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Social Personal

The heat and summer vacations continue to be responsible for a deadly dullness in social circles. Next week the throng will begin to return from seashores, mountains and lake side...

Colonel H. M. Boies and family sailed on Thursday for home after an absence of eleven weeks. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sturges, who accompanied them on a portion of their journey, returned early in August...

Mr. La Motte Bell entertained the members of the house party assembled at his home for the past week at the Country club on Tuesday, when the day was spent most pleasantly on the links...

Mr. Frank Johns entertained at a banquet party Thursday evening at her home, 601 Washington avenue. After several interesting games, the prizes were awarded to Miss Harriet Harding...

Miss Magdalena Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Sina Robinson, of Cedar avenue, and Charles A. O. Stark, of Buffalo, N. Y., were quietly married in this city Thursday afternoon...

The annual reunion of the Callender family was held Wednesday afternoon at the Callender Memorial chapel at Blakely. There were 110 members of the family present...

the business session the following officers were chosen, all being re-elected: John T. Howe, president; S. J. Callender, vice president; Carrie A. Konyor, secretary; E. L. Callender, treasurer; and Orinina Williams, corresponding secretary.

In Holy Rosary Catholic church, North Scranton, Thursday morning, Miss Mary E. Flynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Flynn, of West Market street, was married to Attorney R. J. Feanish, of the central city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. J. McManus, pastor of Holy Rosary church.

Following the recital of the impressive marriage ceremony a nuptial mass was celebrated by Father McManus. The bride was attended by Miss Anna Bell, of North Scranton, and J. F. Mitchell was groomsmen.

A very quiet home wedding took place Thursday evening at No. 1 Hall-street when J. Harry Fisher and Mrs. A. M. Falkenberg were united in marriage by the Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church.

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Miss Anna Arehald is visiting friends in Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. William McClave are at Niagara Falls.

James Blair, Jr., has returned from Shelter Island. Mr. and Mrs. William McClave are at Niagara Falls. Mrs. P. D. Watts and son will spend next week at Dalton.

Miss Jenkins, of Honesdale, is the guest of Mrs. William Courell. Mrs. A. B. Dunning and children are visiting Mrs. Dunning's mother at Wellsville, Pa.

Mrs. J. L. Crawford, Mrs. Hoffman and Miss Loughton have gone on a trip to Buzzard's Bay. Ambrose J. Byrne, of Dunmore, with his sister, Sarah, are spending a few days at Hotel Pines, Lake Ariel.

Mrs. W. G. Fishold, of 522 Capouse avenue, has returned from a pleasant vacation spent at Nicholson. Frederick Hartool, a private patient at the Moses Taylor hospital, is suffering from total blindness of his right eye.

afternoon for New York city and points east. Miss Ida Greener is visiting friends at Hartford, Conn., and New York.

Miss Ruth Boddos, of South Main avenue, has returned from a visit with friends of Lansford, Pa. Mrs. John Reese is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Scott Beck, of Towanda.

Dr. Edward Burns, of Honesdale is the guest of his father, Dr. Reed Burns, of this city. Mrs. Herbert Shatto and son, Paul, of New York city, are the guests of John A. Greening, of Delaware street.

Miss Grace Sprague is spending a few days in Danville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rozelle have returned from Ocean Grove, N. J. Miss Josephine Mahon, of Mulberry street, is at Cayuga Lake.

Mr. Albert Davis, of Kramer avenue, has returned from Lake Umbagog, N. H. Mr. Simon Ward, of Diamond avenue, is visiting relatives in Maine.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boyer are at Spring Lake. Mrs. C. C. Rose and son are at Spring Lake. Mr. C. B. Penman is at home from Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pierce are at Asbury Park. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ware and son are at Asbury Park. Mr. J. H. Brooks has returned from Martha's Vineyard.

Dr. R. M. Stratton will return from Sonoma on Monday. Mrs. Charles MacMullen and son, Ross, well, have returned from Asbury Park. The Misses Merrill have returned from Castine, Me., and Miss Merrill has been alarmingly ill at her home for the past few days.

The Misses Clarke, of Quincy avenue, are at Crystal Lake. Messrs. W. M. Ruth and Charles Swisher are at Lake Umbagog.

Hampton street, are at Sellersburg, Pa., for a few weeks. Mrs. Thomas Evans and son, W. Haydn Evans, of South Sumner avenue, have returned from Atlantic City, where they spent two weeks.

Mr. Harry Storm left on Tuesday to join the Creston Clark company, of which he is manager. The company opens the season at Atlantic City on September 4 for a week's stand.

Dr. I. O. Lyman, son of Rev. G. C. Lyman, of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church, has gone to Rockwell, Ia., for the benefit of his health.

Dr. N. A. Gayford, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of Dr. Tallies Phillips, of Academy street. Both were class mates at the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Lou Johnson is at Elmhurst. Mr. John Collins is at Atlantic City. Miss Grace Walker has returned from Lake Umbagog.

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HER POINT OF VIEW

A young girl who signs herself "May" asks whether it is proper to change her name or the spelling thereof if it does not suit her. Now if there is anything which the world with common consent accords a woman the right, it is the privilege of changing her name when an acceptable opportunity is presented. It isn't imperative that the name shall be as good even as her own, but if it belongs to the man she expects to marry, the change is considered perfectly correct.

Indeed in some cases it seems eminently desirable to make such a transformation at the earliest possible moment. For instance there is that daughter of Governor Hogg, of Kentucky, the Governor explains her name combination by stating that her mother was somewhat romantic in her tastes and had been reading a book in which the fascinating heroine bore the somewhat unusual appellation of "Ima."

The young mother thought it would be a pretty name for the baby daughter and it was not for some time after the baptism had taken place that the popular interpretation of "Ima Hogg" dawned on the fond parents. That young woman will be pardonable for changing her parental name without delay.

This, however, is not precisely the meaning of "May's" question. She probably wishes to know if the Christian name can be altered to suit her taste or the taste of some one else who follows fads.

Names are so thoroughly a whim of fashion that the matter of propriety or logical conclusion scarcely enters into the subject. Years ago the diminutive names were much in vogue. Jennie, Nellie, Annie, Nettie, Alice were in fashion. They have disappeared from the face of the earth as completely as if a tornado had overtaken them at the brow of the sea.

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happened Margaret, may not write her name Marguerite, or Margareta or Margarethe, than that her parents, in the elementary age of style, should call her Maggie. The French version may to her friends seem affected, who knew her in the "Maggie" days; that is all. There is no moral objection against the fad of maidens who were christened Mary, adopting the spelling of "Mae," only that it is extremely idiotic. Why any girl in her senses should want to lose the fair name of Mary, with its blessed spiritual significance as connected with the gentle Christ-Mother, in the contorted, meaningless absurd jumble of "Mae," passes comprehension.

"Mae" is sweet and sunny and dear, and in my mind is ever connected with one fair and lovely woman, soft of voice and tender of heart and hand. Therefore all other women with that name are singularly interesting. "Mae" is nothing but an irritating combination of letters and as if it were not enough in its absurdity, some foolish maiden has devised the horror "Maie" which she and her followers, similarly endowed, scribble in an illegible sprawling hand at the foot of their letters.

Now if one isn't entirely satisfied with her baptismal name, as her parents finally agreed upon it, let her look up some logical variation of it as given in a foreign tongue and adopt it.

For instance, if the maiden Mary thinks her name too common and the French Marie, objectionable, she may adopt the pretty, quaint Polish version "Marya" or the dignified Marian, both of which are correct variations, but one cannot but beg her to avoid "Mae" as she would a pestilence.

Katharine is another name that has been over-worked and tortured in the past two or three years. It has really been so frequently used in the German spelling, which is not given the German pronunciation of "Katerena," or the Greek in which the "th" is sounded, that it is almost desirable to go back to the sweet old-fashioned "Catherine" of good English birth bringing in its train memories of lofty halls and castles and a ghostly procession of kings and noble knights.

There is good authority for the Italian "Caterina," for the Russian "Ekaterina," or "Yekaterina," the "Catalina" of Spain, the simple "Katerina" of Sweden or the charming Irish "Kathleen," but never in any language on earth for the futile, distorted "Kathryn," now so popular and which, while it seems Saxon, is in fact, nothing. A name should have some logical significance if not historical or of sentimental application, as to a flower, or an attribute, such as "Waltail," the gentle appellation which was one of the endurable vagaries bequeathed by the Puritans.

"Mabel" is always musical and indicative of its derivative meaning "lovely." It is a corruption of the French "Amabile" or "Amabel," as it was first written, and thus is a charming change on the name, but elaborated into "Mabelle" it is affected and ugly.

In contrast may be mentioned the name of "Sarah," which, in its significance of "a princess," has a certain stately sound. The girl who bears it has just as good authority for dropping the "h" as in keeping that letter, since in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish "Sara" is sanctioned. The same is characteristic of "Sophia," which is "Sophie" in many tongues and "Sofia" in Russian and Spanish. If "Florence" is too familiar the owner may adopt the Italian "Floranza" and the girl who in old times was "Lottie" and more recently "Charlotte" may with perfect propriety and elegance call herself "Car-

lotta." "Addie" may be "Adelaide" and "Aggie" - now certain to be "Agatha," although five years ago she aspired no higher than "Agnes." "Fanny" is, of course, "Frances," a delightful name, and may even be the pretty Italian "Francesca" while Elizabeth, than which no fairer, more beautiful name exists, if discontinued therewith, may write herself down as "Isabel," which means the same in Spanish.

So there are nearly enough names for everybody without manufacturing freaks in the way of spelling or producing diminutives that diminish the respect for the owner. As an illustration, the other day I heard an elderly lady, very large and stout and florid, respond to the fond appellation of "Silly," presumably a contraction of the quaint and lavender-scented "Priscilla," "Silly," indeed!

After all there are some names temporarily laid on the shelf which will always be sweet in our ears, sometimes because of associations with those we have loved, sometimes for their own charm; such as Annie, Nellie, Jessie, Lou; that even the stiff eighteenth century Anne, stately Helen, Spanish Elena, classical Jessica, or fair, proud Louise can not rival. Perhaps one of these a darling mother has borne, or a friend who has been lost by death or misunderstanding or the drifting apart of life's anchorages in the heart. At any rate, their stir up memories dear and cherished.

Speaking of names the most startling thing I have heard in a long time was that coffin manufacturers have a pleasant little habit of bestowing on the various styles of caskets the names of favorite friends and relatives.

Two Scranton girls tell of being shown a collection of samples not long ago when a large, fat, roomy coffin was proudly pointed out as "The Annie" after one of the fair visitors, who is a little, dainty piece of humanity. Of course, she was indignant and unhesitatingly ordered a change of name, declaring that it would be bad enough to have a nice white chiffon-lined casket called for her, but that big, horrid black one thus designated she wouldn't; and her friend, who had been similarly shocked to find her name-sake an imposing, gaudy affair, sustained the objections.

Saucy Bess.

MUSICAL NOTICES

The magnificent singing of the choirs of Scranton and the Welsh of Hyde Park, has long been accorded. They stand pre-eminently alone as such. Mr. Joseph Barby, the great English choral conductor, once said that he had thought the "male choruses of Germany held a copyright on male voice singing," but when he heard the Rhonda Glee society of international reputation he changed his mind and paid them the high compliment of saying that the singing of the Welsh of Rhonda Valley would be the stinging found the "Throne of Heaven."

The Scranton Glee club is working hard to give the people of Scranton and the visiting letter carriers a touch of the music Mr. Joseph Barby heard in South Wales, the land of charming melody and beautiful sentiment, the land of song.

Mr. J. T. Watkins opens his vocal studio Sept. 11, and is now ready for the reception of pupils.

The famous Schubert quartette has commenced rehearsals on music for the season of 1899 and 1900, and will soon give a recital.