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Mr. and Mrs. William A. White, of Columbia Heights, will give a dance for their debutante daughter, Miss Margaret Low White, at the Germania Club, on Friday evening, December 26.

The wedding of Miss Alice L. Leach and Edwin C. Sharp will take place on Thursday evening, December 11, at the home of the bride's parents, No. 176 Macon-st. Miss Elizabeth Mansfield, of Cleveland, Ohio, will act as maid of honor. Archibald Sharp, brother of the bridegroom, will be best man. The bridesmaids will be Miss Edith Wilkinson, of Brooklyn; Miss Roberta Watterson, of Manhattan; Miss Mary Hawes, of Fall River, and Miss Florence Atkins, of Hartford, Conn. The ushers will be William H. Leach, jr., of Bridgeport, Conn.; John G. Smith, of Warren, Penn.; Dr. J. Eddy Blake and George Corey, of Brooklyn. The ceremony will be followed by a reception.

The wedding of Miss Sarah H. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Smith, and Harry Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Street, took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 174 Macon-st. The bride was attended by Mrs. Charles G. Street, jr., the wife of the bridegroom's brother. Frank A. Ryan was best man. The ushers were Charles G. Street, jr., brother of the bridegroom; Louis H. Smith and Harry R. Smith, brothers of the bride; George E. Fischer, Charles A. Batterley and Dr. R. A. Woods, of Pittsburg.

Miss Anna K. Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Valentine, of No. 111 St. Mark's-ave., will be formally introduced to society by her mother at a series of two receptions on Thursday and Friday afternoons, December 11 and 12.

The wedding of Miss Florence Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Arnold, and Frederick C. Field will take place on Wednesday evening, January 7, in Holy Trinity Church. Miss Mary Arnold, sister of the bride, will act as maid of honor. The bridesmaids will be Miss Nanno Dougherty, Miss Ruth Howard, Miss Laura Hubbard and Miss Louise Murray. Richard M. Field will be best man. The ushers will be Edgar H. Arnold, Charles Field, David E. Gray, George A. Fuller, Charles Tillinghast and Frederick Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Judson will give a reception and dance on Friday evening at their home, No. 116 Willow-st., for their debutante daughter, Miss Helen Judson.

The wedding of Miss Jessie R. Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clarke, of Grand-ave., and Henry D. Atwater, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Atwater, of Joralemon-st., will take place on Wednesday afternoon, December 17, in the Washington Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Boardman will give a reception on Thursday, December 11, from 3 till 6, and from 8 till 10 o'clock, at their home, No. 470 Ocean-ave.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude C. Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abiathar Richards, and William D. Hannah, of Auburn, N. Y., took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 124 Fort Greene Place. The house was effectively decorated with palms, smilax and pink chrysanthemums. Miss Hannah, sister of the bridegroom, acted as maid of honor. William F. Richards, brother of the bride, was best man.

The wedding of Miss Isabella F. Emerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Emerson, and Frederick R. Stoneall, of Maplewood, N. J., took place on Monday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 225 Berkeley Place. The Rev. Dr. L. Mason Clarke, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. The house was decorated with Southern smilax and pink roses. Miss Jane L. Emerson, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor. Frank S. Stoneall, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Stoneall will make their home in Wyoming, N. J.

Miss Maria Knox, of Willow-st., will give a luncheon on Wednesday at the Hamilton Club for Miss Louise R. Carhart.

The wedding of Miss Harriette Amsden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Amsden, of Florida, and Captain Le Roy S. Lyon, of the artillery corps, U. S. A., took place on Monday afternoon in St. Bartholomew's Church. The bride's only attendant was Miss Louise M. Wingate. Captain John Sewall, of the engineer corps, was best man. The ushers were Captain McIndoe, Captain Eckels, Captain Connors and Captain Pierce. Captain and Mrs. Lyons will make their home at Fort Schuyler.

The engagement is announced of Edgar Boody, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Boody, and Miss Margaret Liscomb, of Albany.

Mrs. Oscar Pfeiffer and the Misses Pfeiffer will hold the last of a series of "at homes" on Wednesday, from 4 until 9 o'clock, at their home, No. 473 Jefferson-ave.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Bessie P. Dawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dawson, of Jefferson-ave., and William H. Rich, jr., of Van Buren-st.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Monroe Hewlett have returned to town from Lawrence, Long Island, and are now established for the winter season at their home, No. 154 Hicks-st., which was formerly the home of the late Rev. Dr. Storrs, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims.

CALLS IT IMPORTANT CONVICTION.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CLARKE PLEASED OVER CONVICTION OF MORRISON, WHO SOLD A "FAKE" SALOON.

David Morrison, who was found guilty of grand larceny in the second degree, in having sold a "fake" saloon to Otto Ransweiller, of Palmyra, N. J., by a jury in the Kings County Court, at an early hour yesterday morning, will be sentenced by Judge Crane within a few days. In the mean time General Benjamin F. Tracy and Stephen C. Baldwin, his lawyers, will make a motion for a new trial.

District Attorney Clarke is much pleased over his victory, and considers it one of the most important convictions that has been obtained in some time.

"I cannot help but think," he said yesterday, "that this verdict will have a wholesome effect upon the whole people of Brooklyn. Just think of it! Here, in this model community, for the last five years this gang has operated, and has fleeced its victims of thousands and thousands of dollars. In the West the members of such a gang would be escorted out of town by a vigilance committee, with a promise that if they came back they would be hanged from the nearest lamppost. Here we have a marble courthouse, and the member of the gang on trial has the benefit of eminent counsel. With the proceeds of the gang's swindles he can bring to his aid every legal device available. This conviction will put an end to this despicable sort of swindle for many years in Brooklyn."

Edward Delaney, another member of the gang who was indicted jointly with Morrison, will be brought to trial as soon as possible. John Shea, another member of the same gang, as alleged, is now in Raymond Street Jail. This gang has swindled unsuspecting countrymen in all sorts of ways, more particularly by the sale of "fake" saloons and butcher shops and by "fake" auctions.

WORK OF ASSESSORS FINISHED.

The assessors of the Bureau of Taxes and Assessments in Brooklyn have practically completed their work. The books will be ready for inspection the first week of January. It was said yesterday that all the property in Brooklyn had been assessed, with the exception of that along the waterfront, which some of the assessors think has depreciated in value and should be assessed only a little higher than last year, when the assessed valuation was supposed to be about 70 per cent of the actual value of the property. All the other property in Brooklyn is assessed at its normal value.

APPEALS FOR CHARITIES.

The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities appeals for $40 for a family—man, wife and two children—the man ill in a hospital and the woman ill at home. It is hoped that the man will soon be better, and he can get work as soon as he is able to do it.

The bureau renews its appeal for $40 for a man, wife and six children, the man incapacitated for work by reason of having cut his foot. The family is known to be honest and hard working, and as soon as the man is able he can have his work again.

The bureau also renews its appeal for $50 for a man, wife and two children, the man ill in a hospital. The woman is not strong, and help will be necessary for some weeks. They are people who have never needed help before, and have suffered keenly because of lack of the necessaries of life and indisposition to make their wants known.

The bureau also appeals for $50 to aid a woman with three children, the woman having been injured by a brutal husband, who has been arrested and is on trial. The woman is most anxious to support her family, and the bureau hopes that with care for a few weeks she will become able to help herself.

Contributions should be sent to the central office, No. 69 Schermerhorn-st., Brooklyn.

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THE WEATHER TO-MORROW—RAIN OR SNOW.

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

On the six business days before Christmas we shall keep the store open until seven o'clock. On all other days the store will close as usual at six o'clock. There will be no late closing this year.

Furs for Holiday Gifts.

Hints of very unusual values—and very fine Furs:

Fur Coats. Plain Persian lamb Coats, popular flat curl, value $150.00 at..$125.00
Plain Persian lamb Coats, regular bean curl, value $125.00, at....$90.00
Trimmed Persian lamb Coats, collar and revers of Baum marten, value $175.00, at....$145.00
Trimmed Persian lamb Coats, collar and revers of chinchilla, value $175.00, at....$145.00
Trimmed Persian lamb Coats, collar and revers of ermine; value $165.00, at....$135.00
Trimmed Persian lamb Coats, collar and revers of mink; value $135.00, at....$110.00
Alaska sealskin Coats, 22 inches long, our own make, value $250.00, at....$200.00
Alaska sealskin Coats, 24 inches long; value $325.00, at....$275.00
Alaska sealskin Coats, 26 inches long; value $375.00, at....$325.00
Alaska sealskin Coats, 28 inches long; value $400.00, at....$345.00
Electric seal Coats, the best made; lined with Skinner's guaranteed satin, in correct and perfect fitting model; 22 inches long; value $30.00, at **$19.45**; longer lengths at proportionate prices.

Fur Neckwear. Long Scarfs of sable dyed fox skins; trimmed with two natural brushes; value $7.50, at....$4.95
Large fox Muff to match Scarf; value $7.50, at....$4.95
Long mink Scarf, made of four skins, trimmed with ten mink tails and paws; value $22.00, at....$16.50
Large flat mink Muff to match Scarf, value $22.00, at....$16.50
Mink cluster Scarf, trimmed with ten mink tails, value $17.50, at....$13.50
Extra long flat Scarf of Alaska sable, finished with two brushes, value $40.00, at....$28.50
Extra long flat Scarf of mink, finished with mink tails, value $40.00, at....$34.50
Scarfs of Hudson Bay sable, trimmed with real Hudson Bay sable tails and paws, value $60.00, at....$34.50

Second floor, front, Central Building.

$20 to $22 Silk Lined Overcoats, $15.

Overcoats that if lined with serge would be exceptional value at $15.00, will be here to-morrow at that price lined with silk.

Made of fine black or Oxford coating, in plain or twill vicuna finish; made in the Chesterfield style, 44 inches long, full and graceful.

Second floor, rear, East Building.

Great News of Linens.

The soft shimmer of fine Linens on the table at holiday time is a special joy to the good housewife—and to-day brings suggestions of such Linens at smartly under the usual prices.

Table Cloths and Napkins to match, superfine Scotch satin damask, our own importation, new and handsome patterns, conventional, scroll and lily of the valley. Plain centre, with floral or lace border, and many other pretty patterns.
Table Cloths:
2x2 yards....$2.50 and $3.00 each
2x2½ yards....$3.13 and $3.75 each
2x3 yards....$3.75 and $4.50 each
2x3½ yards....$4.38 and $5.25 each
Larger sizes in proportion.
Napkins to match:
⅝ size, 20x20 inches....$2.65 and $2.98 a dozen
¾ size, 24x24 inches....$3.75 and $4.25 a dozen
Extra heavy and fine Irish cream Damask, 2 yards wide, imported to sell for $1.25 and $1.50 a yard, at....98c. a yard
Napkins, all linen bleached Scotch damask, our own importation, 19 inches square, closely priced....$1.59 a dozen
Renaissance Lace Scarfs, 19x54 inches, special at....$2.25 each
Tea Cloths, all linen, hemstitched and fringed, 36x36 inches....50c. to $1.25 each
Fine French hand embroidered Towels....$1.35 to $3.57 each
A lot of fine Cluny lace Scarfs, Centre Pieces and Doilies, reduced 20 per cent. less than the regular prices.

Main floor, rear, East Building.

$1.25 and $1.50 Carpets--98c.

Over a hundred patterns—it is news that no one with a need for a Carpet will wisely miss. There are
Velvets, Axminsters,
Wilton Velvets, Body Brussels,
And each is the best of its respective kind. The designs and colorings are as handsome as any we have ever had to show, and there is variety enough to make choosing easy for any part of the house.

Many in the line are new Carpets, too—arrived from the mills but a few days ago. Regular prices here—which are the lowest usual prices anywhere—are $1.25 to $1.50 a yard. To-morrow choose at **98c.**

Third floor, East Building.

AN OLD LANDMARK GONE.

FARMHOUSE ON THE OLD CLOVE ROAD GIVES WAY TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

The Old Clove Road is only a memory in Brooklyn now, but time was when farmers drove along it with great wagon loads of garden stuff to the markets in town. It was an important thoroughfare in those days. The outlying portions of Brooklyn, however, were laid out in the prevailing checker board fashion, and as the Old Clove Road went diagonally or otherwise to make the nearest way between the points at either end it was eventually closed. Brooklyn lawyers in searching titles to real estate in Kings County occasionally come across old deeds which mention it, and for some time there was a good deal of doubt about the validity of titles to property which included portions of the old road. The doubts were eventually cleared away, however, and the old road is largely built upon now. There are portions of the road still discoverable south of the Eastern Parkway, but the last trace of the old thoroughfare north of the avenue mentioned has been eradicated within the last few months by the building of a fine new schoolhouse in Prospect Place, between Nostrand and Rogers aves., known as Public School No. 138. A frame farmhouse, which had withstood the advance of bricks and mortar and had been occupied by the same family for fifty years, was torn down to make room for this new edifice devoted to learning. This house stood near the Old Clove Road and to the day of its demolition retained the same appearance that had characterized it for so many years. There was a large frame barn in which were kept both cows and horses, and a chicken house from which the notes of chanticleer awakened the neighborhood every morning and on moonlight nights. As apartment houses and private dwellings gradually grew up around it this old weather beaten house presented a strange appearance. A fine new school already occupies the north end of the plot. This school is to be opened in February, and it is expected that another building will be erected on the south end of the plot within a short time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS.

COMMISSIONER STURGIS APPOINTS TWO FOR FIRST TIME IN THE BOROUGH.

The appointment of two chaplains to the Brooklyn Fire Department has been announced by Fire Commissioner Sturgis. They are the Rev. Harry A. Handel, a Western clergyman, who has recently come to Brooklyn, and the Rev. Thomas F. McGronen, pastor of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. They will serve without pay.

Soon after his appointment Mr. Handel obtained a month's leave of absence from Commissioner Sturgis, and yesterday sailed for England to visit a sick sister. Father McGronen will at once enter upon the discharge of his duties. Mr. Handel and Father McGronen are the first chaplains to be appointed to the Brooklyn Fire Department.

Father McGronen comes of a family of fire fighters. For more than a generation his father was a foreman in the Brooklyn Fire Department, and his brother, John J. McGronen, is now foreman of the hook and ladder company at Fire Headquarters, in Jay-st., Brooklyn. Father McGronen is thirty-nine years old, was ordained sixteen years ago, and is one of the best known priests in the Brooklyn diocese. For several years he was assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, in Greenpoint, was afterward pastor of the Catholic church at Westbury, and has had charge at Hyde Park and Dutch Kills, Long Island. It has been his habit for years to attend all the fires in the neighborhood of St. Anne's Church.

The Rev. Mr. Handel, popularly known as the "Clerical Handyman," lived for years in Colorado, where he made a reputation by building his own church, as his congregation was poor. He excavated the ground, put in the stone work, carried a hod and laid the brick. He also built a rectory, where cowboys, stockmen and hunters were always welcome; was an expert shot, and accompanied President Roosevelt on many hunting expeditions.

Since Mr. Handel came here, recently, he has been engaged in missionary work in Brooklyn. He became acquainted with Deputy Commissioner Laimbeer of the Fire Department, who recommended his appointment.

Mr. Handel and Father McGronen will attend all second alarm fires, will visit firemen who are sick and will do missionary work.

HOLDS ARRESTS WERE ILLEGAL.

MAGISTRATE TIGHE DISCHARGES PRISONERS MADE BY CAPTAIN GODDARD, OF ANTI-POLICY SOCIETY.

Brooklynites who would like to have policy driven out of the borough will be interested in the action of Magistrate Tighe yesterday in discharging all the prisoners arrested by Captain Goddard, of the Anti-Policy Society, in Brooklyn, in October, in a raid at No. 149 Hudson-ave., and declaring that the special officers who went into the place were trespassers under the law, as they had no authority to make an arrest without a warrant any more than any ordinary citizen. The magistrate asserted that a peace officer duly appointed under Civil Service rules might have made the arrest, but not the agents of the society, who had no warrant.

Two of Captain Goddard's men, with the aid of two Manhattan detectives, made a raid on the Hudson-ave. house. A man named George Hunt struck one of the officers with a baseball bat, and George O'Brien and John Henderson also interfered when Charles Abbott, the proprietor of the place, was placed under arrest. Hunt and others were charged with felonious assault and with interfering with an officer. Magistrate Tighe maintained that there was no proof that a felony had been committed.

EXHIBITIONS OF STAMPS.

There will be a series of open competitive exhibitions of stamps held by the section on philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, on January 23, February 27 and March 27. Two prizes are offered at each exhibition. The first evening the competition will be for the best fifty cancelled stamps, condition, not rarity, to count; the second competition is for the best exhibit of stamps from any one of certain foreign countries, and the third, for the best exhibit of fifty unused stamps of the catalogue value of $10 or less. J. D. Carberry, of No. 999A Lafayette-ave., Brooklyn, is secretary of the committee in charge.

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

In one of Brooklyn's hospitals is a doctor who has, to say the least, a very unceremonious way of doing things. A patient there the other day can testify to that. He had been treated, among other injuries, for a severe cut over the eye. Some kind of adhesive plaster had been pasted over the eye, and when the time came to dress the wound the doctor, instead of applying warm water and gently removing the plaster, inserted his finger nail under it, and swiftly ripped it from the patient's face. The poor fellow screamed from the excruciating pain, and protested that the doctor should have applied warm water first to the plaster and removed it gently.

"Oh! we've no time to use hot water here," was the doctor's insolent reply.

Then he went over to the cot of a patient who had undergone an operation for appendicitis, and amused himself in a similar way. Getting a purchase on a plaster covering the surgical wound, he ripped it from the body of the patient, who let out a scream of agony that startled the whole ward.

In the same hospital a man who had been so severely injured by a fall that his face was smashed in and he barely escaped a fracture of the skull was allowed to lie in the hospital about four hours without even having the blood washed from his face and head, to say nothing of receiving immediate treatment. His wife, who had been informed by a policeman of the accident which had befallen her husband, saw him in the hospital five hours after his fall, which had been caused by vertigo. Naturally, she was shocked to see the neglect to which her husband had apparently been subjected. A woman of refinement, she courteously begged a passing nurse to give her husband a drink of water for which he was calling. The nurse paid no attention whatever to the request. Again the nurse was begged by the woman to bring a drink of water for the sufferer. This time the nurse unbent from her dignity long enough to say:

"You needn't worry, madam. We'll take good care of your husband."

But she didn't bring the water, and the worried wife and mother went home, sick at heart, and feeling that that day could not come too soon which would restore to her her husband from the more or less tender mercies of a public hospital.

One of Brooklyn's police captains, more noted for the pull that landed him in his present place than for any extraordinary degree of intelligence, was out for a walk last week, when he passed a little park where one of the guns captured in the Spanish war is mounted. The captain walked over to where the big steel tube stood, looked it over carefully, squinted down its barrel and then remarked to his companion:

"Say, 'Bill,' is that 'ere thing one of those new sewer pipes?"

"Bill," who is possessed of vastly more intelligence than his superior, although he is only a patrolman, then explained to the captain that the supposed sewer pipe was a Spanish cannon, a trophy of the late war.

"A trophy, you say?" said the captain. "Isn't that a new name for a cannon? I never heard one called that before."

The patrolman concealed his mirth and made some remark about the weather by way of changing the conversation.

Much space given in the newspapers to Peary and his North Pole expeditions and to other arctic and antarctic enterprises and the resulting talk about such things in the home have put new and odd ideas into the heads of the children. The mother of a bright little four-year-old Brooklyn girl went into the nursery one day last week and found the child slowly lifting her doll up in the air as high as her little arm would permit, and then letting it sink slowly to the floor again. Meanwhile the girl was murmuring to herself, and the mother, mystified by the performance, walked up unnoticed behind her daughter. This is what she heard:

"Now dolly's going to the North Pole," as the doll was elevated high in the air, "and now dolly's going to the South Pole," and the doll was lowered slowly toward the floor.

Brooklyn is to have what is known as a midnight mission, which will be under the auspices of the Brooklyn City Mission Society. Experience has shown that many men and women who are out in the streets late in the evening can be attracted by mission services to which they would pay no attention were they held at the ordinary time. The idea is to begin the exercises about 10:30 o'clock, just when the theatres and music halls are beginning to send their crowds out into the streets. They are to be held in Central Chapel, Jay and Willoughby sts., and the first one will be to-morrow night. A sheltered platform is being built over the areaway in Jay-st., and short, outdoor services, consisting of songs and a few pithy remarks, will be given for the purpose of attracting attention. Then an invitation to go inside will be extended to those who have gathered. If the services in Central Chapel are successful others will be held in various parts of the borough.

Dr. F. R. Lane, the new head of the academic department of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, whose original and progressive ideas on educational methods advanced him to the head of the public school system in Washington within a few years, has already begun to take an active interest in general educational work in Brooklyn. Although he came to Brooklyn from Washington only a few months ago, he has just been elected president of the Brooklyn Free Kindergarten Society.

When the football team of the "Poly Prep" received its recent invitation to go to Chicago for a game with the Hyde Park High School it was feared that Mr. Lane would not approve of the boys taking such a long trip. They were much and agreeably surprised, however, when he at once became enthusiastic over the proposition. "Why, certainly," he said; "go, by all means. It will be a good experience for you boys to go West and rub up against the schoolboys of that part of the country. Only keep your eyes and ears open. Ask questions. Learn how they do things out there."

Somewhat similar requests had been refused in past years.

FOR ALL ILLS TO WHICH FLESH IS HEIR.

"Did it ever strike you what a cureall whiskey is to the real Westerner, the man of the plains?" asked a New-Yorker who has just returned from a year in Arizona.

"I knew they used it for rattlesnakes and jags," replied the friend, who has never in his life been west of Buffalo.

"That is just the beginning of a long list," said the other. "If a snake bites you, just fill up on whiskey; if you have consumption, fill up on whiskey and keep filled; if you get smallpox, more whiskey; chills and ague, whiskey. And so it goes. I wonder they have any doctors out there with that ever available cure for everything that ails."

FELL UNDER MOVING TRAIN.

PASSENGERS WHO EXPECT TO FIND A MAN DEAD DISCOVER HIM UNINJURED.

A miraculous escape from death was the experience yesterday morning of Sylvester J. Whalen, thirty-two years old, of No. 681 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, in falling under an elevated train on the Brighton Beach division at the Park Place station.

Whalen, who is a foreman of linemen in the employ of the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company, was one of about fifty passengers on the platform, and when the train going downtown rolled in, he tried to board the third car, but slipped on the icy boards. He fell between the third and fourth cars, and dropped on the tracks as the train started. He retained his presence of mind, however, and, rolling over between the rails, crouched as low as possible. The fourth car passed over him, leaving him unharmed. When the train was quickly brought to a stop the excited passengers expected to find him dead, but Whalen was not hurt in any way, and, coolly boarding the train, went downtown as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened to him.

NOTES OF THE REGIMENTS.

Governor Odell will review the 9th Regiment at its armory on Friday evening, December 19, and a reception will follow. The annual inspection and muster of the regiment will take place at the armory on Thursday evening. Chaplain R. M. Sherman and Lieutenant C. F. Winters, who recently passed the examining board, have been commissioned. Corporals C. Gilbride and D. Johnston, recently promoted, have been warranted.

Major General Chaffee, U. S. A., will review the 13th Regiment at its armory on Tuesday evening, December 20, and an exhibition of firing dummy projectiles will be given. The firing will be under the direction of Captain C. O. Davis, and Major W. A. Turpin will command the regiment during evening parade.

Members of the 7th Regiment are preparing for inspection and muster at the armory on Tuesday evening, December 16. The non-commissioned staff officers will attend a performance of "The Silver Slipper" Saturday evening. Company K will hold its annual dinner at Delmonico's on Monday evening, December 22. The New-York Athletic Club members of the regiment will hold their annual dinner at the club on Saturday, December 20.

Squadron A will hold a review at its armory on Monday evening, December 22, which will be followed by a number of interesting exhibitions. Troop 1 will give a signal in which commands will be given by signal only. Troop 2 will give a mounted drill, and Troop 3 will give an exhibition of rough riding.

Company A of the 8th Regiment has elected Reginald J. Imperatori, from civil life, a second lieutenant. The 1st Battalion, Major Kerby, will hold a drill and dance on Tuesday, and the 2d Battalion, Major Edwards, will hold a similar entertainment on Friday evening. The regimental band will also give a concert on each occasion.

GOSSIP OF THE TWENTY-SECOND.

The 22d Regiment will assemble for annual muster and inspection at the armory on Tuesday evening. This will be the first muster of the regiment since it was organized into an engineer command. Sergeant Betjeman, captain of the regimental baseball team, is stirred up over the alleged rough play of the All Collegiate team at the armory a few nights since, and declares that the team in the future will be barred from playing any more games with the 22d team.

"The All Collegiate team," said Mr. Betjeman, "played in the roughest kind of manner, and they seemed to want a rough and tumble fight rather than a gentlemanly game of indoor baseball. Why, Irwin of their team deliberately butted Mr. Coffey of the 22d team and knocked out two of his teeth, and our men found it hard to keep their tempers and restrain themselves from having a try at the teeth and eyes of the All Collegiates, I can assure you. We are done with them, however, as we have no desire for scrapping in a game of baseball."

The 22d team will play a game with the 4th Regiment of Connecticut at Stamford on Saturday afternoon. Companies E and I will hold a joint dance at the armory on Wednesday evening. Company C will hold its annual dinner next month, and both active and veteran members will participate. Company D held a beefsteak dinner on Thursday, which proved a great success. Captain Bell presided.

PERCENTAGE OF DRILL ATTENDANCE.

Figures computed at National Guard headquarters of the percentage of attendance at drills during October of the different organizations of the guard demonstrate with few exceptions a satisfactory attendance. Of the regimental organizations the 7th is in the lead, with a percentage of 90.73. In the mounted organizations the First Signal Corps has the high percentage of 98. The following are the records of each organization in Manhattan and Brooklyn, arranged in order of merit.

Mounted troops—First Signal Corps, 98 per cent; 3d Battery, 92.04; 1st Battery, 91.97; 2d Battery, 90.31; Squadron A, 89.25; Troop C, 88.68; Second Signal Corps, 84.15.

Regimental organizations—Seventh Regiment, 90.73 per cent; 13th Regiment, 83.45; 8th Regiment, 83.44; 22d Regiment, 82.54; 69th Regiment, 80.76; 23d Regiment, 78.86; 47th Regiment, 78.81; 12th Regiment, 72.89; 9th Regiment, 71.91; 71st Regiment, 70.57; 14th Regiment, 68.05.

RESIGNATIONS IN THE REGIMENTS.

Lieutenant Frederick W. Esper, of the 1st Battery, has resigned on account of business. He was popular in the battery, which he joined as a private on March 8, 1895. He was promoted corporal in December of the same year, second lieutenant in April, 1898, and first lieutenant in May, 1899. This leaves Lieutenant Seyfried at present senior lieutenant in the battery, and until First Lieutenant C. F. Schmidt, recently elected, is commissioned. Lieutenant Esper has been presented by members of the battery with a fob made of five twenty-dollar gold pieces looped together and on a background of red silk. State medals have been presented to Lieutenant M. Seyfried for ten years' service and battery medals for seven years' service have been presented to Corporal F. F. Hibbard, Lieutenant F. W. Esper, Trumpeter G. Bickelhoupt, jr., Private John Smith and Private C. B. Stribel.

Lieutenant Frank H. Guild, of Company H, 23d Regiment, has resigned. He joined the regiment as a private in November, 1889, and leaves the regiment on account of business. Company H will hold a dance on December 31. At the annual inspection of the regiment 771 men paraded out of 779 on the roll, only eight men being absent. The official percentage is 98.97. Company A, the largest unit of the regiment, turned out all of its ninety-seven members. The other companies which paraded 100 per cent were B, D and H. Last year the regiment had thirteen absentees out of 793 on the roll.

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THE POOR OF PORTO RICO

THEIR LIVES, THOUGH HARD, ARE NOT WITHOUT A PICTURESQUE SIDE.

It has often been said that "one half of the world does not know how the other half lives." The island of Porto Rico is a small part of what has been to us the "other half" of the world. I shall try to tell you something of life as it is lived and seen by the missionaries in the little mountain town of Lares, says Mrs. Charles B. Scott, in "The American Missionary." The town itself is situated in a valley in the midst of beautiful hills, ever green with the foliage of the orange, the banana and the coffee. Naturally shut in from the outside world by the mountains, crossed only on pony back over the narrow mountain paths, the people here continue in their accustomed ways, unaffected by the influences which have made so many changes in the towns and cities of the coast. Life in such a place is necessarily simple, and the missionaries find it easy to do without many of the so-called necessities of the homeland, and are comfortable and content sleeping on the canvas covered cots, with dressing tables made from drygoods boxes and draped with muslin, and a curtain across one corner of the room instead of a closet.

After the work of the day is over the family find rest and comfort in the pleasant, airy living rooms, but for the all important refreshing of the body they are dependent upon the offices of the cook; so you, as well as they, may have some interest in our good-natured black Candida, who, when she is not in the kitchen, is holding the American baby, much to the satisfaction of both.

The Porto Rican stove is especially interesting. In shape it is something like a carpenter's bench, about two feet wide, five feet long and as high as an ordinary table. The outside frame is of wood, and when the kitchen is being freshly painted the stove must not be neglected. The top and inside are made of bricks and cement, so arranged as to leave an opening running from end to end below the fireplaces for a draft. Along the top and at regular intervals are four iron fireplaces, five inches square and four inches deep, so set into the stove that the tops are on a level with the top of the stove. A maid who often neglects one fire would feel overburdened with the care of these four separate fires at the same time, as is necessary with these stoves. The American housewife who prefers to have her food baked can use a gasolene oven over one of these fires, and the result is quite satisfactory.

But even this stove, however crude and inconvenient, is seen only in the better homes of Porto Rico. After good-natured Candida has finished her day's work and has found her way down the hill along the steep, narrow path that leads to "Shacktown," where she lives, if she wishes to prepare an evening meal for hungry children she will bring out from the corner of the room an empty oil can, which has been given her by the missionary, and which has been fitted up by the tinsmith with a grate near the top and an opening below for a draft. The making of the stove has cost her twenty cents, and she possesses a better outfit for housekeeping than many of her neighbors. The writer had one of these stoves made for her own use, and, as it can be easily carried about, it is very convenient. Many times has she sat on a low bench and popped corn over the coals in the oil can stove, while one or more wondering natives stood around seeing the operation for the first time, and afterward some of them would try to pop their own corn. Charcoal is the fuel used in these stoves, but many of the poor people are too poor to buy charcoal and make their fire with bits of wood and sticks which can be picked up.

Small, green bananas are the most common food of the poor people; cooked with a little codfish they are considered a great treat. If I want to give especial pleasure to my cook I furnish the bananas and codfish and she will prepare her favorite dish.

To the housekeeper who is providing for the needs of a large family the daily supply of milk is important, and in the home of the missionaries we can always depend upon the coming of Mary, the milkwoman. She walks barefooted two or three miles, often coming through the mud and pouring rain. If you go to her home you will find a house, standing in the midst of orange and banana trees and the fragrant coffee, itself the only thing to mar the beauty of the tropical landscape. Inside you will find her three children, not as clean as herself, and in a room still less so. All the time that the mother is gone, which is usually half the day, these children are alone, caring for one another, and the oldest is only six years of age. Father? They have none. Like thousands of children in this beautiful island, they have no father to own them. Although these fathers sometimes live with their families, it is with the sanction neither of priest or magistrate. This condition of morals is accounted for when we are told that in the past the marriage ceremony was not performed except upon the payment of a sum too large for many of the poorest people to save from their small earnings. But now, thanks be to the preaching of the gospel and the work of the missionaries, the sacred rite is performed without money and without price.

We have been called pioneers in Porto Rico, and many times what we do and see reminds us of some of the stories we have heard our grandfathers tell of the pioneer days out West, when many of the needs of the family were supplied by labor within the household. Many times I have difficulty in buying cornmeal, which is a favorite article of food in the family. One day, after an unsuccessful search for the meal, Candida helped me out of my difficulty by offering to have the corn ground for me in her own mill, and I gladly accepted the offer. Candida's mill, like those seen throughout the interior of the island, differs little from the mills used in Bible times. It consists of two stones, resembling grindstones, each a foot or more in diameter and from three to five inches in thickness, the "upper and nether millstones" of the Scriptures. The lower stone, which rests on the floor, has its upper surface slightly hollowed, and into this concavity fits the convexity of the upper stone. Through the center of the upper stone is a hole, through which the corn passes down to the grinding surface between the stones. Near the outer rim is another hole for the end of the handle—a pole, seven or eight feet long, with its upper end slipped into a loop fastened to a beam above. Occasionally this pole is replaced by a short handle only six or eight inches long, as in the mill used two or three thousand years ago.

The women or children who do the grinding sit on the floor and slowly pour the corn or rice into the central opening as they rotate the upper stone, the fineness of the meal being determined by the amount of pressure, the rate of rotation or the number of times it is passed through the mill. The meal escapes at the sides from between the stones. Travelling along the mountain roads of the interior the "sound of the grinding" can often be heard. It is slow work and tiresome, and the workers have to "change off"; but the result is satisfactory and the meal is always fresh. They grind the rice in the same way, and from both kinds of flour Candida can make fritters that are very pleasant to the taste.

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