

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

A Liberalizing of Sentiment Regarding Theatre-Going, Card-Playing and Dancing.

The Helena Tennis Club Preparing for the Season—A Promised Treat in Comic Opera.

Arrangements for the Assembly's German—Points for Dinner-Givers—Notes and Queries.

Those of us who have a personal antipathy to such songs as "Silver Threads Among the Gold" or to occupying front seats at the orchestra will doubtless remember the strong religious sentiment which prevailed against what was once known as "worldly amusements."

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dinner parties more often. There is no pleasanter method of entertaining your friends, and from the days of Lucullus down to the present century none more universally popular. Every thing depends upon getting the right people together and seating them so that they will intellectually shine to the best advantage, and last, but not least, touching them off with a good dinner and some choice wines.

Here is one of the latest ideas for a dinner party. The tables are arranged in the form of a triangle, the centre being filled up by an artificial lake. Lilies and ferns float on the water and the shores of the lake are fringed by a bank of sea-imp-bedded ferns with pink fairy lamps twinkling at intervals.

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never found much favor, save among watering place dudes, who relatively hold no position in society. This dress consists of the regulation dress trousers worn very wide, a colored sash wound several times around the waist in place of a waistcoat, and a black jacket with broad lapel turned back with silk in similar style to the ordinary swallow-tail.

Medicus inquires whether there is any great harm in sitting another fellow out when a pretty girl is the object of interest? "There is no great harm in wearing out the young lady's furniture if you know that you are the favored one, and the average society girl has quite enough 'savoir faire' to make this plain to you."

"Is it necessary to raise your hat two or three times to the same girl in one afternoon, if chance happens to bring you together?" asks Charles. "Charles, we feel for you. We had a new hat once ourselves. But was it entirely chance, Charlie? Did you not cut around the block in order to get there? If not, however, one decent bow would suffice; the next time you can try a new one, the next you can light a cigarette, and if chance brings you together again—well, you had better propose a walk, Charles, thereby saving your hat from further mutilation."

In reply to "Flex," without having positive information on the subject, do not think that there was one man in evening dress in the auditorium at the Musin concert, and I can safely assert that in three of the boxes, at least, none of the gentlemen wore dress suits. Any gentleman accompanying ladies to opera, theatre or concert is perfectly justified in wearing a dress suit, and pays the ladies he accompanies a deserved compliment in so doing.

Lewis (Me. Journal): A little girl in Auburn, whose ways are altogether lovely, became recently, after the manner of childhood, very much interested in those epidemic excrescences on her brother's hand, known familiarly as warts, and she thought that she would be very happy if she could be blessed with some just like them.

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