



**THE SOCIAL SIDE.**

The officers of the U. S. S. Petrel and Concord, now in port, are enjoying the society of friends they have made during their short stay.

Miss Blanche Cornwell, who left on the Australia Thursday for a visit in California, will be absent for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter gave a dinner to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams Saturday evening. There were present Misses Pauahi Judd, Madeline Hartwell, Belle Carter and Wm. Lewers.

Among those present on the courts of the Pacific Tennis Club Ladies' Day, Wednesday, were Mrs. H. Focke, Miss Moulder, Misses May Atkinson, Molly Atkinson, the Misses King and Miss May Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Von Holt gave a farewell dance to A. F. Knudsen at their home in Waikiki Monday evening. There were over fifty guests present. The Kawaihau club furnished music for dancing on the lanai.

Mrs. Hermann Focke gave a farewell luncheon for Mrs. A. S. Willis Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. Neumann, Mrs. Bruce Cartwright, Mrs. T. R. Walker, Mrs. Ellis Mills, Mrs. Harris and Miss Moulder. The decorations were in pink.

Miss Rudolph Spreckles and her sister, Miss Joliffe, of San Francisco, returned on the Claudine after a pleasant visit on Spreckelsville Plantation. They will remain in Honolulu until the departure of the O. & O. S. S. China, upon which steamer they will leave for their home.

The Waikiki home of Col. W. F. Allen was a scene of brilliancy last night. The occasion was a supper and afterwards music, given for Miss Grace Birnie by Miss Belle Carter. There were present Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, the Misses Hartwell, Miss Fuller, R. C. Scott, W. Lewers, Geo. Potter, Armstrong Smith and others.

Miss Mabel Hartwell gave a luncheon for Miss Grace Birnie at her home, Nuuanu, Wednesday. There were present Mrs. Spreckles, Miss Joliffe, Mrs. E. R. Adams, Mrs. George Carter, Mrs. Alfred Carter, Misses Kate McGrew, Madeline Hartwell, Grace Richards, Pauahi Judd and Birnie. Music was enjoyed after luncheon.

A dinner to Captain Emory of the U. S. S. Petrel was given at the Wilder home, Waikiki, Friday evening. There were present Mrs. S. G. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wilder, Miss May Atkinson, Miss Molly Atkinson, Lieutenant N. Sargent and S. G. Wilder. The Kawaihau Club furnished delightful music for the occasion.

There have been no more agreeable residents in the diplomatic circles this year than the Hawaiian minister and Mrs. Hatch, at whose legation home, on 16th street, so many pleasant events have occurred, says the Washington Star. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch have not made their vacation plans yet, but wherever they go they will be a welcome acquisition to a summer colony.

The marriage of Miss Lillie Hart to Mr. Francis Gay at the home of the bride, Waikiki, yesterday afternoon, was a very quiet affair and was witnessed only by immediate members of the family. Rev. Alex Mackintosh officiated. After the ceremony the newly married couple were driven to the steamer Ke Au Hou, upon which vessel they, in company with Mr. Charles Gay, a brother of the bridegroom, left for Makaweli, Kauai, where Mr. and Mrs. Gay will make their future home. The very best wishes of the many friends of the bride and groom will attend them.

**FIRST ANNUAL REGATTA.**

H. R. A. Has Arranged a Fine Program of Five Events.

Saturday, May 9th, is a good date for the sports to write in big red letters and paste in some prominent place on the inside of their hats for reference when thinking of the regatta that is to take place at Pearl Harbor. The time set is 2:30 p. m., and the first event will be a single-scutt race. Next in order will come the six-oared stationary seat, the six-oared sliding-seat barge, the four-oared practice shell (for juniors), and the four-oared practice shell (for seniors) races. Entries will be made with the secretary of the Regatta Committee, 13 Kaahumanu street. For further particulars see advertisement in this paper.

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A somewhat heroic French scientist says the New York Tribune, is credited with having boldly declared that a large number of the nervous maladies from which girls at the present day suffer are to be attributed to playing the piano. Statistics show, according to his authority, that of 1,000 girls who study this instrument before the age of 12, no less than 600 suffer from this class of disorders, while of those who do not begin until later there are only some 200 per 1,000, and only 100 per 1,000 among those who have never worked at it; the violin is also proved to be equally injurious. The remedy suggested is that children should not be permitted to study either instrument before the age of 15 at least, or in case of delicate constitutions, not till a still later age.

There is undoubtedly a note of warning in these words, however much we may be inclined to belittle the cry of alarm. Nervous troubles are alarmingly prevalent and we may well ask what we are coming to.

Our attractive modern life with its thousand interruptions is feminizing our men and enfeebling our women. As for our children, the tasks their teachers lay upon them are enough to keep their tone of health far below concert pitch. Alas, that we parents should lower it still more by trying to crowd accomplishments into their "spare time!" We should rather see to it that every day our children have hours that are free from sedentary tasks. We should give them plenty of air and sunshine, and time for uncramped recreation. Breathes there a man with a soul so dead that he would deliberately rob his children of their strength? Yet fathers, and especially mothers are inconsiderately storing up accomplishments at the cost of feeble bodies.

Besides the injury to health, there is in many cases a positive intellectual loss to children who are put to playing before they are 12. The drudgery of practicing takes away the pleasure of making music and the sense of privilege of music lessons. Wait a little for an unmistakable longing for musical instruction. This does much toward furnishing an inspiration that will carry young scholars safely through the routine of technical work. Moreover, a girl will be less likely at 16 to enjoy tawdry music than she was at 12. A love of music can be more surely cultivated by singing and hearing good music than by being able to thrum easy accompaniments to popular songs. We can cultivate the artistic sense in our children by indicating to them the beauties in the fair world of nature. Let us add serious art training only when there is a solid foundation of useful requirements to build upon.

None of these suggestions apply to children having pronounced musical ability. Genius is the exception that proves the rule for average mortals, but even in the case of the infant prodigy I am inclined to think he would do better to burn his candle at the other end. Let him spend his nights in bed and his days in general study, hearty play, and let him enjoy the freedom of an undiscovered Paderewski.

After all it is not so much a question of when music should be studied as whether it should be studied seriously or not. We take the time to teach our girls to sing and play passably, and at the expense of what? Of practical preparation for life. French, German, music, drawing, dancing and embroidery read well in Miss Prim's school catalogue, and get husbands for some of her graduates. What more can we ask? Surely that the women who are married shall know how to care for their husbands, their children and their homes.

The new education is paying more attention to the stern stuff of life than to the veneers of painting and playing. The education of the future will look first to securing a sound body, and understanding the laws of health. It will teach cookery, with studies in the origin, history and chemistry of foods. It will consider housekeeping for the orderly, sanitary, aesthetic and social standpoints. The problem of marketing, gardening, dressing and domestic service will be met by preparatory training in our public schools. The sciences and mathematics will not be things apart, but will be taught in their vital relations to daily living. The accomplishments will come in naturally, but not supremely, and oh! how we shall wish, we older women, that we had not been born too soon to profit by the new education!

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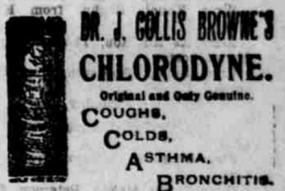
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