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LOUNGER ON THE AVENUE.

The English hebdomadals, which exist for the purpose of retailing the naughty doings of the *haute ton*, are tedious and not uninstructive reading just now. If they are to be believed, English society has attained a degree of moral laxity that has never been equaled, even in the time of the Restoration, when the Second Charles, "the most religious monarch," ruled and set the fashions, or in "the good old days when George the Fourth was King." And it is not the newly-made nobility, but the mightiest and proudest names in England, that are deepest in the mire. There is Anglesey, "the handsome, wicked marquis," who quarreled with his beautiful young American wife ere the orange flowers of her bridal wreath had withered; Marlborough, Shrewsbury, the Earl Marshal of England; Allesbury, the hopeful young Argyll, Lord Colin Campbell; Kildare, (above whose door still rests the funeral hatchments with *Resurgam* written on it for his father, the old Duke of Leinster,) the young Life Guardsman, who is the grandson of the greatest Duke England has had in our time, and now bears his title and fortune; Brooke—but why continue when the list might be stretched to the crack of doom? Since the days of Queen Charlotte the Royal Family has been exempt in the persons of its members from divorce from divorce. But that is true no longer, and the moral degeneracy of England is pinnacled by the separation, *a mensa et thoro*, of one of the Queen's daughters, the Princess Louise, from her husband, John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, eldest brother of Lord Colin, of recent notoriety.

And how this condition of things has delighted cynical France! Not even in the days of the Sixteenth Louis, when the French nobles were sowing the seeds of dislike that were soon to bloom and bear the fruit of destruction in the Jacquerrie and the awful horrors which culminated in 1793, not even in that era when men feared neither God nor Demon, was there the condition of open scandal among "the higher orders," as they call themselves, that now exists in God-fearing Protestant England! Truly is France almost avenged for the taunts of Carlyle, for the sermons of smug-faced divines who pointed to the other side of the Channel for examples of what the morals of a nation might become, "where the people suffered themselves to worship the Scarlet Woman." It is difficult to understand how this condition of affairs has come about. The term Anglo-Saxon *per se* used not to be a debauchee nor a destroyer of homes. But Satan can still find some work for idle hands, and his mischief has been wrought, not in the humble cottage, as it was in France, but in the house of the peer, by the peer, under the roof of his friend and fellow-lord. No wonder the greatest and most thoughtful minds of England are alarmed at this condition of things, and seriously considering what shall be done to overcome it. One proposes to prevent the publication of such prurient horrors as were given full swing in the trial of Dilke and the Crathie affair of Lord and Lady Colin Campbell. This may do some good, but the nation's soul must be purified before a permanent change can come.

"Though the Fourth Estate" has done brilliant work in moulding State and national affairs, it has not as yet turned out some brilliant financial lights. Mr. Villard made his money by two or three lucky *coups*, and Mr. James Gordon Bennett has managed to keep what his father left him. So it is with real pleasure that I record the great good fortune of one of the cleverest of the craft, south of Mason and Dixon's line. Maj. E. A. Burke, of the New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, has just been given an estate in Honduras that will make him one of the largest landed proprietors in the world. It is one hundred and eighty miles long, and, as nearly as can be determined, one hundred miles wide. In this enormous area is included a famous gold-bearing district that two centuries ago was one of the richest known to the Spanish Crown. This splendid gift is not only exempt from taxation, but from all duties, export or import, upon anything its proprietor may wish to bring into the country, and all persons employed of living upon it are exempt from military duty, and these exemptions, like the grant, are perpetual. Burke certainly is in great luck. He will have to succession of his new principality at once, and proceed to develop it. In gold, fine tropical woods, and fruitful lands its capacities are simply illimitable.

Are important changes in our earth impending? I was talking last evening with one of the cleverest of the scientists attached to one of the great governmental departments, and he said a good deal that would set one to thinking. "Don't quote me, please, he began, "but the opinion *au fond* of most of the men who have been studying geology and its cognate science, meteorology, is that some important changes in climate and other respects are about to occur. It may be that the events indicate the beginning of a new glacial period. You know the earth was once a mass of ice, and that it thawed out everywhere except at the poles. The latest corroboration of this theory is found in the fact that in an attempt to dig a well in North Siberia the earth was found to be frozen solid over one hundred and fifty feet deep. This could never have occurred in the ordinary winter of that region, severe as it is. The earth's crust was frozen over one hundred thousand years ago, and has remained in that State ever since." "Well, what do you think is going to happen?" was the question of the scribe, after he had fully grasped the rather startling idea that old Mother Earth was liable to go into some sort of a tantrum. "Nothing that should frighten any one, for the globe we live on will be many thousand years older before the change I think is possibly beginning now will affect life. But let us look at the matter a little. Last September witnessed some of the most remarkable and interesting phenomena relating to the earth's crust that have ever occurred. The series of earthquakes all along the seaboard, from Washington to Charleston, showed that some mighty change was going on in the centre or the earth. Then Mobile experienced a shock unlike any in the memory of living meteorologists. Take the past four weeks. In the West and Northwest there has been one continuous storm that culminated in fury February 18 and 19. In Manitoba and all the great Northland there was the most fearful blizzard ever seen. Think of the thermometer at 50° below zero at Fort Assiniboine! In Chicago at the same time there was a rain-storm, with thunder and lightning, that was the most terrible ever known. In Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Missouri it took the form of an awful storm of hail and sleet. Further southward the Union Pacific was blocked up, and is yet, by such a snow-storm as has not been known since the road was completed, and in Arizona and New Mexico a mixture of snow and white sand astonished the natives, who had never seen anything like it before. Why, last Sunday morning there was but one frail, patched-up wire, to use the graphic words of the dispatch, to Arizona, the extending in a zig-zag direction a route from the East to San Francisco." The chief manager of the Western Union Telegraph told me on Tuesday in New York that they had never known such a terrible continuous storm since their wires had extended west of the Mississippi River, or some bringing with it such widespread destruction."

"Now tell me, what do you think is the cause of all this," inquired the writer. "The *cause* I cannot tell, but scientific men here and abroad concur in the opinion that we are approaching an extremely interesting period. The extraordinarily high electrical conditions which existed during the great storm of last week has been universally noted. You know the change of climate which occurred in the glacial age was because the earth was heavier at one pole than the other, and consequently tipped up. As I said in the beginning of this talk, we are expecting some very interesting phenomena this spring and summer. If the 'earthquakes' (so called because they are not earthquakes at all) continue it will mark the beginning of a change in the earth's physical condition. It is not improbable that we are entering upon one of the great geological periods, possibly the beginning of another glacial age. That the earth was populated with animals, and vegetation was abundant before the other ice period, we know, for we find proofs in the Arctic regions in the form of mammoths, and other animals preserved through tens of thousands of years in the ice. But even if I am correct in my hypothesis, it would be a thousand years before any noticeable change was visible in any way, perhaps longer. The scientific world is much interested in all these things, and the coming summer will witness a thorough investigation. Until then it would only be one man's opinion not backed by any scientific data to give it consequence or value."

The death of Mrs. Sallie McLane last week was quickly followed by that of her sister, Mrs. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. The sympathy for the most distinguished soldier and gentleman, who has thus been bereaved of his tenderest, truest friend, after an almost constant companionship of forty-two years, is almost universal. One of the kindest and most generous expressions came from Gen. William T. Sherman, and Gen. Sheridan and every prominent officer of the Army here who had known Gen. Johnston in the old times has expressed his deepest sympathy and regret.

"The bravest are the tenderest."

I wonder how many recall the fact that when Mrs. Johnston's father, the Hon. Louis McLane, was our Minister to England under Gen. Jackson (whose Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury he also was for a time) he took out with him as Secretary of Legation a young man who held afterward the highest name in American literature? It is a right interesting story. Let me tell it to you. When after many stout political tussles Mr. McLane needed a change and some rest, Gen. Jackson proposed that he should go to England. Louis McLane was the direct antipodes of Old Hickory in many ways. He was brought up in the most aristocratic circle of the old Maryland aristocracy. A man of quite sufficient fortune, as rich as a gentleman ought to be, of remarkably handsome and distinguished presence, and the gentleman *par excellence* of the old school, there could be no better representative of the Republic under the greatest Republican General-President the nineteenth century had known. It was the custom then—and a good one it was, too—to permit the Envoy to select his own Secretary of Legation. "Who do you want as your Secretary?" asked Gen. Jackson, after the details of the appointment had been settled—supposing Mr. McLane would name some rising politician. "I'm going to ask you to appoint a very clever young fellow Van Buren brought to me," said McLane. "He is an author who has just published a history of New York that seems to me to be one of the cleverest things I ever read. I fear he is not very well equipped financially for the battle he will have to fight to make a name in literature, and I'd like to give him a lift, for he has the true fire." "Very well," growled the old man, who had been busy relighting his pipe during this rather long speech. "Who is he; what's his name?" "His name is Washington Irving," said Mr. McLane.

It was while Mr. McLane's Secretary of Legation that Mr. Irving wrote "Brace-Bridge Hall," and did some of his best work. Through the same kindly influence that gave him his first appointment Mr. Irving was made Minister to Spain. From one of Mr. McLane's daughters the writer has heard some of the most charming stories of Mr. Irving's earlier life, especially while Secretary at London, all illustrative of the sweetness and tenderness of the first man in American letters. Some time I may repeat one or two of these stories. They are worthy of preservation.

THE JEFFERSON CLUB.

Brilliant Housewarming Reception of the New Club.

Not in years has there been such a distinguished assemblage of both our city's and our country's representatives as gathered in the spacious rooms and halls of the magnificent Jefferson Club-house, on H street, Tuesday evening. It seemed as though when Congress adjourned on Washington's birthday it must have been with the intention of meeting again that very appropriate evening at the champagne-christening of the Jefferson Club, so many members had responded to the invitations to what the Jeffersons modestly termed their "reception." It was more like a sort of four-in-hand relay banquet, if for Lucullus, for no sooner would the choicest of vintages disappear from four large tables in the four banquet-rooms than they were as speedily replenished. The club must have contracted with a leading Paris house for its fall season's supply of wine. The guests were not alone surrounded with champagne; in fact, "champagne to right of them, champagne to left of 'em, champagne before 'em, and champagne behind 'em volleyed and thundered." One young gentleman, perhaps the only temperate man of the thousand present, although he did do justice to pate of any internally, fate decreed that he should have a bath externally. An unusually lively bottle popped and deluged him from the head down—giving him a champagne bath, as it were. The daily papers have elaborately described the rooms; suffice it that they are very respect most appropriately and exquisitely appointed. Not only were nearly all our leading statesmen and solid citizens present, but men of mark in all walks of life—judges, Army and Navy officers, poets, authors, journalists, physicians, and lawyers. Some of the ladies even came all the way from "A Trip to Africa" to attend this memorable reception. It was at once a grand heart and housewarming. President Stilson Hutchins received the guests with a combination of Chesterfieldian politeness, a smile of Jefferson-like simplicity, and the conversational "blow-tail." He did the great hand-shaking act for three hours steady. It is thought that in this respect he has beaten President Cleveland's biggest record. A White House man who was present says he is seventeen shakes ahead of the latter. He was ably assisted in receiving the guests by Governor E. B. Youmans, Governor Hallet Kilbourn, and in fact all the Governors—Corson, Noyes, Wilson, Britton, Gardner, Moore, McIntyre, Williams, Totten, Morris, Richardson, and Hutton. Mrs. Septimia R. Meikleham, the only surviving grand-daughter of Thomas Jefferson, kindly loaned the club several small portraits of her great ancestor for the occasion. She was desirous of presenting it with a lock of his hair as a souvenir, but found the lock in her possession was too small for division. Among the many present were Representatives Taylor, of Tennessee; Van Eaton, of Mississippi; Blount, of Georgia, Jack Adams, of New York; Tim Campbell, of New York; Rauney, of Massachusetts; Collins, of Massachusetts; Moffatt, of Michigan; Clark, of Texas; Springs, of New York; Spooner, Townshend, Cowles, McCreary, Steele, Anderson, of Ohio; McComas, Johnson, of New York; Outwaite, Brown, of Pennsylvania; Perkins, Symes, Snyder, Gibson, of Maryland; Gibson, of West Virginia; J. J. O'Neill, Hatch, of Missouri; Seney, Martin, Kleiner, Atkins, Green, Richardson, Wilson, Henderson, of North Carolina; Campbell, of Ohio; Ely, King, Mitchell, Ward, of Indiana; Wheeler, Pittibone, Tarsney, Chief Justice Waite, Gen. Green, ex-Secretary Boutwell, Commander Pickings, Assistant Secretary Muldrow, Third Auditor Williams, Senator Kenna, Lieut. Gurley, Judge Jeremiah Wilson, Maj. Porter Heap, ex-Senator Stewart, Assistant Postmaster General Stevenson, Commissioner Colman, Counselor McCalla, Jeff. Chandler, C. S. Noyes, Dr. Hamilton, C. A. Boynton, T. J. Brennan, George A. Bartlett, Hon. I. H. Maynard, Lieut. Lucien Young, of the Navy; Theo. Roessle, Gen. B. H. Robertson, Gen. George B. Williams, Harvey L. Page, W. E. Curtis, the Japanese Minister Kuki and suite, Senator Sawyer, ex-Secretary Belknap, Col. Switzler, E. W. Fox, I. N. Martin, F. P. Powers, Dr. Sowers, Dr. T. S. Verdi, P. S. Heath, S. H. Kauffman, Commissioner Wheatley, Judge Harris, W. B. Shaw, Dr. Frank Hoye, Dr. Magruder, Dr. Carroll Morgan, Dr. C. W. Richardson, Charles S. Steele, Col. O. L. Pruden, Gen. W. H. Payne, C. E. Kincaid, A. B. Upshaw, First Auditor Chenoweth, J. H. Magruder, C. E. Allen, Thomas B. Kelly, Capt. E. P. Travers, ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Bright, Charles Thompson, Jr., E. J. Graham, Commissioner Webb, Superintendent S. I. Kimball, Gen. M. B. Wright, Dr. Prentiss, Hon. J. G. Cannon, Fred. W. Pratt, Jim Christie, J. L. Smithmeyer, Walter Hutchins, Supervising Architect Bell, Commissioner Sparks, Sevellon Brown, Col. M. V. Sheridan, Col. Kellogg, Gen. Poe, Commodore Schley, Assistant Postmaster General A. Leo Knott, N. M. Dubois, Civil Service Commissioner Oberly, Commissioner of Patents Montgomery, Clerk J. H. McKenney, of the United States Supreme Court; Col. Frank Alfriend, G. W. Albright, Harry D. Cooke, H. C. Swalu, E. S. Maunder, Dr. Schute, Congressman-elect Lloyd Bryce, Dr. Ritchie, Dr. Ralph Walsh, Dr. Fitzpatrick, J. T. Carpenter, and Hon. Martin Maginnis, of Montana. Among the numerous "regrets" were notes from Secretary Manning, Governor Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia; Gen. Sewell, Commissioner Ludlow, and Gen. Thos. J. Shryock.

THE ARMY AND NAVY.

Second Lieut. Andre W. Brewster, Tenth Infantry, has been granted four months' leave of absence.

Lieut. H. R. Lemly, Third Artillery, is not to go to Bogota as military attache to our legation, owing to the representations, it is understood, asked for the occasion of the detail on account of the ill-health of Mrs. Lemly, who has been confined to her bed several months.

Colonel and Mrs. Anson Mills, of the Tenth Cavalry, are stopping at the Ebbitt House, en route to Texas, where the former's regiment is stationed. Col. Mills is the inventor of the celebrated prairie or woven cartridge belt, as well as of the machinery for its manufacture, and has, we understand, lately made many important improvements.

Lieut. H. H. Randolph, Third Artillery, who is absent on leave in Philadelphia, is expected to return to the Barracks next week.

Light Battery C, Third Artillery, from Washington Barracks, took part in the procession in Alexandria on the 22d instant, in honor of Washington's Birthday. Capt. John T. Thompson was in command, and was accompanied by his subalterns, Lieuts. Randolph, Lemly, and Bennett, all of whom were delightfully entertained by the mayor of the city and marshal of the day, Mr. Windsor, ex-postmaster, and a warm friend and adherent of Senator Mahone.

Lieutenant and Mrs. B. H. Dunn, Third Artillery, who were formerly stationed at the Barracks in this city, and are now at Fort Monroe, Va., are to be congratulated upon the birth of a son.

Lieut. L. A. Roudiez, Fifteenth Infantry, returned last week to Fort Pembina, Dak., after having spent a month's leave at the Capital, and took with him the best wishes of all whom he met during his sojourn here. His fresh look and clear complexion gave unmistakable evidence that his health has not suffered during his two years' absence in the extreme North.

Perhaps when Capt. Greely gets to be a Brigadier General the racers will quit calling him "Lieutenant." It is queer that the name of this grade, which, according to etiquette, is not a title in the Army, but only means, it seems to stick to a man the longest, as without "Lieutenant" Wheeler, "Lieutenant" Hoxie, and others.

The officers of the Navy speak despondently of their prospect for promotion. Many of them have held their present commissions for fifty years, and are yet several numbers removed from the head of the list. The outlook for the next two years for line officers is discouraging. The only officers who retire on account of age during the next twenty-five months are Rear Admirals Davis and Franklin. Unless death or disability intervene, no promotion in the Navy will practically be at a standstill until March, 1889.

Vessels in a Dangerous Position.

CHATHAM, MASS., Feb. 26.—A heavy easterly gale and thick snow-storm prevails this evening. A fleet of twenty-five large schooners, two tugs, and two barges, which came over the shoals today, are caught out between Chatham and Highlands in a dangerous position and will have a rough night.

New Orleans Races Postponed.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 26.—The races have been postponed till Monday on account of rain. All entries stand.

SOCIETY CHAT.

With Tuesday evening ended the first fashionable season the mistress of the White House has seen in her lofty position. One feature has been extraordinary in this. Of the innumerable printed and personal comments made respecting Mrs. Cleveland there has not been one which was anything but kindly and complimentary in the highest degree. When we remember that Mrs. Cleveland entered upon the most difficult social duty that a woman could attempt without experience or precedents to guide her, the youngest mistress the Presidential Mansion ever had; trusting to her own womanly instincts and good heart and breeding alone, it is but too much to say that her success has been phenomenal, and the credit for it all is due to her alone. In a conversation last week Mrs. Cleveland spoke most appreciatively of the unvarying kindness of the press as one of the most gratifying features of her debut in so difficult a position. She also said it was a real pleasure to feel that she had made some charming friendships which would be lasting, and that the genuine good will manifested toward her wherever she went was most gratifying.

The luncheon given in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, on Monday, was one of Mrs. Cleveland's most pleasant entertainments. Especial care was taken with the table and room decorations, and the bouquets were of La France roses and heliotropes alternately. The ladies present, among whom was Miss Mildred Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, were nearly all friends of Miss Cleveland's, and well acquainted with one another, which relieved the party of any of the unnecessary stiffness which sometimes is visible on such occasions.

The series of public receptions at the White House closed with that of Tuesday evening. Contrary to expectation and custom, the attendance, though ample for the rooms, was not large enough to cause anything like a crush, and for that reason it was regarded as the most pleasant affair of the winter at the White House. Mrs. Cleveland wore the cardinal plush costume which was so admired at one of the earlier evening receptions at the White House, and with it the diamond necklace which was one of the wedding presents from the President at her marriage. The evening was especially enjoyable to many visitors from other cities, who were charmed with the first meeting with the President's young wife.

Mrs. Cleveland received a few personal friends on Thursday at noon, but did not hold her usual reception day, but spent a few of her acquaintances and friends on Thursday, as she did not desire to hold receptions during the Lenten season.

Senora Cayetano de Romero, of the Mexican Legation, gave a delightful reception to a few friends last Tuesday night, which proved to be a most enjoyable affair, the card playing, dancing, music, vocal and instrumental, being kept up until the morning. The principal card players were Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh, Miss Josie A. Guest, (Madame Romero's pretty niece,) of New York; Miss May McFalls, Miss Perry, Pennsylvania; Senorina Eva de Romero, Mexico; Miss Cavanaugh, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Frank Smyth, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Connor, St. Louis; Senor C. Romero, Jr., Mexico, and Mr. Henry Edwards. There was an animated contest for the prizes, which were unique, valuable, and much admired. The ladies won the count of "stars" Miss Guest awarded the first ladies' prize, Mr. Snyder first gentleman's prize, while Mrs. Cavanaugh and Mr. Smyth bore off in triumph the amusing "boobies." After the award of the prizes the company were invited by Madame Romero into her cozy little dining-room, where they found a most bountiful supper, after which her delighted guests adjourned to the parlor for dancing, music, and merry-making. Miss Cavanaugh was applauded for both her instrumental and vocal music. The tally tablets were ornamented with the Mexican national colors, and were voted the handsomest seen this season, and retained by the players as mementoes of the evening.

A pleasant masquerade party was given at the residence of Mrs. R. E. Major, 918 E street, Monday, the 21st instant. Among the masques were Tillie Kessil, Prettiest Girl; Minnie Kennedy, Flower Girl; Mary Behrens, Sara Bernhardt; Maud Dutton, Tambourine Girl; Bessie Lewis, Highland Girl; Frank Dutton, Sailor Boy; Willie Locraft, Shepherdess; Ella Lewis, Japanese; Bertha Floyd, Topsy; Lizzie Floyd, Fancy Nigger; Teresa Wagner, Nigger Maid; Mamie Wagner, Dockey; Mrs. Painter, Folly; Mrs. Buck, Old Maid; Mrs. Emery, Bashful Housekeeper; Mrs. Hall, Bashful Old Maid; Mrs. Ingler, Old Witch; Miss N. Flag, Spanish Matron; Mrs. Bennett, Mexican; Mrs. Yum-Yum; Mrs. Gruell, Indian; C. Buck, Flying Dutchman; T. Painter, Astronomer; J. Moran, Sailor; Mr. Smith, Dude; H. E. Major, Sailor; C. Buck, German Clown; D. Irving, Irish Woman; W. Dyer, Japanese Prince; T. H. Hall, Topsy; Allen Moran, Gypsy Girl; R. Locraft, Tom Thumb; F. Greves, Nurse; F. Locraft, Mamie Gilmore; T. Robinson, Fireman; H. Moran, Comical Nigger; Dr. Larry, Nigger; R. Moran, Irish Dude; E. Kess and W. Keirdan, Sailors; Miss Bessie Powell, Mrs. Macias, Lieut. Steward, E. Epping, R. Reed, F. Brashaes, Dr. Farnham, F. Curtis, H. Manakee, Walter Wright, P. McElhone, George Peter, Will Wright, George Getty, Alfred Hay, George Page, Joe Macias, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Nevill.

Miss Lillie Rothwell was given a birthday party on Tuesday evening by her father, Mr. Richard Rothwell, of Ninth and A streets northeast. She received many presents, and there was music, recitations, dancing, and a splendid supper, and an enjoyable time all around. Among the guests were Misses Carrico, Ross Ridgeway, Ada Chuchlune, Maggie Thorp, Bessie and Ellen Lawton, Mary Heard, Ada Hickey, Estella Barr, Lucie Wilson, Mrs. Wagner, Rothwell, Demonest, Lawton, Peake, Manning, Richardson, Wright, Hadaway, Lewis, Barr, and others. Among the gentlemen were Messrs. Seibert, Miller, Demonest, Davis, Murray, W. C. Peake, R. Rothwell, Jr., Stockett, Lewis, Wright, Manning, Hadaway, M. C. Peake, D. Rothwell, J. H. Peake, Anderson, Appleby, Dr. Pyles, William Rothwell, and others.

Miss Minnie Brown, of Capitol Hill, gave a card party last Tuesday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Carrie Brown, of Philadelphia. There were six tables, and games were played, including hearts, euchre, and dice whist, after which a tempting supper was served. Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Rice and other elders were with about the company, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Bibb, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, the Misses Solomon, Miss Meigs, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rice, Mr. Spofford, and Mr. Marshall.

Mrs. Armour, of Baltimore, who has been visiting her sister here, Miss Owings, at her home, 1514 K street, returned to Baltimore Wednesday.

Mrs. Bibb, of Q street, will pass the spring and summer months on the New England coast.

Mr. J. B. J. Collins and Mrs. Collins, formerly Miss Katie Pelouze, go to Fortress Monroe tomorrow for a stay of six weeks.

Foremost among the festivities of Mid-Lent will be the ladies' reception of the Metropolitan Club, which now seems nearly certain to be given. At a meeting called for the purpose yesterday the sentiment seemed to be entirely in favor of the proposed entertainment, and a committee of fifteen was appointed to consider the subject. About three years ago the club gave a housewarming upon the occasion of taking possession of their new quarters. Since that time the membership has more than doubled, and it is deemed no more than fair to give the ladies of the families of the newer members an opportunity to see the interior of the club-house and form such an idea as can thus be obtained of the uses and purposes of a club, regarding which, as the members know, very erroneous ideas prevail. The projected reception will probably take place about the middle of March.

The reports which have been printed about a Mid-Lenten german to be given by the Wednesday Evening Club are incorrect. The affair is to be a volunteer subscription by the bachelors of the club, and the date chosen is the 11th of March, not the 9th, as has been erroneously stated.

Report says that the hospitalities of the Whitney mansion, which were necessarily suspended during the past season, will shortly be resumed, and that Mrs. Whitney contemplates a series of charming entertainments in the near future.

One of the important coming events is a ladies' reception to be given by the new Jefferson Club in its handsome H-street club-house.

Mrs. Henry Vail will continue to receive on Mondays, as will also Mrs. John W. Foster.

The wife of Senator Sabin will receive informally during Lent, and many other Senators' wives will do the same.

Mrs. Dr. Bullock, 813 New York avenue, will be at home, as usual, on Fridays during March.

Mrs. McAllister Laughton gives a ladies' luncheon, to meet Mrs. Cleveland, at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday.

On account of the Lenten season, the next soiree of Professor Marini's classes, set for next Friday evening, March 4, has been postponed at the request of his pupils.

A few of the ladies who will be at home to their friends informally during Lent are Mrs. and Miss Manning, on Wednesday afternoons in March, Mrs. Lamont, Thursday; Mrs. A. A. Wilson and Miss Wilson, Friday; Mrs. and Miss Villas, Monday evenings to a few invited friends, and Mrs. Lamar and daughters will be found at home to friends almost any evening.

Theatre parties to see Bernhardt will be the chief social events of the week. Those who have taken boxes for the season are Mrs. Richard Townsend, Mrs. Hunsiker, and Mrs. De Reuterskiold.

Miss Mildred Lee has been receiving great attention from the members of the old regime and the Southern set in society. On Tuesday Mrs. Ralph Cross Johnson gave a tea, to which her friends were invited to meet Miss Lee, and which was a very smart affair. Last week Miss Lee was daily luncheoned and tea'd.

Mrs. Halbert E. Paine gave a delightful tea Saturday, that had been postponed for some time on account of the serious illness of her grandmother. The unexpected weather did not prevent her many friends from attending. Mrs. Paine, in black velvet, *en traine*, with point Duchesse lace, and pearl ornaments, was assisted as well as the wedding presents by her mother and Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. J. P. Jones, of Nevada; Senator and Mrs. Dolph, of Oregon; Mrs. Hearst, wife of Senator Hearst, of California, in a gown of white satin and priceless gems on her neck and in her hair; Justice and Mrs. Field. There were other Justices of the Supreme Court and their wives, numerous Senators, and military men; Colonel and Mrs. Lamont, the latter in a beautifully embroidered robe of pink moire; the members of the Diplomatic Corps, and the leading society people of the city. About one hundred and fifty guests were asked to the ceremony and evening, which began at 8 o'clock, and at 9 a supper was served in the great dining hall in the basement. Upstairs in a room the presents were locked up. Among them was a pendant of pearls and diamonds, a set of dinner plates in solid gold, the gift of Senator and Mrs. Stanford. Mrs. J. P. Jones gave a beautiful silver gold-lined bowl, and many colleagues, Messrs. Hatch, Dockery, Burnes, Heard, Hutton, Stone, Clardy, Wade, and Warner, presented the pair with a pretty clock and a table of onyx. The gift to the bride by Father Chapelle was a beautifully embroidered Agnus Dei and a pair of silken sandalas. The groom's gifts were a pair of silver spurs. The bride wore diamonds, with a carved moonstone pendant, two diamond rings, a pearl ring, a diamond bracelet, and diamond earrings. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt left the city at 10 o'clock train for San Francisco, to be absent a few months. The bride's traveling dress was in two shades of green, with hat to match, the trimmings and jacket, hat, and muff to match.

Miss Ottie Graham has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Wellman, and brought with her one of Philo's most beautiful girls, Miss Alice Woodward, of Pittsburg.

Miss Annie Stedman, daughter of Dr. Joseph Stedman, of Boston, is the guest of Mrs. Gen. Pickett, No. 22 Grant Place.

Mrs. Hasson, widow of Surgeon A. R. Hasson, of the Army, and Miss Hasson are spending a few weeks at 939 H street.

Miss Spofford is visiting her friend, Miss Fannie Osburn, of Baltimore, for a few days.

By the death of an uncle in France Assistant Surgeon A. A. De Loffre, of the Army, has inherited some property in Paris. The Doctor's wife belongs to one of our oldest families, and her many friends in Washington who remember her as Miss Fannie Eliot will be glad to hear of the good fortune which has come their way.

The musicale of Mrs. George Ross, Wednesday evening last, at her residence in West Washington, was a very enjoyable one, as each of the participants had been carefully selected for highly creditable manner. The vocal solo, "The Haunted Stream," by Miss Eva Jones, and the piano recitals by Miss Ella Davis, Miss Alice Heliston, Miss Lucy Wheeler, Miss Amber Lodgale, Miss Lizzie Jewell, and Miss Grace Dowling were all exceptionally fine. Among the others who sang were Miss Ella Davis, Miss Annie Chaney, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. J. Monday. There was quite a distinguished gathering of residents of West Washington.

A pleasant masquerading surprise party called upon Mrs. Mary Lozarde, Wednesday evening, in her residence on Tenth street. Dancing, music, games, and a nice little supper diversified the evening. Among those present were Miss Minnie Travers, Gipsy; Kate Jaquette, Spanish Countess; Rosie Clarke, Shepherdess; F. Peabody, Bo-Peep; L. Shear, Quakeress; Mattie Travers, Fortune Teller; Sallie Bourne, Shepherdess; Lizzie Morgan, Spanish Girl; Birdie Levy, Patience; Lizzie McClelland, Susan; Messrs. C. O. Krause, Nursey; Frank Bailey, Pirate; J. Clarke, Irish Girl; W. Hodges, Clown; E. Hutchinson, Fat Clown; W. Clarke, Sambo; H. J. Beall, Domino; Frank Walker, Dutch Boy.

Miss Mamie Sullivan was married to Mr. W. P. Gibbs, of Knoxville, Tenn., last Tuesday at the residence of the bride's mother on Twenty-eighth street, West Washington. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Boeufort in the presence of relatives and immediate friends. After partaking of the bridal supper and receiving congratulations, the happy couple took the 5:30 train for the South, where they will make their future home. The couple received many valuable and handsome presents, both from friends in Knoxville and this city.

A VIRGINIA SENSATION.

Horrible Condition of a Poor-House—Nameless Crimes—Prompt Action of the Authorities.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—The *Daily Advance* this evening has a startling sensation from Amherst Court-House. Since the adjournment of the County Court the community has been much excited over the horrible condition of the county poor-house as developed upon investigation by the grand jury. Eight members of the jury visited the poor-house, and were horrified by the discoveries made. Some immoralities complained of treatment too appalling to be described, and abuse from Superintendent Sidney M. Dawson, which it is hinted, may be charged, if not questionable if such a scene of infamy could be found elsewhere. The poor women were almost naked, and were discovered in a cold room without fire, wearing only an old calico wrapper. Vermin and filth were found in every department, the odor of which was sufficient to cause a pestilence.

The county authorities furnish the superintendent with bed clothing for the use of paupers, but the grand jury found only five blankets, and all of them in possession of a mulatto woman, a favorite of the superintendent. It was also discovered that nameless crimes were systematically carried on there, so much that it was dangerous for respectable dependents to be sent there. The grand jury, disgusted, reported the facts to the Court, recommending the removal of the superintendent and his arrest, which the court ordered immediately. There is much excitement in the county over these frightful discoveries.

A Thrifty Bigamist in Limbo.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 26.—Several months ago a jewelry agent named Ernest Goodman married a girl here and left for this city, and in a few days later deserted her, taking with him about $200 of her money and some articles of jewelry. Last week it was learned that Goodman had been arrested in Baltimore on a similar charge of deserting a girl he had married there, and the Pittsburg wife immediately left for the Monumental City to begin suit against him for desertion. To-day Chief of Police Blacknore received a letter from a lady living in New York City, who also claims to be Goodman's wife. She says that he left her a year ago, and that he took considerable money with him, which he deserted her. From all that can be learned the New York wife is No. 1. After leaving his Pittsburg wife he went to Cincinnati. Under an assumed name he married a young lady there, and in trying to escape with some of her money was arrested. The detectives here notified the Cincinnati authorities of the situation, and before the message was received he had settled his trouble and been released. This was four months ago. He is said to have a wife in Philadelphia also.

Unit for the Priesthood.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 26.—The suit of Lay Brother Felix A. Graham vs. Father David Fennessey was decided in favor of the defendant today. Graham, the plaintiff, claimed $30,000 damages from the defendant, who is president of St. Mary's College. The ground of Graham's claim was that after having encouraged him for several years to continue his studies with the purpose of being ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic Church, and having in writing recommended Graham as a fit subject for ordination, and having commended him to the bishop of Colorado, Father Fennessey wrote another letter, marked "confidential," stating Graham, on account of violent temper and too little Latin, was unfit for the priesthood.

Warlike Bills Condemned.

PHILADELPHIA, FEB. 26.—As a result of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Universal Peace Union, which has been in session for the past three days, a petition has been forwarded to members of Congress, urging them to defeat all bills for warlike purposes now pending, and that they take up and pass