NEWPORT IN MID-AUGUST.

THE SEASON OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENTS AT HAND — OUT OF DOOR SPORTS THAT ATTRACT ATTENTION—NOTES OF THE SUMMER VISITORS.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 18 (Special).—With mid-August the social season here is reaching its height, and from now until well into September there will be an almost continual round of indoor entertainments and outdoor sports. Already social functions have become so numerous that there are conflicts of dates, and there has been much manœuvring, not always successful, to prevent the larger events from falling upon the same night or following too closely one upon another. At the same time the entertainments are much more elaborate in character than were those given during the early part of the season, and in the effort to present something novel for the pleasure of their guests many of the hostesses have already introduced or are promising new and interesting features for the dinner, the dance or the reception.

For this week there was a notable social function for each evening after Monday. These began with Mrs. Ogden Goelet's dinner and dance for her daughter on Tuesday, which marked the opening of Ochre Court for a large social entertainment for the first time in its history, and which, it is understood, is to be the first in a brilliant series of entertainments. Wednesday night came the third in Mrs. William Astor's series of dinners, and on the same evening a dinner dance by Mrs. Ogden Mills, in honor of the young daughters of the house. Thursday night Mrs. Gerry's dinner musical was something of a novelty, in that dinner dances are more customary, and perhaps also more popular, society people seeming as a general rule to care more for dancing than for music after dinner. Mrs. Dyer's housewarming Friday had been looked forward to with interest, and proved one of the most notable and enjoyable affairs of the summer. To-day's special feature is the union outing and baseball game of the Kat Bote Klub and the Clambake Club, on the grounds of the latter, at which the fun was expected to be fast and furious.

For next week there are already four prominent fixtures—Mrs. Brooks's dance for Monday, Mrs. Fish's ball for Wednesday, Mrs. Goelet's dance for Friday and Mrs. Oelrichs's housewarming for Saturday, each of which is doubtless destined to take place among the leading occurrences of the season. Other functions of an elaborate nature are to follow, although not yet definitely announced, and some of these may be postponed until September. The Horse Show during the first week in that month and the fashionable weddings which will take place later will serve to keep the summer residents here in large numbers well toward October, and many entertainments will be given after the heat of August is past. September is always a favorite time for outdoor functions, and picnics and outings on the farms and groves on the island will, as in former years, help entertain the cottagers until the end of the long season.

As in former days with the Goelet Cup races, the Astor Cup races, which succeed them, were made the great society yachting event of the year. Large parties were taken out to see the start and follow the race by the big steam craft, especially by Captain John Jacob Astor, the donor of the cups, on the Nourmahal, and by ex-Commodores E. T. Gerry and J. P. Morgan, on the Electra and the Corsair, respectively. Numbers of smaller boats also had parties on board, and all society may be said to have been afloat for the day. Later in the week the special races for the 70-footers were resumed, but failed to attract much interest in fashionable circles.

Tuesday the scene shifted again, this time to the Casino grounds, where the championship lawn tennis tournament opened its week of daily play. Each morning throngs of fashionable folk crowded the grounds, many of whom came to watch the play, while many others were attracted more by the social features of the occasion than by the tennis itself, more by the chat and gossip of the day than by the score and the skill shown on the courts. The presence of the two crack English players in the long list of entries added brilliancy to the contest, and the crowds continue to grow in size as the tournament progresses toward its end, early next week.

Before tennis is off the boards polo begins to compete with it for popularity among the summer people, the tournament matches opening this afternoon for a two weeks' run. In these days this competition is almost hopeless, though there was a time when almost nothing could keep society from the polo field, not only when the tournament was in progress, but even on days of ordinary play by local devotees of the sport. But the day of polo popularity has passed by, and it takes a big drawing card nowadays to attract a large following to the new field at the Country Club's grounds. The contests will be for the Newport cups, the Westchester Polo Club cups and a flat contest for special cups, and the entries and drawings give promise of excellent sport.

At the Golf Club the mixed foursomes, the Ladies' Cup tournament, the weekly handicaps and matches on other days will lead up the interest in that sport to the open tournament, which will begin August 28 and continue about a week. The play will be for four trophies, the President's Cup, offered by Egerton L. Winthrop; a consolation cup, by the Greens Committee; a handicap cup, by the governors of the club, and a gold medal, offered by the club for the best score for thirty-six holes in any medal play competition during the progress of the tournament.

During the first week in September, for three days, the Newport Horse Show will be the great attraction and will afford opportunity for numerous social entertainments. That the Horse Show is again this season to be a social show as well is evidenced by the long and brilliant list of persons who have already taken boxes for the exhibition. With few exceptions all the eighty-seven boxes are already reserved, the names of the holders being practically a catalogue of the summer colony. As usual, the cottage people are taking an active interest in the show, in the way of offering special prizes for various classes of exhibits. Among those already announced are prizes by W. Watts Sherman, for park four-in-hands, to be shown before drag, owner or member of any coaching club to drive; by Elbridge T. Gerry, for best pair of heavy draught horses, to be shown before appropriate truck or wagon; by Ogden Mills, for saddle horses up to carry 150 pounds, gaits required to be shown to be the walk, trot and canter; by Oliver H. P. Belmont, for horse and heavy delivery wagons owned by Newport residents, the wagon to contain appropriate merchandise; by the American Horse Exchange, for the best harness and saddle horse, to be shown in harness first and under saddle afterward; by James Stillman, for women's saddle horse, with an allowance of 20 per cent if women ride their own horses, instead of having them ridden by professionals; by I. Townsend Burden, for best single horse in woman's phaeton; by Center Hitchcock, for dog cart and brougham horses; by James T. Woodward, for novice class of saddle horses which have never won a ribbon; by Prescott Lawrence and Henry F. Eldredge, for best pair over fifteen hands two inches, driven at park gait; by George P. Messervey, for best pony under saddle; by Nathaniel Thayer, for gig horses (open); by Hamilton W. Cary, for saddle horse up to 175 pounds, shown at walk, trot or canter, and by John R. Drexel, for small novice class, fourteen hands one inch and over, which have never won a blue ribbon, shown before a two or four wheeled vehicle.

During the week, in addition to the principal social entertainments, dinners have been given by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, Mrs. Frederick Pearson, Mrs. Herman B. Duryea, Miss Gammell, Lispenard Stewart, Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn, Mrs. A. M. Coats, Mrs. Lewis Cass Ledyard, Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard, Mrs. Robert I. Gammell, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mrs. Hieber R. Bishop, Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget, Mrs. Burke-Roche, Mrs. William Grosvenor, Mrs. William H. Sands, Mrs. George B. De Forest, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. William M. Kingsland, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, jr., Mrs. Royal Phelps Carroll, Wyllys Terry, Mrs. James Hude Beekman, Mrs. Benjamin Thaw and James V. Parker.

Among those who have entertained at luncheon are Mrs. A. E. Tower, Mrs. J. H. Beekman, Mrs. John C. Eno, Mrs. J. F. Pierson, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., Mrs. G. G. Haven, Mrs. E. S. Cramp, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Fish, Mrs. C. H. Baldwin, Mrs. A. C. Dulles, Mrs. C. W. Dolan, Mrs. Gammell, Mrs. Edwin Parsons, Mrs. C. C. Pomeroy, Mrs. A. Cass Canfield, John R. Livermore, Mrs. E. T. Gerry, Miss Leary and Mrs. J. J. Wysong. Mrs. James A. Swan gave a reception and Mrs. H. H. Hunnewell, jr., a children's party.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jay have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, at The Rocks; Mr. and Mrs. E. Randolph, of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harriman, Mrs. William Pollock, of Mrs. J. J. Wysong, at Greystone; Franklin A. Plummer, of George S. Scott; Fernando Yznaga, of James J. Van Alen; B. G. Johnson, of Robert L. Gerry; T. Amory De Blois, of his mother, Mrs. J. Amory De Blois; C. A. Munn, of Stuyvesant Fish; Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, of her sister, Mrs. Burke Roche; J. C. Kimball, of Charles Carroll, at Elmhyrst; Pay Director Frank C. Cosby and Mrs. Cosby, of Paymaster and Mrs. Cowie, at the Naval Training Station; Mr. and Mrs. William Rockefeller and Percy Rockefeller, of James Stillman; Mrs. H. C. Pell, of her mother, Mrs. James P. Kernochan; J. Montgomery Strong, of E. S. Cramp, and Dr. and Mrs. William Appleton, of Mr. and Mrs. George B. De Forest.

Late arrivals include Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Bryce, Bellevue-ave.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Addicks, Pinard cottages; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Emmons, who have just returned from Europe; S. Horatio Whitwell, Berkeley-ave., also recently back from abroad; James De Wolf Cutting, Matthew Astor Wilks, W. S. Moore, Arnold cottage, Rhode Island-ave.; George B. Wallis, jr., J. R Barton Willing, Mayo Dudley, Cushman villa, Catherine-st.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burden, jr., W. D. Hatch and family, Herbert G. Hone, E. J. Berwind, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Herrick, August Belmont, A. B. De Freece, T. Parsons and C. D. Turnbull.

At the New Cliffs Hotel among the arrivals for the week are the Marquis Gandra, of Spain; Mrs. G. H. Hearn, E. H. Hathaway, J. W. Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Elsas, Howard A. Colby, Parker Lynes, Mrs. M. L. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Aldrich, Frank Evans, W. C. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Fish, Mr and Mrs. Stewart Brown, E. C. Palmer, E. B. Lombard, C. I. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Purdy, Mrs. T. S. Townsend, Mrs. S. E. Uric and E. T. Darrell, of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. H. Newill, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Oakes and F. P. Thorpe, of Boston; Mrs. E. S. Buckley, Miss E. B. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morse, Mrs. George F. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Latta and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Logan, of Philadelphia; A. Chambers and D. L. Chambers, of Washington; Z. Funahaslie, of Japan; H. P. Goldsborough and Mrs. A. R. Blair, of Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Keward, of Jelette, Quebec; Mr. and Mrs. A. Seasongood and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Page, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Ida B. Meyer, of Brooklyn; F. H. Goodyear, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. James G. Peters, of Chicago; W. M. Manley and Mr. and Mrs. Keyser, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell, of Dresden; H. H. Mayberry, of Birmingham, Ala.; W. P. Johnson, L. M. Stoddard and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Remington, of Cleveland; Frank B. Given and A. M. Hoffman, of Lancaster, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kent, of East Orange, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, of Hoboken; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crane and Mrs. W. A. Barbour, of Detroit; D. F. Davis, of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Oliver, of South Bend, Ind., and Mrs. W. P. Wardwell, of Watertown, N. Y.

Other arrivals are Miss Bunting and W. H. Cuthbert, of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Banks, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Van Cleve, of Brooklyn; John L. Pratt, of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McDowell, of Chicago; Miss Mary A. G. Dwight, of New-Orleans; Miss Julia Randolph and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mayer, of Washington; Carter Wilder, of Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Porter, of Louisville, and J. W. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barclay, James H. Hare, Mrs. E. A. Dobbs and A. C. Coleman, of New-York.

General Nelson A. Miles was in the city for a short visit early this week, coming as a guest on the yacht Tidal Wave for the Astor Cup races, in connection with the cruise of the New-York Yacht Club.

Admiral and Mrs. William T. Sampson are guests for a few days of Captain and Mrs. French E. Chadwick, and are the recipients of many social attentions.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer, who are still abroad, are expected to be in Newport next month for the close of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed, who since their return from Europe have been at Lenox, are guests of Miss Annie Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney are to spend the fall months as guests of William C. Whitney at his lodge on October Mountain, near Lenox, upon his return from abroad.

James Stillman, accompanied by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Rockefeller, have left Newport on a cruise in Eastern waters and along the coast in the steam yacht Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, who are now in Europe, will come to Newport by September 1.

W. FitzHugh Whitehouse, who has been in England for several years, has arrived at Eastbourne Lodge, for a stay of several weeks. He is accompanied by his son, William F. Whitehouse, who has recently returned from hunting in East Africa, and by Sheldon Whitehouse, now at Eton College, England.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Orme Wilson are to come to Newport soon from their country home at Bay Shore, Long Island. While here they will be guests of Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. William Astor, at Beechwood, and later will make a brief visit to the Berkshires.

There still continues to be a series of statements and denials, in rapid succession, regarding the marriage of Miss Elsie French and Alfred G. Vanderbilt. One report has it, upon apparently good authority, that the wedding will not take place until spring, and will be celebrated in the New-York house which Mrs. French has taken for the winter. Another story is that the date is fixed for early November, at the French cottage here. It is understood that Miss French is soon to go to Lenox, where she will be the guest of the Misses Evelyn and Lila Sloane. Mr. Vanderbilt will also visit Lenox. Neither is going much in society this season, but the two are frequently seen driving together.

The contract for the new stone villa for W. Storrs Wells, to replace the wooden cottage which was burned this spring just as it was approaching completion, has been awarded, and work has been begun. Excavations are also being made for the new cottage for Mrs. Richard Gambrill on the old Keene lot in Bellevue-ave., nearly opposite.

Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster has made a gift of pipes and tobacco to the members of Light Battery C of the 7th Artillery, which left Fort Adams this week, under orders for service in China. Mrs. Webster made the presentation to each of the 162 men in person.

CROWDS AT WATCH HILL.

THE SEASON THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN YEARS—GERMANS AT THE HOTELS—GOLF CLUB NOTES.

Watch Hill, R. I., Aug. 18 (Special).—The hotel men at the Hill are unanimous in saying that this is the most successful season in years. The different hotels have been crowded thus far to the doors, and outside cottages in one or two cases have been turned into sleeping quarters for the surplus guests who insist on staying at the Hill. To realize the crowds that are stopping at the hotels, one should have an evening such as last Monday, when a cooling wind from the southeast drove every one indoors, and the rotundas were exceedingly lively.

The pleasantest days at Watch Hill are yet to come. Those who have realized September's beauties do not care to leave the glories of Little Narragansett Bay for the heat and uncertain weather of the cities. One of the popular germans of the season was given by James McLaughlin at the Ocean House on Monday evening. The proprietor, Mr. Champlin, of the Ocean House, threw open the doors of the music room for the entertainment, and it was voted the gayest and prettiest german of the summer. Mr. McLaughlin led the second figure with Miss A. B. Hawkins, and Oliver Perin with Miss Thacher, the prize figure, in which B. W. Anderson was the prize winner among the men and Miss Rand for the women. The other figures were led by R. H. Hawkins and Miss Rand. The favors were pretty souvenirs. Miss Leila Laughlin, Mrs. Day, Mrs. W. C. Hawkins, jr., and Miss Hawkins presided at the table. Besides those mentioned above, the dancers were the Misses Rieman, Harral, Humbird, Johnston, Eleanor and Gladys Painter, Felton, Jeannette Hawkins, Seymes, Carrington, Brooke, Dann, Lloyd, Hill, Strong and Letchford, and the Messrs. Childs, McIntosh, H. Burnet, Scott, Humbird, Hughey, Letchford, Oliver Perin, McCammon, Pitkin, Laughlin, Strong, Dann, Lewis, Brooke, A. Allen, Williams, Morrison, White and Smith.

The Ocean House gives its annual german in the dining hall of the house next Tuesday evening. This is expected to eclipse any of the social doings of recent years. Mrs. Mark Painter gave a german at the Ocean House Wednesday morning, which was characterized by the appearance of many beautiful costumes. Mrs. Painter was congratulated on the successful outcome of her difficult venture.

The cakewalk at the Larkin House on Wednesday night proved to be an attractive event, many guests from the other hotels visiting the Larkin.

H. C. Frick's steam yacht, the Shemara, was a visitor at the Hill this week.

An exciting baseball game was played on Wednesday between the waiters and a nine called the Misquamicuts, made up from guests at the hotels. The latter won by a score of 9 to 1.

A cakewalk at the Ocean House on Tuesday evening was amusing and received hearty support. The waiters of the hotel were assisted by professional performers from nearby places.

An athletic tournament on Saturday promises to be interesting. There are nine contests scheduled, which will keep the spectators busy. The programme is as follows: A seventy-yard dash, 100-yard dash, sack and wheelbarrow race, half-mile and one-mile races, and last, but not least, a wrestle with a greasy pig.

A number of changes have taken place of late in the golf teams, and this week's standing on the Misquamicut grounds is as follows: Gentlemen's team—First team, R. Clark, Mr. Wesson, O. Perin, D. L. Lyon, W. Clark, B. Anderson, T. D. Thatcher and F. Schoonmaker; second team, H. Burnet, M. Greene, Mr. Burdick, J. Bornet, Messrs. McConnell, Barney and Enos and S. Schoonmaker; third team, V. Anderson, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Pope, Messrs. Eddy, Pendleton, Howe and Skinner; fourth team, Messrs. Holmes, Metcalf, Hunter, Darrach, Lippitt, Foote, Litchford and J. F. Byers. Ladies' teams—First team, Miss Howe, Miss Burnet, Mrs. Thatcher, Miss Kneveln, Phelps, Mrs. R. K. Clark, Miss Proctor and Miss Ethel Pope; second team, Mrs. Perin, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. Parsons, Miss Fanny Lyon, Mrs. S. Skinner, Miss Painter and Miss J. Anderson; third team, Miss Heron, Mrs. G. Howe and Mrs. Fay.

Following is a list of the contests at the golf club in the near future: Watch Hill House Cup, August 23; Ocean House Cup, August 24; consolation cup, August 25; Proctor Matrimonial foursomes, August 22; the Kneveln competition medal play, September 1, and for the Phelps medal, September 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Following is a list of the most recent arrivals at the different hotels at the Hill:

Ocean House—Henry T. Knowlton, Thomas A. Eddy, Richard Deming, Hunter Brooke, jr., Miss A. E. McCarthy, Mrs. Helen E. Kimbie, New-York; Miss Frances Williams, Brooklyn; Mr. Darlington and Miss Darlington, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Russell and Miss Russell, Hartford; Mrs. W. A. Butler, jr., and Miss Butler, Miss Barbour, L. K. Butler, Detroit; Charles S. Holt, A. J. Monat, Chicago; John G. Walber, Edward F. Hinkle, Cincinnati; E. Clarence Dean, Washington; A. F. Lewis, E. Howard Lewis and A. Huntington Lewis, Syracuse.

Larkin House—The Misses Fitzgerald, Miss Danaher, A. J. Farley, Mrs. Walter Phelps Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jenkins, Dr. C. N. Platt, Charles A. Moran, New-York; Mrs. Henry Bright and Miss Bright, East Orange, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hutton, Mrs. George H. Watson, Paterson, N. J.; Miss Edith M. Ruland, Brooklyn; Mrs. Robert H. Chapman, Miss Van Post, Hartford; Mrs. C. T. Kenney, Roselle, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Rockford, Miss Rockford, Chicago; Mrs. R. R. Van Riper, Pompton Lake, N. J.

Watch Hill House—Mrs. Chris Wise, Ralph H. Chambers, Mrs. C. M. Waterbury, Mrs. John A. Oakley, New-York; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Broadway, Richard R. Browne, George H. B. Burke, Brooklyn; R. B. Tait, A. H. Tait, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Trowbridge, East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. C. D. Irwin, Chicago.

Plimpton House—Mrs. T. Weeks, Edward Meyer, Mrs. Warran James Allen, New-York; Mr. and Mrs. John K. Lasker, Yonkers; William M. Mincem, Samuel Mincem, W. S. Heineman, Chicago; Mrs. B. I. Williams, Miss Williams, Amherst, Mass.

Atlantic House—Dr. C. M. Platt, New-York; Mrs. Tabb, A. F. D. Tabb, Brooklyn; Walter L. Pierce, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fiske, Ottawa, Kan.; J. L. Moon, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Goodwin, Hartford.

Narragansett House—G. Gilman, Richard Browning, New-York; E. Clarence Dean, Washington; Charles S. Holt, Chicago; Samuel S. Muzzey, Paterson; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carter, Baltimore.

Columbia House—Mrs. T. Weeks, John R. MacDonald, James C. Gray, New-York; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Philadelphia; W. S. Heineman, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lyman, Bridgeport.

GETTING BACK TO LENOX.

COTTAGERS RETURNING FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON FROM THE SEASIDE RESORTS.

Lenox, Mass., Aug. 18 (Special).—Many of the cottagers are returning from Newport and Bar Harbor, and the town has taken on the air of gayety so noticeable at the opening of the autumn season. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn have returned to Elm Cottage from Newport; Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Litchfield and family have arrived this week at Bonnie Brae; Thomas Stillman and the Misses Stillman have returned from Europe, and have opened the Bacon place; Mr. and Mrs. Morris K. Jesup are expected on Monday from Bar Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery Hare have returned to the Curtis cottage; William H. Bradford, of New-York, has returned from the Adirondacks; Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes are to return with their family on the 22d, and a host of others who have been at the shore for the midsummer will be back again next week.

The Lenox Golf Club has prepared a tempting programme for the golfers of the country in the invitation tournament of September 10 to 15. The committees have urged all the prominent golfers of the country to attend, and hope to make the tournament this year the best that has ever been played in Lenox. Chester Griswold, the holder of the Lenox Cup, will be present to defend the trophy. It is hoped to have W. J. Travis, the present open champion, make his first appearance on the course. Harriman, Douglas, Keene, Quincy, Stillman and others have promised to attend, and the finest character of golf will be the result. Vardon, who has declined to play Gardner for a purse of $250 on the Lenox course, will be replaced by Taylor, if his manager will agree to the terms of the Lenox Club. The club offers $250 for a match with Gardner, who is one of the best young golfers in the country. Vardon's refusal to play at the terms of the Lenox Club is not understood by the Greens Committee of the Lenox Club, in view of his position taken in the arrangement of a match with Taylor. Gardner will enter the tournament at Wheaton, Chicago, and may meet Vardon there.

The cottagers have been seriously inconvenienced by the Postal Department discontinuing the Sunday evening mail service to Pittsfield. The route had been established as a star route for five years, and the postmaster of Lenox was sending six hundred letters, on an average, over to Pittsfield Sunday evenings for the late train on the Boston and Albany, which allowed the delivery of the mail the next morning in New-York. Last week the mail service was discontinued without explanation.

William H. Bradford, of Wayside, has returned this week from a trip to the Adirondacks and Lake George in his new automobile. On some days 125 miles were wheeled. Mr. Bradford was greatly pleased with the showing made by his machine in the long trip.

Mrs. Richard S. Dana and son, David T. Dana, have gone to Southampton, where they are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Barclay.

It has been decided this week to revive the floral parade during September, and many plans are being made. There will be an unusually large number of highly decorated vehicles in line, and the young people of the cottage colony will especially be prominent. The floral parade until three years ago was one of the fixtures of the Lenox season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed are at Newport, where they are members of Miss Leary's house party.

Mrs. W. C. Wharton, of Boston, and her daughter, Miss Mary Wharton, are at Saratoga for ten days' change. They will return and occupy their summer place until November.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Arrowsmith, of Trinity parish, are at Paul Smith's, in the Adirondacks, for some time as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes.

Miss Nellie Dean, of New-York, is the guest of Miss Eleanor Griffin, at Elm Court farm.

Mrs. John Struthers and daughter, who are at West Point, will soon return to Lenox. They have leased the Smith cottage until the last of November, when they will go abroad.

Mrs. Thatcher M. Adams gave a large dinner party on Friday evening for Mrs. Eames, who is a guest of Mrs. Richard C. Greenleaf.

Miss Moore, of New-York, has arrived at the Struthers cottage, where she is being entertained by her brother, C. De R. Moore.

Mrs. George W. Folsom gave a dinner on Thursday at Sunnyside for her daughter, Mrs. C. Sydney Haight. There were a dozen covers.

Miss Elsie French, the fiancée of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, will shortly arrive at Elm Court, where she will be a guest of Miss Lila Vanderbilt Sloane. Miss Sloane is to be one of Miss French's bridesmaids in November, when she is married to Mr. Vanderbilt. The Sloanes will give a number of entertainments in Miss French's honor.

Miss Caroline King Duer, of New-York, is a guest of Mrs. William A. Duer at the Curtis Hotel.

Mrs. Lawrence Waterbury, of New-York, who has been coming to Lenox for many years, has arrived and has apartments at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Morris are entertaining Schuyler Schieffelin, of New-York.

"THE PIER'S" GAYEST WEEK

POLO ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION—PROMINENT PEOPLE AT THE HOTELS.

Narragansett Pier, Aug. 18 (Special).—Last night was the most brilliant of the season. The Mathewson was never gayer, each train testing the capacity of the bus. Among the arrivals a majority have been coming here for years, but there are many new faces seen on the broad piazzas, among them Baron de Rosenkrass. Of the Pier in general, now that the season is drawing to a close, it must be said that the wind up is better than was anticipated late in July. Polo, as in former years, came to the rescue, and never has a higher class attendance been seen at Wildfield Farm, on the grounds of the Point Judith Country Club. Accidents, too, have been few, the most serious being that of the closing day, Wednesday, when Rice was stepped upon and temporarily rendered unconscious by his pony.

Special efforts have also been made at the larger of the hotels to attract and entertain guests. Hops and specially prepared musical programmes have been of nightly occurrence, and from now on the Pier will be crowded to its limit.

At the Mathewson this programme will be rendered to-night:

Romeo et Juliette.....Gounod
Orchestra.
"Lo! 'Tis Night".....Beethoven
Quartet.
"The Resurrection".....Shelley
Mr. Bates.
"Ave Maria".....Bach-Gounod
Miss Corea.
Quintet for strings.....Moszkowski
Orchestra.
"Fear Ye Not".....Buck
Mr. Robinson.
"Abide With Me".....Liddle
Miss Swift.
Quartet, hymn.

Indications are that the season will be later than usual. No date for the closing of the Mathewson has been made, but September 10 will still see Manager S. W. Mathewson, jr., ready for guests.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Dwight Eaton is visting his cousin, Dr. Albert Warren Ferris, here. Dr. Eaton is the president of Beloit College, Beloit, Wis. He came East in June to receive the degree of D. D. from Yale University. Dr. Eaton has been all over the provinces now teeming with Boxers and sprinkled with the blood of murdered Christians.

The shirt waist man has attracted no little attention during the week. Councilman Adam A. Leich, of Brooklyn, was the original, and at the polo game last Saturday F. B. Fay, of the Myopia, relieved the game dressed in a white shirt waist. But the hotel keepers do not take kindly to the idea, and Councilman Leich was not permitted to take a seat at luncheon.

Now that the ice has been broken midnight bathing parties will also become popular.

Samuel Andrews, well known in Republican politics in Brooklyn, has been here a week. Mr. Andrews is in the Internal Revenue Department.

Miss Hilda Clark is a guest here. In her party are Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd Waggaman, F. P. Waggaman and T. E. Waggaman, of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Coogan, of New-York, who have been coming here for many years, and who are now at Southampton, Long Island, are missed by many of the cottagers.

At the usual Monday night hop at the Mathewson these prominent guests from New-York were present: Luis de Olivira, of the Argentine Legation at Washington; Miss Marguerite Jefford, Mrs. Jefford, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Batchelier, of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilde, of the Argentine Legation at Washington; Mrs. James K. Hackett, Miss Daisy Pierson, of Newport, and Mrs. A. C. Young.

Latest New-York arrivals at the Mathewson are C. D. Inman, Mrs. Freeman, R. G. Reese, G. E. Stone, D. W. A. Dunton, W. E. Travis, A. E. Travis, J. G. Peters and Miss Peters.

BAR HARBOR IN A RUSH.

THE HEIGHT OF THE SEASON AND ITS MANY ENTERTAINMENTS—PREPARATIONS FOR THE HORSE SHOW.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 18 (Special).—The prospects of the coming week, united to the ever increasing daily programme of social affairs, are a certain indication that the height of the season is here. Bar Harbor is crowded and the rush of entertainments is greater than has been witnessed here in several seasons. It begins to look as if this were to be the banner season, for the horse show and fair, which makes its initial appearance next week, united to the visit of the English and American squadrons in September, will lend to the season features it has never before possessed. All preparation for the show and fair week are completed, and society has bound itself to the promise that Bar Harbor has never seen anything like it. The dates set are August 21, 22 and 23. The horse show will contain exhibits of some of the best animals in the country. The fair features will be of a good hearty country character, which will provoke amusement. The principal exhibitors for the show include the names of such well known winners as Colonel Edward Morrell, Mrs. Van Ness, J. C. Biddle, Mrs. John Harrison, William Lawrence Green, E. G. Fabbri, J. S. Kennedy, H. L. Eno, J. J. Emery and A. C. Barney. On the three days set society will give itself up exclusively to the show, and all dates for festivities have been arranged to prevent any conflict. There are twenty classes of exhibits in the show, and nearly a hundred more for the fair. In addition there will be horse racing, which as a sport has not taken place in Bar Harbor for six years. Robin Hood Park, in which the fair will be held, has been generously donated by Colonel Edward Morrell. There have been many arrivals from Newport, Lenox, Richfield and other resorts, who will stay through the coming week.

Since Saturday night society has given itself up to an unusually varied programme of entertainment. On Sunday night Mrs. Alexander Van Ness entertained one of the largest and most notable dinner parties that has occurred here. It took place in the Palm Garden at the Malvern. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Dr. and Mrs. Seely, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Giraud Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick de P. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Beales, Miss Van Ness, Miss Dimock, Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Barney.

There followed on Monday night the second performance by the Monday Evening Club. It was Miss Charlotte Pendleton's turn to act as hostess. The affair was given at the Kebo Valley Club, and was a very delicate and beautiful Japanese play. There were Oriental dances, grotesque Japanese decorations in profusion, and every guest present wore some marked costume of dress for the occasion. Garbed in dainty kimonos, sixteen women gave an Eastern dance that proved very original. A ball followed later, which was crowded.

On Tuesday night Mrs. A. C. Barney, who has introduced the Parisian custom of receiving evenings, gave the second of her at homes. It was as distinctly Spanish as the first was French. The Spanish colors ruled everywhere about the grounds and house. Mrs. Charles Whelen arranged the programme of the affair. It was again a combination of a musical and theatricals, which seems to have taken hold of the popular fancy. Sixteen society girls, dressed as Spanish dons and donnas, came dancing down the broad stairway after the guests had assembled, and performed a most graceful bolero on the lawn under the moonlight. Those who took part were Miss Schenck, Miss Madeline Knowlton, Miss Violet Whelen, Miss Barney, Miss Pierce, Miss Vale, Miss Willing, Miss Hoy, Miss Biddle, Miss Lawson, Miss Conover, Miss Munkhuysen and Miss Taylor. Mrs. Whelen sang and Miss Barney, the talented daughter of the hostess, gave a French recitation. The idea has proved attractive, and society regards the change in the hours of receiving as a delightful innovation.

The weekly dinner dance at Kebo was the usual success. A noticeable feature was the increase in the number of the younger set present. Among thos who entertained at dinner were Waldron Bates, Dr. W W. Seely, Mrs. Montgomery Sears, Mrs. A. C. Barney, Mrs. J. J. Emery and Raphael T. Moses. Among the many present were Count and Countess Lauglers-Villars, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Livingston, Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, the Misses Barney, Charles Winslow, Miss Tarn, Ralph Pulitzer, Miss Sylvia Fox, Miss Conover, Miss Cadwalader, Miss Sloane, Miss Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence Green, Mrs. John Harrison, Mrs. J. Biddle Porter and Mrs. Ellis.

On Friday night society frolicked at the Louisburg, where a calico ball was held. The women were attired in simple calico gowns, and the men wore white duck. It was highly enjoyable, and a great crush attended.

The entertainment for the village hospital is receiving generous attention and support. The arrangements for the affair, which is set for Wednesday evening, August 29, have been delegated to a large number of special committees, who will work under the direction of competent chairmen. The entertainment will consist, as has already been announced, of "Alice in Wonderland," adapted from the well known book, with variations. Then there will be a monologue in English by Miss Alice Barney, written for her by her sister, Miss Natalie Barney, and after that an extravaganza called "Queen Bet and Magic," which will be something new and amusing, and in which there are to be beautiful tableaus. Among the women who will appear are the Misses Berry, Barney, Tarn, Fox, Walley, Taylor, Biddle, Knowlton, Whelen, Willing, Hoy, Schenck, Lawson, Carcoran, Alexander and Conover. Among the men are Messrs. Damrosch, Goodrich, Falls, Beigel, Franzen, Van Katoran, Pulitzer, Whelen, Stanton, Bjorksten, Taylor and Ellis.

The following women make up the various committees: Mrs. Ketterlinus, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. C. K. Wright, Mrs. W. Lawrence Green, Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, Countess de Laugiers-Villars, Mrs. Van Nest, Mrs. J. J. Emery, Mrs. Charles Carrol Jackson, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Whelen, Mrs. J. Madison Taylor, Mrs. Samuel Slater, Miss Pendleton, Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mrs. Henry L. Eno, Mrs. Pulitzer, Mrs. H. B. Beale, Mr. Bjorksten, chairman; Mr. Damrosch, Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Beigel.

The chief golfing incident of the season was the tournament for the Hinkle Cup, which began on Tuesday. The entry list was a large one and included several well known men, among whom were J. G. Thorpe, runner up in the National of 1896; Arden Robbins, the St. Andrews crack; George S. Robbins, G. H. Ingalls, Howard Gray, of the Harvard golf team; Franklin Ellis and T. G. Condon. The first two days of the play were attended by bad weather, but the play was of uniform excellence and attended by a large gallery. The following sixteen men qualified from a field of fifty-one: C. L. Tappin, H. Thatcher, T. G. Condon, M. B. Burr, George Robbins, C. Beach, Arden Robbins, W. B. Rogers, W. C. Cushman, C. R. Auchinloss, J. G. Thorpe, G. H. Ingalls, Franklin Ellis, George Thatcher, H. S. Gray and Herbert Jaques. Those who qualified for the Consolation Cup were E. R. Marvin, J. L. Alsop, E. Pendleton, H. T. Poor, L. H. Gillett, W. R. Thurston, R. H. Thorndyke, W. H. Conroy, Grenville Kane, A. S. Thurston, L. Gourlie, J. T. Soutter, Martin Van Buren, C. Brigham, T. Hillen and L. F. Brigham.

Bar Harbor will this year give the visiting squadrons of England and the United States a royal time. Already preparations are in hand for a big week, which will be filled with receptions, balls and a variety of entertainments. The following committee of men has been appointed to look