The Wise Mikado of Japan.

Last week we said something about the Czar, the ruler of Russia, and how he himself liked peace. This week we will take a look at the man who rules the "Japs." This ruler is called the Mikado, which means, just as Czar does, the emperor. Each of these rulers, you notice, has a title which, unlike the title king or emperor, can mean only one person. When we talk of the Czar, we always mean the Emperor of Russia, and so when we speak of the Mikado we always mean the black haired man who rules over Japan. The name of this black haired man is Mutsuhito. This word turned into English would mean gentleman, and that is just what the Mikado is, a true gentleman who loves his people and is willing to give up his own rights for their good. As some boys know, this is not always an easy thing to do.

Some think the Mikado one of the great men of history. When he was born, on November 3, 1852, in the imperial palace among the hills in the city of Kioto, little was known about the "Japs." Few white men had ever been on that long string of islands on the east coast of Asia which is called the Japanese Empire. To-day, because of what he has had the courage to do, his country is thought of as one of the great nations of the earth. And this he has done in less than forty years.

There are many people in this country who like to talk about their ancestors (a good word to look up in the dictionary) who came over in the Mayflower or some other tiny, uncomfortable ship two hundred and fifty years ago. This is a great thing, they think. Most of these people never saw any of their ancestors beyond their grandfathers. Grandfathers and grandmothers are nice, but because they did something worth while does not make their grandchildren any better. We must do something ourselves. The Mikado, it is said, can look back on a line of ancestors ten times as long as any American can do. Strange as it may seem, his ancestors were rulers in Japan when our ancestors were roaming about some part of Europe as savages, painting their skins with colors taken from plants. His family began to rule Japan, according to tradition—that is another word worth looking up in the dictionary—twenty-five hundred years ago. Six hundred years before the birth of Jesus Christ and before the Roman Empire had reached its height, his family was ruling over Japan. Yet even this long line of ancestors would not have done him any good if he had not done something himself. Now, let us see what he did for himself and how he did it.

Nothing in this world ever happens without a reason for it—a cause. For many centuries the Mikados, whom the Japanese believed were descended from the maker of Japan and the rest of the world, a god, did not rule in their own name. Great warriors called Shoguns ruled in their stead. About the time Mutsuhito was born the "Japs" began to think that they would like to have their Mikado, the Son of Heaven, a person never seen by the people, rule again. Let us remember this fact for a moment.

The "Japs" are fine gardeners. Even in the cities they use their backyards for gardens, laying out tiny pools of water and little bridges and growing little trees in them. These gardens, with everything so small, look like toy gardens. The "Japs" better than any one else know how to keep trees from growing up. In Japan one may see many apple trees twenty inches high, with apples on them hardly larger than a pin head. Well, of course, the gardens about the Mikado's palace were very fine. In those gardens at Kioto Mutsuhito grew up, never seeing the world outside. But he was an unusual boy, and was a very diligent—another word to look up—scholar. Here amid the tiny rocks and mounds and waterfalls and brooks of the garden, and under the bright blue sky and the cherry blossoms, he studied geography and history, which he liked very much, and asked many questions about men and things in his own land and in other lands. Now and then puffs and gusts of news from the outer world came in to him, and he became curious to know what kind of men lived in faraway lands. That is just the way all great men are; they are anxious to learn things, and they do not let opportunities slip. That young Mutsuhito was interested in the outside world is a third fact to remember.

Now we have some interesting fighting with gunpowder in it. The "Japs," always a go ahead people in their own tight little islands, had been introduced to the other countries by Commodore M. C. Perry, of our own navy, in 1854, who went to Japan with a fleet of ships and made a treaty with the country by which men from the United States were permitted to enter. Japan was now open to the world. This was the first step in turning old Japan into new Japan, as we call Japan to-day, because of the great changes which have occurred there.

When Mutsuhito was ten years old, these "Japs" who wanted the Mikado to rule again instead of the Shogun, rose up, and Kioto was burned up—an easy thing to do, because the houses are made mostly of paper and wood. As a "Jap" described it, "the city of the Ninefold Circle of Flowers disappeared in the flames of a warfire"—a long way to say that it burned up.

Three years later, Mutsuhito, who had thus early smelled gunpowder, became Mikado, because his father had died. Now he was to be able to use all the information he had gathered into his head, for another war arose between the "Japs" who wanted to have the Mikado rule and those who did not. Those who wanted the Mikado to rule won, and his chance had come. Now this boy, with the good head on his shoulders, did a thing that his ancestors for many hundred years had not done—he went outside his palace so that the people could see him. As time went on he did other great things. He sent men to the United States and elsewhere to learn things, schools were opened, he gave up part of his rights as Emperor to the people, he was just; by and by he began to wear clothing such as Americans wear; he built up his army and navy, he encouraged his subjects to do things as we do them, and they have done so much that Japan has become a great nation, as was said at the beginning. The Mikado, who was once invisible to his subjects, ten years ago, when Japan was at war with China, left his comfortable home and beautiful gardens and went to see that his soldiers and sailors were well cared for.

After all that he has given his people it is not strange that they love their patient, calm, loving, go ahead Mikado, and want to back him up in his fight with Russia.

THE PRIZE STORY.

James C. Wells, of Second-ave., Johnstown, N. Y., wins the one dollar prize for the best story concerning the life of James Madison. Many papers on this subject were received at the office, but they did not quite come up to the usual excellence. We have chosen the following essay as prize winner because it is written in the boy's own words, and all of our little men and women can understand it.

JAMES MADISON.

James Madison was born in King George County, Va., March 16, 1751. He went to Princeton College and was graduated in 1771. After this he commenced studying law.

Later on he became very prominent in politics and was elected a member of Congress. He declined the office of Secretary of State, preferring to stay in Congress. He helped to write "The Federalist," and two others helped him. They were Hamilton and Jay. He was appointed Secretary of State by Jefferson, who was elected President in 1801, and held that office for eight years. In 1809 Madison was elected President and served for eight years, or two terms.

While he was President the War of 1812 broke out and it lasted two years, and then peace was declared. After that he served for two more years and then retired from public life. He went to his farm, at Montpelier, Va., where he died June 28, 1836, aged eighty-five years.

Visitor—Has your little baby sister got any teeth?

Tommy—Oh, yes! I guess she's got 'em, but she ain't hatched 'em out yet.—(Philadelphia Ledger.

The Stolen Prince.

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kindly also, and, taking Nerissa's hand once more in her own, was about to lead the way up the staircase, when Nerissa started and held up her finger.

"Listen, listen," she said, softly. Down the staircase floated the sound of baby laughter. Nerissa's lips trembled, her blue eyes grew wistful.

"Just like Noel," she said to the queen. "Oh, please, may I see the baby?"

The queen looked very gratified.

"Come," she said, "and you shall see them."

And the little princess followed her into the royal nursery, where the royal babies were being put to bed.

Two little gnome princesses were seated on the rug in their nightgowns, toasting their toes, while

GNOME BABIES IN THE NURSERY.

the third, just the age of Baby Noel, was chuckling and crowing on the nurse's knee.

They were, of course, not nearly so pretty as ordinary children, but even gnome babies are attractive, and have very endearing ways.

The youngest baby gnome held out her arms to Nerissa, and pulled her golden hair, crowing with rapture, and Nerissa was very sorry indeed when the time came to go to the fete.

But first she was sent for by Fantastica, and when she entered the room of the Princess Royal she found her admiring herself before a long mirror, walking up and down in the vainest manner. She had donned the beautiful gossamer gown, and wished to make Nerissa envious by showing it to her.

But the little princess never thought of envy. Indeed, she praised the beauty of the gown, and quite agreed that such another was not to be found in her own country.

But Fantastica's face was as cross and discontented as ever, despite her beautiful clothes. She and Nerissa were reflected in the great mirror side by side, and Fantastica saw that, even in the simple little green cloak, Nerissa was far, far more beautiful than she. Petulantly she thrust the little princess away so roughly that Nerissa had to save herself from falling. She could not understand why Fantastica should dislike her and be so cruel and unkind to her. But now a messenger came to tell them that the equipages waited at the palace entrance. They all set off to the ruby and sapphire mines, where the fete was to be held, and which were to be illuminated in honor of the Princess Royal's coming of age.

It was a long procession. The king and queen were seated side by side in the great gilt coach, drawn by twelve white horses. Then came Fantastica, in a carriage which had been sent for Nerissa earlier in the day. Her bodyguard attended her, and rode on either side of the carriage.

Then Nerissa, accompanied by the Mistress of the Robes, followed in another chariot, drawn by six gray ponies, and then came the princes and the courtiers, some riding, some driving. Men on foot, holding lighted torches, led the way, and the whole procession was very magnificent, Nerissa thought. But in the midst of all the grandeur she felt very solitary, and wished that Otho had been allowed to drive with her. But in gnomeland rank is much considered, and the Master of the Ceremonies would have been scandalized at the mere thought of such a thing.

The drive was not a very long one, and presently Nerissa saw that they were entering a wide tunnel, lighted at intervals with torches thrust into silver sconces in the walls. From all sides shone deep blue flashes of light, and the walls and roof of the tunnel were carved in strange devices, and shimmered like a many sided crystal.

The entrance widened out into a great hall, and Nerissa uttered an exclamation of delight as she saw its wonders, for it appeared to be cut out of one vast sapphire. Great candelabra of sapphire lighted up the hall, and the columns and archways shone in the glow as clear as crystal, and as blue as the sea on a summer day. Up in the roof were myriads of gleaming lamps, which sent sparks of blue fire running up the sapphire walls.

Every one alighted in the great entrance hall and walked on through the beauties of the mines, each step disclosing fresh wonders.

Fantastica, in her gossamer robe, flitted hither and thither in high spirits, all her discontent forgotten in the pride of her position as heir apparent. Indeed, she was the life of the whole party, and became as affectionate to Nerissa as hitherto she had been unkind.

"You shall walk with me, and wherever I go you shall go," she said, catching Nerissa by the hand; and the princess, half unwillingly, followed her, little dreaming of Fantastica's wicked design.

(To be continued.)

HOW TO WIN A PRIZE.

Prize No. 1—One dollar for the best original pen and ink drawing of your baby brother or sister, or a neighbor's baby.

Prize No. 2—One dollar for the best and most interesting photograph. Pictures printed in a brown tint are preferred, as they reproduce better than those printed in gray. No blueprints will be accepted.

Prize No. 3—An interesting book for the best and most original story of one incident in the life of Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States, who was born March 15, 1767.

Things to Think About.

The prize book for last week's work goes to Dorothy W. Hurry, No. 242 Lexington-ave., New-York City.

The book to be awarded next Sunday tells in a fascinating, informal way about a few romantic and otherwise interesting places in the Old World. All puzzle solutions must reach the office by Thursday, March 3.

DIAMONDS.

A fifth of jaunt; a marsh; comparative degree of word meaning secure; boy's name beginning with w; an early President of the United States; burning with an unsteady light; a rope for catching wild animals; not cold; a fifth of jaunt.

A third of wig; word meaning yes; to discharge as a gun; a Western State; to emit rays of light; a girl's name beginning with w; a third of wig.

A fifth of quill; a hovel; the bird called "Bob White"; to bestow a small money gift on a servant; a fifth of quill.—(Sent by Anna Neuburger, of Erie, Penn.

A fourth of bean; dexterity or skill; the intellect; the diminutive of Timothy; a fourth of bean.

A SPOOL.

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(1) An unmarried woman; (2) a girl's name; (3) a primitive weapon; (4) woman's crowning glory; (5) the name of a State; (6) large firearms; (7) an expression of regret; (8) the name of another State. The primals and finals of the above words spell the names of two States.—(From J. J. Taylor, Brooklyn.

ZIGZAGS.

Each of the words described in the first puzzle contains three letters. When these are rightly guessed and placed one below another in the order given here, the zigzag, beginning at the upper left hand letter, will spell the surname of a famous Northern general in the Civil War.

Crosswords: A musket; a sphere; a period of time; a numeral; to make brown.

2. This zigzag will spell the surname of a New-England writer who wrote wonder tales for children. Each word has has five letters.

Crosswords: A refuge; a long spear; a second growth of grass in a season; to inscribe; a part of the face; a rank of nobility; to cut wood or stone artistically; an iron block to hammer metals on; the planet on which we live.

DROPPED WORD PROVERBS.

1.—A —— in —— hand is —— two —— the ——.
2.—Every —— has a —— lining.
3.—Don't —— the ——that —— the golden egg.

Answers to Puzzles Published Feb. 21.

ANSWERS TO DIAMONDS.

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CHARADES.

1. Ordinary.
2. Superfluous.
3. Chinchilla.

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.

RULES FOR PRIZE COMPETITION.

First—Make all drawings in black ink only, and on white paper. Drawings sent to the office in colored ink on white paper, in black ink on colored paper, or in colored ink on colored paper, cannot be reproduced as they stand.

Second—Sign all drawings with name and address, so that we shall know where to send the prize if your sketch wins.

Third—Address all letters to Little Men and Little Women, New-York Tribune, New-York City. By doing this all mail will reach us safely.

Fourth—No work will be returned, even if postage is inclosed.

WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE MOST POPULAR WINTER RESORTS.

CROWDED ATLANTIC CITY.

Throng Equalling That of Easter a Few Years Ago.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 27 (Special).—It is certain that Atlantic City never before had as many visitors in February as those who this week thronged the hotel corridors and the boardwalk. In fact, the strollers were not less numerous than the Easter crowd of a few years ago. The patronage of the large beach front hotels has only been exceeded at the height of the summer season, and in some instances guests were turned away to smaller houses.

Robert T. Dunlop, who has conducted the Hotel Dunlop the last few years, at Ocean-ave. and the boardwalk, has leased and opened the Hotel Lenox, just across the street. His lease of the Dunlop will expire in a short time, and will not be renewed. The Lenox is a large, fireproof, modern hotel, well furnished, and cannot be surpassed in its location on the beach.

The Hotel Savoy, on the beach in Chelsea, will be reopened on March 30, under the management of Miss S. M. Hanley, who has conducted it for a number of years.

The Evard, at the ocean end of Kentucky-ave., has been refitted and renovated throughout by Fairbanks & Mackenthun.

Charles A. Sheidy has had the Hotel Hygeia, at New-York and Pacific aves., improved and renovated this winter. This house is centrally located.

The Hotel Holmhurst, in Pennsylvania-ave., near the beach, has been improved by Henry Darnell this winter.

The Hotel Roxborough, in South Carolina-ave., near the beach, has been placed in first class order for the season by P. D. Pfisterer.

The Hotel Eastbourne, in Pacific-ave., opposite Park Place, has undergone a number of improvements. Mrs. R. F. Bogle has had the house repapered and renovated.

The Hotel Braddock, in New-York-ave., near the beach, was reopened to-day by W. L. Braddock, who managed it last year. During the winter the Braddock has been improved and a number of comforts added.

The municipal scheme of beach front control was furthered during the week, when Dr. J. B. Thompson, one of the proprietors of the Hotel Chelsea, signed an easement deed conveying to the city the control of an entire square on the ocean front at Chelsea, between Hartford and Albany aves., as a part of the projected beach front park. The city is now in legal possession of over three-fourths of the entire ocean frontage, and as soon as the remainder is acquired it will exercise complete control over this public park.

The New-Yorkers registered at the hotels include the following:

Brighton—Fillmore A. Hyde, W. Hyde, Walter Hyde, Walter F. Hopper, L. D. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bouvier, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Hopper, Miss Evelyn Foster, Miss Nora Sullivan, Charles R. Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gibson, Miss Aglae Keen, O. B. Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoe, jr., Miss Ruth Hoe, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Edgerton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perry, William H. Bronson, Joseph H. Shillibar, E. W. Nash, William M. Van Winkle, Miss E. M. Van Winkle, Miss E. Mitchall, J. B. Mitchall, W. H. Talcott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Devereux, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wellwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gardner, Robert Francis, Ernest T. Carter, George F. Carton, L. L. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuller, Charles Linton, M. M. Hopkins, Miss Susan Raymond, Mrs. Beekman De Peyster, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wilson, Miss Alice D. Wilson, Miss Janet M. Wilson, Miss Olga Moesmann, Mlle. Constance Valtenaire, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clews and Miss Clews.

St. Charles—Mrs. L. M. Jones, jr., Mrs. T. C. Hoge, T. C. Hoge, jr., George W. Wallace, William J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. H. Herman, Mrs. H. Cane, William G. Cane, S. W. Kane, Miss P. Sharkey, Miss Hewley, J. McCord, Miss Ivins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Downs, E. M. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brick, William Allison, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Boyden, Mr. and Mrs. P. Vanderdale, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Miss M. Murtha, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. Banks, Miss Plummer, Mrs. C. L. Davis and Mrs. F. B. Parkhurst.

Haddon Hall—R. C. Low, H. C. Low, jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stone, E. E. Winchell, R. C. Dorsett, R. Mackenzie, Miss M. Simpson, Miss Hall, J. S. Stanton, H. C. Woodruff, William Kooper, P. Butler, E. H. Ross, P. W. Rich, Mrs. S. W. Albro, Miss Albro, W. L. Albro, Miss E. Boyd, William Datcher, B. J. Smith, F. W. Cowperthwaite, E. R. Nichols, Miss O'Leary, Miss Williams, Miss Cowperthwaite, Mrs. R. M. Cowperthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gorden, H. L. Waterman, W. S. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baker, John Baker, A. F. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cerardo, C. W. McHenry, Miss Green, J. L. Meehan, G. H. Minche, Mrs. S. B. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Howe and N. C. Low.

Islesworth—Miss C. Dunphy, Miss Dunphy, J. Wallack, Mrs. C. Nolt, Mrs. F. Rivers, Alexander M. Funston, Miss B. Funston, Mr. and Mrs. S. Strauss, S. W. Graves, Mrs. J. Elson, Samuel Weil, T. Angelo, H. Angelo L. J. Chamanskey, E. Hyman, Mrs. Hyman, L. A. Hyman, F. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Gershel, Mrs. F. Phillips, H. Simon, Dr. B. Reed, Miss Emma J. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Clark, Mrs. George Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mason, Mrs. J. A. Mason, J. A. Nutter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Seyel, A. Stern, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnston, Mrs. Aaron and Miss E. Aaron.

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Dunlop—Mr. and Mrs. C. Kane, Mrs. F. D. Roberts, Miss M. Wayback, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Large, B. Wasserman, J. M. Mora, L. H. Bell, L. B. Oliver, T. B. Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Raynor, Miss Stewart, Miss F. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Swinton, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Arnold, F. O. Kline, H. J. Smith, R. A. Clark.

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COMFORTABLE ENOUGH.

From The Philadelphia Press.

Aunt Jane—I understand young Mr. Skinnay has won you.

Miss De Mure—Yes.

Aunt Jane—He's very sharp, isn't he?

Miss De Mure (absent mindedly)—Rather; but then he always puts a cushion on his knees for me.

ON FLORIDA EAST COAST.

Gala Days Enjoyed by Many Lenten Visitors.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 27 (Special).—The early days of Lent were characterized by tears as well as sunshine. The sun has, however, been shining most delightfully this week, and every one has been out, the streets thronged with persons in summer gowns and spring suits, while straw hats prevail, men and women galloping about on fair steeds, carriages dashing hither and thither, but the wise ones sit and dream, and hear the songs of the birds, inhale the fragrance of flowers and dream of fairyland. Others continue the round of pleasure they pursue at home, at dinners, teas and receptions.

Monday was a holiday, but there was a bridge tea from 11 to 3, at 5 an afternoon tea, at 7 a dinner and at 8 bridge. There has been a great rush of fashionable persons to the East Coast since Shrove Tuesday, arrivals reaching the one hundred mark day after day. Dr. T. Addis Emmet and his bride have arrived at the Alcazar. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Frost, of New-York, are at the Alcazar, with Mr. and Mrs. A. Frost, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whittlesey, of New-York, are at the Alcazar for a long visit. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Seamans, Miss Dorothy Seamans and Miss Reinier and Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Reynolds, of Brooklyn, are also there.

The St. Augustine Yacht Club held its annual election on Tuesday, and Edward C. Renwick was elected commodore, Dr. Anderson vice-commodore, Mr. Dewhurst secretary and treasurer, E. A. Sumner measurer, Dr. Murray W. Seagears fleet surgeon; house committee, A. V. A. Winans, Edward C. Cozzens and Louis McLain; regatta committee, Herbert Warden, J. W. Kinney and J. P. Greaves, and trustees, W. H. Pell, V. R. Stuyvesant and Henry Belknap.

The fourth of the series of races for raceabouts for a handsome trophy was an exciting one on Tuesday afternoon. It was a beautiful day, the sky sunny and cloudless, with a stiff breeze from the east, and all St. Augustine out to see the start. After the gun was fired they fairly flew along as they passed the old fort and rounded into the north river. The Clarissa came in first. The course was ten miles, and the time stood: The Clarissa, 1:25:46; the Osana, 1:27:31; the Hilolo, 1:29:51.

Among the New-Yorkers at the Ponce de Leon are Mr. and Mrs. Washington Connor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutting and Miss Cuttting, on their way to Palm Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. John Schoonmaker, Mrs. C. C. Pomeroy, Miss Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Leonard, Mrs. Lyman T. Morse, Mrs. George N. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Curtis, Dr. Grant Lyman, Mrs. Edward Gleason, Miss Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Douglass, Henry Shoemaker, William B. Shoemaker, Miss Blanche Shoemaker, Miss Katherine Rhoads, George Benjamin, Miss Ruth Ashmore, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Duncan, William Beardsley, Miss Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Virgil Neal, Charles S. Colt, Harry J. Everall, Robert E. Boardman, Rufus R. Graves, Miss Graves, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sheddy, Mr. and Mrs. Will Harkness and Dr. and Mrs. George Quimby.

The guests of the Ormond are busy enjoying the many pleasures that resort offers. The drives are beautiful and varied, there is fine boating and fishing, golf is again to the fore, and on most days many go in the surf. Among the enthusiastic fishermen are H. M. Day and Eugene Ellsworth, both New-Yorkers, who have brought in remarkably fine catches. A large party of Philadelphians chartered the brake for a trip to Daytona recently, going down the beach and returning through the woods. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Woodward have arrived for a long visit. Mrs. William Thaw, jr., of Pittsburg, has taken apartments for a long visit. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Saxe, of New-York, and Miss Pearson, of Brooklyn, are late arrivals. The Tomoka trip is perhaps the most delightful excursion enjoyed here. The river is most romantic, flowing between banks of tropical verdure, moss depending from every tree. Among the New-Yorkers going up recently were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carpentier, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lozier, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Adriance and daughters, Mrs. J. P. Barnum, Miss Grace Patten, Miss Caroline Lathrop, W. J. Rogers and the Misses Rogers.

At Miami there are more than six hundred pleasure seekers, and each has found the object of his or her search, and for many the days are not long enough. Perhaps nothing gives more pleasure to the visitors than the dory races. There were ten craft in the last race, coming down the triangle abreast, their sails silhouetted against the blue sky. Dr. C. B. Enders, of New-York, sailing the Ajax, won, his time being 42 minutes. The clock golf tournament on Monday, for prizes put up by Miss Emma B. Mallon, of Philadelphia, was a hotly contested struggle. The handicap tournament for the cups presented by E. R. Buck, of New-York, was also an exciting event, women and men contesting. On Tuesday there was an open air concert, a tea and a golf contest. E. B. Miller, of Cincinnati, won the cup put up by H. W. Merrill in the clock golf tournament. Attorney General Knox and H. C. Frick spent a day here recently out on the Clara, and had some fine sport, landing 154 kingfish. Bishop Paret, of the Maryland Diocese, is making a fishing record.

The most beautiful band in every way enjoyable function of the season in Nassau was the reception and tea given by Mrs. Delos McCurdy in the Colonial Gardens. It was an ideal day and as the shadows lengthened the guests gathered and were cordially welcomed by their hostess. The attractiveness of the grounds had been enhanced by decorations, potted palms and flowers. A screen of palms hid the Colonial Orchestra, which rendered a fine programme all the evening. Tea, cake and ices were served in a marquee and at small tables scattered about the lawn. The whole setting was picturesque and beautiful. Mrs. Spencer Churchill, wife of the colonial secretary, and Mrs. B. Shedd, of Boston, assisted Mrs. McCurdy. All Nassau society was present, sharing the pleasure with many of the guests of the hotel. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Wesson, Miss Shedd, Admiral and Mrs. Forsyth, Dr. and Mrs. Bullard, Miss Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. Casselbury, Mrs. Sloane, Mrs. Alfred, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Cornell and a host of others. Among the late arrivals are Mrs. Tinker and Miss Tinker, Mr. and Mrs. James Oliphant, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Maynard, Mrs. B. C. Robbins, Miss Eva Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Mercer and Mrs. A. G. Smith, of New-York.

AT THE LAKEWOOD HOTEL.

Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 27 (Special).—The Washington's Birthday ball at the Lakewood Hotel was the social event of the week at Lakewood. Society folk could not resist the temptation to enjoy just one more dance, even though it was the first week in Lent. They are content now to settle down and be very decorous for the remainder of the penitential season.

There is a rage for indoor tennis at Lakewood just now. Everybody plays it, and if they don't know how when they come here they quickly learn. A lively match which attracted many interested spectators was played on the indoor court at the Lakewood Hotel this week by Miss Grace Elliston and Miss Rose Webb, of New-York. Railroad service and rapid fire volleying were features of the match throughout. Miss Elliston won after an exciting struggle, the score being 6—3, 6—4 and 3—6 in her favor. Both Miss Elliston and Miss Webb excel in the more strenuous game of squash, their proficiency in tennis serving them in good stead in placing the ball and returning it.

Allaire has been the favorite destination of many driving parties that left the Lakewood Hotel this week. The drive to the deserted village is a seven-mile journey over roads smooth and hard as asphalt.

Late arrivals at the Lakewood Hotel from New-York include the following: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rich, jr., Mrs. Charles Halstead, Mrs. James Flanagan, Mrs. G. E. Field, Mrs. W. P. Kolliberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Watson, Mrs. Esther Murphy, Mrs. A. H. King, Miss Ray King, Charles H. Raymond, A. H. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hurley, Walter A. Duke, G. Malley, Edwin S. Bayer, Lowell Lincoln, jr., Miss May Belting, Miss Mae Benson, Leo L. Redding, Arthur M. Reis, Leslie R. Reis, C. D. Potter, Charles W. McKeon, Miss Florence Weil, Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Stark, Charles M. Jacobs, B. M. Jacobs, B. R. Reynolds, John Streckland, Mr. and Mrs. James Healy, James Healy, jr., C. Baring, Arthur Metzger, George Harris, G. H. Stephens, B. J. Benjamin, H. F. Stokes, William Dann. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Graitz, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Foster Adams, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. O. Whitehead, James S. Rose, Howard P. Sweetser, F. E. Davidson, Miss Dorothy Davidson, B. Frank Sadler, George C. Barry, J. N. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odell, Herbert Odell, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Menahan, Miss Menahan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Elliston, Herbert R. Felton, Miss Alice Felton, Mrs. Joseph T. Drane, Mrs. Walter Drane and Miss Jessie Drane.

AT OLD POINT COMFORT.

Old Point, Va., Feb. 27 (Special).—There is great charm in the