

Society

Gossip of Society Folk

Lieut. Irving H. Mayfield, U. S. N., and Mrs. Mayfield, with Lieut. George W. D. Dashiell, U. S. N., and Mrs. Dashiell, by their memorable party given at Colon, Panama, demonstrated the fact that society never tires at recurrent intervals in indulging in the old, old wish "to be a child again, just for tonight."

The ball was a big one, and every officer of the army and navy, as well as the ladies of their families, joyously went to the bidding of the two naval lieutenants dressed either as very small children or actual babes in arms, with oceans of resultant fun, of course.

This fad of society for dressing up as

of France, decreed that extravagances of dress were to be taboo in official society, particularly, and that any excesses in dress would be bad form where almost two-thirds of the people were in mourning—if not outwardly, at least at heart.

Senor Don Juan Riano y Gayangos, ambassador of Spain had an amusing encounter the past summer with a New Jersey chief of police, who held him up for speeding his car on the White Horse pike, on the way from Atlantic City to Washington. The ambassador had been summoned to the capital on urgent business and was going at a pretty good racing speed, when he was held up by the officer, who took him before Justice of the Peace Jost at Collingswood, N. J. Even though Senor Riano assured the squire that his position gave him immunity from arrest, the

matter was brought to the State Department, the fine was remitted and apologies made. In several cases like this a painfully polite note has been sent from the state department, enclosing a copy of the speed regulations, and expressing regret that the offender should find it agreeable to travel so rapidly, thereby imperiling the lives of the public.

Party at Winterburne.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jarboe entertained a number of young people with a watermelon feast at Winterburne farm, the country home of the Jarboes, near Laurel, Md. The party went out in an auto truck and was joined at the farm by Rev. and Mrs. Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Numbers and Mr. Numbers' mother.

The house and grounds were beautifully decorated with lanterns, and after several hours of games and music, refreshments were served on the lawn. Those on the straw ride were Miss Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Harlow, Misses Hofmaster, Lowe, Frennell, Hartz, Michael, Beard, King, Sara and Helen Dyer, Kettner, Ola and Minnie Emmer, G. Schmidt, Hughes, M. Melick, Reeves and Strong and Messrs. Reenberg, Rose, Reeside, Cottrell, Gehhart, Michael, Phipps, Hausler, Weitzel, Owen, Standbarr and Carter.

Birthday Celebrations.

Miss Henrietta L. Yost gave a party Monday evening at her home, 638 New-ton place northwest, to celebrate her thirtieth birthday anniversary. Dancing and games were enjoyed, and later refreshments were served.

The guests present included Ruth A. Wineberger, Viola Creamer, Adelaide Lavender, Thelma Shawyer, Burnett, Cook, Mary Crompton, Ruth Anderson, Pearl Shipley, Charles Columbus, August Lavender, Maria Phipps, Catherine Cronin, Richard Ivers, Cliffe Turner and Kemp Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter gave a large dance, followed by a buffet supper, at their home, 1427 N street, last week. In

honor of their daughter Millicent's sixteenth birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kramer entertained at their home on 3d street Thursday evening in honor of the eighteenth birthday anniversary of their daughter Helen. Vocal solos were rendered by Mr. Oscar Newbold, accompanied by Mr. Bernard Ehrmantrout. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour, after which refreshments were served.

Among those present were Misses Sarah Coniff of St. Augustine, Fla.; May Bonn, Helen Kramer, Nellie Callahan, Violet Stanton, Edith Walker, Anna Quigley, Edna Young, Florence Roache, Agnes Roache, Bernardine Kramer, Louise Kramer and Messrs. Samuel Howell, Raymond Wineberger, Lawrence Bell, Stewart Kimball, Robert Howell, Otha Barclay, Oscar Newbold, Frank Welch, Edward Cunningham, Edmund Welch, Bernard Ehrmantrout, Raymond Osborne, Andrew Gramer and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brooks of 1513 32d street northwest entertained at a party Thursday evening in honor of their daughter Letitia's birthday anniversary. Among those present were Misses Jeanette Prossie, Helena Knott, Nellie Brannan, Georgia Riccardi, Esther Panning, Maria Phipps, Catherine Cronin, Catherine Brooke, Juanita

Lacy, Messrs. Allan Prossie, William Knott, Clayton Recker, Valey Cline, Roberts, James Hayes, Henry Wheeler, Harvey Fallon, Master Stanley Ball, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ball and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farquhar.

A delightful party was given in honor of Mrs. Katie Brown Wednesday evening at her home, 718 F street northeast, in celebration of her fiftieth birthday anniversary. During the evening she was presented with a pair of diamond earrings, the gift of her seven children. Refreshments were served in the flower-decked dining room. Miss Etta Brown, Mrs. Katie Russell and Mrs. Amy Brennan, daughters of the honor guest, assisted in the hospitality.

Miss Florence Poston was given a surprise party Wednesday evening, September 13, at her home, 641 K street northeast, in honor of her nineteenth birthday anniversary. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour, when a buffet supper was served. Those present were Misses Florence Cullen, Alice Oulahan, Edna Downey, Mary Young, Helen McConnell, Mary O'Brien, Helen Jarboe, Theresa Lieb, Rosalie Clayton, Mamie McConnell, Louise O'Brien, Irene Spalls, Alice and Irma Poston, Messrs. Nelson, Emmons, Mortimer Rathgeber, Theo.

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rick Reddy, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Poston, Dr. W. James Eisey, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Poston, Mrs. Jerman of Fairfax, Va.; Mrs. J. W. Poston and Miss Mabel Poston.

POPULAR IN ARMY CIRCLES.



MISS GENEVIEVE JOHNSTON.
Daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. William H. Johnston.

habies would appear to possess an irresistible rotary motion and to be looked for to break out at regular intervals, no matter whatever else is sternly cast on the rubbish heap of worn-out fancies, this giving of baby parties for the grown-ups remains steadfastly with us.

The Canal Zone baby party was in every respect a hoisting success, but that does not always follow, as an English army officer several years ago had only too good cause to know. The eventful ball that proved almost his Waterloo was given somewhere in India, and, entering into the fun of seeing his young wife dressed as a baby, he wheeled her into the ballroom in a really truly British perambulator. The next day he was called to headquarters and almost cashiered on the spot for his frivolous conduct.

law was skeptical until the ambassador showed his credentials.

It is difficult for the great American public outside of the nation's capital to understand the exalted position of an ambassador and some amusing cases have been brought to the attention of the State Department owing to the incredulity of some petty officer of the law.

A few years ago in Lenox, Mass., Mr. Gurney, an attaché of the British embassy, was arrested for speeding his automobile, and, though he explained his exemption from the laws regulating such matters, the officer did not propose to have the laws of the great commonwealth of Massachusetts trailed in the dust by a foreigner, so he arrested and fined Mr. Gurney. Of course the

A war bride's reception was the unique form of entertainment by which Lieut. Commander J. S. Graham, U. S. N., and wife celebrated their own wedding anniversary somewhat less than a fortnight since at the Mare Island navy yard, California. Every bride and groom at the station was invited as a guest of special honor and the charmingly effective decorations for the occasion were of roses studded with huge plumes of larkspur, thus giving the tri-color of the Union effect.

It is indeed an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and while smart society folk have had many regrets that Joseph Letter, head of the Letter family and owner of the beautiful house on Dupont circle, has not found it in his heart to open it for entertaining since the death of his mother, the late Mrs. Levi Letter, the street photographers have not allowed it to be neglected. During the summer they have used its stately steps and beautiful lawn on the New Hampshire avenue side as a background for small groups of tourists. Many a summer tourist in the capital during the last two months has been photographed standing on the steps under the lofty portico there, or leaning on the balustrade across the lawn.

Countess Marchi Cellere, wife of the ambassador of Italy, who is one of the most beautifully gowned women of the diplomatic corps, will have to now take heed of the published decree of the Italian minister of industry and labor, Giuseppe de Nava, forbidding excessive luxuries in feminine apparel during the length of the war.

However, the countess will not be alone in this matter, for early in the war game Queen Mary of England and Mme. Poincaré, wife of the President

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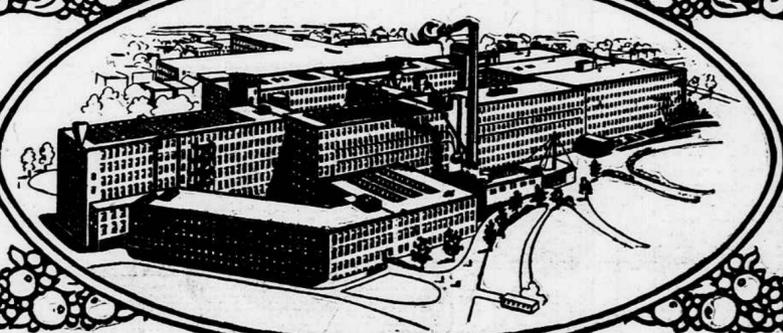
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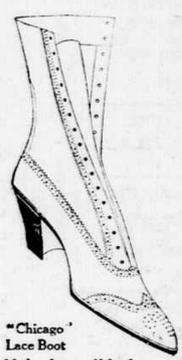
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