

Society

Picked Up Here and There.

A sprightly letter from London, published in the Chicago Herald, thus describes a charity tea and its royal patrons:

Queen Alexandra tea and its royal patrons: "Queen Alexandra came. She came at about the same time I did, and almost as unexpectedly. The whisper ran around, 'The queen is coming,' and a pretty some one tripped up to another pretty some one dispensing tickets at the door and handed her a bouquet of sweet peas. To be given to the queen upon her arrival, I went on ahead with my friends into the series of picture galleries which are the state dining rooms and reception rooms of the house into the garden to get a glimpse of the queen as she came down the steps past rows of courted and titled ladies.

"It was more than a glimpse that was vouchsafed me—two hours of as close contact as folks usually have at parties short of conversing. She was accompanied by her companion, the honorable Charlotte Knollys, a large, round-shouldered, elderly woman, and Miss Elizabeth Asquith of about nineteen. The Duchess of Rutland, in a black dress and drooping black garden hat, tied under her chin (no matter how far past fair and forty English women get they never hesitate at the garden hat tied under the chin), met her, and brought the party down the steps where an impromptu entertainment had been arranged.

"This was fortunate for our party. For while I might have seemed rather excessive to roam about the garden, even with the first floor of Grosvenor House with its pictures thrown in, it was modest counting in a queen, and a program of singing and dancing by the stars of the London stage at the hour, and a band from Ciro's.

"Isn't she beautiful?" several people whispered to me, meaning the queen. Years ago I was told that that is what English people always say when Queen Alexandra appears, so I was prepared to make the expected reply, 'Isn't she?' "Except in the sense that she has a graceful, well preserved air for her age, Queen Alexandra is not at all beautiful. For a woman of her age she is unusually slim and rounded. But women of her age are so often slim and rounded nowadays that nobody makes any great note of the matter. Her hair is remarkably of one color, a deep chestnut, and now I know why so many jettied net dresses come from London. Queen Alexandra affects them. She had a hat of black foliage and wore a dotted black veil, heavier than the veil of another woman present. They were chiefly Americans. American negroes in Ciro's band sang and danced in solo when they were doing ensemble, and Raymond Hitchcock told about being dressed all up with no destination in sight, when they saw 'Adam Had No Mummy' and 'Hurry Up, Napoleon, It Looks Like Rain,' and Ethel Levey did 'The Three Turns' to the English stage folks' one."

It is well to remember in choosing the color scheme for an entertainment that pink is a most satisfactory shade for either day or evening affairs; it changes very little in an artificial light and is always satisfactory, says the Chicago Herald. Green and blue, unless of certain shade, do not look alike under gas or electric light, while yellow and violet have a faded appearance unless a very deep shade of yellow is chosen. Red is almost exclusively a winter color or it is used in "stag" suppers or college "smokers." The green of ferns and vines pleasing under any circumstances, and if properly cared for ferns are a most economical decoration. Lay them one over another on a piece of wood or cardboard, sprinkle and water, dry carefully before using. If you have a round table mirror, put a few glass bowls filled with pink roses on it, around the edge outline with ferns or a delicate vine and make a wreath of yellow, reminding one of a lot of concentrated sunbeams. The porch was gay with jars of these effective flowers and the punch bowl was surrounded with a wreath of them. Like nasturtiums, they have wonderful long quills, and if kept in water some hours before using.

To see a single bed of water lilies as large as an Iowa farm visit the upper Mississippi in the month of August. A Floating Flower Bed, says the Columbus Journal. It is said that the water flower beds of the upper Mississippi are the largest natural lily beds in the world. The waters of the nation's greatest river as they spread out and flow quietly among the thousands of islands form ideal conditions for the profuse production of lilies. Fields, many acres in extent, begin to bloom until the last week in July. They are the fragrant, delicate white lilies, and more rarely the yellow lilies, and more rarely the yellow of the Nile. The lilies are most beautiful in the morning and sunrise lily parties are a popular pastime.

Here is an idea for women in this country who want to "do their bit" for the soldiers at the front. When the Swiss soldiers mobilized the women decided to help all they could and found that many of the soldiers have no one to care for their clothes and so they decided to wash and mend for them. They invited the soldiers to send their clothing to a certain place and have the laundry done and the mending attended to. When the garments are worn out new ones are sent to replace them. They also presented more than \$200,000 to the Swiss federal council in lilies, and more than a million of the fact that they are protected by the border and to help pay the expenses

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TO TRAVEL IN NEW ENGLAND.



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of mobilization, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

With the autumn brides come the loving thoughts of friends who plan and arrange for various entertainments, among them the one best liked—the shower. A scheme that is to be carried through by a youthful matron, whose own wedding is but a couple of years in the past, may be of interest, as it offers some features that she thinks will be pleasing to all her guests.

The plan includes a round of showers, so to speak, as several friends intimate enough with the charming bride-to-be have agreed to make each affair unique and unusual. The first will be a shower of conveniences for the wedding trip. Here silken cases for mules and other dressing slippers, silk rubber holders for toothbrush, soap, sponges and the like, books of powder leaves and many dainty small contrivances for holding the fresh powder pad and a small quantity of powder, thermos bottles, paper towels, hairpin holders and hair receivers. Everybody knows how many such articles are needed when traveling. Kimonos, of course, and the pretty cap for the Pullman, as well as "pullman aprons," those convenient affairs made of brown holland, with pockets for small necessities, the whole so easily wrapped for suitcase.

Another shower, continues the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, is sure to make an impression on the bridegroom as well as the bride, for it is many good things to eat for the Pullman, as well as the pretty cap for the Pullman, as well as "pullman aprons," those convenient affairs made of brown holland, with pockets for small necessities, the whole so easily wrapped for suitcase.

Relative to motor trips the Seattle Sunday Times asks: What is more delightful than a spin of a hundred miles or so, on good roads, through forests, frank and sweet with the odors of crushed pine needles; in valleys dotted here and there with beautiful little farmhouses, all white and inviting, among heavily burdened fruit

charge of girl friends and close relatives, as it should be.

Pleasure seekers who were recently making a trip up the Mississippi river on the steamer Quincey Tom Thumb were given a treat by the children aboard, who presented a "mock Tom Thumb wedding," says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

When the children made known to their elders their plans all entered heartily into the spirit of the affair, and the woman passengers took advantage of a stop of the boat to purchase various necessities for the costumes, which they made.

The "bridgroom," Goode Cabanne of St. Louis, wore a full dress suit, made for the occasion, and his bride, Little Hortense Pachter, of Webb, Miss., was correctly gowned. Paul Hughes of Chicago, Ill., was the officiating minister. Geneva Padberg, of St. Louis, served as maid of honor. The flower girls were Misses Olive Cabanne, Geneva Padberg, Ethel Muth and Esther Trabue, all of St. Louis, and Little Jerome Brinkmann carried the wedding ring.

The cabin of the boat was prettily decorated and the bridal party entered the cabin and marched and counter-marched, encircling its length, preceded by members of the file and drum corps.

The evening's entertainment was concluded with a dance and supper.

trees; up hill and down dale; along roads whose narrowness and winding take one up many hundreds of feet to look at a panorama of tiny little rivers winding their way over and under snowy, white pebbles and stones; away up over three tops of tall, stately cedars and hemlocks; to occasional steady, a busy brain with reassuring glances at the road, and the beautiful scenery ahead, that of peaks, all brown and green-tipped and spotted with snow? To feast on all this beauty and finally, at the close of a perfect day, dusty tired, but happy, to reach a spot in the woods a hostelry whose inviting doors show within a great, huge, absence of blazing logs, around which one gathers to await the summons to dine and to talk over the dining room of the hotel, and finally rest, to be followed in the next twenty-four hours by a similar program.

Tanned, freckled, but with the glow of perfect health on his cheeks, Seattle will return this fall, ready to assume its duties as hostess this winter.

Army Notes.

Brig. Daniel C. Kingman, U. S. A., retired, who left the city early in the season to recuperate from a serious illness, has, with Mrs. Kingman, spent the summer at Atlantic City. They will return to their home, 1815 N street, the latter part of the month.

Capt. Mahlon Ashford, U. S. A., made a short visit to Washington last week, stopping on his way to Fort Leavenworth to visit relatives. During Capt. Ashford's duty on the border his wife and son were guests in this city of Mrs. Ashford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beale.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, wife of Col. Kennedy, U. S. A., spent last month motoring through New England and on the return trip made a visit to Flattsburg, N. Y.

Brig. Gen. Frank Thorp, U. S. A., accompanied by Mrs. Thorp, has spent the summer at Intervale, N. H., and will return to their apartment at the Hotel Gordon late in the autumn.

Maj. Pegram Whitworth, U. S. A., has gone to Nogales, Tex., accompanied by Mrs. Whitworth and their son, after a visit to the parents of Mrs. Whitworth, Gilbert C. Smith, U. S. A., at Arundel-on-the-Bay.

Mrs. Robert S. Abernathy, wife of Maj. Abernathy, U. S. A., during the absence of her husband, is in Alaska. She is making her home in San Francisco, where she has achieved success in her novel writing, and is instituting a cigarette day for the benefit of the blind soldiers' fund, which will share the profits with the kind of San Francisco. As Mrs. Abernathy has received a large donation of cigarettes from a tobacco grower, her sales have so far been clear profit.

Col. J. M. Hays, U. S. A., accompanied by Mrs. Hays, is spending several weeks in the Yosemite valley.

Mrs. Clarence B. Ross, wife of Capt. Ross, U. S. A., has spent the summer with her parents at Westport, N. Y. Capt. Ross is in the Philippines.

Capt. Alleyne von Schrader, U. S. A., Mrs. von Schrader and their young son have spent the summer in a trip about the great lakes in Wisconsin.

Miss Helen Stewart Winter, daughter of Lieut. Col. Winter, U. S. A., is visiting Miss Mary McCarthy at Arundel-on-the-Bay, Md.

Miss Ruth Anderson and Miss Meta Anderson, daughters of Brig. Gen. H. R. Anderson, U. S. A., will return to their home in this city on the 15th instant, after having spent the season at Atlantic City.

Col. Gatchell, U. S. A., and wife are at Providence on a visit to their son, Lieut. O. J. Gatchell, U. S. A.

Lieut. Col. Michael J. Lenihan, U. S. A., until recently stationed at Fort Shafter, H. T., will sail from there early in September, accompanied by his family, on route to Washington for duty at the War College.

Miss Sarah Emory, daughter of the late Gen. Emory, U. S. A., is visiting



MRS. ARTHUR DICKSON, Daughter of former Representative Dickson and Mrs. O'Gorman. Frances of Ohio.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Seaton Schroeder at Jamestown, R. I.

Maj. Frank A. Barton, U. S. A., now on duty at Fort Shafter, H. T., has sent his son to this country to enter a preparatory school at West Point.

Mrs. Walker, wife of Col. Meriwether Walker, U. S. A., will remain with her mother, Mrs. Cary, during her husband's absence on border duty.

Mrs. George Horatio Gorham, mother of Lieut. George B. Gorham, U. S. A., president of the Army and Navy Foreign Language League, is among those to take part in three large entertainments to be given in New York in December for the benefit of "Torpedinist des Armees." Mrs. Gorham will play an important role in "The Soldier's Wife, or Preparedness."

Capt. Powell Clayton, U. S. A., accompanied by Mrs. Clayton, has spent the season at Cape May, N. J.

Brig. Gen. Robert K. Evans, U. S. A., and Mrs. Evans are in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mrs. Howard, wife of Capt. Howard, U. S. A., has arrived from Fort Snelling, N. Y., for a visit to her brother-in-law and sister, Capt. Hamilton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Hamilton, at their quarters at Fort Myer, Va.

Col. Philip Harvey, U. S. A., and Mrs. Harvey have returned from a stay of several months in New York state, where they visited relatives and are settled for the season in their apartment at the Parkwood.

Capt. George A. Wildrick, U. S. A., is in the Berkshires, where he is the guest at the summer home of Col. Warren Putnam Newcomb, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Newcomb.

Mrs. Couling, widow of Maj. William Meade Couling, U. S. A., is at Leesburg for September, visiting her mother, Mrs. Armistead T. M. Rust.

Lieut. Chauncey St. Clair McNeill, U. S. A., has recently been ordered to duty on the border, where he will be followed by Mrs. McNeill, who at present is at Annapolis.

Mrs. Matthew C. Butler, widow of Lieut. Col. Butler, U. S. A., is at Nashville, Tenn., where she will make her future home.

Mrs. Heberg, wife of Maj. E. R. Heberg, U. S. A., sailed the 2d instant for Rome to join her husband, after spending

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New Jersey seashore resorts, have now joined him at their home, 1715 T street. Maj. William L. Kneeder, U. S. A., retired, accompanied by Miss Martha Kneeder, sailed on August 27 for an indefinite period of travel in the far east.

Silver Wedding Celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Mallet are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary today at Atlantic City. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Conboys, are with them.

A Matinee Party. Miss Katharine Love celebrated her birthday anniversary Friday by entertaining at a matinee party. Her guests were Misses Rachel Benfer, May Cole, Hazel Conklin and Mrs. W. R. Love.

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