice Prescott. Mrs. Fred Gibson will arrive from Olathe next week. Miss Cora Poole of Troy, New York, will visit her sister, Mrs. J. H. Wetherell, in the near future.

Mrs. J. P. Howe has been called to Kansas City on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Davis. Rev. Joseph Mayo of Oskaloosa is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bristow have taken the house in Potwin Place formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hall.

Miss Anna Ocheltree of Olathe, who has been the guest of Miss Bessie Gibson, left for home yesterday. She will return to Topeka in time for the Christmas festivities. Miss Bessie Gibson entertained the Douze Whist club this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jule will leave for California about the first of the year.

Mrs. E. A. Austin and niece, Miss Katie Smith, have returned from Wichita. Col. W. H. Rosington is in Chicago. Mrs. S. Bernheimer entertained at six o'clock dinner Wednesday complimentary to Mrs. S. Greenbaum and Mrs. M. Klinefelter.

Mrs. F. W. Wolfe left today for Oaage City to visit Mrs. W. Lehman. Mrs. Frank Hughes and daughter Mildred will leave for Horton tomorrow to spend the holidays. Harry Seabrooke is home from Marmaduke Military academy, Sweet Springs, to stay till after Christmas.

Mr. H. L. Bert and two children of Quincy and Mrs. W. L. Dickey and two children of Omaha will arrive next week to remain over the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lakin have issued invitations to an "At Home" for the evening of December 24. The occasion is the coming out of their daughter, Miss Mary Nickerson Lakin, so well known to her many friends as Miss Daisy.

Mr. D. A. Atwood has returned from Chicago. A box party at the Grand last evening consisted of Mr. Walter Noble, Miss Jessie Small, Messrs. George Noble, Dan Hammett, Frank Shellabarger, and Misses Mary Colby, Isabelle Thompson and Louise Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wood have issued invitations to the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Rodgers to Mr. Egbert Ross Taylor, Tuesday, January 1. The ceremony will take place at the Congregational church at 8 p. m., and the admission will be by card only. After January 15 Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be at home at 1100eward avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bates and Mrs. Ross Burns will leave for Florida about January 1. Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson of New York will arrive in Topeka. Mr. A. L. Williams has returned from Bonville, accompanied by his son Burns, who is a student at Kemper Military academy, and is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Larimer's Party. Mrs. J. B. Larimer, who contemplates a series of entertainments, invited friends for the first, a delightfully informal thimble party yesterday afternoon. Her pleasant home in Potwin was tastefully decorated and her sweet little daughter Alice greeted the guests at the door.

The afternoon was given over to social converse and needle work and was most thoroughly enjoyed by Mesdames Epps, Forbes, Martin, Belknap, Lyons, Atwood, Copeland, Sheldon, Skinner, McLeod, Fernald, Overholt, Winchell, Douchey, D. Thomas, J. D. Walker, Van Valkenburg, Marburg, M. B. Wood and Miss Cooper.

Social Minor Mention. Mr. C. M. Merriam, manager of the minstrels, tendered a box to friends at the Grand last evening. The party was chartered by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills. Dr. R. S. Magee was called to Concordia Thursday. Mr. Will Bowen was called home from Lawrence by the illness of his mother.

Mrs. C. W. Kouns spent Thursday in Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Young and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parmeter, of Eskridge, Kan., will spend holiday week with Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Magee, 409 Buchanan street.

Miss Mary Stone Gregory will spend the holidays with her sister in Houston, Tex. Miss Lee Redden entertained friends Thursday evening. Mrs. Arthur Mills entertained about thirty babies and their mamas Thursday afternoon in celebration of the first anniversary of the natal day of her daughter Lucille.

Misses Lou Neely and Mamma Nicholson assisted in entertaining the little guests, whose ages ranged from a few months to three years. Miss Lucille, the pretty little hostess, was the recipient of numerous handsome presents.

THINGS HEARD AND OVERHEARD.

Facts and Fancies Jotted Down in the Daily Note Book.

Roman letters are said to be superseding script on visiting cards. Yesterday a Topeka girl found a fresh green four leaf clover on the Rock Island depot lawn. She is fond of sleigh riding but can't see how this is a good omen that she will soon enjoy one.

Two of Topeka's brightest society girls are now on the staff of a Kansas City paper. The Topeka girl who was at home yesterday afternoon was—as the Irishman would say—out.

The young woman who isn't too busy having a gown made, these days, to finish up all the Christmas fancy work she has planned, is—in luck. The one who does accomplish the latter under any circumstances is—a freak.

A lady manicure in Topeka has a number of men as regular patrons; one of them a prominent and influential politician. There is one advantage attaching to the Grand opera house. It is that each row of seats is so much above the one in front of it that the high hat has no terrors.

At last Dame Fashion vindicates herself. A small card bearing the legend, "No presents," is one of the latest enclosures with wedding cards received in this city. When a girl makes her debut in society it is a signal for her friends to quit using her nickname in addressing her, but she frequently remains Dottie to them to the end of the chapter.

One Topeka man says of another: "The Yale look on his door has a margin around it of an inch that has all the paint scratched off." Perhaps it's a case of wanting keyholes of assorted sizes on occasions.

A Topeka young man who is grieving that he cannot attend the next ball to be given by his crowd, says it is all because his best girl refuses to go unless she has a new gown. It does not seem to occur to him to ask another girl to go, and yet some folks say the dear fellows are fickle.

Said a Topeka lady this morning: "The man who has learned from habit to talk about his hat and suitcase at a theatre, sat behind a lady last night at the Grand. She wore a hat which consisted of a circle of velvet with a single rosebud and a tiny feather on it. But he talked about high hats until he disturbed everybody in his vicinity, and he climbed over everyone between him and the aisle three times during the evening to the infinite peril of the ladies' gowns."

"How shall the press the people's rights maintain?" Never better than by advertising Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

Residents of North Topeka Say It is a Nuisance. Geo. Kimmeler and forty-five others presented a petition to the city council last night asking that bedwell's private asylum be removed from its location in North Topeka.

The council has had complaints before this about the asylum but this last petition was prompted by the trouble resulting from an insane patient who persists in escaping. He gets away with his shackles on his wrists and hunts around through the yards and houses in the neighborhood to find a file with which he can rid himself of the manacles.

Councilman Holman said last night that the man had escaped three times and had terrorized the people in the neighborhood continually. "The asylum is a nuisance," said he, "and the council should take steps to abate it at once."

"I don't believe," said Councilman Bradford, "that the council can do anything of the kind. We cannot remove that which has not been declared a nuisance by the statutes. It is my opinion that if we take action we will be attacking something which we have no business to."

The petition was then referred to the committee on health. See Topsy At the Carnival Monday and Wednesday evenings. TOPEKA COAL CO. Holiday Presents In great variety. Vases, Cups, Saucers, Fancy Plates, Carving Sets, Nut Crackers and Pickles, Chocolate Pots, etc. J. W. Farnsworth, 503 Kansas avenue.

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DAINTY HOME GOWNS

THE WOMANLY WOMAN CHOOSES WISELY HER INDOOR FROCKS.

Costumes That Are Neat and Becoming Are Often More Attractive Than Rich Ones That Lack Individuality—Great Contrasts Should Be Avoided.

[Special Correspondence.] New York, Dec. 14.—Almost any woman can manage to look attractive and well dressed in the street, but it is not every one who can or does take the pains to look well at home. It is one thing to have an outdoor dress with all its concomitants and to put the whole outfit on at once and take it off again on entering the house, and another to keep up a supply of neat and dainty home frocks. The first is comparatively easy and too often done. The second requires several attributes in the woman.

She must be neat by nature, refined and artistic through teaching and instinct, and she must respect herself and her home life. Given all these things, the woman will always be sweet and dainty and a pleasant picture to look on, even though she is old or her gowns are of calico, and few at that.

All this sage reflection was invited by a pretty sight that accidentally came under my eyes today. I saw a young mother sitting by the side of her little daughter. Her husband is a physician, and her income is not overabundant, but how few women with plenty of money would have looked as dainty and sweet as she did, taken unawares! She had a neat striped cheviot dress flecked with white over the drab and brown stripes. The skirt was plainly finished and shirred at the slim waist. The waist itself was the new bias blouse, belted in and with a band of embroidery around the neck and down the front. It was slightly open in the neck, and there

was a wide collar of venetian point. The materials were so plain and the make was so simple, and yet there was the subtle charm of individuality about it, and the neatness that made it perfect. Now, why cannot all women dress as carefully as that?

Her little girl had a silver gray serge, made with a yoke and braided with black soutache. The skirt was plainly hemmed, but the little frock was as attractive in its simplicity as the sweet little-wearer. With all the richest frocks in the country no child can be well dressed without the stamp of neatness. When neatness and proper style are observed in making clothes, the result is the best dressing.

I know one lady who is so careless that she will put one dress on over another when she goes out. She does not do it on purpose, but she forgets. She is not a well dressed woman, though I know her garments cost much. It is not the cost or quality, but the care and style that make the woman a pleasure to strangers and a treasure at home.

Now, I know an ultra fashionable lady whose clothes come from afar. She has the deepest of maroon cloth in her new gown, and she has the sweetest of bonnets, and at this day of grace she has a most elegant moire coat. It is long, of superb quality, and it is bordered with fur and lined with broadcloth. The sleeves are enormous and half of Lyons velvet. There is heavy vandyke guipure upon it, and as she moves along the street people are apt to say, "What an elegantly dressed woman!" but see her at home, and you would give the praise to the doctor's industrious wife.

The doctor's wife stays home, studies the fashion papers, makes her clothes and sings at her work. The other buys a silken gown and a dolman opera cloak and sits wearily in her box, to be stared at, and goes home dissatisfied with what she has.

My object in saying all this is not very clear even to myself, but I dimly feel that I am trying to make it plain that fashionable dressing is not all of it. There is something beyond and above a mere following after a leader, and a woman may be well, becomingly and tastefully dressed with a small outlay if she will but pay attention to her garments and have her home attire her prettiest and neatest. She lives at home and for her home, and there she should look her sweetest. And, if she wants to,

she can go to the opera, and she can make her own opera cloak after that of her richer sister and be just as gracious and sweet in it. And if she sees the model she can make the moire coat also. The neat housewife has many other accomplishments. OLIVE HARPER.

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Total \$1,045. Councilman Holman said: "I doubt very much whether the trouble is that there are not enough boilers. I am inclined to think that the trouble is that the machinery is too old and antiquated, and I think the matter should be postponed."



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