

FOR THE BUSY MAN.

Constant Reader Tells What He Missed in Last Week's Paper.

"I don't know whether or not I'll buy my paper," said the Busy Man on meeting again his friend, the Constant Reader.

lyn Navy Yard," said the Busy Man. "Not Brooklyn, but San Francisco," was the response.

plained by sabbatum (from the Sumerian sabbat, "heart-rest"), generally regarded as the original of the Hebrew Sabbath.

TO PURIFY THE AIR. S. F. (State Island, N. Y.): What is the best method of purifying the air of a sickroom?

ITEMS OF SOCIAL INTEREST

The marriage of Miss Helen Tracy Brown and F. P. Keppel, of No. 239 East 17th-st., took place on Wednesday last at the home of the bride in Flushing.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has sent a beautiful little engraving signed with her own name to be raffled at the Valentine musical.

The managers are working hard for the success of this unique musical. Perry Averill, baritone, and Miss Frances Miller, soprano, will sing, and Mr. Spross, the organist, will play.

The third dance of the evening club of the West Side Card Assemblies will take place on Friday evening, February 23.

The National Society of New-England Women will hold its annual breakfast at Delmonico's on February 9.

Trinity School will be held at the Hotel Astor, formerly the site of the school, on Tuesday evening, February 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wetmore Plant, of No. 112 West 130th-st., entertained at dinner last Thursday evening.

The annual meeting of the Riverside Yacht Club was held on Thursday evening at the Hotel Astor.

An event of interest in medical circles will be the Junior Prom. of the New-York Homeopathic Medical College, which will be held at the Hotel Astor on the evening of Tuesday, February 13.

On Wednesday evening the Assembly Ball, the first since the destruction of the old Academy of Music, was given at the Heights Casino.

The Harlem Young Women's Christian Association, No. 74 West 124th-st., has arranged a musical evening for to-morrow, February 5.

Auxiliary No. 6 of the Stony Wold Sanatorium will hold a drawing room meeting on Wednesday at 4 o'clock at the home of its chairman, Mrs. Wendell C. Phillips.

Mrs. William Bouldin, Jr. gave a large reception at her home, No. 81 Prospect-st., East Orange, on Friday afternoon.

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Mrs. Anna M. Thompson announces the marriage of her daughter, Anna Louise, to Dr. Edgar William Danver.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lumino Lindsay, of Elmhurst, Queens Borough, gave a dinner on Wednesday evening.

Miss Mary Hall Sarve, of No. 9 East 45th-st., held the last of her receptions this season on Thursday afternoon.

Assisting her were Mrs. William Pitman Earle, Mrs. Walter C. Burr, Mrs. Erwin C. Maynard, Mrs. Frank Freeman, Mrs. Harrie V. Schieren, Mrs. Walter Thackray, Mrs. Richard Thackray, Mrs. Charles P. Coates, Mrs. T. J. Valentine, Mrs. Louise Earle, Miss Helen Earle, Miss Betty Edging, Miss Schieren, Miss Edith Burrell, Miss Minnie Major and Miss Mildred O'Brien.

Mrs. Samuel Bowne Duryea, of No. 46 Remsen-st., brought her series of Monday evenings at home to a close last week.

A large reception on the Park Slope was that given on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Frank L. Sniffon, of No. 42 Montgomery Place.

Cards have been issued by Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Close, of No. 200 Hancock-st., for two consecutive musicals next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

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will be at home, at No. 1,235 Dean-st., Friday in February.

Among the passengers on the Republic, which sailed Friday of the week before last for Italy, were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Chaucey, York-of Van Derhoef and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers Mallory.

Mrs. William B. Hurd, Jr., and her daughter, Miss Ruth Barrett, of No. 423 Washington-ave., announce Tuesdays in February.

Miss Mercedes E. J. Rodrigo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. José E. Rodrigo, of Brooklyn, will be married to William Howard, Jr., also of Brooklyn, on Wednesday evening at 8.30 o'clock in the Church of the Incarnation.

Miss Marietta I. Rodrigo, will be maid of honor, while Louisa Johnstone Fitzpatrick, of Portland, Me., will be the best man. The usher will be Rudolph McNary. Howard, Albert Hildebrand, Kenneth Robert Howard and William Dike Reed.

MUSICAL COMMENT.

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of chamber music, the next concert of the People's Symphony Auxiliary Club, which will take place at Cooper Union, Monday, February 5, will be devoted to the Romantic Period.

The Russian Symphony Orchestra, under Modest Altschuler's leadership, will play an interesting programme at its concert of Saturday evening, February 24, and Sunday afternoon, February 25, at Carnegie Hall.

Rubinstein's humoresque character sketch, "Don Quixote" and Konjus's "Childhood" suite. Borodin's overture is unfamiliar here; Rubinstein's "Don Quixote" was played many years ago at a Thomas concert in Chickering Hall.

The Konjus "Childhood" suite will be new here, except two of the nine short sketches composing it, "Lullaby" and "Playing Horse," which were performed with marked success in the first and second seasons of the Russian Symphony Orchestra.

Miss Delfy Friedlander, who has "studied under eminent French professors," will give a song recital in Mendelssohn Hall next Saturday evening with the help of Max Herzberg, pianoforte, and James Liebling, violoncello.

The second concert of the Kaltenborn Quartet will be given in Mendelssohn Hall on Thursday evening of this week.

Mme. Eames's programme on February 14, when she will give her only song recital of the season at Carnegie Hall, will comprise songs by Gluck, Bach, Dvorak, Schubert, Tschakovsky and others.

The Tonkünstler Society will hold a private meeting at the Imperial Hotel in Brooklyn next Wednesday, at which Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klingenberg will play a sonata by Geminiani, Mrs. Maude Barton will sing the aria, with guitar accompaniment, from "Mozart's" "Die Pastoren" (Cerny, violin), and Mr. Venth and Alexander Rihm will play Philipp Scharwenka's Suite for violin and pianoforte, op. 99.

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Kubelick's manager, Hugo Gorlitz, yesterday arranged with Thompson & Dundy for the use of the Hippodrome on Sunday night, March 4.

The Bohemian violinist will give a concert there that night, assisted by Victor Herbert's orchestra. The entire programme will be popular in character, Kubelick playing some of his most showy pieces.

On Thursday evening a free organ recital will be given at Grace Methodist Church, 104th-st., Miss Kate Stella Burr, assisted by Mrs. Mary Hissan Koss.

In the fall of 1903 a few gentlemen of the choir of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, met for the purpose of singing plantation songs, under the leadership of George Corwin Stout.

A concert is to be given by this organization, assisted by Miss Edith Cline Ford, reader; James Edward Pearson, baritone, and George C. Carter, tenor, under the auspices of the W. I. C. Circle at the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church on Wednesday evening.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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