EARLY SPRING COAT OF GRAY-BLUE CLOTH, TRIMMED WITH BLACK VELVET AND PASSEMENTERIE.

ON DOMESTIC SERVICE.

MRS. NATHAN PLEADS THE CAUSE OF HOUSEWORKERS.

SHE SAYS THEY SHOULD HAVE SHORTER HOURS AND THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING THEIR MEN FRIENDS.

A large number of the members of the Household Economic Association and their guests met yesterday afternoon at the Industrial Building to consider the question of domestic service from an ethical standpoint.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, president of the Consumers' League, was introduced to the audience by Mrs. J. Dunn, president of the domestic science department of Brooklyn Institute. Mrs. Nathan prefaced her talk by saying that between all the societies interested in altruistic work there should be an esprit de corps. Describing the condition of a class of women who are forever "wanting" to do some good, she quoted the following:

"Once said an old woman of Lynn:
I'd like to be good
If I could;
But I don't know where to begin.'"

"A discussion of the ethics included in domestic service," continued the speaker, "implies two things—the responsibility and obligation of the housekeeper, and the corresponding responsibility and obligation of the houseworker. It is not necessary, in speaking to an audience made up of housekeepers, to speak of the various shortcomings of the houseworker, but there are some things to be considered.

"In factory and shop the wages are low for unskilled labor, but the hours have been shortened from fourteen to ten, with the prospect of a further reduction to eight. The privileges are enumerated with circumspection and with due regard to customary rules. In the household the wages are high, an average cook receiving the same salary as a teacher; but the hours are long and irregular. For the one the externals of home are provided, but for the other there are no claims upon the employer outside of business hours. Some household economists contend that the provision of the home should be taken away to insure shorter hours for the houseworker, but the privileges of a home are often the incentives that bring young girls into its protection.

"It seems to me," she added, "that to undo present conditions the best thing is to shorten the hours and arrange household work so as not to average more than sixty hours a week."

Among the essentials with which every housekeeper should see the houseworker provided, Mrs. Nathan enumerated a comfortable bedroom, all her own; the use of a bath, and a room where she may receive visitors. If there is no other room the kitchen should be provided with an evening dress.

Mrs. Nathan declared that it was putting a premium on clandestine meetings to forbid male visitors the house, but the employer should see to it that order was maintained and the house closed at a certain hour.

"Every woman is entitled to the love and devotion of a good man," said Mrs. Nathan, "and it is neither moral nor right to deny a girl this privilege."

Other points insisted upon were that children should be taught to treat domestics with deference and respect.

There should be immunity from constant suspicion, and when a reprimand was to be administered it should be done in private.

There will be no meeting of the association next Friday afternoon, because of the benefit to be given in the evening. The next regular meeting will be on Friday, April 1, when Mrs. Martha P. Sinclair will speak on "Foreign Housekeeping, in Italy, France and Germany."

A PEEP AT THE MARKETS.

Nowhere is the advent of spring so thoroughly established as in the appearance of the markets, which display all manner of inviting fresh things in fruit and vegetables. Strawberries are, however, still high, selling at from 40 cents to $1 a quart. Prices in other departments are as follows:

FISH.

North Carolina roe shad sell for $1 each; North Carolina buck shad, at 45 cents each; large bass, 26 cents a pound; medium bass, 24 cents; pan bass, 18 cents; large green bluefish, 20 cents; medium bluefish, frozen, 18 cents; blackfish, 15 cents; carp, 15 cents; market cod, 7 cents; codfish steaks, 12 cents; live codfish, 10 cents; dressed cels, small, 12 cents; large dressed eels, 16 cents; flounders, 65 cents; flukes, 9 cents; large fresh mackerel, 30 cents each; haddock, 7 cents a pound; herring, 7 cents; chicken halibut, 15 cents; green Southern kingfish, 30 cents; large live lobsters, 20 cents; pompano, 30 cents; small red snappers, 15 cents; Western salmon, 28 cents; green Southern Spanish mackerel, 20 cents; native Spanish mackerel, 35 cents; Southern sheepshead, 16 cents; green smelts, 18 cents; large smelts, 18 cents; large green sea bass, 16 cents; skate or rayfish, 9 cents; fresh-caught salmon trout, 16 cents; frozen salmon trout, 14 cents; tomcods, 9 cents; small weakfish, 14 cents; large weakfish, 16 cents; whitebait, 24 cents; large white perch, 16 cents; small white perch, 12 cents; whitefish, 16 cents; cod tongues, 25 cents; crab meat, 35 cents; crawfish, $2 50 a hundred; large frog legs, 60 cents a pound; hard crabs, $3 a hundred; oyster crabs, 12 cents an ounce; large scallops, $1 75 a gallon, and green turtle, 12 cents a pound.

POULTRY.

Philadelphia capons are 30 cents a pound; Western capons, 24 cents; Philadelphia spring roasting chickens, 20 cents; Philadelphia spring broilers, $1 75 a pair; State spring roasting chickens, 18 cents a pound; State spring broilers, $1 25 a pair; Vermont ducks, frozen, 16 cents a pound; celery ducklings, 20 cents; Vermont geese, frozen, 15 cents; Boston spring goslings, 20 cents; wild mongrel geese, 25 cents; wild turkeys, 20 cents; Philadelphia fowl, 14 cents; State fowl, 12 cents; salad fowl, 10 cents; Philadelphia squabs, white, $3 50 a dozen; Philadelphia squabs, dark, $2 a dozen; tame pigeons, $1 25 a dozen; prairie chicken and grouse, $1 50 a dozen; partridge, $2 a pair; ptarmigan, $1 25 a pair; woodcocks, $1 25 a pair; English pheasants, $3 a pair; brant ducks, $1 50; ruddy ducks, $1; blue teal ducks, $1 25 a pair; mallard ducks, $1 50 a pair; canvas-back ducks, $5 a pair; redhead ducks, $2 50 a pair; blackhead ducks, 90 cents a pair; rabbits, 40 cents a pair; quail, $3 a dozen; English snipe, $1; golden plover, $3 60; grass plover, $3, and reedbirds, $1 a dozen.

VEGETABLES.

Asparagus, 40 cents to $1 a bunch; Jerusalem artichokes, 15 cents a quart; wax beans, 18 cents; new beets, 10 cents a bunch, three for 25 cents; chives, 9 cents a bunch; hothouse cucumbers, 25 cents each; cauliflower, 10 to 40 cents a head; table celery, 65 cents to $1 50 a bunch; chevril, 12 cents a bunch; chicory, 10 cents; corn salad, 9 cents a quart; watercress, 5 cents a bunch; dandelion, 12 cents; escarole salad, 9 cents; eggplant, 6 to 15 cents each; leeks, 4 cents; lettuce, 5 to 10 cents a head; mushrooms, 60 to 90 cents a pound; oyster plant, 10 cents a bunch; green onions, 6 cents a bunch; peppers, 25 cents a dozen; Bermuda potatoes, 12 cents a quart; old potatoes, $1 50 to $2 50 a barrel; sweet potatoes, 45 cents a half-peck; Spanish onions, 4 cents a pound; pumpkins, 6 to 40 cents each; romain salad, 6 cents a bunch; radishes, 4 cents; rhubarb, 10 cents; spinach, 25 cents a half-peck; sorrel, 15 cents a bunch; tomatoes, 12 cents a pound; white turnips, 16 cents a small measure, and tarragon, 14 cents a bunch.

THE PASSING OF "NO. 27."

WELL-KNOWN HOME ON WASHINGTON SQUARE CLOSES TO-DAY.

The woman's boarding-house at No. 27 Washington Square North, which during the last thirty years has been identified with all that means home in the minds of hundreds of women, closes to-day.

The work, however, will be carried on at No. 49 West Ninth-st., and the Ladies' Christian Union that has it in charge decided a few days ago to give preference to younger applicants in the future than those the Home has been in the habit of taking. Miss E. G. Cunningham is "house mother," having succeeded the late Mrs. Marsh, who was for many years the head of the work.

A woman who has been deeply interested in the work of "old No. 27" said yesterday to a Tribune reporter:

"The hundreds of women who have made the old house their home during the years since its opening represented many sides of life—the humorous, the pathetic and often a curious combination of both. I venture to say that there is scarcely an occupation that has not been engaged in by our girls, though business women, teachers and students predominated. Missionaries from far-off countries spent their vacations with us and told stories of the lands they labored in; young girls whose stage aspirations and failures taught them many bitter lessons, artists and singers who have since charmed more critical audiences than 'No. 27' afforded, stopped with us and left the memories that we cannot carry to the new place.

"It was from our home that young Alice Lyle went, full of ambition and hope, to the missionary fields of Africa, so anxious to get there that she went on a sailing vessel, rather than wait for funds from any society, and died for a tropical fever a few months later, though her heroic death did more to revive evangelic enthusiasm than her life could ever have done."

GATHERED HERE AND THERE.

The Rev. Celia Parker Wooley has the courage of her convictions, and has excited Chicago society by declaring the chaperon to be "a fad, a folly." She says: "It is an importation from Europe, where Oriental ideas of women prevail, and tends to develop an unwholesome self-consciousness in girls and makes self-reliance a reproach."

Mme. Adelina Patti is at present at the Hotel Continental, Paris, where she will remain in seclusion some weeks. She has cancelled her engagement at Monte Carlo, and will not appear at the Riviera this season. She expects to remain at her home in Wales till late in spring, when she will resume her professional engagements.

Much regret is expressed among the friends of Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickinson that continued ill-health has compelled her to resign her office as president of the National Council of Women. This is one of the largest organizations of women in the world, and for two years Mrs. Dickinson has given faithful and efficient service to the arduous duties of the president. In early life Mrs. Dickinson was deeply interested in schools, having been vice-principal of Vassar at the early age of twenty-four, and in later years actively engaged in aiding the cause of working women. Mrs. May Wright Sewell, of Indianapolis, has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of office as president of the council.

At the last weekly session of the Lady Dumont Bowling Club, at Tebbe's alleys, ten members took part in the prize contest. Mrs. McLeish was the lucky winner, with 123 pins to her credit; Mrs. George Cozine scored 129, Mrs. Tebbe and Mrs. Roeder, 127 each; Miss F. Eckerson, 126; Mrs. Elias Powell, 120; Mrs. Lundberg, 117, Mrs. E. Looker, 116, and Mrs. Biers and Mrs. Benemetis, 100 each.

RENE DOUMIC TO BE AT THE ADELPHI.

Professor V. E. Scharff, who is in charge of the French department at Adelphi College, announces a conference in French, conducted by the French author and critic, M. René Doumic, in Adelphi College Hall, Brooklyn, Clifton Place entrance, today at 3 o'clock. The subject of the lecture is "La Jeune Fille Dans la Littérature Française."

All who desire to attend the lecture should apply at the bursar's office for tickets, or address either the bursar or Professor V. E. Scharff, Adelphi College. M. Doumic is associated with M. Brunetière as director of the Revue des deux Mondes, and is the author of a standard history and critique of contemporary French writers. He came to this country by invitation of the French association of Harvard University.

MISS THOMPSON'S BIBLE LECTURES.

Miss Jane De Groff Thompson's course of lecture-lessons on the Bible are attracting the attention of many students of the Scriptures, and are well attended. Yesterday morning she addressed a drawing-room meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis H. Lapham, The Tiffany, No. 27 East Seventy-second-st., on "The Cord of His Inheritance." A few of those who listened to her were:

Mrs. H. G. Lapham, Mrs. Arnold Schlact, Mrs. C. M. Johnson, Miss Helen Gould, Miss Virginia Orton, Miss May Tiffany, Miss N. A. Dearborn, Miss Helen Longworthy, Miss A. G. Rockwell, Mrs. S. Wandell, Mrs. Charles H. Parkhurst, Mrs. Edward C. Bates, Mrs. J. D. Wheaton, Mrs. Philip Sydney Ewain, Mrs. Charles N. Snow and Mrs. James Tolman Pyle.

Miss Thompson will speak before Lent is over at the homes of Miss Helen Gould, No. 857 Fifth-ave., and Mrs. James L. Weed, No. 39 West Twenty-fifth-st., and at the school of the Misses Bliss and Whitfield, No. 41 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fourth-st.

FELLOWSHIP FOR A BALTIMORE WOMAN.

An association of Baltimore women has contributed $500 to found a fellowship for foreign study, and it will be offered to some worthy young woman during the year. From among the applicants will be chosen the young woman best fitted by natural ability and testimonials to health, character and adaptability.

One of the members of the association said yesterday: "We propose giving the fellowship to the women of Baltimore or its vicinity, and we have no fears for its ultimate success. The Woman's Educational Association of Boston has established a precedent in this, and has been so successful that we are encouraged to go on. In all pursuits where brains and ability are needed, women should meet on an equal footing with men. The Johns Hopkins University ought to open its doors; it would be only another mark of its Christianity if it would, and Christianity leads the van of advancement and education."

Among the founders of the fellowship are Mrs. J. S. B. Hodges, Mrs. Lawrason Riggs, Mrs. Fahan Franklin, Dr. Lillian Welsh, Dr. Mary Sherwood, Miss Elizabeth T. King, Miss Abell, Miss Eaton, Miss Rogers, Miss McLane and Mrs. Buckler.

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Society of the Lying-In Hospital of the City of New-York will be given this afternoon and evening at the Waldorf-Astoria. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital has taken an active part in arranging the affair.

The Swâmi Abhedânanda will lecture this morning at Mott Memorial Hall, No. 64 Madison-ave., on "The Vedante Conception of God."

The New-Hampshire Daughters of the American Revolution will entertain members and friends this afternoon at the Hotel Vendome, Boston.

Memorial services for the late Frances Willard will be held this afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, in the Congregational Church, at Clinton and Lafayette aves., Brooklyn. Mrs. E. W. Greenwood will deliver an address on "Lessons From the Bethany Home."

The Woman's Aid Society of All Saints' Memorial Church will hold a "rainbow bazaar" in the parish house to-day. Among those interested are Mrs. David L. Schwartz, Mrs. Jasper Lynch, Mrs. James Converse, Mrs. Walter R. Bynner, Mrs. John H. Steuart, Miss Rhoda Wilkinson, Mrs. Kingdon, Mrs. Albert M. Bradshaw, Mrs. David B. Plumer, Mrs. Mattie V. Willis and Mrs. Samuel S. Taylor.

A sale for the benefit of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary Board of the Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn, will be given this afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. R. Hawley, No. 4 Clark-st., by the members of the Dr. John Lord Reading Circle. Among the members are Miss Edna Beam, Miss M. Louise Burtis, Mrs. Arthur Bell, Mrs. William W. Buckley, Miss Ella Greason, Miss M. Goddard, Miss Edith Putnam, Miss Sayre, Miss Ida Sayre and Miss Gertrude Turner.

Mrs. Jeannette Robinson Murphy entertained a large audience last night at Rutgers Riverside Church, Seventy-third-st. and the Boulevard, with a programme of negro interpretations. Among the songs given were: "I Done Done What Yer Tole Me Ter Do," and "Gawd Bless Dem Yankees, We Lub 'Em Sweet."

The annual exhibition given by the Society of American Artists will be opened to-day, and will continue until April 23. A "Varnishing Day" reception was given yesterday.

Rudyard Kipling will be discussed at the March meeting of the New-York Wellesley Club, which will be held to-day at 2:30 o'clock, at No. 701 Carnegie Hall, at Seventh-ave. and Fifty-sixth-st.

WOMEN OVER THE SEA.

Mme. Payer, a Swiss woman who has taken the degree of doctor of medicine, is strongly opposed to tight boots and gloves, corsets and long skirts. Her arguments are said to be so convincing that at the close of one of her lectures more than one hundred women pledged themselves to discard corsets and to wear dresses ten inches from the ground.

The Queen of Greece is the only woman admiral in the world. The rank was conferred on her by the German Emperor, and she also holds a commission in the Russian Navy.

The beautiful and much-talked-of Queen Natalie of Servia is about to say farewell to the world and hide herself and her troubled life in a convent. Her dissolute husband, King Milan, or ex-King Milan, is the fifth in descent from what is called the dynasty of Swineherds, and her son, for whom the father, having made himself totally unbearable, abdicated his throne, has shown decided traits of imbecility. Queen Natalie has nothing more of joy to expect in life, and seeks what peace may be found in the cloister.

The Countess of Warwick is advocating a settlement of women agriculturists. She does not propose that they should actually follow the plough, but thinks they might find both profit and pleasure in making butter and raising poultry.

It is now generally known to admirers of the late Sir Frederick Leighton's pictures that the model who is represented on nearly all his canvases since his famous painting, "Cymon and Iphigenia," is Miss Dorothy Dene, of London. Miss Dene is said to be the most beautiful woman in England. Each line of her face and figure is purely classical, her height is rather above the average, her limbs are long and lithe and her neck and shoulders are exquisitely moulded. Her eyes are violet, her complexion is perfect, and her hair golden, wavy and plentiful. Miss Dene's features can be readily recognized in the reclining figure in "Cymon and Iphigenia," in the maiden who is catching the ball in "Greek Girls Playing Ball" and in "Summer Moon," where her beautiful arms may be noted. Miss Dene is extremely popular in England, where she is not only recognized as Queen of Beauty, but as an actress. In 1893 she undertook to produce here the classical plays that had been popular in England, but they did not seem to hit the popular fancy, and the tour was abandoned. Miss Dene's home is in South Kensington, London.

The most distinguished of recent arrivals in the Riviera, according to "The London Mail," is the King of Belgium's eldest daughter. Exceedingly fond of horses, the Princess Louise drove all the way from Monte Carlo to Nice in a victoria drawn by four superb grays, her royal hands holding the ribbons. Her Highness was accompanied by her daughter, the young Princess Dorothea. Princess Louise, like her mother, has a passion for horses, and her arrival at the magnificent Villa Il Paradiso was preceded by a stud of fourteen first-class trotters.

Dr. McFall, husband of "Mme. Sarah Grand," died lately at Orford Barracks, Warrington. He was over sixty years old, and had been medical officer to the depot for nearly twenty years.

QUAINT LUNCHEON INVITATION.

A clever literary woman who, with her husband, lives in a studio building in Fifth-ave., near Eighteenth-st., sent out not long since an interesting luncheon invitation to some jolly girl bachelors. The paper on which the invitation was printed in pen and ink was scorched to represent the stains of time, and the verses were illustrated with pen and ink sketches, setting forth the sentiment of each line. The invitation was tied at each end with pink tape woven in and out of the paper, and adorned by a large seal in purple wax. Folded three times, the tapes were sealed together on the outside, and a third dab of wax, artistically stamped, welded the edges securely together. The missive, which looked, indeed, like a serious legal document, with its red and purple seals, was addressed on the outside, no envelope being used, "To Mistress Sarah Jane." Inside the page read:

BIDDING TO A GOSSIP JUNKET.

To Mistress Sarah Jane, greetings by these presents from Mistress Gaynor Gray:
Goode Gossip, trythe hie thee to Mine House,
That over is against ye Wallace Inne;
There brew we possets, junket and carouse
Wt' seven more dyed deep as Thou in Sinne.

When Janus moon's sayes number twenty-eight,
When Grace Church bell hathe chappit seven at eve,
Come tirl ye lynch-pinne of my postern gate,
& fearless mounte, for my Goode lorde doth leave.

& prythee some Sweete scandal bryngе alonge;
Our neighbors' faults us merrie sports shall make—
So come, if Thou wouldst save Thyne own Fayre name,
& be not late, I praye, for Mercy sake!

The margins of the paper were quaintly adorned with figures and symbols, the whole thing having a fascinating air of antiquity and pleasant mystery.

HOW DUSE ORDERS GOWNS.

It is a lovely thing to be a Duse and therefore possessed of an authority before which Victoria's sway is insignificant. A London paper tells of an incident that emphasizes this. A short time ago Duse was to play in Monte Carlo, and decided at the last moment that she wanted some new gowns. So she wired to Worth: "Day after to-morrow I play 'La Dame aux Camelias.' Can you let me have four dresses? I want one for each act, as beautiful as you can make them." The journey from Paris to Monte Carlo requires twenty hours—nearly one of the two days! Could sovereign have given loftier command?

But M. Worth had no thought of disobedience. A marvellous ball dress of white satin, embroidered with gold and pearls, its long train smothered in point d'Alencon, was created as if by magic. More than a hundred yards of white mousseline de soie were fluffed into a robe for the last scene. In spite of the mad haste everything was as perfectly finished as if time waited for Duse. In fifteen hours the task was finished and the four dresses neatly packed and on their way to Queen Eleanora Duse.

EVOLUTION OF THE CORSET.

"Mighty things from small beginnings grow," said Dryden, and so it has been with the corset. The Greeks and Romans admired slight and yielding figures, and stoutness was considered a deformity. Bandages were worn, which consisted of the strophium, the cloth worn around the bosom; the tenia, a simple band below, and the zona, or waist belt. Some contend that the ancients wore veritable corsets, arguing that Homer, in speaking of Juno's toilet when she wishes to captivate Jupiter, described a Greek corset; and that the cuirass of Minerva, as described by Virgil, signifies the same thing, but many maintain that evidence is all against these theories, as no monument of antiquity gives any hint of the use of stiff, unyielding corsets.

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

Communications have been received from Mrs. Gaddis, Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, K. I. Hibbard, Mrs. William Brown, M. H., Emma T. Roberts, Ruby Swezy, Ella W. Autrim, C. S. Donaldson, E. F. S., Mrs. H. G. Jayne, Alice V. Colby, Miss E. L. Nedham, Sarah T. Barlow, Bertha Zoeller, C. E. T., Mrs. Percy V. G. Mitchell, Mrs. W. N. Sperry, Alice L. Morrell, per J. V. A. M.; Octogenarian, Miss M. J. Goodrich and M. P. Britt.

The following contributions have been sent in: "Ladies' Home Journals" and "Monthly Musical Record" from Kate Percy Douglas; a book entitled "Helps for Home Nursing," from Irene H. Ovington; one roll of reading matter, without the name of the sender, and another from E. L. C.

A. W. Lincoln, of Morris Plains, N. J., sent to the office a large bundle, containing forty pieces of cotton cloth of different patterns, each piece large enough to make a dress for a small child.

The new members enrolled to-day are Alice V. Colby, Alice L. Morrell, Jennie A. Fowler, Mrs. Hays and Katherine T. Poste.

Communications have been received from Mrs. C. G. Payne, C. D. V., Katherine T. Poste, H. P., Mrs. Frank Corduan, Mrs. C. H. Gillons, Etta W. Condit, E. C. Shaw, Harriet Lockman, M. S., Mrs. Charles Taintor, Edwin F. Beemer, A. S. Frothingham, Susan C. Macvey, S. H. Mead, A. M. Green, Annie L. Mahler and Ruth Sterry.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following contributions have been sent in: Four dollars from Mrs. Charles Taintor, ten Easter cards from J. W., cancelled stamps from John Krell, seven Easter cards and booklets from M. E. B. S., three Easter booklets from Miss H. A. Payne, reading matter from Mrs. Joseph E. Bailey and Harriet C. Vincent, and cancelled stamps and a box of pens from Miss Anna Tuckerman.

SUNSHINE GIFTS.

Mrs. Annie L. Mahler, of Union Square, Oswego County, N. Y., reports additional contributions of dried fruit and materials for fancy work from Mrs. T. A. Morris; stationery from Miss C. A. Volk, reading matter from Charles Wingate and Mrs. Mart, and Woman's Pages from Mrs. W. I. Wood and E. A. B.

President-General of the T. S. S.: Mrs. Susan Macvey thanks the members of the T. S. S. who so kindly sent congratulations and gifts on her ninety-fourth birthday. She would like them to know that the day's enjoyment was greatly increased by their kind attention.

The oldest member, Mrs. Loomis, sent a pretty knitted tea-cosey, which is highly appreciated, and gifts were sent by the following members: Katharine P. Campbell, A. E. Jennings, Mrs. William M. Whitney, Blennie Sickmond, Miss Sprague, M. D. Taintor, Miss Bellesille, Miss E. L. Scofield, Mrs. A. G. Snell, Anna M. Underhill, Mrs. E. Parsons, Miss Sara Maxwell, Isabel C. Lawton, Mrs. E. P. Needham, Mrs. G. F. Pentecost, Mrs. R. D. Baldwin, Mrs. M. E. McClary, Elizabeth S. McDonald, E. M. Volckmann, May Stelle and Lucy Philo. Sincerely yours, SUSAN C. MACVEY.
No. 143 West Tenth-st., New-York.

The chief mistakes of life, condensed into fourteen, are sent by the Rev. Dr. Lockwood:

It is a great mistake to set up your own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accordingly.
To measure the enjoyment of others by our own.
To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.
To look for judgment and experience in youth.
To endeavor to mould all dispositions alike.
Not to yield to immaterial trifles.
To look for perfection in our own actions.
To worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied.
Not to alleviate all that needs alleviation as far as lies in our power.
Not to make allowances for the infirmities of others.
To consider everything impossible that we cannot perform.
To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.
To expect to be able to understand everything.
The greatest of mistakes is to live for time alone, when any moment may launch us into eternity.

"Uncle Dan" reports the following contributions of reading matter received at the Evans (Col.) branch of the T. S. S. from friends in the East: "Pocket Magazine" from Mabel Vickroy, "Outlook" from Mrs. Grace Darling, The Tribunes from Mrs. T. E. Parsons, "McClure's," "Munsey's" and "Illustrated" from Mrs. E. H. Kreemer; books from Miss A. E. Doty and Mrs. Thatcher, "Christian Herald" from Emma F. Cragin, and other reading matter from D. Van Voorhis, W. F. Wood, G. O. W., C. M. G. and Mrs. Pentecost. As the warm sunshine now begins to be reflected from the foothills, "Uncle Dan" will begin distributing T. S. S. reading matter among the miners in the mountains.

The poem, "The Children," by Charles Dickens, contributed by H. C. P., is too long for publication, but will be passed on to any one desiring it. It was found on the desk of Dickens after his death.

I toiled. My tools were taken from my hand.
I sought for more, and straightaway was laid down.
"What shall I do?" I sobbed. Then saw I stand
O'er me my Master, and without a frown
Thus did He pitying answer me: "Be still.
This is thy time to hear, and mine to show
To thee and in thee all My holy will:
And what I do to-day thou canst not know,
But thou shalt know hereafter," said my Lord.
"On thee, not by thee, must My work be wrought."
And thereupon some echoes of the Word,
That with a keenly hearkening ear I caught,
After hard struggles, brought me peace at length:
"In quietness and strength shall be thy strength."
—(Sarah Hammond Palfrey.

Sent by E. R. S.

Will the Sunshine member who received the "Rhymes of the Books of the Bible" please send a copy to Mrs. W. D. Godley, Sherman Square Hotel, New-York City?

The President-General is gratified to learn that several Sunshine members have already responded to the request to send reading matter to C. C. Gettys, of North Carolina, where it is greatly needed.

May every soul that touches mine,
Be it the slightest contact, get therefrom some good,
Some little grace; one kindly thought,
An aspiration yet unfelt; one bit of courage
For the darkening sky; one gleam of faith to brave the thickening ills of life;
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mists,
To make this life worth while and heaven a surer heritage,
May this assurance that this heavenly gift
Has been vouchsafed me be within my heart
When the last hour comes,
Then I shall know
Thy spirit hath been with Thy erring child,
And Thou wilt take the soul that Thou hast saved
To be with Thee. Amen.

Sent by "A Reader of The Tribune."

A PLEA FOR THE BIRDS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I hope the following lines will do a little good in their small way. The statement that "in one year five million birds were slaughtered to bedeck women's bonnets," inspired the lines:

God save the birds! Five million tiny throats
Are yearly stilled;
Five million homes made tenantless, once with
Wee "barnies" filled;
Five million precious choristers of God's
Own temple slain!
A world made tuneless, since but they
Know aught of God's refrain.

Oh, human mother, in whose heart love's
Message has been heard;
Know that the same sweet message comes
To every mother-bird;
Then raise your standard nobly, with
A purpose, strong, intense,
Against the cruel slaughter of the
Helpless innocents.

Yours truly, MARGARET N. GOODNOW.
Salem, Ill., March 8, 1898.

ALASKAN MISSION WORK.

Mrs. Austin, of the Sitka Mission, Alaska, recently reported to the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, under which she is working, that great changes are being wrought there by the missionaries. Among other things, she notes that "the older natives look forward to the coming of Christmas with the greatest delight, for they take as much pleasure in giving as in receiving gifts." For many years their chief concern appeared to be, What can we get? When they brought their children to the Home they would ask, "How much will you give me for my child?" Now they say, "We want you to take them as your own, and teach them everything." They want to have them learn domestic work and trades, and are also anxious to have them receive religious instruction.

EDITOR OF "THE TATLER."

The leading society paper of St. Augustine, Fla., is edited by a woman, Mrs. Anna M. Marcotta. It is a weekly publication of twenty-four pages, and is issued under the name "The Tatler." In spite of its frivolous name, "The Tatler" does not hesitate to attack weighty subjects and to express decided opinions on all the questions of the day.

SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE PARTY.

A NURSERY WILL RECEIVE $300 FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT.

For the benefit of the Riverside Day Nursery a ladies' euchre party was given yesterday afternoon in the double ballroom of the Hotel Majestic, under the management of Mrs. E. H. Porter.

About three hundred women played, and the affair was a financial success. Mrs. Edgar M. Hoagland, the chairman, said she hoped to be able to turn into the nursery fund about $300. The guests expressed themselves as being particularly pleased with this, as well as with the management's care of their hats and wraps.

Thirty-two prizes were offered, the first one being a large cut-glass toilet bottle, which was much admired. The others were two plates on handsome easels, five beautiful vases, a Venetian dish, one exquisite cut-glass ornament, a silver salted-almond dish, a small gold clock set in rhinestones and gold, a mirror in gold, a beautiful salad fork and spoon, a pretty delft lamp, a handsome cake plate, a lavender frame, a picture frame of gold lacework, a beautiful fan, a cut-glass celery dish, a blue rose jar, a syrup jug of cut glass, an umbrella, a dainty inkstand and penrest of delft, and a jewel case.

Among the players were Mrs. Edgar Hoagland, Mrs. A. Bage, Mrs. J. E. Mastin, Mrs. C. F. Terhune, Mrs. J. D. Slack, Mrs. J. E. Harrington, Mrs. T. C. Oakley, Mrs. E. B. Harper, Mrs. J. C. Coleman, Mrs. H. C. Conger, Mrs. Tenbrock, Mrs. M. C. Peters and Mrs. Eugene Porter.

NEW-ENGLAND WOMAN'S DAY.

ST. PATRICK HONORED AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA.

The New-England women gave a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday, and the green of Erin was conspicuous. In the decoration of the tables it was intermingled with the club colors of red and white.

The favors were cards, decorated with golden harps and shamrocks, and the plate marks were tied in green, covering red and white carnations.

With the president, Mrs. Gerry Slade, and the vice-president, Mrs. Cole, at the table of honor were Mrs. Henry Pierce, president of Clio; Mrs. Arthur Elliott Fish, the Rev. Mrs. Hanaford and Miss Marston, president of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs. A musical and literary programme followed the luncheon.

Mrs. Slade gave the address of the occasion, and John Dillon amused the women with Irish impersonations. Mrs. Flinn sang "The Kerry Dances," and a paper by Mrs. Henry Pierce on "The Origin of St. Patrick's Day" was read. Miss Bownell sang "Kathleen Mavourneen" and "Killarney," and Irish recitations were rendered by Mrs. Otis Dillenvaugle.

Marion Wheeler, of Boston, sent a poem of greeting to the New-England women, and it was read by Mrs. Fish. A violin solo by Miss MacIntyre closed the amusement programme.

FRUIT AND OTHER TONICS FOR SPRING.

Delicate acid desserts or salads are especially wholesome and delicious at this season of the year, when almost every one feels the need of this kind of diet.

Pickles are by no means so deleterious to the health as some would have us believe. Used in moderation, they are necessary to some, and the old saying, "One man's meat is another's poison," certainly applies here.

The best way of meeting the loss of appetite and languor so common in the spring is with acid salads of good green herbs and of fruits used in desserts.

Lemons are in good supply at this season, and they make excellent puddings, as well as pies. A properly prepared lemon sauce is one of the best accompaniments of an apple or a batter pudding. Valencia and other oranges from the Mediteranean are now sold at a low price, and nothing could be better for dessert, either with hot pudding or cold jellies. The variety is much larger than the popular choice desserts would indicate, as about one-fourth of the peel of oranges or lemons should be used with juice; indeed, orange desserts are almost tasteless if made without grated peel. Only the reddish-skined ones have a sweet rind, and therefore are the only ones valuable in cookery. They are raised now in California as well as on the borders of the Mediterranean. Every scrap should be saved to be put in the dessert or to be candied or made into orange extract.

The bitter rinds of pale-skinned oranges, which usually have the sweetest pulp, may be used for kindling, and will prove as useful as kerosene, though not at all dangerous. They must be kept in a warm place where they can dry, and the odor given forth when they burn will make them pleasant as well as a desirable substitute for fuel. Only a few peels are needed to kindle a fire.

The strawberry pineapple is another cheap fruit which may be advantageously used in the spring. It makes a delicious hot dumpling or fruit fritter, and, mixed with cocoanut or without, a good jelly or Bavarian cream can be produced. The juice of the pineapple has in some cases cured obstinate cases of indigestion.

Grape fruit is also a valuable tonic for breakfast food, and is served after the bitter skin and rind have been torn off.

THE TRIBUNE PATTERN.

A TISSUE-PAPER PATTERN OF CHILD'S BLOUSE DRESS, NO. 7,297, FOR COUPON AND 10 CENTS.

Nothing makes prettier or more attractive frocks for little girls than figured French challie. The model shown in the illustration is eminently stylish; at the same time it is entirely simple. The foundation for the blouse is a fitted body lining

NO. 7,297—CHILD'S BLOUSE DRESS.

that closes at the centre-back. The yoke portion of tucked India silk is seamed at the shoulders and attached to the lining at the line of perforations shown in the pattern. The blouse portion below is seamed under the arms only and pouches over the belt at both front and back. The sleeves are two-seamed and snug-fitting, but are finished at the shoulders with small puffs, which support the divided bretelles. The latter, which are edged with lace, form a becoming trimming, and serve to conceal the joining of yoke and blouse. The skirt is straight and hemmed at the bottom, the fulness at the waist being arranged in gathers and attached to the band. At the neck is a collar of striped ribbon, and at the waist a sash of the same bowed at the back.

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NOTED PEOPLE AT CHIROPEAN.

At the March social meeting of the Chiropean that was held last Thursday at the Knapp Mansion, Brooklyn, "The Art of Living with Others" was discussed. The question was presented by Mrs. Daniel T. Wilson, and then taken up by Mrs. Andrew Jacobs, Miss Nettie Lamb, Mrs. John B. Phillips, Mrs. Agnes B. Ormsbee, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, Mrs. J. H. Hobbs, of the Jamaica Woman's Club, and Mrs. Charles H. Dennison, vice-president of Sorosis. Miss Sara Brown read one of Mrs. Sangster's poems, and there were songs by the Carol Club and a solo by Mrs. Kathrene Cavannah Parker.

MEN AND WOMEN GRADUATES

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

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THE OTHER SPEAKERS.

The New-York Association of Alumni of Syracuse University held its seventh annual dinner last evening at the Hotel Savoy. Syracuse was one of the first colleges in this country to admit women as students, consequently it was not at all strange that many of the graduates present last evening were women. Not all were alumnæ, for some of the alumni brought their wives with them. Before the dinner proper the association elected for the coming year the following officers: President, William H. Ives; vice-presidents, the Rev. Karl Schwartz, assistant rector of Zion and St. Timothy's Protestant Episcopal Church; Dr. Charles O. Dewey and