of you." Then she turned and talked with the man on her other side.

Donna Maria Boccapaduli had been waiting for her opportunity, and attacked Ghisleri as soon as he had ceased talking with his other neighbor.

"Tell me," she said, "you like Laura Arden very much, do you not?" Of course she made the sign at Laura's name.

"Yes. She is a very charming woman."

"She ought to be grateful to you. She would be if she knew how you showed up for her just now."

"I should be sorry if she ever came to know that she needed to be defended," answered Ghisleri, almost indifferently.

"She will, of course. It will be all over Rome to-night that you and Campodonico almost quarrelled about her. She is sure to hear about it. Why do you take so much interest in her?"

"Because her husband was my friend," Pietro replied rather wearily. "I just said so."

"You need not be so angry with me because I ask questions," said Donna Maria with a laugh. "I always do—it is the way to find out what one wants to know."

"And what do you want to know?"

"You will be angry if I ask you."

"Then ask me something else."

"But I want to know so much," objected Donna Maria, with an expression that made Ghisleri smile.

"Then you must take the risk," he said. "It is not very great."

"Well, then, I will." She dropped her voice almost to a whisper. "Is the lady in question—I mean—is she the sort of woman you can imagine falling in love with?"

"I do not think I should ever fall in love with her," answered Ghisleri, without betraying emotion or surprise.

"Why not? There must be some reason. So many men have said the same thing about her."

"She is too good a woman for any of us to love. We feel that she is too far above us to be quite human as we are."

"What a strange man you are, Ghisleri! I should never have dreamt that you could say such a thing as that. It is not at all like your reputation, you know, and not in the least like those delightfully dreadful verses you addressed to the saint last year on Shrove Tuesday at Gouache's studio. I should think that Mephistopheles would delight in making love to saints."

"In real life Mephistopheles would get the worst of it, and be shown to the door with very little ceremony."

"I doubt that. Every woman likes a spice of devilry in the man she loves—and as for being shown to the door, that is ridiculous. Is there any reason in the world why you should not fall in love with a woman exactly like the unmentionable lady and marry her, too, if you love her enough—or little enough, according to your views of married life? You are quite free, and so is she, and you said yourself that in the course of time she would naturally come back to the world."

"No," said Ghisleri, thoughtfully, "I suppose there is no reason why I should not ask Lady Herbert Arden to marry me in four or five years, except that I do not love her in the least, and that she would most certainly refuse me. And those are two very good reasons."

The dinner was over and the party returned to the drawing-room. Ghisleri stood a little apart from the rest examining a painting with which he had long been familiar, and slowly inhaling the smoke of a cigarette. It was a small copy of one of Zichy's famous pictures illustrating Lermontoff's "Demon"—the one in which Tamara yields at last, in the convent, and throws her arms round the Demon's neck. Prince Durakoff had ordered the copy and had presented it to the Marchesa di San Giacinto. Ghisleri had always liked it, and had a photograph of the original in his rooms. He now stood looking at it and recalling the strange, half allegorical romance of which the great Russian made such wonderful poetry.

Presently he was aware that some one was standing at his elbow. He turned to see who it was, and found himself face to face with Gianforte Campodonico, who was looking at him with an expression of indescribable hatred in his black eyes.

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BUSY AT NEWPORT COTTAGES.

GETTING HOUSES AND GROUNDS IN ORDER FOR THE SUMMER DWELLERS.

Newport, R. I., April 29 (Special).—The great attractions in New-York this week prevented many cottagers from visiting this place, as expected, and consequently but few cottages were rented. However, the real estate agents were busy, and carpenters, painters and housecleaners are hard at work. What is needed more than anything else is pleasant weather. These frequent storms have seriously retarded work which must be done during the next few weeks. The outlook at Conanicut, Newport's "annex," was never better. The World's Fair and prospective cholera abroad, it is said, will materially benefit Newport. The outlook was never brighter.

Ogden Mills, of New-York, came here this week to inspect his fine villa on the Cliffs.

Mrs. G. K. Warren has rented her cottage to William R. Warren, of New-York. Mrs. Warren will, as usual, summer at Conanicut.

Harry Astor Carey, who has been elected to the Rhode Island Legislature, has decided not to run his public coach to and from Newport during the coming season.

Miss Anna Ticknor, of Boston, has taken a small cottage in Rhode Island-ave.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. W. Leyba, of New-York, who were married last week, will occupy the Lansing Zabriskie Cottage on Rhode Island-ave. upon their return from Europe.

Isaac Bell, of New-York, has leased the Davis Cottage, near Bailey's Beach.

Henry A. Rice, of Boston, has arrived at his cottage on Washington-st. for the season, and Mrs. Alexander Barret, of New-York, at her house in Catharine-st.

Louis Q. Jones, of New-York, has arrived at the Iselin Cottage in Wellington-ave., for the season.

John S. Tooker and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Travers, of New-York, are guests of H. A. Carey.

Among the visitors here recently were Medical Inspector David Kindleberger, U. S. N.; Captain T. O. Selfridge, U. S. N.; C. L. Thorp, Howard Conkling, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. William Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Dresser, P. H. Gammell, J. N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warren, E. J. Berwind, M. R. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pierson.

Mrs. Frederick Neilson, of New-York, has decided to summer at Lenox, where she will take a house.

This week Mrs. Lorillard Spencer gave a charming entertainment at her villa to the junior members of Nina Circle of King's Daughters, of which she is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pratt, of New-York, will occupy the Matthews Cottage, now nearing completion in Bellevue-ave., next month.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the English Ambassador at Washington, has leased the cottage in Harrison-ave. owned by Colonel J. W. Bonaparte, of Washington.

Mrs. Charles F. Chickering, of New-York, is temporarily occupying her cottage in Bellevue-ave. Later the house will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William S. Burden, of New-York, who are having a house built here.

Professor Charles W. Shields, of Princeton College, has decided not to occupy his cottage at Ochre Point this season.

Many of the winter cottagers went to New-York this week to witness the naval review and to attend the Tiffany-Havemeyer wedding.

MANY VISITORS AT NIAGARA FALLS.

PLANS OF THE RESERVATION COMMISSIONERS—ROOMS CHOSEN FOR THE DUKE OF VERAGUA.

Niagara Falls, April 29 (Special).—The great problem agitating this resort, particularly the small army of hotel men and the various railroad lines centring here, is the stop-over privilege. Ever since the Trunk Line Passenger Association decided not to grant any stop-over privilege on the cheap round trip rates from New-York and other Eastern points, the hotel men have been using every influence to break up the order, and it is understood that every road is arranging for stop-over privileges, whether the Association will grant it or not. The fact that the route of the New-York and Chicago Limited on the New-York Central has been changed from the Lake Shore road west of Buffalo to the Michigan Central, by way of Niagara Falls, pleases the hotel men. The Lehigh Valley will put on two trains by way of the Falls, and the Erie will follow suit. The West Shore and the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg roads will probably draw most of the cheap travel from the East.

The State Reservation Commissioners were peculiarly fortunate in getting their appropriation of $25,000 through on the Supply bill. This will provide for the contemplated improvements on the islands and for the new stone bridge to connect Goat and First Sister Islands.

There were a number of prominent foreigners here this week. The Duke of Veragua's visit here is announced for Thursday, May 11. He will arrive in the morning from Chicago and pass the day here. It is understood that quarters have been reserved for the ducal party at the Cataract House. The Duke's rooms will overlook the Rapids.

Congressman John R. Fellows, of New-York, was here this week with a party of Buffalo friends.

A party of German newspaper men arrived the first of the week. They were Rudolph Cronan, of Leipsic; Dr. Kayseler, of Berlin; Von Spitzpauski and Eugene Hartman, of Frankfurt; Emil Limmer, of Dresden, and Parial David, of Strassburg.

Among the New-Yorkers at the hotels are Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Portuondo, A. Cook, Harry Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. O. Firth, W. Marks, Miss Marks, Mrs. H. Volkening, Mrs. H. A. Fleischmann, P. Fischer, Louis Roth, Henry A. Scovell, Mrs. M. Scovell, Miss L. A. Scovell, Thomas J. Cullen, Thomas E. Burke, A. M. Leslie, Jacob Seabold and wife, John Lachner and Miss Lachner, J. B. Drucher, J. M. Reamer, William B. Rankine, Francis Hillhouse, John Jacobs, A. C. Douglass, Miss Ashmore, W. J. Morton, W. J. Stephens, W. H. Garrison and son, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Phyfe, Julia F. Phyfe, Charles Longhurst, Alice Longhurst and Mrs. C. S. C. Bailey.

GOSSIP IN THE CLUB WORLD.

WORKING FOR GOOD CITY GOVERNMENT.

NEW-YORK'S CLOVER CLUB—COSY CORNERS IN THE ALDINE'S HOUSE—VARIOUS NOTES.

The City Club has settled down to good hard work, having got past the rough places of organization. The various committees are getting familiar with the fields of activity to which they are assigned, and are already in position to do effective service in the cause of good municipal government. A steady growth is shown by the affiliated clubs, and everything indicates that the City Club will have to be considered no unimportant factor in the election of next fall.

W. Bayard Cutting is first vice-president of the club and chairman of its Committee on the Library. It is clear, therefore, that he is one of its most prominent members. His club connections are numerous, as he is enrolled in the Metropolitan, Union, University, Century, Down Town, Riding, Tuxedo, South side, Players, Delta Phi and Westminster Kennel. He is the scion of two widely known families, his father having been Fulton Cutting, and his mother, Miss Justine Bayard. He was born in this city in 1850, and after attending private schools entered Columbia College, in which the Cutting family has long been deeply interested. He is now one of the trustees of the institution.

At college Mr. Cutting belonged to the Delta Phi Fraternity, the Peithologian Literary Society, of which he was president, and the Ace of Clubs, a social organization of his class. He was chairman of the Class

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Day Committee. After getting the degree of A. B. in 1869, he took that of A. M. in course. He was graduated from the Columbia Law School in 1871, and has been a practising lawyer here ever since. In 1877 he married Miss O. Rivia P. Murray, daughter of Bronson Murray.

Mr. Cutting gives much time to charitable institutions, and is director in a number of corporations. Movements for the purification of city politics have always commanded his co-operation.

The City Club's second vice-president is J. Frederic Kernochan, who, as chairman of the House Committee, has given valuable aid to the club. The house was furnished and refitted for club purposes under his supervision, and he was commended on all sides for the results he accomplished with a small outlay of money. Only about $14,000 was spent by the committee, and this paid for alterations in the house and for the linen, glassware, dishes, etc., as well as for the furniture. All the appointments are those of a first-class club.

Another gratifying achievement of the House Committee is its economical management of the restaurant. From the first month of the club's occupancy of its house there has always been a small profit from the restaurant. This is the more remarkable because few members dine at the club. All belong to the Union, Union League, University, Manhattan or other long established clubs, and are not inclined to desert their tables. The City Club has more than most others yielded to the tendency to admit women to club privileges. From 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., except on Sundays and holidays, members may bring women to the restaurant. The Colonial has a dining-room for women, and the Metropolitan is to have one, but at the City Club they are admitted to the regular eating apartment.

Mr. Kernochan is a lawyer at No. 55 Pine-st., and a member of the University, Tuxedo and Down Town

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clubs, the Bar Association and the Yale Alumni Association.

New-York has a Clover Club as well as Philadelphia, although the one of the metropolis is more withdrawn from public notice than the other. The local Clover Club has borne that name only since fall, having been organized as the Seventh Company Club. Captain I. Jones Cobin is the father and president of the club. When he came to this city from Mobile, Ala., two years ago, he was elected captain of Company G, 71st Regiment. He had gained military experience in the Mobile Cadets. With enthusiasm he set to work to build up a company that should be a credit to the regiment.

One of the means he employed was the founding of the Seventh Company Club, in which fourteen men of the company joined him. The club was to increase the good fellowship in the company, and to gain recruits to it. Before long, however, there was a pressure to make the Club purely a social one, and all other aims were dropped. In accordance with this change the old name was dropped for the new.

The ill wind that disrupted the Manhattan Athletic Club blew great good to the Clover. This was nothing less than 110 members, who formed the Cherry Diamond Whist Club. These men wanted to retain their organization and their membership in the American Whist League, so they joined the Clover Club in a body. They include some of the best whist players in the country. Among these recruits are Eugene Van Schaick, James E. Vail, J. T. Van Wyck, H. H. Watson, W. B. Wheeler, H. P. Pike, Walton Storm, T. Granville Smith, Captain D. S. Dennison, T. W. Decker, Dr. Charles H. Brown, F. Dodsworth, George W. Dickinson, E. H. Graham Dewey, Richard W. Elliott, M. H. Elkins, C. M. Folsom, Percy Gardner, C. G. Grosvenor, F. D. Hurtt, William E. Hawkins, John Hawley, H. H. Janeway, R. J. Kenworthy, R. H. Lawrence, W. M. Lane, G. V. Maynard, John Q. Mitchell, N. M. Montague, William Northrup, Edward O. Presby, Dr. William R. Pryor, W. B. Post, Alfred Roe, Wilmot H. Smith, Charles M. Russell and C. H. Steinway.

The Clover Club occupies the entire second floor of the telephone building, No. 113 West Thirty-eighth-st., a space as large as that given by an ordinary brownstone house, and much more conveniently arranged. There are no stairs to climb, and almost no waste in halls. Until the accession of the Cherry Diamond Whist Club, only half the floor was leased. The club-rooms are pleasantly furnished, and consist of a good-sized reception-room, a reading-room, library, card-room, billiard-room and restaurant.

A lesson on the small amount of money on which a club can be satisfactorily run is given by the experience of the Clover Club. Until recently the initiation fee was $10, and the dues were $12 a year. These amounts have now been increased to $25 and $20, so that a general betterment in the service and privileges might be made. The charges in the restaurant are unusually moderate, and cigars and billiards are also less expensive than in other clubs. An excellent table d'hote is served, to which thirty-five or forty members sit down daily. The membership limit of 300 has been reached, and there is a waiting list of twenty-five.

The feature of the club of which its members feel proudest is the good fellowship. Everybody knows nearly everybody else, for pains are taken to introduce newcomers all around. There is consequently an air of sociability and informality which is lacking in a big club. The monthly "stags" are also great breeders of jollity and cementers of friendship.

The Clover Club's officers are: Captain I. Jones Cobin, president; A. J. Fisher, vice-president; J. Norton Cooke, treasurer; Ernest Ball, secretary. The governors are these officers and Thomas O. Bell, R. W. Elliott, J. N. Weisiger, William R. White, jr., E. B. Cuthbert, Roderick H. Smith, C. Cecil Hodgeman and John Lafley. Among the other members are Colonel Charles F. Homer, Captain Edwin Gould, Gardner H. Rickard, Colonel F. H. Conklin, Dr. C. W. Cornell, Charles Casper, Dr. John E. Allen, Thomas J. Burton, Frederick N. Collins, Hugh Dalzell, jr., B. L. Duke, W. J. Gilpin, George J. Kilger, Frank E. Knight, Russell Marquand, James H. Plummer, William Bond Skerton, G. F. C. Smillie, and George E. D. Todd.

Captain Cobin has throughout devoted no end of energy to building up the club. He is the head of the Cobin Manufacturing Company, which makes hardware specialties. He was a member of the Manhattan Athletic Club, and is still in the Democratic Club, the Students' Club (of which he is a governor), of Kane Lodge and Coeur de Leon Commandery. His company has come to be one of the best in the regiment.

The Aldine Club's election will be held a week from Tuesday. Those whose terms expire are: Members of the council, Alfred C. Barnes, Alexander W. Drake, James Thorne Harper and Francis L. Hine; of the Committee on Admissions, Samuel M. Jackson, Hamilton W. Mabie, Nelson Taylor, jr., Gilman H. Tucker and Charles Wiley. All have been renominated. Henry W. Poor has been named to succeed Frederick A. Stokes, resigned, as member of the council in the class of '95.

The Aldine is another of the smaller clubs which are full of an atmosphere of comfort and hospitality. The house has a characteristic of old fashioned elegance entirely its own. No snugger and more delightful grillroom could be imagined than that in the basement of the Aldine. The furnishings and decorations are those of an old English inn; even the sanded floor is not lacking. Every day at luncheon time the place is filled with a jolly company of artists, authors and publishers.

The Union League club had a special art exhibition on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in honor of the celebration. It was decided only on Friday of week before last to have this feature, and the Art Committee collected an exceedingly valuable lot of pictures in three days. The exhibition was pronounced one of the most important held by the club in a long time. C. P. Huntington loaned some of his finest art treasures, and F. O. Matthiessen also sent several costly paintings, including a most valuable Troyon. The entire collection was worth about half a million dollars. The committee which accomplished so much at such short notice consists of Charles E. Whitehead, chairman; Clarence King, E. V. Connett, jr., Frederic Bonner, John B. Ladd and John Elderkin. The Union League's reception to the naval officers of all the visiting fleets and the American was an admirable proof of the club's public spirit. No expense was spared to make the first function which the Nation's visitors attended one worthy of the metropolis.

It is not surprising, in view of the extensive alterations that had to be made in Nos. 556 and 558 Fifth-ave. to fit them for occupancy by the Lotos Club, that the houses should not be entirely ready by May 1. It is announced that the club will be able to move at the end of this week. An entire new outfit of furniture, hangings, carpets, etc., was bought for the home which the club expects to occupy for a generation or two at least. The Union League Club has kindly offered the courtesy of its house to the The Lambs, Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi and Five A's

GRILL-ROOM OF THE ALDINE CLUB.

Lotos for the month of May. Of course it will be some time before the new clubhouse is entirely fitted up.

are clubs that will be in new quarters this week.

The City Club's officers will be elected to-morrow night by the trustees.

On Tuesday the governors of the Catholic Club will meet and on Thursday will take place the club's monthly meeting.

The University Athletic Club's council has decided to have a committee to see to getting a new house for the club. This does not mean, the officers say, that the present quarters at Twenty-sixth-st. and Sixth-ave. are to be given up at once. They have been occupied only a little over a year and the lease on them is for five years. It may, however, be given up at the end of the third year on the payment of a bonus. The club is growing so steadily that its rooms are at times uncomfortably crowded now. A removal will certainly be necessary at the end of two years. The idea is to begin to look out for a new house at once, so that a choice can be made without haste. The club has already the nucleus of a building fund, as all initiation fees are set aside, the running expenses being paid with the dues.

The programme at the entertainment of the Republican Club to-morrow night will, for variety's sake, be a purely musical one. Several excellent tenors and barytones are to sing. At the club dinner a week later "Civil Service Reform" will be discussed by Commissioner Theodore Roosevelt, ex-Congressman John S. Wise, Mahlon Chance and others. About eighty members have already subscribed for seats, the capacity of the dining-room being only about ninety. John S. Smith, president of the club, has named the following Committee on Accommodations at the World's Fair: C. C. Shayne, John F. Baker, John E. Milholland, Byron W. Green, Charles E. Bidwell, Daniel B. Earle, Julius M. Mayer, Charles W. Ballard and M. E. Haviland. It is purposed to have

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headquarters of the club in Chicago, through which members can obtain lodgings without bother. Many persons may hesitate about going to the Fair for fear of having difficulty about rooms. This committee means to prevent all such anxiety to members of the club. Mr. Smith has appointed these additional members of the Committee on the Introduction of New Members: W. S. Rossiter, G. M. Corning, E. B. Wilcox and H. D. Hobson. It is the duty of this committee to see that men elected to the club get acquainted with their fellow-members when they visit the house. The Republican Club is making a special effort to build up its library. Particular attention is being paid to making complete the collection of works of reference and volumes on history, political economy and kindred subjects. The library is eventually to be a most valuable mine of information for campaign speakers.

There is no small stir in the Colonial Club over the election which takes place to-morrow night. No opposition is offered the regular candidates for the executive offices, who are: For president, James A. Punderford; for first vice-president, William T. Evans; for second vice-president, A. E. Conover; for third vice-president, Henry L. Burnett; for secretary, J. Van Vechten Olcott, and for treasurer, Charles W. Drake. Those who favor the members' ticket for trustees have sent out a circular, in which they say:

We herewith offer for your support a ticket of candidates for officers and trustees to be voted for at the ensuing club election. The variation from the regular nominations is confined to the Board of Trustees and the Committee on Admissions. Among the reasons which call for these changes are:

First—The desire to secure a broader and better representation of the membership in the Board of Trustees. The club has not only grown in numbers, but in character, and embraces more members connected with the professions and public life than heretofore, and there should be a corresponding extension in its governing body.

Second—To secure a Board of Trustees in sympathy with the officers, and in favor of an economical and conservative management.

Third—To protect the club from the danger of clique control, which every one must know lurks in the practice or policy of re-electing trustees for four years, without requiring that at least one year shall have elapsed. Under the provisions of our by-laws only five of the twenty trustees go out of the Board each year, and it is of the greatest importance that new men should succeed them, to the end not only that clique control shall not be possible, but that the entire membership may be represented. There is safety in rotation, and there is no danger to club prosperity so great as the maintenance of an officeholding element. The candidates for trustees here presented for your support are well known, and command the confidence of the club and the community. Phineas C. Lounsbury is an ex-Governor of Connecticut and now president of the Merchants' Exchange Bank of this city. Milo M. Belding is an influential and well-known merchant and manufacturer. R. A. C. Smith is prominently identified with export interests and has had much experience in club managements. John Elderkin, of "The Ledger" publishing house, is one of the charter members, incorporators and first trustees of the club. Calvin H. Allen is a well-known railway president and financial manager. William E. Taylor is connected with the Equitable Life Assurance Society and a good representative of the younger element of our club membership. For members of the Admissions Committee the candidates are Charles E. Hammond, A. Howard Hopping, Louis Z. Holzmeister and John E. Whitaker, all of whom are well and favorably known to the members of the club and to the residents of the West Side. They have been selected with special reference to their fitness for service on this most important committee. Assuring you that in presenting this ticket our only motive is to conserve the best interests of the club, we confidently ask your co-operation.

The signers of the circular are Charles A. Leighton, A. M. Donaldson, J. J. Adams, T. W. Getman, J. H. Hunt, J. H. Dowling, Archibald Turner, the Rev. Anson P. Atterbury, T. W. Bracher, Horatio N. Fraser and Joseph P. Bickerton. It is urged that the real-estate interests have too strong a part in the management of the club now.

The lecture this afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Thomas's Protestant Episcopal Church, under the auspices of the Church Club, will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix. It will be on "The Council of Ephesus" and will be the fourth in the series on the six oecumenical councils.

David Banks, who was recently elected president of the New-York Club, defeating Dr. Parker, it is said, largely on account of a business enmity that existed between Dr. Parker and Henry M. Alden, a member of the club, is a man of large wealth, made in publishing law books. He was formerly the president of the St. Nicholas Club, but resigned about a year ago in consequence of some unpleasantness which developed during a campaign just before an annual election. He is commodore of the Atlantic Yacht Club, the flagship of which organization is his hand-some schooner the Water Witch. Mr. Banks is also much interested in the Atalanta Boat Club. He is an enthusiastic yachtsman, a thoroughly good clubman and an efficient officer. Many members of the New-York Club express the feeling that under his presidency the club will regain some of its old prestige. Mr. Banks is held in such high esteem among clubmen of the city generally that his election as president of the New-York Club has been viewed with favor.

The last week, as was predicted in this column last week, has, in consequence of the festivities and entertainments in connection with the visit of the American and foreign war-ships, been one of an unusual excitement and interest in the city clubs. All the officers of the different vessels, both foreign and American, without exception, were put up at one or more of the leading clubs, and some days were guests at all. The Union, Knickerbocker, Manhattan, Union League, New-York, the University, Calumet and the New-York Yacht Club, with others, vied in extending hospitality to the foreign officers. The Union League led off with its magnificent reception on Wednesday evening, to which outside of the guests of honor, the Duke de Veragua and party, and the American and foreign naval officers, only the members of the club were admitted. The entertainments of a minor nature that were given at the various clubs to the city's and the nation's guests are too numerous to mention. The dinner of the Holland Society given to the officers of the Dutch man-of-war Van Speyck at the Waldorf yesterday, however, deserves special notice. While the New-York clubs have given evidence of their hospitality individually on occasions heretofore, the Union League being foremost in this respect, last week was the first time that all the leading organizations spontaneously threw open their doors and invited the strangers within our gates to enter and be entertained. This action of the New-York club was most warmly appreciated by the visitors, and the English and French officers in particular expressed themselves enthusiastically regarding it. It was a graceful compliment, and one worthy of the metropolis.

Most of the larger clubs engaged special boats for the use of their members and friends at the naval review on Thursday. The Union League, New-York Yacht, Seawanhaka and Larchmont clubs, the Holland and St. Nicholas societies, and the Chamber of Commerce all had special steamboats, which, notwithstanding the inclement weather, were crowded in almost every instance. More judgment, it would seem, should be exercised by the committees who have charge of the chartering of steamboats for the use of clubs than was shown last week. The Seawanhaka Yacht Club, it is said, sold nearly 600 tickets for the steamer Albertina. The boat was uncomfortably crowded with only a little over half that number on board, and had the day been fine the fact would have been unbearable.

The auction sale of the Manhattan Athletic Club building on Wednesday resulted, as had been expected, in nothing and the sale has been postponed for four weeks. The general feeling among clubmen is that the clubhouse will be bought for hotel purposes. The furniture and fittings have been sold from day to day and have brought fair prices.

The Berkeley Ladies' Athletic Club gave a "visitors' day" on Tuesday last, which was largely attended. Some of the calisthenic and gymnastic feats performed by the young women and girls who are members of this club were remarkably well done. There were exercises on the trapeze, the parallel bars, the rings, and bouts with the foils and also the gloves. It was amusing to witness some of these graceful, well-formed women boxing with each other; but it must be said that they showed a knowledge and a quickness and agility not always found among men.

The opening of the Chicago Fair to-morrow will not be witnessed by many New-York clubmen. A few went out Friday and yesterday, but the majority of those who are going will not begin to take their departure until the end of the present week or the first of next. Those who have joined the Waukesha Club have for the most part arranged for their rooms and will go out this spring.

The recent action of the Pope in making J. F. Loubat, of this city, but who has lived in Paris for several years, a Duke, has been a matter of much interest to his numerous friends in New-York. It will be remembered that Mr. Loubat had previously been made a Count by the Pope. Of course Mr. Loubat's reception of the Ducal title has revived the old Loubat Union Club case, and it is now remarked that Mr. Loubat has never since his reinstatement by the courts entered the club. Indeed, since his departure for Europe, soon after his reinstatement, he has never returned to this country, where his interests all lie. Mr. Loubat became a changed man in consequence of his expulsion from the Union Club, and he never forgave those who were in any way instrumental in bringing it about. He often declared that he would live to see misfortune overtake all those who, as he thought, had treated him so unjustly, and it is curious that his prediction has been entirely verified. Every Union Club member who composed the contingent who opposed him is either dead or has suffered serious loss of friends and fortune. The last of the band to meet misfortune died only a short time ago. It is doubtful whether Duke Loubat will ever now return to America. He is no longer young, lives comfortably and agreeably in Paris in his handsome house in the Rue Dumont D'Urville, and has grown out of touch with his friends and associations here.

The Quaint Club is looking forward to its annual summer outing, which is to be in June this year, and will be held at Newport, where the members will repair as the guests of John G. Weaver and George Connor.

The Winnisook Club, whose cosey and picturesque little clubhouse is at the foot of Slide Mountain in the Catskills, has had many improvements made in its property in the winter and is looking forward to a most enjoyable summer. The dam in front of the clubhouse has been rebuilt and a pretty little lake now stretches out from the foot of the lawn. To this club belong many of the State officers, including Assistant Treasurer Thomas E. Benedict and Bank Examiner Preston.

Private clubs are now being formed to visit the Chicago Exposition. It occurred to a clubman familiar with the commuters' clubs which have private cars by the year and enjoy the advantages of club life on their daily runs between Plainfield, Elizabeth and other suburbs of New-York and the city at morning and evening, that the same plan might be procured in regard to the Exposition. He organized a club of fifteen members who have secured a private car, in which they will journey to and from Chicago under regular club rates. They will live in the car while at Chicago, and the expense of the entire trip will be divided pro rata among the members. The club is to be called World's Fair Club No. 1, and others are being organized on the same plan.

A MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NEARLY COMPLETED.

New-London, Conn., April 29 (Special).—Captain Mitchell and Lieutenant Dixon, U. S. A., were at Fort Trumbull last week examining soldiers who had been recommended as gunners.

On Sunday special services will be held at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, commemorative of the establishment of the first Catholic church in this city, fifty years ago. Several priests who have been connected with the church will take part in the exercises. Seven members of the present church were present at the dedication of the first church. There are now upward of 3,000 Catholics in New-London.

The Memorial Hospital will probably be ready for use about June 1. Miss Wallace, of Worcester, Mass., who for a number of years has been connected with the general hospital in that city, has been appointed matron, and Miss Thayer, also of Worcester, will be her assistant.

On Monday a special election will be held to choose a Mayor to fill out the term of ex-Mayor Wheeler, recently appointed Judge of the Superior Court, and to fill the vacancies in the Board of Aldermen. A light vote will probably be polled, with a good chance for Republican success.

On Wednesday of this week the Odd Fellows' Home at Fairview was dedicated with imposing ceremonies. Odd Fellows from all over the State, numbering about 2,500, made a fine appearance as they marched through the streets here before taking the steamer for Fairview. Among those taking part in the dedicatory exercises were Grand Master Charles B. Ware, Grand Chaplain the Rev. D. G. Ashleys and Past Grand Master James Bishop.

Choice of three routes to St. Louis by the New-York Central; four trains daily.

YACHTING AT ATLANTIC CITY.

THE FAVORITE SPORT ON PLEASANT DAYS—AMONG THE VISITORS.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 29 (Special).—The yacht-racing season was opened last Wednesday by the Corinthian fleet, and from now on there will be a succession of contests between owners of big boats, small boats and boats of all descriptions. Up to the present time the brisk spring winds have made the water almost too rough for contests between any of the white-winged racers, but now that pleasant weather is becoming more the rule than the exception, the pent-up rivalry is let loose and culminates in most exciting races between the various boats. The waters about Atlantic City make yacht-racing in this locality particularly pleasant and free from danger. This fact is one that is becoming known among New-York and Philadelphia yacht owners, and there is a strong probability this summer of the races not only being confined to local boats, but also participated in by yachtmen attached to different boating organizations in the two cities named.

A double wedding, in which two sisters were the brides, was solemnized the early part of this week at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Henry Belting. Miss Julia French was married to Captain William Hounslea, of Port Jefferson, L. I., and Miss Ella French to Charles Helmuth, of this city. The father of the brides is Captain Thomas E. French, a well-known resident.

Judge S. D. Morris and family, of Brooklyn, are prominent arrivals at the Pennhurst.

The Rev. J. Ward Gamble, of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, was the officiating clergyman at the ceremony uniting Thomas E. Gage and Miss Grace E. Burnham, both of this city, in marriage, Thursday.

The cornerstone of the new Episcopal Church of the Ascension, at Pacific and Kentucky aves., was laid on Thursday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies. The Right Rev. John Scarborough, Bishop of New-Jersey, officiated, and was assisted by a number of resident and visiting clergymen.

New-Yorkers at the different hotels are:

Brighton—Mrs. William Campbell, I. Deckeyse, Judge Miles Beach, G. J. Schaefer, M. C. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Chatillon and child, Miss Gertrude Chatillon, Mrs. John W. Auchincloss, Thomas H. Lauchee, Lewis M. Norwood, J. M. Pinkney and wife, C. S. Pinkney, Mrs. William Henry Harrison, Mrs. William H. Austine, T. Pinkney, T. C. Proctor, C. E. Buckley and wife, Miss Buckley, Mrs. Christopher Ronaldson, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Hiram Sibley, Mrs. and Miss Tyler, Miss L. A. Scull, Miss L. M. Servis, Miss Mathews, Miss Locke, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Talcott, Miss Spence, Edward T. Hill, wife and child, Miss Clinton, Charles F. Pregan, Fred S. Hart, Mrs. Hart, M. L. Mallory, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Oswander, Miss Driker.

Traymore—Mrs. A. D. A. Miller, Miss Jennie Holman, L. D. Howell, Edmund Young, child and nurse; Mrs. W. B. Barbours, Miss Lincoln P. Gold, J. H. Warner, William C. D. Emorest, Oliver J. T. Call, Julius Marcus, A. McKinley, Mrs. Edgar Cottrell, Miss Cottrell, Miss Nan Cottrell, Miss Florence Hague, Charles E. Merrill, Mrs. Moore, Miss Moore, Mrs. Moulrose, A. G. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mayer, E. Snedecor, Charles B. Treat, Mrs. C. Lichenstein, Miss Dorothy Lichenstein, Sidney Benheimer.

Windsor—T. Henry Dervey, D. Mullins, George D. Provost, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Potter, Miss Vernon, L. A. Van Praag, S. W. Dillingham, E. T. Dillingham, W. T. Bair, R. Buchanan, William M. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Gesner.

Waverley—Miss G. Rutnagel, George H. Rumbolit and family, William W. Oppenheimer, C. S. Spiegelberg, William S. Spiegelberg.

Hadden Hall—Mrs. Kathryn N. Kidder, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Mrs. I. H. Lindsley, Thomas T. Gurney, wife and child, Dr. Lewis A. Wendtout, T. I. Simpson and wife, Franklyn A. Moulton.

Chalfonte—The Misses Fenchmayer, Mrs. George W. Wyckoff, H. E. Walbridge, Miss Edith Walbridge, George Kendrickson, F. E. Walbridge, Mrs. T. A. Appleton, and Mr. and Mrs. George P. Way.

Isleworth—S. M. Gans, F. Marks, W. R. Rose and family, Miss J. Crane, I. Zeckel, Miss L. Lederer, Charles Lederer, Mrs. Flora Fondy, J. C. Fondy, A. Rosenheim and family, T. L. Youmans, wife and child, G. Siegel and wife, Mrs. B. Siegel, Miss Bella Siegel, Mrs. M. C. Lickton, Miss G. Lickton, Miss D. Lickken, Miss Grebe, Mrs. G. Fabian, child and nurse, H. S. Mainard.

IN THE BERKSHIRE HILLS.

A GOOD SEASON FOR THE MAKERS OF MAPLE SUGAR.

Pittsfield, Mass., April 29 (Special).—The Pittsfield street railway will have cost $120,000 when the $12,000 granted by the Legislature in bonds has been expended for new rails and equipments. The road has been a great convenience to the public in general, but it has never paid a dividend to the stockholders. They, however, are plucky and believe it will ultimately become a paying investment.

It has been the coldest April that has been known in Berkshire, according to the records, in a quarter of a century. There are few buds on the trees, and the snowdrifts are still seen on the surrounding hills. The deepest drift is probably on the east side of Greylock, which is now about twenty feet deep. There is another in a ravine in the town of Cheshire of about the same depth. The sugar-makers have had a good season. One man in the town of Middlefield, about twelve miles northeast of here, has 4,000 trees, and has made about three pounds to a tree. This is considerably more than usual. The maple-sugar makers of this country are taking advantage of the bounty, and are making considerable out of it this year. Little attention was paid to it last year.

A RECEPTION TO SENATOR DAWES.

Great Barrington, Mass., April 29 (Special).—The reception to be given to Senator Dawes and family next Friday will be a great social affair for Great Barrington and other towns in Southern Berkshire which will be represented. It is to be given in the Berkshire Inn, and Senator Dawes, assisted by Mrs. Dawes and Miss Dawes, will receive friends in the great dining-room from the windows of which may be seen the house in which William Cullen Bryant was married. Directly opposite is the great Searless Palace. The affair is gotten up by the members of the Thursday Morning Club, a literary society of women.

Landlord Ticknor, of the Berkshire Inn, is receiving many applications for board this coming summer.

Mr. McPherson, of New-York, has purchased an abandoned farm in Monterey, and will improve the property and build a handsome summer home upon it. It is on the shores of Lake Garfield and has a beautiful view in all directions.

WHEELMEN AND THE POOL LAW.

A PETITION FOR AN AMENDMENT IN CONNECTICUT—THE STATE PRISON.

Hartford, April 29 (Special).—The wheelmen of the State are up in arms over the Anti-Pool law, and have laid out a scheme which they think will bring to them the relief from its operations which they desire. They have formulated an amendment to the law which expressly gives them liberty to hold races and does away with the misapprehension that exists as to the application of the word pool. It will be signed largely by all the league clubs in the State and thousands of riders who are unattached, and it may also receive signatures from the directors of the agricultural fairs, who fear that the law will stop racing on their tracks. It is likely that within the next ten days the Legislature will have before it a monster petition, and it may have the effect of getting the amendment desired. As the law now stands there is constant liability to arrest if any