

The Conning Tower

TO C. W. T., ON HIS NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY.

It's the correct thing to heave a half-sigh
Over one's vanished youth,
And for all I know C. W. may be sincere about it,
But when I think of you, you poor fish,
And see, over the buried years, your idiotic grin,
I wouldn't change places with you for a raise in salary.
You silly, bombastic, bumptious ass,
You weren't even having a good time, though you thought you were.
I know how to enjoy life, and you didn't even have sense enough
For that.
I decline to join the customary wall over you and the other
Lost youths; I'm glad you're gone,
You dub.
The fact that I was allowed to live to my present age
Shows how criminally merciful people were in your time,
For if I saw you face to face now I'd be tempted to step on your
fool features
And squash you.
I don't know how old C. W. is,
But I'll bet she is still, comparatively speaking, a chicken,
Mourning her vanished youth because it's the thing to do,
And that down in her heart she knows she doesn't mourn the thing
she calls
"The apotheosis of possibility."
What's a possibility to a fact accomplished?
Go to your Richard Henry Stoddard, C. W.; consider this second
poem on that subject, and
Be wise.

C. W. T.

It is too dark to play tennis after 5:30. These cruelly shorten-
ing days, and the eight-hour basis sporting day—unless one forego
luncheon—is now only a summer memory. As Horace so slangily
said, "Oh you fugaces!"

Just when we cannot help wondering, does a golfer lose his
amateur lying standing?

THE AMATEUR STANDING OF ILLUSTRATORS.

F. P. A.—Again the non-realism of advertising is evident on
the back page of the Satevepost. An immaculately attired female
golfer is assiduously preparing for a three hundred yard drive,
or thereabouts, but thoughtlessly has her right foot thrust forward,
when even those but casually interested in the game know that
the left is the proper one. Bearing in mind the non-peopleness
of women, however, perhaps the sketcher knew what he was doing.

E. L. K.

LOST, Friday morning, between 134th street and Edgecomb avenue and
14th street and Bergen avenue, one autograph copy of "The Heart of Rachel."
Finder may have new copy by returning the priceless one to this office.—A.H.T.

"WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH BACKWARD BOYS?"

Had I a son of whom it might be seen
In early youth he was bereft of bean,
A lad who lacked the power of concentration,
I'd make him foreman of a service station.

"Pardon the interruption," writes M. C. S., of East Orange,
just as though we weren't used to interruptions, "but it may interest
you to know that Mr. Vann is in the moving business in our town,
that Mr. Bringham is an undertaker in Philadelphia, and that
a friend of mine holds a mortgage in which Mr. Love is the principal
and Mr. Darlington the agent. "Interest" is too mild to express our
absorption.

FAMILIAR MISQUOTATIONS.

"The dark unfathom'd depths of ocean bear."
"Those things really happen!" exclaims Dothes. "I was
sitting in the subway alongside of a priest who was reading a Bible.
At 103d Street a girl came in, sat on the other side of me, and
started to read a story in 'La Parisienne.' I, in a spirit of devilry,
influenced probably by the girl, thought that it would be a good
joke if each could see what the other was reading. So I leaned
back, and coughed and fidgeted, but both were so interested in their
respective books that I finally gave it up. I never do have any fun!"

"Will it be proper to attend that hundredth performance of
'Pollyanna,' the 'glad play,' wearing a smile?" asks Ignatz. "No!
All right. Then I'll wear my glad rags."

GOLF CONVERSATION.

TIGER TUESDAY, DULCINEA, HER BROTHER WINCHURCH, AND VIVIENNE.
DUL.—What a wonderful game golf is! How much it has done
for old people! I believe it has actually prolonged many lives. And
the beauty of it is, anybody can play it. Now when you go out
just for a walk, you carry all your troubles with you; but golf
takes your mind, absolutely.

T. T.—Yes, often I've started out to play golf, feeling head-
achy and miserable, and then, after playing 18 holes, I've gone
home feeling a lot worse." (Tops his drive.)

WIN.—"Fine shot, Tiger!" (Drives 175 yards.) "Rotten!"
DUL.—(Slices.) "I sliced that." (Tops her second.) "I topped
that." (Pulls her third.) "I pulled that."

WIN.—(Makes a superb brassy shot.) "Well, I won't take that
back."

DUL.—"Funny, how warm you get at this game. I'm simply
dripping."
VIV.—"It's the golf stream."

T. T.—(Shoots a high one out of bounds.)
WIN.—"Well, that's the highest. Hard luck, old man."
Say, my ball's in a ditch. What's the rule?"

T. T.—"You drop dead without loss."
DUL.—(Scaffs.) "I scaffed that."
VIV.—(Scaffs, but gets a beautifully straight one.)

WIN.—Say, Viv, you're lucky. Yours was really just as bad
a scaff as Dulcy's, but—"
VIV.—"He scaffs best who scaffs last."

TIGER TUESDAY.

The street car strike has not been, from either viewpoint,
successful, so a bowling acquaintance—one meets all sorts in a
trade such as this—suggests that it be called a spare.

"Whom Are You" Said Cyril.

[From the Utica Herald Dispatch.]
George Irwin, whom Federal officers declare is one of the
"brains" of the syndicate

The second race at Louisville Friday was won by Rhyme, but
this Free Verse epidemic is so strong that we forgot all about
a wager.

COSMIC AMELIORATION.

There be who say the universe
Is growing annually worse;
But I find hope and faith and cheer
In fewer derbies worn each year.

TO MYRTLE.

A neutral through a land of battles,
If his passports be exact,
Passes with his goods and chattels
All intact.

When your neutral gaze advances,
Though to halt it I am fain,
There is nothing in your glances
To detain.

Not against me nor yet for me
Daily through my lines thy pierce.
Smile or frown, but don't ignore me—
Gosh, it's fierce!

TAPESTRY.

This Sybil of Sapience never has been wrong about guessing,
to those who depend on our dope for a livelihood may as well be
warned now.

Looks like the Red Sox, Hughes and Harvard.
And—of course—a white Christmas.

F. P. A.

SOCIETY AND ITS SUMMER HOME ACTIVITIES

Society Folk at the Opening Race Meet of the Season at Rumson, N. J., Saturday, September 16.

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Plans Made for New Country Homes in Stockbridge and Lenox.

Lenox, Mass., Sept. 23.—"The Lenox Follies of 1916" was different from any entertainment heretofore attempted in the Berkshires. It was a brilliant composite of tableaux, dances, songs and motion pictures, and received a warm welcome. Miss M. Civilise Alexandre planned it, and every one agreed it was the most lively and modern form of entertainment that had been offered in the hills. It brought \$2,000 to the Berkshire Red Cross fund.

In the dances were Misses Symphora and Grace Bristol, Margaret French, Josephine and Alma de Gerardoff, Celine and Anna R. Alexandre, Irene Turnure, Anita Delafield, Kate Haven and Isabel Shutter. They appeared in Greek, Mexican and Polish dances, the music for the latter having been composed by Marshall R. Kernochan.

Miss Grace E. Henry was a guest of Mrs. John E. Alexandre for the presentation of her photo play, "The Treasure of the Incas," which had in the cast many prominent cottagers.

Following both performances the greater part of the audience and the performers were entertained at the Lenox Club. Miss Anna Byrne's orchestra played for the performance, and Allen B. Fenno, barytone, made a success with his songs about Lenox celebrities.

Stockbridge's eighth annual art exhibition closed this week. Twenty-one members of the American Academy exhibited in the show. Mrs. William Douglas Sloane bought Walter Nettleton's painting, "Passing of the Forest Drifts," and Miss Emily Tuckerman bought Frederic Crowninshield's "Coming Storm," both typical Berkshire subjects.

Architects are at work on plans for a country residence to be built in Stockbridge by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ludlow Fowler, Jr., and on plans for a villa for Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bonner. Both places will be in Stockbridge. Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt has not yet accepted plans for her large country house at Laurel Lake, in Lenox, and the building will not be undertaken this year.

Mrs. Carlos M. de Heredia gave the largest afternoon entertainment of the month at the Lenox Club this afternoon, when she was hostess at a golf tea. Mrs. de Heredia offered prizes for a putting competition for men, women and children, and there was an entry of fifty and a fashionable gallery. After the competitions tea was served. Mr. and Mrs. William B. O. Field, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. David T. Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frothingham, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Delafield, Mr. and Mrs. Newbold Morris, Mrs. Lindsay Russell and the Misses Bristol, Delafield and Alexandre took part in the events.

The finals in men's doubles finished the tennis season at Heaton Hall this week, where there has been eight weeks of play. Walter Moore, of New York, and Henry A. Fogz, of Brooklyn, won the doubles, defeating Frank C. Macy and Sidney G. Piers, 7-5, 9-7, 9-7, in the finals.

Mrs. Edwards Spencer entertained the council of the Lenox Garden Club at Shipton Court Monday afternoon. Mrs. William Pollock and Miss Georgiana W. Sargeant assisted at the tea tables. The council met for the purpose of passing on collections of asters grown by members of the club and to appoint a committee on nominations to recommend officers for 1917. Mrs. Edwards Spencer and Mrs. Frank K. Sturges exhibited the best perennial asters, and Mrs. David Ives Mackie, Mrs. Bangor Clarkson and Miss Katharine Bullard the best annuals. Mrs. Spencer has now one of the most productive flower gardens in the hills.

Dean William M. Grosvenor, who was called to New York from Trinity Church, Lenox, has been making a round of visits in the cottages. Mrs. John E. Parsons entertained the dean at Interlaken; Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane and others gave dinners, and Miss Nancy C. Wharton and Mrs. Carlos M. de Heredia entertained at luncheon in his honor. The dean preached twice in Trinity during his visit.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen spent the week end at Hotel Aspinwall. They came to Lenox from the White Mountains, where they have been working in the interest of the Aberdeen Fund in America, to further the social work which Lady Aberdeen established in Ireland when Lord Aberdeen was viceroy. They gave addresses at the hotel Monday night, illustrating their talks with stereopticon slides. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate gave an afternoon reception for Lord and Lady Aberdeen and others in the colonies called on them at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brewster Hobson arrived Tuesday from Texas in Stockbridge. Mr. Hobson, who is a member of Squadron A, of New York, is on furlough. Mrs. Hobson has been at the border for several weeks.

Cooperstown.

Cooperstown, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Stokes gave a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bowers and their guest, Mrs. Schoonmaker. Following the dinner Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer closed her home a few days ago, and since she departed it has been learned that she has arranged for extensive improvements at her estate before the opening of another summer season. Improvements will also be made at Gull Rock, the Victor Sorohan estate, purchased this year by Robert Gould Shaw, 2d, and with her daughter, Miss Margaret Draper, will return to Washington.

Mrs. William Festus Morgan gave a dinner Wednesday evening before the O-te-sa-ga dance. The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Birdsell and Miss Edith Stokes also gave dinners.

The Misses Johnstone gave a large luncheon party on Thursday.

Mrs. P. A. H. Brown gave a reception Thursday afternoon, and in the even-



Miss Freda Bowman, Miss Dorothy Rennard and Miss Dorothy Battie, interested spectators at Rumson's race meet.

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ing Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bowers entertained at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. de Peyster Townsend gave a picnic on Friday evening on the shores of the lake. Following the picnic the guests sailed and took trips in motor boats.

This evening dinners are being given by Miss Elsie Han, Mr. and Mrs. George Hyde Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. William Crain Bowers.

Among those stopping at the Fenimore Hotel this week from New York are Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Bostwick, Mrs. S. S. Schoerbaum, Frank Donzsea, H. S. Morse, Robert Pinkerton and M. E. Walsh.

On October 3 the New York State Historical Society will hold its annual outing in Cooperstown, and members of the society will stop at the Fenimore Hotel and at the O-te-sa-ga. On the Wednesday evening of their stay there will be a special dance at the O-te-sa-ga under the musical direction of Harry Mayer.

Among those stopping at the O-te-sa-ga this week from New York are Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goepel, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. V. Powers, Miss E. V. Powers, Miss M. V. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Felton, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Backus, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy Tod, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lewis, W. Beach Day; from Tuxedo, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Amos T. French.

Newport.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 23.—The Newport season is to be prolonged, according to the announcements that have been made by summer residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, who have never remained at their Bellevue Avenue home as late as this, are still here and will remain until after the first of October, when they will go to Staatsburg. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Whitehouse are remaining at Eastburn Lodge until November; Edward C. Knight, Jr., is to remain at Clarendon Court until the same time, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Barney are remaining at the Osgood villa until November.

Others who are remaining until November are Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Berwind, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Dolan. Mr. and Mrs. William Woodward have announced that they will remain until late in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, who have been entertaining extensively this week, will not close The Rocks until October 13, and the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. Riano have decided to keep their summer headquarters open until the end of October.

Mrs. James A. Burden has extended her season, and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Van Beuren, who have a Middletown farm and who have just returned from a hunting trip in Wyoming, will not close their estate until nearly the first of the year. Governor and Mrs. E. Livingston Beekman will be at Land's End until after the November election.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry have changed their plans and will remain until the end of October, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Cassatt, who are occupying the Paul Andrews estate, have decided to extend their season for a month.

Mrs. William F. Draper, who has been among the entertainers this week, has decided to close on September 25, and with her daughter, Miss Margaret Draper, will return to Washington.

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Mrs. and Mrs. McCagg have as usual

been staying at Bar Harbor during the summer, but will soon arrive here for the late fall season.

At Lake Placid.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Improvements decided on this week that are to be ready for next season include the completion of a twelve-mile trail completely encircling Lake Placid, and the construction of the connecting link which is to unite, in this village, at an elevation of 2,900 feet, the halves of the new national motor highway extending from Albany to Malone, Ogdensburg and the Thousand Islands.

The trustees of the Shore Owners' Association at their meeting Monday voted to construct a trail two miles in extent from the Whiteface Mountain trail to Undercliff, thus completing the trail around the lake, and the village on Monday voted in favor of building the connecting highway link, which includes the main street of the village, of brick on a cement base instead of bituminous macadam. By arrangement with the State Highway Department this will be full width of the street instead of the usual state road width.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Roosevelt, Redfield Proctor, son of the late United States Senator, and his sister, Miss Emily Proctor, were among those who closed their camps this week.

Motor trips and hiking are in great favor among the camp and hotel folk. Chief Justice White during the early part of the week set out upon numerous hikes from his camp at Whiteface Inn.

Edwin H. Anderson, director of the New York Public Library, and his assistant, R. R. Finster, who are at Whiteface Inn, have done much boating on Lake Placid.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Innes are among those from New York who reached Whiteface Inn by automobile.

A banquet given at the Stevens House on Tuesday evening by George A. Stevens, for a party of friends, was

one of the principal events at that hotel.

Many remaining late at the Stevens House and a large number from the camps and cottages were included in the throng in the hotel ballroom on Saturday night, when an exhibition of the Scotch broadsword dance and Highland fling, done in the Scotch costume, was given by T. Douglas Williamson and Peter MacKinnon, of New

York. Arrangements for this dance were made by J. Duncan Dunn, of New York.

Mrs. Ralph Malford has entertained during the week with a series of motor trips for several of her young women friends.

Horace Fletcher, of Brussels, Belgium, was among those reaching the Stevens House on a tour of the mountains. His party included Mrs. Asa

Mrs. Richard M. Hodge, Mrs. George Olin, Mrs. Charles H. Ferry, Mrs. Edwin H. Mairs, Mrs. David Ives Mackie, Mrs. William D. Gaillard, Mrs. Dudley Tenney, Mrs. James Dittmars, Mrs. Voorhees, Mrs. Elias M. Johnson, and the Misses Helen M. Wade, Alice Taggart, Friede Pagenstecher, Louise Barrows, Dorothea E. Schmitz, Mary L. Prayn and Julia E. Smith.

Tickets, single, \$1.50; course (twelve lectures), \$10, are on sale at the box office or at the central office of the association, 1 West Thirty-fourth Street.

Later the Comte de Vaucher was transferred to the prison camp at Göttingen, where 6,000 French and British prisoners are confined. Life was much the same as at Cassel. The food allowance kept steadily falling, the Germans alleging that in the British camp, "Blockading the country, the enemy prisoners must necessarily be first to suffer.

Parcels a Godsend.

A good supply of food parcels from France and England arrived with fair regularity in this camp, so saving the lives of the French and British, and allowing them to give their miserable official rations to their Russian comrades.

There was also an American Young Men's Christian Association hut, at which theatrical performances by French, British and Russian prisoners were organized. This helped to keep up the morale. The British brought out a newspaper, "The Wooden City," edited by Sergeant Reason, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and in French a journal entitled "Camp Göttingen." It was characteristic that the Germans circulated a journal among the Flemish-Belgian prisoners, entitled "Onze Thal," edited by Dr. Stange, of Göttingen, in which propaganda was made for the annexation of Belgium.

The Comte de Vaucher is convinced that the lot of the prisoners in Germany will go from bad to worse, and that their fate will become harder as the Germans see victory slipping from their hands. They are utterly without scruple in their treatment, he said, and would, if necessary, cynically let them perish of hunger if by so doing they gained the slightest advantage.

Prisoners were divided into parties of ten men sent out to work under the surveillance of two sentries. Any prisoner who refused to work or was not

helpful and quite unsuited to the purpose.

Dogs Chased Prisoners.

The feldwebel and his assistant were reinforced by half a dozen fierce police dogs. These were sent into the rooms every morning to drive the prisoners out, and performed the same service every evening to drive them back. At this time, however, the prisoners were comparatively well fed, the food being plain, but good and sufficient. The hardship and monotony, however, drove the Comte de Vauchier to escape. As he was educated at Bonn, he spoke perfect German, and after stealing out of the arsenal he made his way toward the Dutch frontier. Unfortunately, he was recaptured when less than twenty miles from the border and taken off to the prison at Hanover, where as a punishment he was confined in a cell for three months.

As his wounds again required attention, he was sent to the prison lazarette at Cassel, and when convalescent to the military prison camp there, where 22,000 Russian, French and British prisoners were confined.

Camp an Inferno.

This camp, he declared, was an inferno. The prisoners were packed by groups of 120 in dark, ill ventilated

French Officer, for Months a Captive, Says Brutality of Guards Is Unbelievable—Fears Treatment Will Be Worse as Teutons Despair of Victory.

Germans Use Police Dogs to Herd Prisoners-of-War

By GORDON GORDON-SMITH.

Lausanne, Switzerland, Aug. 20.—One of the curious features of Switzerland at present is the number of prisoners—British, French, German and Belgian—that one meets in the streets of the towns in which they have been interned. There is no need to ask the British and French prisoners if they appreciate the change from the German camps. Their enjoyment at finding themselves out of the grip of their German captors is plainly evident.

What this means I learned in a conversation with a French officer, Lieutenant Comte de Vauchier, who was sent to Lausanne two weeks ago. His mother is the daughter of the Duc de Fitzjames, and his ancestor, the first Duc de Fitzjames, who conquered Alsace-Lorraine for Louis XIV of France. He was picked up with three bullet and as many bayonet wounds after the battle of the Couronne de Nancy early in the war. At first he was treated in the hospital at Rastatt, in Baden, and then, when sufficiently recovered, sent to the military prison established in the old Zeughaus, or arsenal, of that town. Here military and civil prisoners, men and women, were imprisoned together. The chief of the prison was a feldwebel, or sergeant major, promoted temporarily to the rank of lieu-

Cessation of Season's Gayeties at Several Fashionable Resorts.

Jessens and Mrs. Dagmar Wiggers, of Copenhagen.

Rush Taggart, of New York, who came by automobile, was accompanied by Rush Taggart, Jr., and the Misses Taggart.

George F. Stott, who has been at the Grand View Hotel in the interests of the proposed all-year hotel for Lake Placid, has returned with Mrs. Stott to the Hotel Gramatan, Bronxville.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wilson, on their return to New York from the Grand View, took with them a camp outfit and camped en route.

Mrs. W. A. Staats and her son and daughter, who are at the Grand View, made the ascent of Cobble Mountain Monday and had supper on the summit.

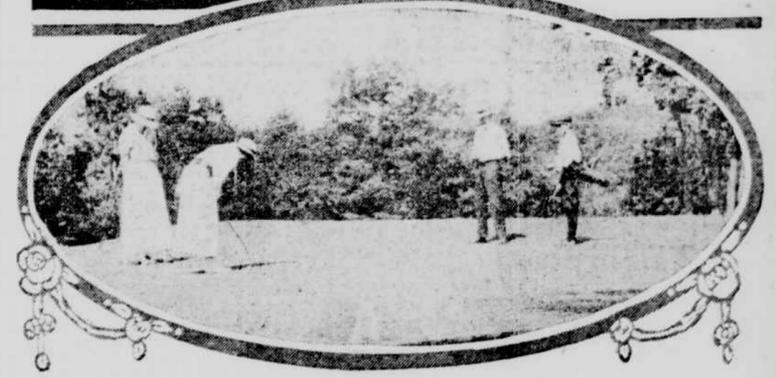
Recent New York arrivals include: At Northwoods Inn—John Healey, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bonesteel, Miss Constance G. Ekstrand, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters and the Misses Mary and Katharine O'Donnell. At Lake Placid Club—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Schwarz, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wagner, Daniel Daily, S. H. Ball, William Reis, Mrs. J. J. Lawdon, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sharp. At the Pines—Mrs. S. Hopping. At the Belmont—C. W. Fischer.

Current Events Lecture Series

"History in the Making," consisting of twelve lectures on current events, will be given by Jessica Lozier Payne on alternative Wednesdays, beginning November 1, at 10:45 a. m., under the auspices of the New York Diet Kitchen Association, Mrs. Henry Villard president, 1 West Thirty-fourth Street.

Miss Payne has just sailed for Europe, where she will visit the front in order to get in close touch with the war situation.

Interested in the success of these lectures are the following members of the board of managers of the association: Mrs. August Lewis, Mrs. Myrick Plummer, Mrs. Edward Tuck, Mrs. S. Q. Brown, Mrs. Henry Villard, Mrs. James L. Wells, Mrs. Joseph W. Tilton, Mrs. Edward M. Cook, Mrs. William Reynolds Brown, Mrs. John Degener, Mrs. Frank Padgley, Mrs. William Curtis Demorest, Mrs. Charles Engelhard, Mrs. Edward Ingraham, Mrs. Rowland G. Freeman, Mrs. Frank L. Montague, Mrs. Charles E. Wilmut, Mrs. Henry P. Davison, Mrs. Arthur S. Dwight.



On the greens at the Pittsfield Country Club. Above—Mrs. Burke-Roche and Miss Dorothy Morris on the lawn of Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs's home at Newport.

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