

SOCIETY

MATTERS of surpassing interest engage the attention of the world at this moment. A king and queen have been murdered in Europe; rumor says that the Padishah will abdicate; at home there have been terrible floods; the post-office scandals give forth a stench that pervades the whole country and cannot be ignored, and the picturesque Watson has pocketed a handsome sum from the District funds. But the smart set at Newport turn from all these subjects of present interest to discuss the question of hair dressing.

It seems that every young woman of the "Upper Crust"—with fine hair, of course—set the fashion of wearing it flowing down her back when she went for her stroll of a morning, a fashion that was speedily followed by all the young women possessed of "a beautiful plenty of hair." Whereupon those of the sex forced to resort to "false fronts" and "switches" immediately set up the cry that such a style was "unseemly," "undignified," "adopted for the purpose of attracting attention." Some of the jealous ones, indeed, went so far as to say that the girls with the streaming locks looked like the Southernland Sisters on parade.

The discussion has waxed fierce and hot, and like the style itself has extended beyond the limits of Newport, where society is said to be divided into two factions, those for and those against the fashion. The men, naturally, regard it with great favor, for the sterner sex look upon woman's hair as her chief beauty, and it was a man who wrote:

Oh, loosen the hood that you wear, Janet; Let me fangle my hands in your hair, my pet. For the world to me has no lovelier sight Than your brown hair lovelier your shoulders white.

Society has been prevented from falling into absolute lethargy by the number of weddings that have taken place since the season began. Every day but Friday, which is as unpropitious to brides as with others, some happy girl in white gown and flowing veil goes to the flower-decked altar with the man of her choice, while admiring friends and relatives look on. These marriages inspire perennial pleasure for "all the world loves a lover," and it is pleasant to remember that they will occur as long as Cupid has a dart, and, since like the widow's curse, his quiver is constantly replenished from some unknown source, that will be for eternity.

Prophets of Cupid, he was busy at that classic seat of learning, Vassar, last year and the number of engagements in the class of 1903, announced before commencement, goes to disprove the widely-accepted theory that college-bred women are averse to matrimony. The prize offered by the class to the first woman to marry was awarded to one of its most brilliant members, Marion Davidson, who took her degree in three instead of four years and was wedded before the ink was hardly dry upon her diploma.

"She that was" Miss Davidson, because of her experience at college and in love, might give some important points to that clever and cynical Frenchman, Monsieur Le Roux, who recently, in a book on this country, said some extremely disagreeable things about American college women, whom he terms the "third sex," and, perhaps, persuaded him to retract the rather broad statement that, "for the majority of girls in the United States learning has greater power of attraction than love."

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been passed at the ministry of foreign affairs, whence he was transferred to Buenos Ayres, where he acted as first secretary. It was while serving at that post he met and married his wife, the daughter of a rich and noted family of the Argentine capital.

Change of Plans.

The Japanese minister and Madame Takahira, who had planned to pass their summer in Japan with their children, who are in charge of Mr. Takahira's mother, have been compelled to abandon the trip, owing to recent instructions received from the Japanese government.

Count Hoyos in New York.

Count Hoyos, of the Austrian embassy, is at the Cambridge, N. Y., for a few days.

Belgian Minister Sails.

Baron Moncheur sailed from New York for Antwerp yesterday. He will go at once to Brussels, where he will be joined in the course of a few weeks by Baroness Moncheur, who at present is

visiting her parents, Ambassador and Mrs. Powell Clayton, in Mexico.

Weddings.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brandenburg, of 30 West 112th Street, New York, for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Tillie Marcella, to Jack Harry Spandau, of Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, June 20.

George K. Handy announces the coming marriage of his daughter Rosa to John A. Bayly, Jr. The ceremony will take place at his residence, 115 Heckman Street southeast, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Bayly will live at 411 Ninth Street northeast.

Miss Mamie Van Dusen, daughter of Mrs. W. A. Van Dusen, of Herndon, Va., was married on Thursday last to Levy Jarrett, a leading business man of Herndon. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride. The Rev. C. H. Kershaw, of Loudoun county, Va., officiated.

After a wedding trip to New York and a stay of several days at Atlantic City, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett will return to Herndon and will be at home to their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Taylor, of Beltsville, Md., announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary E. Taylor, to Edwin S. Coffin, of Washington, at Alexandria, Va., June 1, by the Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, of the Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, June 20.

His cousin, Miss Elena Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Grace, of Porters, at Shenley, in Hertfordshire, North of London, about eighteen months ago was married to the Earl of Donoughmore, in St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London.

Wilson-Dean.

The engagement of Miss Emily V. Dean, of Black House, Brightwood Road, to Thomas R. Wilson, of New York City, is announced.

Hodgson-Fassett.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Margaret Fassett, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sloat Fassett, of Elmira, N. Y., to Dr. Frederick G. Hodgson, of Athens, Ga. Miss Fassett's brother, Bryan Sloat Fassett, was married to Miss Julia L. Stark in New York last Wednesday.

Green-Bainbridge-Hoff.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Bainbridge-Hoff, daughter of the late Capt. William Bainbridge-Hoff, to Bertram Bachelor Green. The wedding will take place in two weeks, but will be an unusually quiet one owing to mourning of the prospective bride for her father. Mr. and Mrs. Green will go to Porto Rico immediately after the ceremony, where Mr. Green has a plantation.

Miss Bainbridge-Hoff's brother, Lieut. Arthur Bainbridge-Hoff married, several years ago, Miss Louie Roosevelt, daughter of the late Nicholas Roosevelt, of New York, a cousin of the President.

Tuckerman-McCauley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCauley announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Lilla, to Wolcott Tuckerman. Miss McCauley made her debut three years ago, and is an attractive and popular young woman. Her fiancé is the son of the late Walter Tuckerman, and a grandson of Mrs. Lucius Tuckerman.

Chit-Chat.

Secretary Shaw and family will arrive in Washington today on their return from Iowa. Miss Shaw completed a post graduate course at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, this week. Secretary Shaw, who was a graduate from this same institution, delivered an address at the commencement exercises.

The Shaws will sail on July 4 for Europe, where Mrs. Shaw and her two daughters will spend the summer.

James Morrill and his aunt, Miss Swan, have gone to their home in Vermont.

Washingtonians at Shore.

Among the Washingtonians registered at the different Atlantic City hotels are: Hotel Wiltshire—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gosler, Mrs. E. M. Tolman, Mrs. T. A. McKinzie, F. W. McKinzie, Ward Burlingame, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Snyder, and W. Henkeyman.

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Haddon Hall—A. Weakley.

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Altmount—Craig Hall, Mrs. M. Balentine, and Miss Balentine.

Archdale—E. E. Franzoin and Mrs. C. W. Franzoin.

Belmonte—C. Fleishman and Charles West.

Chalfonte—Miss T. Boyce and Miss L. Boyce.

Berkshire Inn—Mr. and Mrs. C. Campbell.

Marlborough House—Gen. Josiah Stacey, G. W. Harding, Miss C. B. Harding, Miss F. M. Harding, and Miss Wilson.

White House.

Mrs. Roosevelt leaves Washington for Oyster Bay early Tuesday morning. On Wednesday she will view the Harvard-Yale boat races from the Syph, where she will be joined by Miss Roosevelt. Afterward Miss Roosevelt will pay a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Cowles, at Farmington, Conn.

The President has been invited to attend the reunion of the Wing family, which claims him as a distant connection, in Sandwich, Mass., June 26 to July 2.

Miss Roosevelt, who is visiting her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lee, at Chestnut Hill, is an active participant in the festivities peculiar to commencement at Harvard, and will be a guest at all the important functions of the coming week.

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