PRIZE PICTURE—"A WINTER'S DAY."

"SLEIGHING IN CENTRAL PARK."
(Contributed by William H. Haines, jr., Mamaroneck, N. Y.)

PRIZE AWARDS AND HONOR LIST.

Little Men and Women Do Good Work in Tribune Contests.

Anna Marguerite Neuburger wins the $2 prize for the best suggestion for prize contests for "Our Own Corner." It is true that some of our other young readers made a similar suggestion, but Anna's was so neatly written and clearly expressed that the prize was awarded to her. Neatness and care, you know, are taken into consideration when prizes are awarded. Some of the other ideas submitted by our boys and girls will be carried out later. The prize suggestion follows:

Dear Editor.

It would be so nice to have a regular weekly competition for your young artists, and devote as much space to it as you can spare.

Perhaps at first it would be well to let them choose their own subjects, for it would give you some idea of what they can do, and of what they like.

The competition might always be open to "From Nature," "Still Life" and "A Sketch." In the mean time you might ask for new and original headings for the columns in which the prize stories and poems are to appear, or for "Things to Think About." And if you find that the young artists are very ambitious, and the drawings are exceptionally good, you might offer a "grand prize" for a heading for "Our Own Corner," which will thereafter head that department.

With heartiest wishes for the success of "Our Own Corner" and for the profit and pleasure of all the little men and little women who enter the competitions. I am, very sincerely yours,

ANNA MARGUERITE NEUBERGER,
No. 1,147 West Sixth-st., Erie, Penn.

Jan. 7, 1904.

PRIZE FOR LIST OF NAMES.

The offer of an interesting book for the little man or woman who sent in the longest list of famous people born in the month of January was not responded to by as many boys and girls as usually try for prizes. We realize that this offer meant a lot of hard work, and we want to take this opportunity to thank every boy or girl who sent in a list. Edith Ekdahl, of No. 18 Union-ave., Mamaroneck, N. Y., heads the list with 570 names to her credit. She must have searched all the volumes in her father's library.

PRIZE FOR PUZZLES.

Leslie Sayre, thirteen years old, of Glenbrook, Conn., wins the prize for the most correct solution of the puzzles published on the Children's Page last Sunday.

HONOR LIST.

Mabel Philip, Hudson, N. Y.; Fred Glassberg, New-York City; Jefferson Jines, Minneapolis, Minn.; Florence Hoster, East Rutherford, N. J.; John C. Maxon, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Hulda Lindblom, Arlington, N. J.; Olga Maria Kolff, Livingston, Long Island; Grace T. Hallock, Milton, N. Y.; Rita Creange, New-York City; Jeanette McQueen Mills, Gloversville, N. Y.; Elizabeth Harrison, Canastota, N. Y.; Mollie Cossaart, New-York City; Bertha Katz, New-York City; Peter Grier, Goshen, N. Y.; Nelson P. W. Hill, West Philadelphia, Penn.; Harriette Gowen, Cleveland, Ohio; Helen B. Gibbons, Rahway, N. J., and Florence Smith, Newton, N. J.

OUR OWN CORNER.

We earnestly request our little men and women to follow exactly the terms of the prize contests. The rules are few and easy, yet not a week passes that a large number of letters and stories written on both sides of the paper do not come to the office. Only one side of the paper should be used.

Sometimes, too, a letter comes to this office addressed simply "Our Own Corner, N. Y. City." When this occurs it is only by the merest chance that such a letter reaches us. New-York, you know, is a very large place, and although it is true that "Our Own Corner" is rather popular, its popularity is not great enough to make its name known to all the world. So please be sure to address all letters to "Little Men and Little Women, New-York Tribune, New-York City."

Following one of the suggestions of Anna Marguerite Newburger, we have decided to offer a prize for the best heading for this corner.

Prize No. 1—$3 for the best drawing to be used as the heading of this department. The design should be in keeping with the sentiment of "Our Own Corner."

Prize No. 2—A fine book for the best letter in which you name your hero and tell why you like him.

Prize No. 3—An interesting book for a four-lined verse of any subject you may choose.

Things to Think About.

The solving of puzzles is an excellent thing to keep little people's minds alert. In fact, some very wise folks tell us that it is as good an exercise for the mind as physical culture is for the body. At any rate, it is a lot of fun after you have once learned the rules on which the various kinds of puzzles are based. When you have mastered these the rest is comparatively easy. Besides the fun of solving the puzzles each week, there is always a chance of winning an interesting book as prize. This week the book offered deals with the merry school days of five little people who are familiar figures in Fictionland. All answers should be received on or before January 21.

DIAMONDS.

1. A third of sag; the firmament; to tremble; a winter sport; something little men and women enjoy in snowy weather; the most frequently used conjunction; a third of sag.
2. A third of yet; sorrowful; a pleasure vessel; a feminine pronoun; a third of yet.
3. A fourth of neck; to ask alms; part of the verb sew; a large city on the Eastern coast of the United States; land adjacent to water; wrath; a fourth of neck.
4. A fourth of John; an instrument used for agitating the air to cool the face; a country of Asia much in the public eye at present; a short sleep; a fourth of John.

WORD SQUARES.

1. In the form of an egg; a valley; fermented liquors; smaller.
2. Free from danger; of the genus evergreen; sword for fencing; snake like fish.

Hidden names of girls and boys:

1. A R A L U
2. D A M A
3. L E E H N
4. R A Y M
5. R O G E E

DROPPED VOWEL PUZZLE.

"-lw-ys d- -s p--pl- s-y y-- sh--ld. y-- n-v-r w-ll b- h-ppy, ch-ld, -nl-ss y--'r-g--d; —d--s—-mt-ld, -mj-st-s g--d - g-ld, -nd I kn- — sh-ll b- h-ppy. B-c--se-'mg--d."

Answers to Puzzles Published January 10.

DIAMONDS.

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C H A R I T Y E N G L A N D
  H O I S T   C L A U D
    A T E       A N N
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BEHEADED WORDS.

1. Chair, Hair, Air.
2. Stone, Tone, One.

WORD SQUARE.

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P E S T S
E X T R A
S T E I N
T R I A D
S A N D Y
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CONUNDRUMS.

1. By adding "l" a babe becomes Babel.
2. He is underbred (bread).

SNOW CRYSTAL PICTURES.

W. A. Bently, of Vermont, has over a thousand photographs of snow crystals collected during the last twenty years. No two of these, it is said, are exactly alike.

"We should impart to others our courage and not our despair; our health and ease, and not our disease."—(Thoreau.

A BRAVE LAD.

How a Long Island Boy Rescued a Companion from Drowning.

Although Ivan Brooks, of Orient, Long Island, is still a lad, he has done as brave a deed as any heroic man could do.

The other morning several boys, with thirteen-year-old Ivan in the company, slung their skates over their shoulders and started out for a merry time on the ice.

Although the harbor was frozen over, the ice was not considered thick enough for safety. The boys, however, gave it a trial near the shore, and, finding it firm, they ventured further out.

Little Walter Rackett, eleven years old, was so engrossed in the good time he was having that he got beyond the other boys. Suddenly the ice gave way under him, and Walter sank into the cold water. As he came up he caught at the edge of the ice near him, but it broke off in his hands. By shouting, he attracted the attention of the other boys, who were afraid to go out to him, and stood calling for help. Young Brooks, however, kept a cool head, and, starting for the place where the poor boy was struggling, soon pulled him out on the firm ice.

STUDY THE FACES OF CATS AND DOGS.

How many of our little men and women would recognize a picture of the face of their cat or dog? Most of us know our pets by the color of their coats, by the shape of their bodies, or by some peculiar marking of their fur. Yet a writer for the magazine "Our Dumb Friend," says that close observation would reveal as striking differences in the facial expression of animals as there are in human faces. She once owned a cat of whitest fur, touched here and there with tortoise-shell, which was always spoken of as "Angel Cat," a name due not alone to sweetness of disposition, but also to facial expression.

IVAN BROOKS.
Of Orient, Long Island, who saved chum from drowning.

DISCIPLINE IN HENVILLE.

Mother Hen—Didn't I tell you not to play in that pan of water with those Duck children, you naughty things? Do you want to get your feet wet, and catch cold?

THREE PRIZE OFFERS.

In order to encourage careful reading and original expressions of opinion we offer three prizes for letters written by our little men and women about the story of "The Stolen Prince." They are to read carefully each week the adventures of the little people who go in search of the prince, and are to tell the reasons why they like the story. From time to time the most interesting letters received will be published, and when the story is finished the prizes will be awarded.

The best letter in thought and construction will receive the first prize of $3. To the next letter in point of excellence will be awarded a prize of $2, and to the third a prize of $1.

The letters must not contain more than five hundred words, must be written on one side of the paper only and must be addressed to Little Men and Little Women, New-York Tribune.

LETTER ON "THE STOLEN PRINCE."

Dear Little Readers: How thankful we should be to the grand newspaper, The New-York Tribune, for the lovely story of "The Stolen Prince"! What a good lesson it teaches us, about two noble children, the little Nerissa, and Otho, and how they loved their baby brother Noel, who was stolen by a wicked witch! What a lovely character the old little lady with the white doves has! I am sure the wicked witch will be punished for her cruel dealings. She stole many a babe from a poor mother. From your little friend,

LUCY A. KHASAN.
No. 211 Broome-st., New-York City, Jan. 4, 1904.

A SNAKE STORY.

The much talked of ferocity of tropical snakes is discredited by William C. Agle, who has spent a number of years in South America. To begin with, he found very few, and those were slow of movement and almost affectionate in disposition. He had heard much of hissing and spitting monsters who habitually crushed and swallowed men. But after much questioning of the natives he found few who had even seen an anaconda or a boa. Of the two which Mr. Agle himself encountered, one was killed instantly by a shot from his revolver, and the other, twenty-four feet and a half in length, became so tame about the camp that it proved a nuisance, and had to be caged to keep it from under the workmen's feet.

THE MISCHIEVOUS OFFICE BOY, THE SLEEPY CLERK AND THE STATELY PROPRIETOR. —(Meggendorfer Blätter.

WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE MOST POPULAR WINTER RESORTS.

AT ATLANTIC CITY.

Glorious Weather—Promoting the Pearl Industry.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 16 (Special).—Glorious weather has succeeded the storms that started the new year, and the last few days have been ideal in winter temperature and brilliant sunshine. The opening of the fashionable season has been auspicious, and the beach front hotels are more than satisfied with the outlook for the season up to and including the Eastertide. While there is not much doing just now in the way of sports, there is considerable entertainment offered, especially at the Casino and at Young's Pier. These will be augmented next Saturday by the opening of the concert season of the steel pier. The series will be conducted by the Royal Italian Band, the same organization which has met with such favor at this resort in the last few years. There will be concerts morning and afternoon, and beginning next Saturday night promenade concerts will be held weekly.

The Atlantic City Drivers' Association has embarked on a still more ambitious plan than yet contemplated for furnishing sport in the future. It has just completed the construction of a speedway at Chelsea Heights, and will immediately begin the work of building an automobile track from Chelsea Heights to Ventnor Heights. These enterprises are purely in the way of promoting sport, and are not for money making purposes. The association is composed of the best element of the resident and cottage citizens, and it is their hope to promote the sports of driving and autoing now and in the future.

The Yachtsmen's Association will be obliged to construct a new wharf at the inlet in the spring. Their old wharf was badly damaged by the high tides of last September and October, and the destruction has been almost completed by the ice which has floated down into the inlet from the various streams which empty into it. It has jammed about the wharf and torn away the pilings and generally wrecked the wharf, which is used by thousands of visitors in the spring and summer in reaching the yachts of the inlet pleasure fleet.

The pearl fisheries of Atlantic City have never amounted to much, but they may become important in the future. Jerome Leeds, of Somers Point, visited the city the other day, and secured a staple of the town in the shape of an oyster stew. In the process of masticating the bivalves, his molars ran into something hard, which proved to be a pearl. With a South Jersey oath Mr. Leeds ejected the hard substance from his mouth, and demanded justice at the hands of the restaurant keeper. A smug individual sitting opposite Mr. Leeds reached forward and offered $5 for the pearl. Mr. Leeds was amazed, and so was the restaurant keeper. The stranger increased his bid to $50, and now Mr. Leeds and the hotel proprietor are talking of going into the pearl business, especially as the restaurant man knows exactly where this particular oyster came from in one of the thoroughfares back of Atlantic City.

There is talk of discontinuing the symphony concerts at the Casino at the end of this month, but it is doubtful that this suggestion will be carried out. They have proven so immensely popular that it is believed they will be carried along throughout the year, expenses being borne in the future by popular subscription. The cost, which is heavy, has been carried heretofore by the proprietors of five of the leading hotels in the city, including those of Marlborough House, Haddon Hall, the Hotel Brighton, Galen Hall and the Hotel Dennis. It is generally recognized that Atlantic City needs a Casino that will appeal to the fashionable element among the patrons of the resort. It is also recognized that it is hardly fair to look to a small proportion of the hotel proprietors to bear this burden. Consequently it is likely that a popular subscription will be raised in the future to defray the expenses of maintaining an orchestra at the Casino throughout the year.

Samuel S. Phœbus, proprietor of the Hotel Wiltshire, instituted a new feature at that house this week by the installation of a delft café. As the name implies, all of the decorations are of the popular Dutch ware. The interior is both artistic and comfortable in its colorings, and on the opening night many visitors and residents attended. Several hundred persons were present as guests from New-York and Philadelphia.

The Hotel Normandie, in New-Jersey-ave., has been purchased by A. C. McClellan, formerly owner of the Hotel Islesworth, and his son, E. B. McClellan. The house, after undergoing many alterations and improvements, will open for the season on February 18.

The following New-Yorkers have registered at the principal hotels this week:

Altamont-Craig Hall—B. A. Horner, J. K. Symmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Horton and Francis Williamson.

Hotel Archdale—Mr. and Mrs. Poole, H. C. Poole, M. Poole, W. Killes and the Misses Shreve.

Chester Inn—William Muir, William Sellkirk, Francis Burt, Amy Meers, T. H. Macey, John Hastings, Lillian Hastings and Wilson Senseman.

Hotel Dennis—Dr. and Mrs. Mortimer W. Shaw, Mrs. Frances Foster, George J. Wills, Henry M. Day, A. C. Worth, Morton S. Ellis, C. W. Dean, Miss S. J. Shaw, Arthur Gillman, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wilson and Miss Emily Wilson.

Haddon Hall—Morris Rich, C. H. Ballons, E. H. Hornwood, Edward Bacon, Miss Martha Shirler, Mr. and Mrs. James Tiffany, Miss Mary DeLeon, P. Bigart, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deitrich, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Young, A. C. Worth, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Markay, A. E. Peterson, William Meyone, William Bryan, Lewis Frederick and P. Jolly.

Hotel Jackson—Dr. and Mrs. Missner, Miss Mary Stanton, Miss A. S. Stanton, Mrs. Souza, Mrs. Embrel, Miss Carolyn Erskine, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer, Walter J. McGonigal and Alfred Taylor.

Marlborough House—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Funscher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Scott, William Haughton, Benjamin Sewall, Miss M. Shea, Mrs. George Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Van Dyke, Miss Kate Minahan, Miss Louise Filbricoth, K. E. Nash, Henry Watterson, George H. Allen, William B. Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Naylor and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright.

Hotel Rudolf—H. E. Freund, L. Macomber, Robert Reilly, Henry Jewett, Samuel Darte, Miss Winthrop, William Courtney, John Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Didheimer, Virginia Harned, V. H. Sothern, Moris Gordon, M. Aulth, the Rev. William Leer, Edward Jackson, George Gordon, G. Jordan, C. M. Showgood, Edward Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Direns, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, E. A. Bliss, H. F. Taylor, S. E. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hammond, Mrs. M. Koenigsberg and Miss J. S. Long.

Hotel Raleigh—Francis Cooley, Samuel Bowen, Edward Mayer, Mrs. Mayer, Miss Mayer, Miss Mashultz, Elton Manheimer, F. H. Ketchum, Mrs. B. Fulmacher, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cottrell, F. J. Handy, W. B. Allson, G. S. Ferryman, and Christopher Gundacher.

Hotel St. Charles—James O'Reilly, Miss O'Reilly, Miss May O'Reilly, Miss Alice Peck, George G. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Keene, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Comstock, Miss Comstock, Miss Lawrence, D. V. Wilson, H. S. Firth, Walter Harrison, W. M. Ebel, W. N. Little, J. C. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Oliver and Irene M. Smith.

Seaside House—George L. English, Mr. and Mrs William Blaylock, Lewis Scott, W. L. Lindsay, George Ellis, Thomas Wilson, F. B. Gealey, W. B. Greenough, R. M. Mill, Miss A. Michael, Charles Wannerith, Henry Ackerman, Wilson Goodenough and Thomas Fairbrother.

Hotel Strand—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, William Kelley, Mrs. Durkee, Miss Oakley, James Laren, Alexander Lawson, Frank Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hiller, E. C. Walker, William F. Townsend, John Benson and Arthur Middleton.

Hotel Wiltshire—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goldstein, Louis Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mitchell, A. C. Harpham, John Donahue, James Smith, William Parshley, W. F. Townsend, Mrs. Kennedy, J. C. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow, Frank Blandenberg, Miss Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Evans, Miss Margaret L. Evans, Miss Carter, Donald McPherson Riddle and F. B. Gillison.

A DELIGHTFUL HOTEL.

Where All Attractions of Atlantic City Can Be Enjoyed to the Full.

The enjoyment of the delightful winter days at Atlantic City is dependent to an exceedingly great degree on the surroundings which one can secure. To stay at a house where everything conspires to render life agreeable and the amplest opportunity is afforded to obtain the best possible results from a stay in the ozone-laden atmosphere of a seaside resort like Atlantic City gives the completest possible satisfaction. This state of mind is engendered by a stay at the Hotel Traymore on the boardwalk, where the best combination of home comforts with the advantages of hotel life is afforded to every guest.

The house in itself is most attractive, both in construction and situation, and the management has planned for and studied the comfort of those for whom accommodation is provided. No matter whether the weather be serene or stormy, guests are afforded facilities for securing all the benefits of the atmosphere, which the pervading springlike effect of the Gulf Stream moderates to comfort when the region away from the South Jersey coast line is bounded by the rigors of frost and zero temperature. Even the icy breath of old Boreas is warmed when it comes within the sphere of influence of this eternal modifier of Northern temperatures.

The well known scientific fact that without the Gulf Stream the climate of the British Isles would be like that of Newfoundland and Labrador serves to indicate the effect it has on the climate of Atlantic City, where this great ocean current approaches nearer to land than anywhere else, until it washes the shores of Northern Europe.

The manifold merits of the manner in which the patrons of the Hotel Traymore are provided for in the way of comforts for the inner man and for mental enjoyment need only to be tested to be appreciated. Nothing that human skill and the art of entertaining have made known in the way of modern hotel service and care for creature comfort has been left unprovided, and that the efforts put forth have been crowned with success is shown by the satisfaction of those who have sought its hospitable halls, sat in its spacious dining room, enjoyed the comforts of its sleeping chambers and have tested the capabilities of the other parts of the house devoted to satisfying the wants of the patrons of this popular house.

The arrivals this week at the Hotel Traymore include Miss Schaffer, L. Jeronski, Mr. Kiffer, James Moran, Mrs. M. Nihill, Miss Bertha Nihill, F. P. Nihill, William Dobson, Irene Schmidt, John Kelley, Miss Oblitzon, Mr. and Mrs. William Castleman, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. William Mann, Miss Emily Sonn, Henry Ditson, Harry Ackley and Mrs. Helen M. Johnston.

LAKEWOOD LIFE.

Normal Conditions Prevail—Snow and Ice Enjoyed.

Lakewood, N. J., Jan. 16 (Special).—Normal conditions exist again in Lakewood since the rain of Wednesday and the disappearance of the snow. Members of the hotel guest lists and of the cottage colony took full advantage of the snow while it lasted, and the dash over the white snow blanket along wooded drives, through the exhilarating atmosphere, produced effects that were all but intoxicating. Last week was enjoyed to the full by many visitors in town, for most of whom a sleigh ride was the heighth of novelty, and to the local element it seemed as if the resort were transplanted to another sphere, so different was the daily routine outdoors. But those clear, crisp days are gone, and there are many who regret it. Skating is in vogue again on the lake, and a few days of sunshine will bring the golf links into playing shape once more.

The third in the series of Country Club entertainments came off on Tuesday afternoon, and was a successful occasion. The club committee extended the privileges of the clubhouse to guests of the Laurel House and the Laurel-in-the-Pines, as usual, with complimentary stage service to and from the club, and there was a large attendance. The entertainers for the afternoon were Miss Beverly Sitgraves, who made a hit in her impersonations of Sara Bernhardt, and Henry Allan Price. Mr. Price's greatest success lay in his readings from Eugene Field. At the conclusion of the programme tea was served, Mrs. George J. Gould, Mrs. Kingdon and Mrs. Shepard K. De Forest presiding. The next entertainment is slated for the evening of January 29, and announcement will soon be printed relative to the programme.

An entertainment is scheduled for next Friday evening, at the Laurel House. Miss Katharine Pelton, soprano, of New-York, is to appear, assisted by Mr. Russell, a 'cellist. Among the patronesses are Mrs. Leeds, Mrs. Kingdon, Mrs. Charles L. Pack, Mrs. Irving H. Hance, Mrs. Albert H. Dashiell and Mrs. H. Lloyd Herbert.

Another entertainment, also a song recital, is to occur at the Laurel-in-the-Pines on the evening of February 5. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bjorksten, of New-York, tenor and soprano, will appear in the music room. Mr. Bjorksten came to America as tenor soloist in Christine Nielson's concert company.

The joke is on the Laurel House gun club just now, although few know about it. Individual members of the club have put up handsome cups every Saturday for some weeks past at the regular afternoon shoots, and the news has slowly filtered down into the back districts among the aborigines. At any rate about fifteen Jersey countrymen, with long curly locks and unkempt beards, in blue jeans and leather boots, with antiquated guns and No. 4 shot, appeared at the traps last Saturday and wanted to compete. The handicap committee judged that it would be good sport to listen to the "bark" of rusty guns and watch the recoil of awkward shoulders, and so they entered all fifteen, to their sorrow. One "Bill" Justice had a handicap of 10, and when the final score was counted up he had a record of 26 kills. The gun club members shot scratch, and it was possible to make only 25 kills with a clean record. "Bill" received the prize cup with solemn gravity, and a solemn air—or was it an air of depression?—was also noticeable among the members of the gun club. This week cups are offered by P. S. P. Randolph and Fred A. Potts, and the competition of all outsiders is barred.

On Friday last the Rev. Dr. Albert Ridgely Dashiell celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth. Many friends called during the day, bringing flowers and gifts. Dr. Dashiell was the first pastor of the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, and is revered by a host of friends.

Arrivals at the Laurel-in-the-Pines—Mrs. J. P. Duncan, Miss A. L. Duncan, Miss Babcock, Miss M. Babcock, Dr. and Mrs. J. Denin Shea, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hine, Mrs. Sarles, Miss Sarles, Herman Ellis, Andrew Shiland, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Weed, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Beets, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Kingsland, Mrs. W. H. Tillinghast, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ennis, Otto G. Smith, Edward K. Baird, Evan B. Thomas, Ethan Allen, Arthur P. Howard, Edwards H. Childs, Mrs. Westervelt, Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Berwind, Miss Smith-Cliff, Mrs. John Hyde Warden, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gerard, Miss M. D. Thurston, Miss Ethel Thompson, Miss M. S. McKenna, Miss Katharine McCormick, of New-York; Mrs. John Langdon Sullivan, and Miss Helen Sullivan, of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacTier, of Montreal.

At the Laurel House—Charles T. Cunningham, Mrs. M. True Blake, William Bryce, jr., the Rev. S. Delancey Townsend, Miss L. J. Prentice, Miss M. Louise Smith, Mrs. Field, Miss Beadleston, G. Foster Rawlins, C. W. Fisk, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Burns, W. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Storer, Francis E. Storer, E. W. Bicknell, H. M. Rogers, Charles M. Burt, Miss Clara Robertson, Mrs. H. C. Baldwin, C. M. Tremaine, H. B. Tremaine, Dr. R. R. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris, and W. M. Sherry, of New-York; Stephen Bacon, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Matthews, of Brooklyn; Judge and Mrs. H. S. Terhune, of Matawan, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Slocum, of Long Branch, N. J.

PROPER WORD.

From The Chicago News.

"There goes a woman who is travelling under a resumed name," remarked the man with the sleepless eye.

"Oh, you mean assumed," suggested the ordinary policeman.

"That's just exactly what I don't mean," replied the fly cop. "With her decree of divorce she was given the right to resume her maiden name. See?"

ON FLORIDA EAST COAST.

Season Opens with Admirable Prospects—Many Visitors.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 16 (Special).—The season of 1904 has been launched under the most gratifying circumstances, the happy event occurring on the 12th, when the five vestibuled trains arrived, each with a large number of visitors to the State. This applies to every resort, especially those on the east coast, where visitors do most congregate. The Royal Palm, at Miami, and the Ormond, at Ormond, opened on the 11th, four daily trains out of this city carrying passengers to them. These trains went into service on the 12th, and each went southward with a full complement of passengers.

The three vestibuled trains between this city and New-York were on time Tuesday. It was a genuine May day, and there was a relieved expression on the faces of visitors when they emerged from the trains into the warm, springlike air, and when they saw roses, violets and narcissus in bloom in the open air, as they gathered on the loggias of the Ponce de Leon to listen to the orchestra. These trains—the Palm Limited, operated by the Southern; the New-York and Florida Special, by the Atlantic Coast Line, and the Seaboard Florida Limited, put in service by the Seaboard—are certainly the finest trains that ever came South.

The Ponce de Leon opened on Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, and for the seventeenth time bombs were exploded from the roof, Old Glory was flaunted in the breeze, and the flags of Castile and Leon were unfurled, as the orchestra struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" and the great gates rose. The number of visitors increases with the passing years, and for two hours the beautiful house, with its superb decorations, belonged to the public. Then it was again the quiet, dignified hostlery, with an atmosphere of elegance and leisure rarely, if ever, found at a resort.

The real opening for guests was at the dinner. This was served at 7, about two hundred guests of the hotel and invited cottagers and guests of other hotels dining in the superb room—a perfect dinner in menu and service, the orchestra playing choice music in an adjoining room. Among the New-Yorkers arriving on opening day were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carlin, John Willis Baer, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Sutphen, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hege, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bayles, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hammett, Mrs. M. J. Lapsley, A. B. Lapsley, J. F. Oliver, H. Kitzener, E. C. Smith and J. F. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Blemen; Alexander B. Fisk, of Boston; F. Sheldon, of New-York; James O'Brien, Charles Costello, Edward Gray, Mrs. D. Shedd, Mrs. John D. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. David Crocker; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harmes, of Brooklyn; John H. Kessler, of Nyack; Miss M. H. Reynolds and R. Hicks, of Lakewood, N. J.; A. C. Coleman, of Saratoga; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bernstein, John A. Barnes, General and Mrs. Schofield, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, C. E. Thorne, J. H. Heuson, W. H. Pell, Mrs. Henry Belknap, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. De Crano, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sumner, Albert Lewis, Edward A. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dismukes, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Green, Miss Abbett, Miss Watt, Miss Dismukes, Mrs. G. W. Dismukes, Mrs. M. W. Seagears, the Misses Frazer, the Misses Smeethurst, Miss Dewhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Dewhurst, Reginald White and Thomas H. Parrott.

The Alcazar's hospitality has also been fully tested during the last week, many guests arriving from all parts of the country. Among those arriving Tuesday were A. Pasquiri, John S. News, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Ten Broeck, Miss Jennie Ten Broeck, Miss Gilbert, Miss Louisa Gilbert, George W. Jagie, Charles Stopper, Miss Ethel Prince, H. D. Prince, S. Appel, Mr. and Mrs. G. Basch, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. M. Danbarn, F. A. Johnston, Mrs. S. M. Keller and S. Sampson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Beardsley, who are on their wedding journey, made a short visit here on their way to Palm Beach. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Deeney, of Boston, who formerly spent their winters at the Ponce de Leon, are at the Alcazar. They will visit Palm Beach, returning to the Ponce de Leon afterward.

The Royal Poinciana is, if possible, more popular than ever before with visitors to Palm Beach. Among the latest arrivals there are Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. William R. Travers, Mrs. Vanderbilt's sister, and W. S. Hoyt. Apartments were especially prepared for them in the north wing, including drawing rooms, private dining room and a number of bedrooms. Frederick Vanderbilt has again taken a cottage, and will arrive later. Captain Charles Hall, of New-York, is at the Poinciana until The Breakers opens. Mrs. John Schultz is there for the winter. Other New-Yorkers registering there include Thomas Adams, sr., and A. S. Major.

Cottagers are also arriving at this resort. This mode of living grows in popularity with the wealthy every year, despite the fault found with servants and the care of a house. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bingham, of Buffalo, have the Atlantic, where Mrs. Bingham constantly improves in health. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. O'Neil, of Pittsburg, are again in the Ocean View. Joseph Jefferson is at The Reef, as he has been for a number of seasons. Mrs. Frederic Edey, of New-York, has taken The Surf. H. C. Frick, of Pittsburg, will occupy The Spray with his family. Mr. Oliver will occupy The Oceanic, and Samuel Andrews, who now comes from Lakewood, has arrived at his cottage The Croton. Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Cragin are at their lakeside home, one of the show places of Palm Beach.

Palm Beach has had superb weather this season; the verdure is most beautiful and guests grow enthusiastic over its charms. The golf links have been extended over new made ground, making it one of the longest eighteen hole courses in the country. Tournaments are now being arranged and many golfers are already on the ground. There are new tennis and squash courts, and tournaments are arranged for them. The new Casino has been completed and many guests find amusement there.

Miami is also in fine feather over her prospects for a good season. The Royal Palm opened on the 11th with about fifty guests in the house, and every arriving train brings others. Among those from New-York and vicinity are W. D. Baldwin, H. V. S. Negus, Mrs. F. Sullenbaker, Mrs. G. I. Smith, Miss J. R. Smith, A. K. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Condict. The management has secured a lease of Soldiers' Key and will have fitted up there a restaurant or small hotel for the accommodation of fishermen. It is an ideal place, and a fine steamer, the Louise, will carry visitors from the Royal Palm there and back. Soldiers' Key is one of the most attractive of all the keys surrounding Florida. Work is advancing on the deepening of the channel, and ships are now making tri-weekly trips to Nassau and Havana from Miami. It is the shortest and most comfortable journey to Havana, and the run across the Gulf stream to Nassau is a simple journey.

The social season began at the Colonial, Nassau, last Saturday evening with a formal dance in the ballroom, preceded by a dinner of sixteen covers. Among the recent arrivals are Mrs. Delos McCurdy, Dr. and Mrs. Bullard; Colonel and Mrs. Wetherill, of Philadelphia, who spent last winter in Egypt; J. N. Murdock, of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Shedd and Miss Shedd, of Lowell, Mass.

The Hotel Ormond, at Ormond, is rapidly filling with guests, many of them going for the automobile races, although many former visitors are there to enjoy the beautiful drives, trips to the inlet and up the Tomoka to hunt and fish, and golf. The orchestra arrived in time for the opening and the daily concerts are again a feature of the place.

AT OLD POINT COMFORT.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Jan. 16 (Special).—Old Point Comfort has been congratulating Colonel John P. Story, the commanding officer, on his nomination to be brigadier general and chief of artillery, and at the same time regretting that it will cause him to leave this post.

The gunners have been busy shooting ducks, which are plentiful in the many small bays and inlets in this vicinity. Fifteen for a morning's work is considered a good bag. Those whose tastes run in a different groove are seen bound for the golf links.

The Wednesday and Saturday dances were well attended, the latter being the largest of the season. Many dinner parties are given in the evenings both by the regular guests of the Chamberlin, and by parties from Norfolk, Newport News and Hampton, who remain to enjoy the dance. Bridge is popular here, and many parties are at it, arguing over the fine points of the game. Launch parties have already begun, and trips are made to explore the shore line beyond this point.

Among the arrivals at the Chamberlin from New-York and vicinity are Mr. and Mrs. A. West, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kellis, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Frick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Robeh, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Furth, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dunlap, Miss Chapman, Miss Edith C. Clark, Miss M. L. Riggs, Miss E. Wilkinson, Miss Tindale, Miss Rymal, Charles W. Kohlsaat, R. Montgomery, John J. Barrets, E. F. Post, J. G. Bernard, H. L. Way and G. F. Lee.

AT THE LAKEWOOD HOTEL.

Lakewood, N. J., Jan. 16 (Special).—With a series of lectures on the theory and practice of life insurance by John A. McCall, George W. Perkins, John C. McCall and Daniel P. Kingsley, a school of instruction for managers and agents of one of the big life insurance companies of New-York was in session at the Lakewood Hotel three days this week. There were three hundred representatives of the company from all parts of the United States and Canada in attendance at the gathering.

One of the delightful entertainments of the week at the Lakewood Hotel was a Chinese supper given by Mrs. Thomas Hardman, of Washington, in the private dining room attached to Mrs. Hardman's suite. Some of the delicacies were birds' nest soup, shark fins, rice wine and chicken served in innumerable ways. The dishes were prepared by a Chinese cook. Mrs. Hardman's guests were Mrs. Alexander Montaine, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dennison, Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Clark and Edward L. Stevenson, of New-York.

Late arrivals at the Lakewood Hotel from New-York include Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus, Colonel Le Grand B. Cannon, Morris Robinson, Mrs. Barbara Nicholson, Miss Madeline Hutchens, Nicholas Boothby, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Weber, J. B. Edson, Marmont Edson, Robert Dedell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Dr. C. H. May, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kelly, G. O. W. Porter, Edward Herbert, Percy Landon, William Heroy, William P. Buckner, Aglette Buckner, Mrs. E. E. Pearsall, G. R. Smith, H. S. Ford, R. A. Ridgeway, C. H. Sypert, Leo Schlesinger, Joseph M. May, Maurice C. R. Hubbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lew M. Fields, Robert G. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook, F. G. Gunning, James W. Deeming, Mrs. John H. Moon, A. J. McClure, Arnold W. Bronner, Eugene Tompkins, Dr. J. J. Hersey, C. D. Sullivan, N. P. Lynch, T. B. Mc