IN NEWPORTS GAY WHIRL

YACHTING, TENNIS AND POLO ATTRACT ADMIRERS OUT OF DOORS—A ROUND OF BRILLIANT ENTERTAINMENTS.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 25 (Special).—Out of doors this week has been well filled with yachting, tennis and polo, while within there were many good things in the way of social entertainments. All this gave variety enough to please all sorts of people—clean sport of the best character on the yachting course, the tennis field and the polo ground by day and at night plenty of dining and dancing.

The National Lawn Tennis Tournament always attracts large and fashionable crowds daily to the Casino grounds, where the matches are played, and this year was no exception to the general rule. Naturally the enthusiasm increased as the tournament progressed, and culminated with the two closing contests of the series on Monday and Tuesday, grandstand and greensward alike being occupied by large gatherings. There was as usual some fine tennis during the tournament, and not a little eager interest and even excitement developed over the results of the play. Of course, the visiting English experts claimed a good share of attention, though they did not show such strong form against their opponents as was expected, and the old favorites were watched with the usual interest. In spite of several surprises during the progress of the play the outcome was after all not far different from the anticipations of the experts, and the successful defence of his title by Whitman was a popular one, the champion being a general favorite among players and spectators alike.

With the formal disbanding of the New-York Yacht Club fleet most of the pleasure craft sailed away, leaving the local yacht racing field to the 70 and 30 footers, with the diminutive half raters. The seventies have now completed their long series of races for the Newport Association Cup and special prizes, and it seems doubtful if they will be able to keep together long enough to compete for the new cup offered by the owners of the thirties, to be raced for in tournament style, pairs the first day and the two winners in the finals on the second day. The thirties themselves will doubtless continue their daily runs until the close of the season, according to their custom, and, indeed, beyond the period of social festivities. The love of the owners of these little craft for the excitement of competitive sailing apparently never wanes, and the zest of the daily contests is seemingly as keen at the end of their long season as at its opening.

As has often happened in recent years, there was a hitch this week in the tournament of the Westchester Polo Club. Indeed, for some time the polo season at Newport has been more or less a disappointment. Several times when the club received a sufficient number of entries to fill out a good programme either the weather or the poor condition of the grounds interfered with the success of the contests. This year the club has one of the best fields in the country, now in use for the first time, but the entries were disappointing, due probably to the early date of the championship series in June, a number of the teams then going out of training. Then at the last moment one of the strongest teams entered withdrew, making necessary many changes in the schedule and the substitution of special matches to fill out the programme. In spite of this handicap play has gone on during the week, and will be continued during the week to come.

As a matter of fact, this once popular sport has lost a good deal of its former hold upon society, and the attendance upon the matches is small at best compared with the palmy days of the game on the old polo field, lined with carriages on two sides, all filled with interested and excited spectators. Still, while the tournament lasts society will smile on it when there is nothing better to do, and the play will go on whether the spectators are many or few, the men being in the game because they like it, and not for the amusement of society.

PROSPECTS FOR THE HORSE SHOW.

The list of box holders for the Horse Show guarantees the success of that popular outdoor function during the first week in September beyond a peradventure. Almost every box is already reserved, the list of holders including Hamilton W. Cary, J. H. Beekman, George B. De Forest, L. Q. Jones, W. D. Hatch, Mrs. Robert Garrett, Mrs. E. S. Willing, Mrs. F. Pearson, Henry Clews, Mrs. L. S. Bryce, Ross R. Winans, J. J. Van Alen, Victor Sorchan, Miss G. G. King, Elisha Dyer, Clarence W. Dolan, Ogden Mills, Eben D. Jordan, F. W. Andrews, R. H. I. Gammell, Benjamin Thaw, James T. Woodward, R. T. Wilson, Mrs. J. A. Codman, Nathaniel Thayer, W. P. Thompson, G. P. Wetmore, Mrs. H. M. Brooks, F. Sheldon, James Stillman, H. H. Hunnewell, jr., Mrs. Richard Gambrill, Prescott Lawrence, Thomas F. Cushing, E. L. Winthrop, Miss Josephine Johnson, Mrs. Frederick Neilson, Mrs. E. H. G. Slater, O. H. P. Belmont, F. S. G. D'Hauteville, F. Gray Griswold, H. B. Duryea, W. W. Sherman, Mrs. F. O. French, E. T. Gerry, G. M. Hutton, J. R. Drexel, Center Hitchcock, George S. Scott, S. F. Barger, Mrs. J. De F. Danielson, J. B. M. Grosvenor, Mrs. William Grosvenor, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, R. D. Evans, G. L. Rives, William M. Kingsland, Pembroke Jones, H. D. Auchincloss, Chauncey M. Depew, Thomas W. Lawson, Perry Belmont, Miss A. Lyman, Isaac H. Clothier, Mrs. John S. Hayes, Dr. W. T. Bull, John W. Ellis, Mrs. J. F. Pierson, George F. Fabyan, Edward Morrell, W. R. Warren, George Henry Warren, Gibson Fahnestock, C. L. F. Robinson, George A. Huhn, George D. Widener, Hamilton Webster, Miss Cramp, Theodore M. Davis, William Murray and Reginald de Koven.

In addition to previous announcements special prizes for the Horse Show have been offered by H. H. Hunnewell, jr., for pair of horses for lady's phaeton; by William R. Travers and Francis M. Ware, for pair of horses, for dealers only; by Brewster & Co., for victoria and pair, horses to count 50 per cent and appointments 50 per cent, not open to dealers; by Lispenard Stewart, for lady's single horse and trap, lady to drive, only amateurs to compete; by J. B. M. Grosvenor, for a harness tandem class; by William Page Thompson, for heavyweight saddle horse, up to carrying 200 pounds; by Harris & Nixon, for pony, to be shown before an appropriate vehicle, driven by a girl or boy not over fifteen years old; by Hamilton McK. Twombly, for hackney or half-bred hackney, shown before an appropriate vehicle, and by Ross R. Winans, for hackney or half-bred hackney, under saddle. The American Hackney Horse Society also adds a silver medal in each of the two last classes.

SOCIETY KEPT BUSY.

Again this week there was a special social entertainment for almost every day and evening, and sometimes more than one, so that society was kept pretty busy. This state of things will be the order of the day and night now for two and perhaps three weeks longer, and then the social season will wane and the cottagers relapse into more quiet enjoyment of the natural beauties and comforts of life here in the autumn months. Of course, the great incident of the week socially—and, indeed, of the season, if not of any season—was the Fish harvest festival ball at Crossways on Wednesday night. This was much talked of in advance, and has been equally a topic of conversation since, and generally gains the palm among all rivals for originality and daring in conception and completeness of perfection in the execution of all its details. The preliminary dinner at Rosecliff, as an auxiliary to the dance at Crossways, marked, too, the formal healing of the breach between the two erstwhile rival leaders of social factions, Mrs. Fish and Mrs. Oelrichs, and this made the event even more notable than it would have been in itself alone considered.

Next week there will be more dinners and dances, more polo, the golf tournament, then the horse show, and later a wedding or two to keep society busy well into September. The Parsons-Clews marriage is now definitely set for September 1, but speculation is still active regarding the date and the place of the Vanderbilt-French wedding. In spite of numerous announcements of dates ranging from early in September to late in November, in all of which Newport is named as the place for the nuptials, opinion is now fast settling down to the conviction that the marriage is not, after all, to take place here, at least not during the present season.

Not the least interesting piece of news of the week was that which heralded the advent of Mr. Edward Addicks as a cottage owner. In connection with his purchase of Belvoir, Mr. Addicks is quoted as saying that he intends to come to Newport each year, to remain until late in the autumn. He has already spent several summers here with his family, having rented Belvoir one year and occupying this season one of the Pinard cottages. The location of Belvoir is unsurpassed, being on the crest of a high bluff overlooking the ocean, bay and land alike, giving an unrivalled view sweeping almost the entire horizon. The house itself is of stone, rather plain in appearance, and is surrounded by several acres of hilly and diversified ground. In addition to the Belvoir property itself it is understood that the purchase of Mr. Addicks includes several adjoining lots, giving him in all about thirty acres of land. The place has always been one of the favorite houses in Newport, having been occupied at various times by Abram S. Hewitt, by the late Cornelius Vanderbilt while the new Breakers was being built, by Joel B. Wolfe and for two seasons now by William K. Vanderbilt, jr.

A DRAMATIC SUCCESS.

Few things have been more remarkable this season than the great success scored by the Eric Hope-May Robson Dramatic Company, which this week closed its series of entertainments at the Casino Theatre. In spite of the fact that never before has anything like this been taken up by society people, the Earl of Yarmouth's enterprise caught the favor of fashionable folk from the first performance, and the merit of the organization was sufficient to enable it to hold its place to the end of the not too long season. It was an unusual departure from the experience of previous ventures along this line.

Social entertainments during the week in addition to the chief functions included Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs's "barn dance," given as a rehearsal for the "peasants" on the night preceding the big Fish ball; James L. Van Alen's dinner in honor of his twenty-first birthday, to which only young men were invited; a birthday vaudeville dinner and entertainment, given by Mrs. Amos T. French for her young son; sailing parties by Mrs. Richard Stevens and Mrs. Amory Gardiner, on the steam yachts Aileen and Mayflower; Mrs. George B. De Forest's big bridge whist party, Woodbury Kane's entertainment at the Clambake Club and a tea by Cope Whitehouse.

Dinners were given by James J. Van Alen, Mrs. Richard Gambrill, Mrs. R. H. I. Goddard, Mrs. John S. Hayes, Mrs. James P. Kernochan, in honor of her daughter; Gordon McKay, Mrs. Delancey Astor Kane, Mrs. William P. Thompson, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Miss Bishop, Egerton L. Winthrop, Mrs. Adolph Ladenburg, Mrs. J. F. Pierson, Mrs. A. Cass Canfield, Mrs. F. O. French, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Edgar S. Cramp, James T. Woodward, Mrs. I. G. Hobbs, Mrs. Van Horne, Mrs. W. Butler Duncan, jr., Mrs. C. H. Baldwin, Mrs. Burke-Roche, Mrs. J. R. Jesup, Mrs. J. Clinch Smith, Miss C. Ogden Jones, Mrs. Lyman C. Josephs, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, Mrs. W. A. Vanderbilt, jr., Miss Blight, Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, Mrs. Ogden Goelet and Mrs. A. H. Paget.

Among those entertaining at luncheon were Mrs. E. Livingston Ludlow, Mrs. John J. Wysong, Miss Leary, Mrs. J. A. Chadwick, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Mrs. E. T. Gerry, Mrs. F. O. French, Mrs. J. De Norman Whitehouse, Marquis de Sandras, Mrs. H. P. Whitney, Mrs. A. E. Tower, Mrs. William Grosvenor and Miss King.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Pell have been guests during the week of Mrs. James P. Kernochan at Ochre Point; Mr. and Mrs. Thorn of Mrs. N. D. Clapp; C. D. Chapman of C. L. F. Robinson, at Heartsease; Dr. Frank L. Polk of H. Mortimer Brooks; Miss Lily M. Oelrichs of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, jr.; James M. Waterbury, jr., of Milton Barger; Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Andrews of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Huhn; Lawrence Gillispie of Heber R. Bishop; H. M. Harriman of Joseph Harriman; La Montague Morris of F. P. Garrettson; Mr. and Mrs. Worthington C. Ford of Mrs. George W. Wales; A. S. Norton of H. W. Bookstaver; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Agassiz of Professor Alexander Agassiz; William Stackpole, 2d, of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, and W. F. Chrystie of Frederick Sheldon.

ARRIVALS OF THE WEEK.

Arrivals include S. Montgomery Roosevelt, John G. Heckscher, Edward DeV. Morrell, George C. Munzig, LeRoy Dresser, Captain C. D. Sigsbee, Dr. Wendell C. Phillips, McDougall Hawkes, Mrs. G. V. C. Hamilton, Captain H. C. Taylor, F. M. Ware, James B. Townsend, Herbert LeRoy Satterlee, Clarence C. Pell, J. Stevens Ulman, Stephen H. Olin, Caspar Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Livingston.

John G. Carlisle, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, has been at the New Cliffs Hotel during the week. Other arrivals there are J. E. Cowdin, C. G. Russell, Frederick Winthrop, Mr. and Mrs. George Rubler, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Knapp, Haley Fisk, Mrs. Buck, New-York; L. M. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett, R. H. Carleton, Mrs. E. C. Hodges, Mrs. Arthur A. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Haviland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andrews, Mrs. Charles S. Sargent, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Denney, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sear, St. Paul; T. S. Williams, jr., San Francisco; C. J. Heard, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar, Augusta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKay, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nattley, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Skinner, Baltimore; Rodman Swith, Chicago; Carroll Hodge, F. J. Heburn, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Powers, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Koon, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Fisher, Galveston; General A. E. Bates and the Misses Bates, Washington; General J. N. Forsyth, Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kipp, Kansas City; N. G. Basswell, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stevens, Savannah, and M. B. Nash, Paducah.

Among other arrivals are E. W. Livingston, W. B. Bininger, James Fox, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cornelli, C. C. Jarvis and George B. Carrington, New-York; W. W. Hoyt, Brooklyn; J. N. Raymond, Chicago; C. H. Rowe, London; Mrs. M. Manne, Detroit; E. B. Pinckney, New-Rochelle; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cornwall, Paterson; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Arnott, Philadelphia; E. N. Sicard, Buffalo; L. A. Berckman, Augusta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Avery, Memphis; T. E. Fisk, Helena, Mont., and Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Washington.

Mrs. Eaton, wife of Colonel Herbert F. Eaton, of the British army, and daughter of Mrs. Francis O. French; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bostwick and C. Oliver Iselin are expected to arrive here soon from Europe; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. G. D'Hauteville, who are on their way home, will come direct to Newport upon their arrival; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waterbury will visit Newport before the end of the season and Baron and Baroness Seilliere are expected at Inchiquin next week.

Miss Elsie French is a guest of Miss Sloane at Lenox.

At the annual election of officers of the Redwood Library and Athenæum Henry G. Marquand was again chosen president, Arthur B. Emmons vice-president, and among the directors are Louis B. McCagg, Daniel B. Fearing, Theodore K. Gibbs, George Gordon King, Stephen B. Luce, W. Watts Sherman and J. F. Pierson.

James Stillman, Henry A. C. Taylor and Theodore K. Gibbs have been elected members of the Executive Committee of the Newport Country Club, and James Stillman its president.

The Rev. D. Parker Morgan, of New-York, officiated at All Saints' Memorial Church last Sunday.

A new record of 74 strokes for the regular course of eighteen holes on the golf club links was made this week by J. H. Johnson. This beats by two strokes the old record of 76 held for several years by the professional, Willie Davis. Mr. Johnson is to play in the open tournament here.

A FALL SEASON AT THE PIER

A MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH A WINTER CLIENTELE—NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 25 (Special).—Indications are that the season here will be prolonged until well into the middle of September. One hotel, the largest and most liberally patronized, the Mathewson, announces that its doors will not close until September 17. Efforts are being made to establish a winter clientele among those invalids who have tired of the roar and bustle of more favored places and prefer Eastern rather than Southern Atlantic resorts.

At no time during the season has Sherry's Casino, or bathing pavilion, presented a more lively appearance than during the week. Perhaps in numbers the week will not compare with last, yet those who cater to transients say it is the most satisfactory of the season.

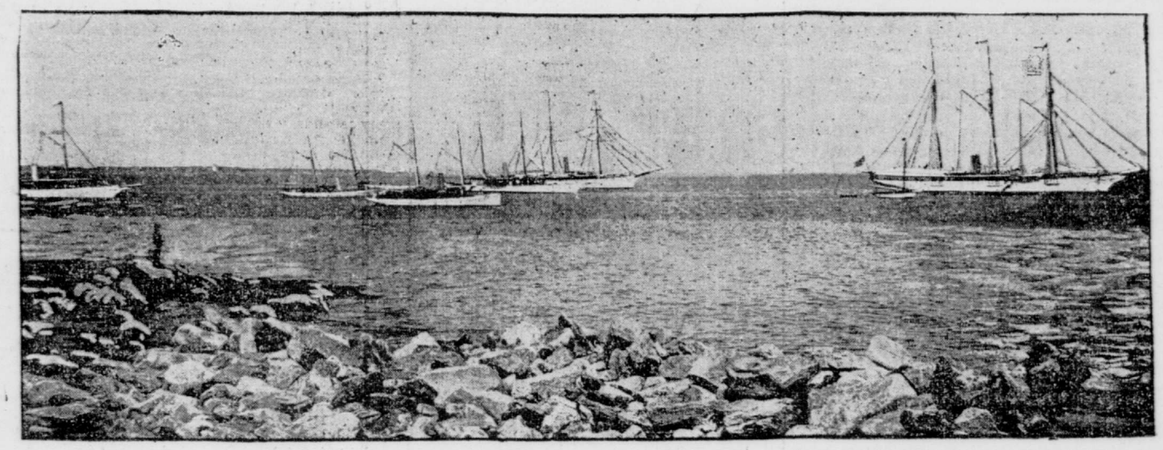
The Pier year by year is becoming more select, save for the excursion element, which pours in daily from nearby cities, noticeably Providence and Fall River, and is gone at the fashionable driving hour, 4 o'clock. The cottage element is always select. Last season certain hotels were notorious for the fast character of their guests; cafes were kept open until 2 and 3 a. m., but this season a wave of reform and decorum seems to have wafted in this direction, much to the satisfaction of the better element among the hotel men.

"The time will come, and in a few years at that," said S. W. Mathewson, jr., manager of the Mathewson House, "when the season at the Pier will be extended far into October. None of the hotel guests are aware of the delightful weather we have here during that month. The climate is perfect, and the water really warmer than in early July. The cottagers? Oh! yes; they know of the beauties of Narragansett during October, and as far as they are concerned society is as lively as now."

George Ward Van Vredenburg, of New-York, who was a guest at the Mathewson during the latter part of July and the first two weeks of August, has been most unfortunate in his horses. He had four here and three vehicles, among them a magnificent victoria. Last Saturday the horse attached to a runabout containing Mrs. Van Vredenburg and G. H Powning, of New-Haven, ran away, so severely injuring Mrs. Van Vredenburg that she had to be taken home on Monday. On Tuesday the horses and wagons were sent to Newport, there to be shipped to New-York. While standing on the steamboat dock a team attached to the victoria ran away, completely demolishing the vehicle and cutting the horse. Mr. Van Vredenburg's vehicles were damaged to the amount of $1,500, while his wife's ankle is badly fractured. His was the tenth runaway that has occurred here during the season, two or three being serious.

Golf has been the fashionable amusement of the week on the links of the Point Judith Country Club.

No apparent decrease in the number of guests and cottagers at the Monday night hops and Thursday night concerts at the Mathewson is noticed. The music at the latter hotel has been remarkably good this season.



LYING OFF NARRAGANSETT PIER.

BAR HARBOR GAYETIES.

THE HORSE SHOW ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION—THEATRICALS, DINNERS AND DANCES—PERSONAL NOTES.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 25 (Special).—The Horse Show had the call this week, and for lack of anything better to do, and because the show was really a most excellent one, society took itself there in great numbers. The success of the event was unlooked for, and its establishment as an annual feature has been made certain. During the three days' programme there were presented some of the finest exhibits from New-York and Philadelphia. The main figures of the Horse Show were Colonel Morrell, of Philadelphia, and Miss Van Nest, of New-York. These two had entered some splendid specimens, and both succeeded in carrying off several blue ribbons. Among other prominent exhibitors were Mrs. C. B. Newbold, Miss Pierrepont Edwards, J. C. M. Biddle, Mrs. Pulitzer, Miss Hinkle, Miss Mildred Barnes, Mrs. Spencer Ervin, S. Megargee Wright and J. L. Ketterlinus. The best classes were in the ladies' driving horses, the class for high steppers, won by Miss Van Nest; the class for jumpers, won by Colonel Morrell; the class for tally-hos, another win for Colonel Morrell, and the class for pair of high steppers, won by Mrs. Newbold. The fair features, though not so prominent as the Horse Show, proved enjoyable, particularly so with the trotting and running races.

The first annual yacht regatta, which began this week of sporting excitement, took place on Monday. Like the horse show, it was a great success, so much so that society is wondering if Bar Harbor has reawakened to the life of other days. There were six classes in all in the regatta. In the race for schooners, E. G. Fabbri, with the Tekla, was an easy winner. W. K. Draper, of New-York, won the race for sloops, with the Kebayen. In a special match race between J. Montgomery Sears's knockabout, the Ludeah, and the Cockatoo, owned by H. L. Eno, the latter was a winner by a slight margin. The Bar Harbor 25 footers put up a great contest. The Bobs, owned by A. Y. Stewart, was a winner. The race for old style sloops was won by H. E. Tracy, with the Zain. Altogether there were over fifty entries, and society made the day a gala occasion, following the races in every kind of water craft.

The Monday Evening Club began the week with its third number at the house of Mrs. J. J. Emery, of New-York. The entertainment was a musical under the direction of Mrs. Burton Harrison.

Bar Harbor intends that the visit of the English and American warships in September shall be a memorable event. The summer residents, united with the town authorities, are to raise a fund of $30,000, to provide a series of elaborate entertainments. The American fleet will also do a great deal of entertaining in honor of the English visitors. The famous old Rodick House, which has lain idle for several years will be opened and refitted for the occasion. There will take place two large formal balls, in addition to numerous other affairs in the Navy's honor. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the fleets is as follows: Dr. J. Madison Taylor, chairman; Admiral Upshur, U. S. N.; P. J. Horwitz, medical director, U. S. N., retired; Dr. Robert Amory, John S. Kennedy, W. S. Gurnee, Charles T. How, De Grasse Fox, J. L. Ketterlinus, J. M. Sears, W. Butler Duncan, Edward Coles, John Harrison, C. C. Jackson, E. G. Fabbri, L. B. Deasy, E. B. Rodick, William Fennely, W. M. Roberts, W. H. Davis, Charles B. Pineo, A. L. Stafford, George B. Dorr, Dr. S. W. Bunker, Dr. William Rogers, Fred C. Lyman, Asa Hodgkins, William L. Green, F. L. Savage, J. P. Bass, F. A. Wilson, Parke Godwin, Nathan Matthews, Joseph Pulitzer and A Howard Hinkle.

The Malvern hop was gay on Wednesday night. Those who entertained at dinner were Mrs. C. B. Wright, Miss Tarn, Mrs. Bloomfield McIlvaine and Miss Willing. Mrs. Wright's guests were Dr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. S. Megargee Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Emery, Dr. and Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Robbins, Mr. How and Mr. Isaacs.

Mrs. McIlvaine had as guests Miss Munnikhuysen, Miss McIlvaine, the Misses Whelen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. Cochran and Captain Bush. Mrs. McIlvaine's decorations were of sweetpeas.

At Miss Tarn's table the guests were Miss Alice Barney, Mrs. Tarn, the Misses Tarn, Mr. Franzen, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Winslow.

The chief incident of the coming week will be the theatricals in aid of the village hospital. Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney, who returned from a long absence abroad this summer, has the entertainment in charge. The play to be given is "The Dream of Alice in Wonderland," and the characters, numbering nearly fifty, will be filled by amateurs, who are rehearsing steadily for the event. The play will take place at the Music Hall.

Society is enthusiastic over the successful and unique calico ball given at the Louisburg on Friday night. It was the oddest thing that has occurred here in years. Characters from Dickens and Mother Goose were impersonated by society folk, and dancing followed. Those who took part were: Dick Swiveller and The Marchioness, Mr. Stanton and Mrs. Lindley Hoffman Chapin; Edith Skewton and Mr. Dombey, Mlle. de Saint Signe and Mr. Todd; David Copperfield and Dora, Mr. Cochran and Miss Edith Hollins; Dolly Varden and Sam Weller, Miss Van Nest and Mr. Wissman; Monsieur and Madame Mantelini, Mr. Livingston and Miss K. V. R. Berry; Lucy Manette and Sidney Carton, Miss Sylvia Fox and Langdon Erving; Nicholas Nickleby and Kate, Mr. Floyd and Miss Baird; Little Dorrit and Arthur Denham, F. Coudert, jr., and Ashton De Peyster; Florence Dombey and Little Paul, Miss Ruth Lawrence and Miss Montefiore Isaacs; Emma Haredale and Steerforth, Miss Ella De Peyster and Mr. Denby; Tilly Slowboy and Fat Boy, Miss Nora Fitzgerald and George Morgan. Miss Jackson made an admirable Mother Goose, and other characters were Little Bo Peep, Miss Kane; Mistress Mary Quite Contrary, Miss Mary Sheldon; The Queen of Hearts, Miss Violet Whelen; Milkmaid, Miss Hollins; Little Red Riding Hood, Miss Hester Hone; Curley Locks, Miss Una Soley; Little Miss Muffet, Miss Edith Poor; Maiden All Forlorn, Miss Tolfell; Mary Had a Little Lamb, Miss Scott; The Little Girl Who Had a Little Curl, Miss Nicholas; Daffy Down Dilly, Miss Lydia Baird; London Bridge Is Falling Down, Miss L. Jackson; Polly Flinders, Miss Spofford; Old Mother Hubbard, Miss Harris; The Maid in the Garden, Miss Porter.

Several dinners were given at the Malvern on Thursday night. Mrs. De Grasse Fox entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll Jackson, Count and Countess De Laugier-Villars, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Hone, Mrs. Thorndike, Miss Furniss, Mr. Fox, Mr. How and Mr. Isaacs.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Seely entertained at dinner on Thursday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Schieffelin, Mr. and Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Joy, Miss Matthews, Miss De Peyster, Mr. How, Captain Bush, Mr. Livingston and Mr. Curley.

The women's tournament for the Draper Cup, the final round of which was played at Kebo on Saturday, was won by Miss McLane, after a nineteen hole match with Miss Hinkle. The regular weekly tournament was won by Dr. C. W. Cushman, Herbert Jaques second. In the afternoon the play in the mixed doubles was a pretty affair. The winners were Mr. Ireland and Miss Davis. Herbert Jaques and Miss McLane were second.

Tennis is having the call at Kebo this week. The mixed doubles for the cup offered by Mrs. J. J. Emery were concluded Monday, being won by Miss Sharswood and Dr. Cushman. In the first round Miss Helen Seely and E. H. Dennison defeated J. R. Todd and Miss Knowlton; Miss Sharswood and Dr. Cushman defeated Miss Nicholas and Mr. Johnson; Miss Robinson and Mr. Morris defeated Miss Lawrence and Mr. Derby; Miss Leffingwell and V. N. Cushman defeated Miss G. Seely and Mr. Scully; Miss Alsop and J. F. O. Alsop defeated Miss Willing and Mr. Winslow. In the semi-finals Miss Sharswood and Dr. Cushman defeated Miss Robinson and Mr. Morris, while Miss Leffingwell and V. N. Cushman won their match from Miss Alsop and Mr. Alsop. The finals resulted in rather an easy win for Miss Sharswood and Dr. Cushman in three straight sets, all by a score of 6—2. The tournament at mixed doubles for the Hinkle Cup was played to-day.

The Saturday evening dinner dance at Kebo was its usual success. Those who entertained were Mrs. J. J. Emery, of New-York; Miss Walley, of New-York; Miss Willing, of Philadelphia; Captain Bush, of Kentucky, and Mrs. Ellis, of Washington. The dance attracted a large number of people, and so popular have these affairs become that the clubhouse is unable to accommodate the crowd who attend. Among those who were present on Saturday evening were Count and Countess De Laugier-Villars, Baron and Baroness Hengelmüller, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Livingston, Fellowes Davis, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Robinson, Miss Sylvia Fox, the Misses Seely, Mrs. R. H. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence Green, Miss J. E. Davis, Waldron Bates, Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Pulitzer, Miss Violet Whelen, George Horwitz, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Sharpless, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Van Nest and Mrs. John Harrison.

The knockabout contest on Saturday was another win for Edgar Scott with the Rip. This is Mr. Scott's third win, and since there is no practical difference between the boats, it would appear that he will carry off the cup by his superior seamanship. Mrs. Newbold's Dicky was second. V. E. Macy was third with the Pappoose.

Mrs. Abraham Lawrence and Miss Ruth Lawrence entertained on Saturday afternoon at a reception given in honor of Mrs. Lindley Hoffman Chapin, who has been a guest at the Louisburg this summer. Mrs. Chapin has been popular, and many attended to pay their respects previous to her departure for Newport.

Miss Paul, of Philadelphia, and Miss Mohr, of New-York, have been entertaining pleasant card parties at the Louisburg.

Next week the crack golfing contest of the season will be the exhibition by Harry Vardon at the Kebo Valley Club. Taylor, the open champion, will also be here.

WATCH HILL DANCES AND BOWLS.

PREPARING FOR AN AQUATIC CONTEST—RECENT HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Watch Hill, R. I., Aug. 25 (Special).—The annual Ocean House german of Tuesday evening of this week was easily the crowning event in the list of social functions of Watch Hill for the season. Thirty-six couples participated. Mrs. Schoonmaker, of Plainville, N. J., who occupies one of the Ocean House cottages, was the leader of the evening among the women, and Messrs. C. L. Childs and L. E. Waring, guests of the hotel, were the leaders among the men. The decorations were beautiful, and included ferns and many other exquisite plants and flowers. At 11 o'clock supper was served.

The members of the Larkin House Orchestra gave a successful hop at the Larkin House last Saturday. An unusually large number danced. The orchestra netted a good sum of money.

The cottagers and guests at the hotels are preparing for a great time on September 1, when a water carnival will be held. There will be aquatic contests. The committee is composed of the following: E. M. Beyers, E. L. Jones, H. Burnet, J. B. Burnet, F. L. Schoonmaker and W. Allen. There will be swimming races for men, women and boys, a diving contest, a tub race, a log race, canoe races for mixed crews, and a catboat race. The judges will be D. C. Anderson, W. S. Smith, C. D. Jones and S. L. Schoonmaker.

On Saturday evening at the Larkin House there will be a german. A large attendance is expected.

The games of the Watch Hill Athletic Association were held last Saturday. W. H. Ballard (Larkin House) captured the chief prize. The 1,000-yard run was won by H. F. Smith. G. L. Brinkley was second. The relay race was won by the Ocean House team. The officials were: Referee, E. H. Lewis; judges at finish, C. L. Childs, Walter Allen and Paul White; inspectors, William Irving and J. C. Jackson; clerk of course, E. L. Ward; starter, Thomas Gee, and manager, Alfred Jupiter.

Bowling has attracted a number of players this season. The following are some of the best records made thus far: O. M. Stafford, July 25, 224; Mrs. O. M. Stafford, July 25, 189. The above records were made with three balls. In the two ball game the following were noted: Miss Lathrop, a guest of the Ocean House, 163; Miss Burrell, 155, and Mrs. W. S. Kuhn, 146.

Following are the latest arrivals at the Hill:

Ocean House—Thomas A. Eddy, Bruce M. Falconer, New-York; A. H. Broadway, J. M. Williams, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Y. Fox, Masters Fox, J. B. Myers, E. B. S. Myers, of Philadelphia; Miss Hadassah Felton, Chicago; J. Herbert Pratt, West Chester, Penn.; Edward B. Allen, Cleveland; Lycurgus Winchester, Baltimore; Charles D. Chapman, Morristown, N. J.; Clifford Hinkle, Cincinnati, and John R. Beam, of Paterson, N. J.

Larkin House—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wies, A. W. Eager, William S. Corell, J. D. Foot, J. H. Lounsbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanford, New-York; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Carscallem and family, Brooklyn; Dr. O. W. H. Ragan and Mrs. Ragan, Miss Jane L. Hammond, Hagerstown, Md.; C. B. Gregory, East Orange, N. J.; William J. Behr, Allen N. Kennaday, H. R. Burgess, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. C. A. Knight, Peekskill, N. Y.; George H. Dupee, Plainfield, N. J.; O. A. Burbank, Boston; Mrs. G. C. Breed, the Misses Breed, Miss Mary McPherson, Louisville, Ky.

Watch Hill House—Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons, J. H. Lounsbury, Evarts Tracey, Ainsley C. Oakley, A. Shirland, jr., George R. Hedges, H. C. Darling, P. Thompson, H. F. Driggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanford, William Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. A. Parker Smith, New-York; William E. Brown, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren, Yonkers, N. Y.; Charles G. Ritchie, Orange, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reed and Miss Reed, of Trenton.

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OYSTERS OF GOOD QUALITY.

PROSPECT OF AN EXCELLENT SEASON—THE TRUST IN STATU QUO.

Large oyster dealers say that the prospects for a good oyster market are better this fall than for several years, owing to improvement in quality. One dealer said the quality had not been so good in five years. Owing to this the wholesale price will probably be a little higher than last year. The price of Blue Point oysters has just been raised 50 cents a barrel by the growers. Prince's Bay and Rockaway oysters are particularly fine this year. This market depends upon those to a large extent. The oysters from these waters generally have been free from their usual enemies, drills, mussels, starfish, eel grass and the like.

A. F. Merrell, who has an oyster scow at West Washington Market, said to the reporter:

The prospects for a good season are better this year than they have been for several years. The oysters from Prince's Bay and Rockaway are good. The oysters have grown well. It is too early to form an estimate of the quality of the Long Island Sound oysters.

Reports from the oyster centres along the north shore of Long Island Sound indicate that the season will be exceptionally good. The oyster beds off Greenwich and Stamford are reported to be in excellent condition. The oyster set is said to be the largest for several years. The yield on the natural beds off Bridgeport last year was unusually large. It is said that this year's set is as large as that of last year. This is welcome news to the oystermen all along the Sound, as large numbers go there to dredge for seed or to buy it to plant on their beds. Last year about five hundred licenses to dredge on these beds were issued by the State Shellfish Commission. It is expected that the number this year will be even greater. Applications have begun to come in already. At Clinton and other places the set is reported to be equal to that of last year.

It is reported that Andrew Radel, of Bridgeport, organizer of the Newark and Bridgeport trolley systems, is investing in oyster property on a large scale, in order to control sufficient holdings to make him a factor in the organization of the proposed oyster combination. The last report of the Shellfish Commission shows that he owns 3,000 acres of Connecticut oyster ground. It is said that he has purchased several hundred acres since the report was issued. He is one of the largest owners of oyster ground in the State.

No steps are being taken toward the formation of the proposed oyster combination. Several incidents which occurred at the time the scheme was coming to a head—the financial difficulties of the promoter, the agitation of the Ice Trust inquiry, also the impending National election—put a stop to the plan for the time. The oyster men appear to be in favor of the combination, and it is said that the options submitted will be available whenever the scheme is revived. Those who have been steering the move think this will be after election.

PREFERRED A "PUFFIN' BILLY."

WHY THE CREW LEFT A "WINDJAMMER" BEFORE SHE DOCKED.

The sailors' boarding house keepers of this port have made one attempt to violate the new law which prohibits their boarding vessels in the stream for the purpose of taking off sailors. As a result three of them are in hiding to escape warrants which Clark H. Abbott, of the Seamen's Branch of the Free Legal Aid Society, desires to swear out against them. The other boarding house masters have signified their intention of waiting till the vessels dock before soliciting sailors.

Several runners went down to the Lower Bay early in the week and boarded the British ship Eden Ballymore. The captain was on shore, and returned to find every member of his crew missing. The officers had to dock the ship with the assistance of tugboat men. By free use of whiskey and the promise of a good time on shore, with plenty of money to spend, the runners had persuaded every man of the crew to depart. The fact that they had shipped for thirty-two months and had hardly served out their advance money did not prevent the men from taking French leave.

The good time on shore did not materialize after the men were actually in the hands of the runners, nor did the steamer job which was promised them. Two of the men found their way to the office of the Legal Aid Society, at No. 3 State-st. They were "Jimmie" Turner, sixteen years old, and Thomas France, thirty years old. They wanted their bags rescued from the clutches of the boarding house men and several fancied wrongs put to rights.

"Why did you leave the Eden Ballymore?" asked Mr. Abbott.

"Leave that old 'windjammer'? Why, 'cause they promised us fine jobs on a 'bloomin' puffin' billy,'" explained Turner, who was a giant in size, and had an old face, in spite of his years.

"What's a 'puffin' billy'?" asked the attorney.

"You ain't been long at this business, has you?" was the scornful answer. "A 'puffin' billy' is a steamboat. That's what it is."

Mr. Abbott secured their bags after some difficulty, but in the mean time Turner had lost his nerve. He got to thinking over the terrible crime he had committed in reporting the boarding house men. A streak of cold shivers came over him, and there was not enough whiskey in South-st. to warm him up.

France showed up at the office on Friday morning, almost as badly frightened. The runners had been threatening him.

"'Jimmie' Turner's skipped," he said to Mr. Abbott. "He stowed away on an Atlantic Transport steamer, an' said his bag could go to the devil 'fore he'd stay another min