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"It is difficult for a woman to keep a secret, and I know more than one man who is a woman."—La Fontaine.

A prettily appointed Christmas wedding took place this afternoon in Bethlehem Presbyterian church when Miss Ethel A. Hobart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hobart, and Granville A. Tyler were married. The elaborate decorations were very suggestive of the day and a great star of greens and electric lights blazed above the altar. The balcony rail was festooned with greens and bright-berried holly wreathed the lights. Palms and ferns were grouped about the altar and to the right of the green tangle was a great basket of pink roses.

The Misses Patterson gave a program of nuptial music as the guests arrived and were seated by the ushers, Evan L. Hobart, George Hamley, Arthur Hoak and Mel Hobart. Miss Elizabeth Patterson sang "Beloved, It Is Morn," and Miss Clara Patterson, "A Madrigal." The bride's maid, Miss Edna Patterson, played the "Lohengrin" bridal chorus as the bride party entered and sounded "Trauermarsch" as an accompaniment for the service. Misses Catherine Crocker and Belle Kiehle, the bridesmaids, were in white dotted swiss with pink sashes and carried clusters of pink roses tied with pink ribbons. Miss Ruth Hobart was her sister's maid of honor and her gown was of pink tulle and over white silk and she also held pink roses. Little Marion Amy, the flower girl, was in white dotted swiss and she scattered rose petals in the bride's path. Miss Hobart wore white airline trimmed with ruffles and valencienne lace. Her veil was caught with a wreath of white rosebuds and her flowers were bride roses. Roy T. Tyler was best man and the service was read by Rev. Stanley B. Roberts.

An informal reception followed at the Hobart residence, 913 West Twenty-fifth street, to which only the intimate friends and relatives were bidden. The rooms were decked in the holiday colors with the exception of the dining room, where a color scheme of pink and green was carried out. Messrs. and Mrs. Hobart and J. A. Tyler received with bride couple, and Misses Mary Kilbourn and Miss Anne Foster assisted in the dining room. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Everett and the Misses Maude and Ruth Everett of Redfield, S. D., and Miss A. I. Hobart of Boston, Mass.

There was considerable Christmas

spirit manifested at the Commercial club today for any number of people entertained at dinner at the pretty clubrooms, which were gay with Christmas greens. Among those who had guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Salisbury, who entertained a party of ten; Messrs. and Mrs. G. H. Hanson, C. F. Hatch, Thomas W. Konyong, who had groups of five; Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hack had four guests, as did Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Allen and James Rob- ertson, and Mrs. C. L. Smith and Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sorenson had parties of six guests and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parker entertained seven. The Commercial club orchestra played during dinner and thru the afternoon.

Miss Tressia Viner and Otto C. Stolzner were married Saturday afternoon at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. G. L. Morrill, 3555 First avenue S. Miss Lillian Lundeen and Guy E. Wolfe were the attendants. Miss Lundeen wore blue organdie and carried white roses and the bride was in white batiste and her bouquet was of white roses.

Miss Katherine A. Monahan entertained a group of friends Friday evening at her home on the island. Misses Nellie and Estelle Purdy of St. Paul assisted Miss Monahan.

New Year's afternoon Ray Masley of Dayton avenue, St. Paul, will give a roller skating party and New Year's night Miss Edith Prescott will give a dancing party. Misses Catherine Monahan, Estelle Purdy and Margaret Newman will have charge of the favors.

A group of university girls had a Christmas luncheon at Dayton's tea-rooms Saturday. The guest of honor was Miss Jeannette Baier.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.
Rev. J. E. Russell was called to New York last evening by the illness of his brother, Robert Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Templeton will leave next week to spend the winter in San Antonio and Galveston, Texas.

Minneapolis (one at New York hotels are as follows: Hotel Astor, G. L. Davis, L. S. Braisted, F. Fulton, E. W. Hoffman, Mrs. S. D. Carrell, Imperial, G. H. League, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel V. Morris, Jr., are spending the holidays in Texas.

CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY
House of Hope Church, St. Paul, holds elaborate commemorative services.

House of Hope Presbyterian church, St. Paul, held services yesterday morning and evening commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the church and also taking the form of a Christmas celebration.

Dr. J. A. Moffatt, president of Washington and Jefferson college and moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, occupied the pulpit at each service. An extensive musical program was a feature at each meeting. At the morning service, following the Gloria, Dr. W. H. W. Boyle, pastor, read a paragraph of a prayer from a sermon by Rev. Edward N. Neil, the first pastor, in which he predicted the future greatness of the church, now realized. Dr. Boyle spoke of greater things for the House of Hope parish in future years.

The morning sermon of Dr. Moffatt gave an excellent example of the terms—the way, the truth, and the life. In the evening Dr. Moffatt spoke from the text John xiii, 17, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Dr. Moffatt left this morning for St.

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HURON, S. D.—A few nights ago, the stock barn on the Iryth Thomas farm, five miles south of this city, was destroyed by fire, to- gether with eleven head of cattle belonging to Clarence Cobb, the occupant of the farm. The total loss is about \$2,000. There was no insurance.

IRONWOOD, MICH.—The Michigan State Telephone company is making excellent progress with the construction of its new long distance line from the Marquette iron district and the copper country to the Gogebic iron range, and it is expected that service will be instituted some time in January.

SEASON'S OFFERINGS FOR THE WORLD OF READERS

THE DIARY OF A BRIDE.—A tempting title that, whether to man or woman. That it should arouse the curiosity of womankind seems wholly natural, and who is to say that it is less, instead of more, natural that it should arouse the curiosity of mankind? And there is added reason for local curiosity as to the book in the fact that the author is well known in Minneapolis and other cities of the state, being Mrs. Charlotte Sherwood Martindell of Hamilton, Ohio, a sister of Mrs. A. W. Rankin of this city. Mrs. Martindell's name does not appear on the book's title page, which suggests that the story, in part at least, is personal experience, and the vitality and vividness of the narrative support such an assumption. Title, author, substance and style, then, give the book an especial claim on the interest of Minne- sotans.

The diary begins with the beginning of bridehood, recording those question- ings which must come to every thought- ful girl who has just stepped across the threshold of a new life, and from the first is more a record of thoughts than of events. As thoughts and events are closely related, however, the story is just the kind to show most satisfactorily to the reader the bride's daily life and its impulses. There is much bright philosophizing on the marital relation, on home life, domestic economy and kindred subjects, much dreaming, some ebullient girlish extravagance, and, naturally, a considerable show of sentiment. But all is pervaded by a wholesome common sense, which gives assurance that the almost ideal honey- moon pictured is of the kind that does not end—survives the cares which put an end to diary-keeping for most brides, and is good to know about. The reader is charmed with the life and exuberance of the story, and pleased with its intuitive sanity.

Friends of the author will be pleased to know that the book has already gone into its second edition.

Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York.

EXCITING SOCIETY ADVENTURE

BY HAROLD MACGRATH.—Harold MacGrath is clever at inventing stories of adventure with modern society set- tings. His latest is Hearts and Masks, the story of what befell a young man who for a lark decided to attend with- out invitation a masquerade ball of the Blankshire Hunt club near New York. There was a novelty about the plan that appealed to the adventurous spirit of the young man. "Two packs of play- ing cards had been sent out as tickets; one pack to the ladies and one to the gentlemen. Charming idea, wasn't it? These cards were to be shown at the door, together with ten dollars, but were to be retained by the recipients till 2 o'clock (supper time), at which moment everybody was to unmask and take his partner, who held the cor- responding card, in to supper." A young lady, also caught by the oppor- tunity for excitement, decided upon a course similar to that of the young man; likewise a deft thief who saw in the function a chance to add to his collection of diamonds. One can easily see the chance for complications and romance. Mr. MacGrath makes the most of them, tells a moving story and leads up to a fitting climax. Harrison Fisher's illustrations that illustrate add to the pleasure of the books.

The Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis.

A SPECIMEN OF CONCENTRATED

BOY.—Perhaps children are not origi- nally; pedagogues say they are not; never- theless no two are exactly alike. They may not be original in individual

"Diary of a Bride," a New Book by Woman Well Known to Minnesota People ---Lifelike Boy Story by Arthur Stringer---New Novel by Marie Van Vorst.

By W. P. KIRKWOOD.



ARTHUR STRINGER. Author of "Lonely O'Malley."

traits, but they certainly offer infinite variety in their combination. Lonely O'Malley, by Arthur Stringer, is the record of a boyhood not unlike many another, but possessing its own peculiar combination of traits, traits which in the ensemble make pure boy. It is a study of more interest to him who has passed the boy period of life than to him who is still in such period. Lonely is not one of the precocious variety, al- ways doing the right thing at the right time, and often attaining the heroic. He is, in fact, a good deal of a rascal in miniature. His opportunities have been limited, and he acts according to his lights, and for that reason he is pure boy, and vastly more interesting than the made-to-order variety. He is worth knowing whether at a study in boyhood or merely as a means of di- version by the reader who wishes to get away from the artificial for a glimpse at realism in boy life.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

THE SIN OF THE FRENCH NOVEL

WRITER.—French fiction writers have sinned and sinned gravely against the French national character. Miss Betham-Edwards in Home Life in France, answers the comment of an English friend, to the effect that "ac- cording to French novels, the only oc- cupation of men over the water is to run after other men's wives," with the statement that so gravely have French writers of fiction sinned against truth and the fitness of things that "the average novel must be accepted as a travesty, no more resembling French domestic life than the tradi- tional caricature of John Bull by our neighbors resembles the typical En- glishman." The writer adds: "The plain truth of the matter is, that aver- age existence, in France is too unevent- ful, too eminently respectable for sen- sational handling." One reads this de- fence of French home life with great interest. But it is not all defense; it is for the most part a straightfor- ward account of home life in France covering almost, if not quite, every phase of that interesting subject. It is

a book the reading of which can only serve to broaden the mind and delight the reader.

A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago.

\$1.50.

MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING IN AN EASY CHAIR.

There is a good deal to be said for the mountain-climbing that one may do while sitting by his fireside in his easy chair with a book. It all depends on the book and the ease with which the reader's mind yields to the spell of the author. A book of the right sort is in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, by James Outram. Mr. Out- ram's health being impaired, his doc- tor prescribed mountains in allopathic doses. The result is something for which the author needs to make no apology, as he does in a preface. All that need be said is that it is a book that makes mountain-climbing via the easy chair route easy and delightful, tho it does give one a touch of that kind of mountain fever which only real mountains will allay. The fine illus- trations contribute much to both effects.

The Macmillan Co., New York.

\$3.00.

AMUSING COMPLICATIONS

GROWING OUT OF A SEARCH FOR A FOURTH WIFE.—Alice McAllister has told in The Larkins Wedding, a humorous story of a double romance growing out of the efforts of a three- time widower to find a wife. Silas Brindle, decides that for his fourth wife he would like to have a buxom girl. He goes to Widow Larkins with a request for her daughter's hand. The widow likes the idea, and Patty's future is arranged for without her consent. Soon after Charlie Baxter, a lover of the girl, returns from a long absence, and Patty's troubles grow serious. But Silas is a sensible man, despite the fact that he seeks to marry a fourth time, and all ends well for Patty and her widowed mother.

Moffat, Yard & Co., New York.

\$1.00.

REALISTIC AND ENTERTAINING

STUDY OF GIRLHOOD.—There is no attempt to make a "heroine" of the central character, Ruth Kimball Gar- diner's The Heart of a Girl. Margie Carlin, that same central figure, is just a plain, wholesome girl of the middle west. She comes of a good family. Her father is a newspaper man, and her mother is a lady in the good old- fashioned sense of the word. Margie wins the heart of the reader at the outset of the story, and she at least maintains the reader's interest until the close. If she loses some of her win- some, some of her grip upon the reader's affections, that is but due to psychological processes that take place in us all as life robs us of the sim- plicity and sweetness of childhood, and it speaks well for the author's art that it all seems so natural. The reader fol- lows the girl thru her school days, her graduation from the high school, which one familiar with the scenes sus- pects is in St. Paul, and realizes that the story is true to life, the life that is familiar to thousands and the results of which are seen in the women of the middle west today. Tho there are no heroes in the story, the book is one of absorbing interest, is full of laughs, and

the people and the life, so accurately delineated, are good to know.

A. S. Barnes & Co., New York.

\$1.00.

"SOVEREIGN WOMAN VERSUS MERE MAN."

A medley of quotations, compiled by Jennie Day Haines, with- out prejudice—whether from Marie Corelli, Israel Zangwill, John Oliver Hobbes, Emerson, Holmes or Voltaire. Spinsters, wives, widows, queens, ar- tists and servants of sovereign woman are opposed, page by page, by mere man in the guise of bachelors, husbands, widowers, kings, and poets. Love, matrimony, coquetry, cooking and fads are among the subjects analyzed for both sexes.

Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco.

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YULE BY THE INGLE.

Like hopes faint-faltering from the lip The last leaves drop from off the brier, Where now the shivered, ashen hip Blows once the red rose from its fire; But by my gentle ingle glows Her cheek—the summer's fairest rose!

The garden copse is reft of song: No meadow choir salutes the sun; The white night, long, the white day long, Pale Silence keeps her wedding: But where my gentle shades its cheer Her voice—sweet autumn's own—I hear!

The branches wring against a vault With tattered vapors streamers strewn, Where outcast winds make mad assault, Blurring the veeners of the moon; But by my ingle, in her eyes, Transmuted by love's magic art; His glass, as doth a magic pool, Made time and bloom seem one at heart; To see my gentle shades for me The crown of life's felicity!

—Clifton Scollard, in December Smart Set.

WHERE FAIRY TALES WERE REALLY SO.

I wish I'd lived long, long ago, When there were mermaids in the sea, And brownies would have played with me, And fairy tales were really so.

Of course, there still are lots of knights, And there are princesses besides, But nowadays men don't win brides By going off on chivalrous rides.

I wish I'd lived long, long ago, When fairy tales were really so.

—Mary Street, in December Lippincott's.

TASTE OF LIFE NECESSARY IN THE MAKING OF A HELPFUL CHARACTER.

One naturally looks for a thesis in Marie van Vorst's books, and the thesis of her latest novel, Miss Desmond, roughly stated, is that a taste, if not some taint, of real life—the life that sins and suffers—is necessary in order to make a truly sym- pathetic and helpful character. Miss Desmond of the story has grown to mature years in seclusion, a winsome creature knowing nothing of the tainted atmosphere of the life of "so- ciety." Then she gets "six months of life" and ever afterward, if one may make a sweeping inference, she is a "tender, comprehending com- forter." One is not disposed to quarrel with the author's position, ex- cept to say that not very many live such a life of seclusion as to shield them completely from the taint of life. The story is brief, the complications are natural, the characters well drawn. In short, the story is a bit of modern realism, the chief pleasures in which are that it is clear cut and that it ends well.

The Macmillan Co., New York.

\$1.50.

VITAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED BY A PROMINENT PHYSICIAN.

It is worth while to pause awhile and listen to a physician of ability and rep- utation discussing some of the questions of society and the individual, such as are found in Vital Questions, by Henry Devlight Chapin, M.D., of New York. Tho the author takes some of the best known questions, they are the ones which come up for continual answer and doubt, such as: "Inequality," "The Child," "Health," "Educa- tion" and "Success." The discussions are free from motive, except to find the underlying truth or set it forth in plain terms, and are ably handled.

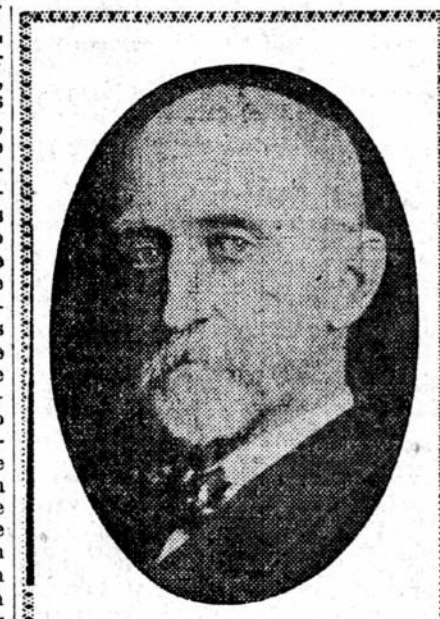
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THE MAGAZINES

Much Good Reading in the Century.— It is not easy to choose for special men- tion any one feature of the January Cen- tury; but most readers are likely to turn first to the new chapters of Mrs. Humphrey Ward's "Fenwick's Career," chapters which tell of the Christmas sea- son in the Westland county, of Pen- ick's growing rebellion against all the conditions of his earlier life, and of Phoebe's setting out for London. There are short stories by Israel Zangwill, Elsie Singmaster, Katherine Holland Brown, Grace S. H. Tytus, Beatrice E. Rice. Publication of the late Secretary Hay's study of "Franklin in France" comes with happy timeliness, just as the nation is about to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Franklin. The address was prepared for delivery in Chi- cago several years ago, but ill-health caused it to be laid aside. Other articles of timely interest and importance are the discussion of "Railway Rates and Indus- trial Progress," by Samuel Spencer, pre- sident of the Southern railway (the other side to have a hearing in the next num- ber of The Century and Oscar King Davis' narrative of that remarkable feat of engineering, "The Lucin Cut-off." The Century begins the year with no letting down of its standards of illustration.

An Automobile Number of Everybody's.—The January Everybody's is virtually



CAPTAIN A. T. MAHAN, Author of "Sea Power in Its Relation to the War of 1812." Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

an "automobile number." There is ex- cellent reading in Arthur N. Jervis' spi- ritual article, "Car Coming" with its de- scription of the Vanderbilt cup race and its discussion of the present high and significant status of American automobile racing. On the other hand, Eugene Wood, in a sprightly essay, "Do I Want an Automobile?" treats the same subject. Charles Edward Russell, who has been studying European solutions of American problems, tells in a remarkably signifi- cant instalment of his serial, "Soldiers of the Common Good," of the phenomenal development of municipal ownership in Europe. There is also a brief but pithy instalment of Mr. Lawson's "Frenzied Finance." Other special articles, fiction, poems, and humor complete the number.

The Technical World Magazine for Jan- uary vindicates its right to be called "A Magazine of Action." The reader needs no technical education, nothing more than the ordinary desire to be informed as to where and how great things are being done, to find this magazine a valuable part of his regular reading. The leading article is an account and forecast of the great Pan-American railroad system, which is to stretch from Alaska on the north to Cape Horn on the south. The author, Edward B. Clark, is an experi- enced Washington correspondent. Other articles are of like interest.

800,000 Jews in New York.—There are 800,000 Jews in New York; 105,000 ar- rived during the last year and many more are coming. The writer, Adolphe Dan- zig, L.L.D., in The Metropolitan Maga- zine for January, has lately made some very careful observations on this sub- ject of immigration in England, Germany and Russia, and he says the battle for existence, the sanitary and moral con- ditions in New York are of a nature to fill one with the keenest apprehension. The January Metropolitan is a special holiday number and offers much tempt- ing reading.

The January Smart Set.—In her novel- ette, "The Outsider," which opens the January number of The Smart Set, Beatrice Demarest Lloyd has written a romance of Italy, a story of literary charm and distinction. Short fiction in great abundance is to be found in the same issue. Arthur Symonds, the dis- tinguished English critic and poet, is rep-

resented by an essay, "Aspects of Ver- laine," wherein he writes sympathetically of the unfortunate French poet, and gives nine hitherto unpublished transla- tions of his lyrics.

Longevity and Liquor.—It has come to be generally recognized as a fact that the alcohol habit is one of the main factors in determining length of life, says Rene Bache in Pearson's Magazine for January. Figures furnished by insurance companies in England show that the average life of the total abstainer is nine years longer than that of the drinker.

Another article in the same magazine tells the true story of the Jerome cam- paign in New York. It is by Robert Adamson, who was at the elbow of Mr. Jerome thruout the fight. The magazine is long on fiction and special articles of interest.

The Iron Trail for December is an at- tractive Christmas number, beginning with "The Bulletin Board," a depart- ment of editorials of interest to the railroad world, and continuing thru story and poem and special article to the transfer point, which is headed "Transfer." This second number of the magazine is an im- provement over No. 1, and marks the purpose of the management to climb the grade of success.

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The Christmas Money

One way you may spend the Christmas money which so many of you will receive this morning, so that it will bring to you during the year the greatest amount of real pleasure, happiness and entertainment, is to send one dollar of it today, to us, for McClure's Magazine for one year. If you are prompt, you will get the November and December numbers of this year free, which means the beginning of Carl Schurz's Reminiscences, the beginning of Ray Stannard Baker's Railroad Rate Bakers, Kipling's great arship story, Jack London's great Love of Life story and all the good things for twelve months besides.

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