SOCIETY IN NORFOLK

Doings of Folks in the City by the Sea.

SEVEN-HAND EUCHRE

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Entertain a Party of Friends Aboard Their Yacht Margaret—Will Sail to See Races for America's Cup

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., July 11.—A birthday party was given Tuesday evening by Mr. J. Leland Boush at his home, in College Place. Seven hand euchre was played and the first lady's prize, a lace fan, was awarded to Mrs. Lewis Baker, while the gentleman's first prize, a gold pin, was won by Mr. Lewis Baker. The consolation, a book, was drawn by Miss Emily Wilson.

Mr. Boush's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Curd, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wood, Mrs. Ritchie, Miss Blanche Baker, Miss Minnie Baker, Miss Eloise Chamberlaine, Miss Gussie Newton, Miss Helen Rogers, Miss Nan Kensett, Miss Skinner, of Philadelphia; Misses Emily Ruth and Margaret Wilson, Mr. Hunter Rogers, Mr. Edward Wilcox, Mr. Julius Stanfield, Mr. Savage, Mr. Junius Wilcox, Mr. R. P. Gage, Mr. Thompson Barron, Mr. William Baker and Mr. Thomas W. Tanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson entertained several friends Tuesday. The occasion was a party given on their yacht Margaret. The day was spent steaming around the harbor, and dinner was served on board. Their guests were Dr. and Mrs. Smith H. McKim, of Baltimore; Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Noble, Dr. and Mrs. Reuling, Miss Lena Hancock, Miss Emily Wilson, Miss Empsie Smith, Miss Minnie Baker, Miss Berkley Emmerson and Mr. K. Emmerson, of Newport News, Mr. William Carroll, Mr. Edward Godwin and Mr. John Watson, of Petersburg, and Mr. Harry Williams, of Baltimore.

Mrs. John Thomas Davis of Savannah, Ga., formerly Miss Sarah Dodd, of Portsmouth, is the guest of Mrs. Edgar Dawes, in Ghent.

Miss Constance Lee, of Baltimore, who has been the guest of Miss Cherry Nottingham, in Ghent, left Sunday for Alexandria.

Miss Marshall, who has been visiting Miss Nellie Little, in Ghent, has gone to Washington.

Miss Lelia Mayo is the guest of Mrs. Webster Edgar, in New York. Later Miss Mayo will go to Kittery Point, Me., for the summer.

Mrs. A. H. Grandy and family will spend the summer at Lake Placid.

Miss Abby Wilson has returned from a visit to Miss Diana Riddick, in Suffolk.

Misses Grimth, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. E. B. Hodges, in Ghent.

Mrs. Morehead, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Helen Brown, in York Street.

Miss Julia Bidgood, of Richmond, who has been visiting Miss Margaret Walters, in Readsville, N. C., is the guest of Miss Margaret Wilson, in Granby Street.

Miss Lena Hancock is with Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson on their yacht Margaret. They will go to New York to witness the races.

Miss Belle McGill, of Schuyler, Va., is the guest of Miss Mary King Nash, in Middle Street, Portsmouth.

Miss Camille Jenkins, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to Elizabeth City.

Miss Lucy Henry is visiting her father, Mr. Frank Henry, in Granby Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haynes, of Richmond, are at Virginia Beach.

Miss Ella T. Garnett is visiting in Washington, D. C.

Miss Skinner, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Nan Kensett in Botetourt Street.

Mr. Lewis D. Sharp has returned to Atlanta after a visit of several days to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharp, in York Street.

Misses Katherine and Pattie Coke Leigh and Miss Ellen Terry Winslow are visiting their aunt, Mrs. S. B. Harrell, in Grace Street.

Misses Betty and Sallie West are attending the Columbia University Summer School.

Miss Maud Battle, of Staunton, is the guest of Miss Mable Wing, in Ghent.

Lieutenant and Mrs. John Henry Read, Jr., who have been visiting here, have gone to California.

Miss Elie Worth, who has been visiting Miss Mabel Wing, in Ghent, returned Monday to her home in Richmond.

Miss Nan Lemon, of University of Virginia, has returned after spending a few days with Miss Mabel Wing in Ghent.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Cofer, who have been the guests of Mrs. R. W. Whitehurst in Bute Street, have returned to their home in Richmond.

Miss Ada Murray, of New Jersey, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Foster Murray in Yarmouth Street.

WILMINGTON PEOPLE

Society Scatters to Summer Resorts and Some Across the Ocean.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 11.—Scores of society folk from here have gone away for the summer, many to the mountains, others to points North, while not a few are touring abroad.

The only July wedding of any special interest so far was that of Miss Maud May Harris, of this city, and Mr. William G. Hull, of Savannah. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull left on the evening train on a wedding trip, after which they will return to Florence, S. C., Mr. Hull's headquarters. He is a traveling auditor for the Atlantic Coast Line.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Clara Woodward, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. W. J. Woodward, of this city, and Mr. John Livingston Hazelhurst, formerly of Savannah, but now of Wilmington. The wedding will be celebrated at 8 o'clock A. M. on July 15th at the home of the bride. Both are popular young people and have many friends.

Miss Elizabeth Divine Burtt, who graduated last week from the New England Conservatory of Music, returned home this week.

Miss Carrie S. Leftwich, of Richmond, who visited her brother, Mr. George E. Leftwich, has returned home.

DANCE AT ELBA

Chatham Young People Drive Over and Have an Evening of Pleasure.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., July 11.—A number of Chatham's young people drove to Franklin Junction Tuesday afternoon, where they took supper at the Hotel Elba, and danced afterwards to music discoursed by Prof. Lewis B. Whitehead's string band. The couples participating were Edgar Whitehead with Miss Lucy Dabney, Eddie Davis with Miss Mary C. Payne, L. J. Sands with Miss Annie Davis, William Smith with Miss Ada Bolanz, J. E. Lanier with Miss Edna Hunt, Lewis Whitehead with Miss Crist, Coleman Johnson with Miss Aird, D. A. Jefferson with Miss Bessie Shepherd, Dr. T. L. Whitehead with Miss Eula Shepherd, William Fitzgerald with Miss Bessie Andrews. The party returned to Chatham at an early hour Wednesday morning thoroughly delighted with the outing. Chaperone, Mrs. Aird.

Farmers are busy threshing wheat of which the yield is poor in this immediate section, but very good in the southern and extremely western part of the county.

The recent rains have improved crop conditions very much and at present the tobacco and corn are very promising.

Rev. C. O. Pruden left this week for the [illegible] business of recuperating his health, which has not been good for some time.

So far there is only one candidate for the Senate and two for the lower house. There is some talk of the Republicans putting up a ticket after the primary.

The alumnae of Hollins Institute, who reside in Chatham, gave an ice-cream feast in the Academy of Music Monday night for the benefit of the Cocke Memorial Library. A very nice sum was realized.

The Southern Piedmont District Convention of the Christian Church, will meet with the Museville Church, July 22-24. The counties of Henry, Pittsylvania, Franklin, Halifax, Campbell and Bedford compose the district, but nearly all of the churches are located in the three counties named first.

Rev. F. F. Bullard, of Lynchburg, is president of the convention and Mr. Frank Marshall, of Chatham, secretary.

IN FREDERICKSBURG

Moonlight Picnic One of the Social Events of the Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 11.—Among the social events of the week was a moonlight picnic at the dam on the Rappahannock River, a mile above the city, which was attended by a merry party of young people from this city with several visitors and chaperones.

Another bright party of young people went to Widewater one day this week and spent the time picnicing, returning to this city on the late evening train. Bathing, boating and feasting were the principal pastimes.

Mrs. W. D. Carter gave a progressive euchre party to a number of young people this week in honor of Miss Preston, of Texas, who is visiting Judge and Mrs. A. T. Embrey. Miss Mary Shepherd won the ladies' prize and Mr. George W. Shepherd, Jr., captured the gentleman's prize.

Miss Ida C. Magruder, of Washington, is spending the summer at "Idlewild," the home of Mrs. M. A. Downman, in Spottsylvania county, near this city.

Mayor M. G. Willis spent a few days this week on his farm in Orange county.

Mr. H. B. Lane has returned from a week's visit to northern resorts.

Mrs. W. C. Stearns has returned to New York after spending a few days with Miss Nannie Forbes.

Miss Evelyn Osborne has returned to her home at Keysville after a visit of severals days to Mrs. A. P. Rowe.

Rev. J. S. Hutchinson and family are visiting relatives in Connecticut.

Rev. W. D. Smith and family are the guests of relatives in Clarke county.

Major and Mrs. T. E. Morris are in Washington for an extended stay.

Miss Mary Pritchard, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bailey at Chatham, on Stafford Heights.

Miss Emma Honey, of Washington, has returned home after a visit to Brompton, where she was the guest of Captain M. B. Rowe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brannan have returned from a visit to Winchester.

Mrs. N. A. McCarty is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Steptoe, in Lynchburg.

Miss Julia Hall is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. O. Egerton, in Petersburg.

Miss Mary Brockenbrough, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. H. Knox, in this city.

WARD-ROOM ENTERTAINERS

A Dance on the Alliance and a Dinner Party on the Yankee.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., July 11.—A dance was given by the ward-room officers on board the U. S. S. Alliance on Wednesday afternoon. Among their guests were Mrs. Frances W. Brown, and Miss Lucy Brown, of Old Point; Miss Westfall, of Covington, Ky.; Miss Watson, of Morgantown, W. Va.; Miss Minnie Boykin, of Smithfield; Mrs. Charles J. Faulkner and Miss Sallie Faulkner, of West Virginia; Misses Louise, Annie and Hilda Booker, Miss Mary Lee and Misses Bessie and Mary Booker, of Hampton; Miss Virginia Wise and Mr. Clinton Wise, daughter and son of Rear-Admiral Wise; Mrs. William C. Davidson, of Baltimore, and officers from Fort Monroe and naval vessels in the Roads.

At a dinner given by the ward-room officers of the U. S. S. Yankee, on Tuesday evening, the guests were Mrs. Avery, Miss Belle Truxton and Misses Jane and Nell Serpell, of Norfolk, and Miss Virginia Wise.

Among the recent arrivals at the Chamberlin are B. S. Forbes, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Woody, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Walsh, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pegues, of Sufford, Ala.; Mrs. James H. Read, of Alexandria, and Mrs. W. T. Oppenheimer, of Richmond.

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NOTTOWAY POLITICS

Committee to Determine the Question of a Primary.

REQUIRES IT FOR HOUSE

Judge W. H. Mann Will Not Likely Have Opposition for the Senate. Mr. Lee the Only Candidate for the House.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSTONE, VA., July 11.—The County Committee of Nottoway county have been summoned by the chairman, Captain J. M. Harris, to meet here next Wednesday to determine the time and manner of making nominations for offices, both county and legislative. For the legislative offices a primary must be held, as this is prescribed by the party law.

The date of the primary for the House will have to be determined by the joint committees of Nottoway and Amelia, as these two counties form one legislative district. In the case of senator, several other counties will have to be consulted.

While there are several candidates for the different county offices, except that of Commonwealth's attorney, for which the present incumbent, Hon. W. A. Watson, thus far has no opposition, there is as yet only one candidate for the Legislature, Mr. H. E. Lee, of Crewe. He is a candidate for both the unexpired term of Congressman R. G. Southall and the full term. The election for both will be held at the regular election in November.

SENATOR W. H. MANN.

For the senatorial nomination no name has been mentioned save that of Judge W. H. Mann, the present senator from this district. It is hardly probable that he would have opposition anyway, and the position he occupies as chairman of the revision or codifying commision of the Legislature precludes any possibility of oppositon.

Thus far no bitterness nor unpleasantness of any kind has come to the surface in the different contests for county offices. The candidates and their friends are all at work, but everything appears in a brotherly manner.

A dwelling on the farm of Dr. J. M. Davis, at Westboro, in the edge of Dinwiddie county, was burned a few nights ago, with a part of the furniture. The house was occupied by Mr. W. T. Clark and his family, who escaped with the greater portion of their effects. The fire originated in the roof to the cook-room, and was discovered about midnight.

NEARING CENTURY MARK.

Mrs. Lou Bagley died at her home near The Falls, on Wednesday, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. She resided with her still more aged brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Marshall, who is still hale and hearty, although totally blind, at the age of ninety-six. Mr. Marshall has been blind for ten years, but with the exception of that trouble his health is very good yet, with the chances strongly in his favor of reaching the century mark.

Harriet Fitzgerald, colored, the wife of Green Fitzgerald, the oldest merchant in this place, died at the home of her husband, on the outskirts of the town, on Sunday. Her funeral was largely attended, as she was greatly respected by all.

Her husband, Green Fitzgerald, was a slave of Captain Richard Irby, for years treasurer of Randolph-Macon College, and who died there some months ago. The friendship remaining between Uncle Green and the Captain was of the strongest nature, and whenever the Captain visited his old home here he never failed to call at the store of his old servant for a chat, and, we believe, he was always called upon at his home by Uncle Green.

Reports from the wheat crop throughout this section are very discouraging indeed. Those that have been threshed are not yielding a half crop, and in some instances not over a fourth.

PROTRACTED SERVICES.

Protracted night services have been held all this week at the Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. W. M. Seay, being ably assisted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Mercer, of West View Church, Richmond. All who have heard Dr. Mercer are unstinted in commendations of his efforts.

Beginning on to-morrow protracted services will be held by the same ministers at Jonesboro Church, just across the Brunswick county line. This church has a large membership and is very prosperous.

An entertainment will be given in the Music Hall here on Tuesday night by Bennett Brothers for the benefit of the Fire Company. The ladies will also sell refreshments for the same cause. It is the intention to use the proceeds of this to purchase reels for the fire laddies, they having already a sufficient amount of hose for any ordinary fire.

Hon. T. A. Overby, member of the Legislature from Lunenburg county, has sold his fine farm in that county to Hon. L. A. Hardy, former member of the Constitutional Convention, from that county, the reported price being $7,000.

It is the intention of Mr. Overby to move to this place and make his home here, where he already has large business interest.

Mrs. R. W. Tuffle and daughter, Mrs. H. S. Beverly, have taken a cottage at Virginia Beach, and will spend some weeks there, together with the other members of their families.

Mr. Branch G. Crallé, of Groesbeech, Texas, spent several days here this week with his sister, Mrs. R. Shore Robertson.

Mrs. S. L. Gray, of the Harris-Dillard Hardware Company, left a few days ago for a visit to his old home in Kentucky. Having just attained his majority, he goes in connection with the settlement of his father's estate.

Mr. Max Seay, of Crawford, Miss., arrived this week for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Seay, of Lunenburg. He expects to remain here until the 1st of August.

DRAWING PICTURES NOT REMUNERATIVE

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PARIS, July 11.—Art does not pay so well as it used to, is the lamentation of the members of the Society of French artists, who are dismayed by the fact that the receipts of this year's Salon are nearly one-third less than the previous year.

"The Salon this year," said Mr. Bauguereau, "has been under a cloud from the start. The President was not here to inaugurate the opening and the receipts on 'varnishing day' were practically nil. During the stay of King Edward in Paris the Salon was entirely abandoned, receiving scarcely any visitors at all.

"The finances of the society have never had to submit to such a drain. Only 290,000 francs have been received up to date, whereas last year at the same time the receipts amounted to 892,000 francs.

"The desolation of the artists is correspondingly great. They had looked forward to a better year than ever, and instead of this they find themselves ruined. The season will probably finish as it began, with very few visitors. The weather is, too, fine. Rainy weather suits us better, as then people are glad to take shelter in the Salon."

Poor artists! It is not a great compliment to the quality of the picture if people are to visit the Salon only to keep out of the rain. What are the pictures in the Salon for?

People in Salem.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALEM, VA., July 11.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allemong have left for Philadelphia, from which city they will sail today on the steamer "Haverford," of the American Line, for Liverpool. They will spend three months traveling through England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy and France.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McClung are the guests of relatives at Franklin, West Virginia.

Mrs. W. B. Dillard and her two daughters, Misses Katherine and Roxie, have returned from visiting in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Johnson Poe and her little son, Prentiss, of Baltimore, Md., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrott at their residence on Broad Street.

A pretty german was given last night in the dining room of The Crawford by the young men of the town. The figures were led by Attorney Horace Fox and Dr. G. E. Koontz. The music was furnished by a South Carolina orchestra. The chaperones were: Mrs. W. H. Tinsley, Mrs. L. M. Smead, Mrs. Maurice, Jeter, Mrs. C. R. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. Langhorne, Mrs. F. P. Harman, Mrs. W. J. Biggs, Mrs. W. W. McClung, Mrs. J. H. Parrott, Mrs. Johnson Poe, of Baltimore.

Summer Days in Gloucester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GLOUCESTER, VA., July 11.—Mrs. Washington Coleman, of Williamsburg; Mrs. and Misses Grennan, of Madison county; Mrs. St. George Bryan and Mr. Joseph, all of whom spent last week at Eagle Point, left on Monday.

The Misses Quarles, Miss Blanche Smith and Miss Sallie Reed Anderson are at Newstead with the Misses Tabb.

Mr. and Mrs. Blow, of Belleville, are entertaining a house party.

Mrs. W. S. Mott, nurse and children left on Tuesday for Clarke, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Norah Bayard Moore and Miss Portia Lee Baldwin have returned to Berryville.

Mr. Marshall Melton left for Baltimore Thursday.

Miss Maretta Kennan, of Baltimore, is at Kenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Withers are at Severnby.

Mr. George Cary has returned from a visit to Charlottesville.

Mrs. R. Horner, of Alexandria; Mr. John Tyler Seawell, of Newport News, are at the Shellie.

Mrs. George Rose has returned from Norfolk.

Mrs. Rose, of Williamsburg, spent last week with her son, Dr. George Rose, of Kilravock.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Kernes have returned to Richmond.

Dr. Willie Kerns, of Cape Charles, spent a few days lately with his brother, Vernon Kerns.

Miss Pate, who has been visiting Mrs. L. C. Catlett, is now with Mrs. V. Kerns.

Miss Elizabeth Lee has returned from Ellerson.

Miss Mary Nelson is at Timber Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and Master Courtenay Harris, Mrs. H. A. Williams and Miss Adair, all of Richmond, are at Sherwood.

SOCIETY IN CHARLOTTE

Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch Presented by Local Talent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 11.—In honor of the visiting young ladies in the city a most enjoyable german was given Friday night at the Park, led by Mr. Osmond Barringer.

Those present were: Mr. Addison Brenizer, Miss Ethel Seckendorff, of Washington; Mr. Julian Taliaferro, Miss Louie Jones; Mr. Abner Nash, Miss Broadfoot, of Fayetteville; Mr. David Clark, Miss Annie Wilson; Mr. Allen Milliron, Miss Bess Scott, of Graham; Mr. D. H. Watkins, Miss Rena Ingram, of Waynesboro; Mr. Will Harty, Miss Faye Ross; Mr. James Torrence, Miss Annie Stone, of Atlanta; Mr. James Stowe, Miss Midge McAdeu; Mr. Fred Neissen, Miss Lottie Gray; Mr. H. C. Jones, Jr., Miss Parham, of Washington; Mr. Pat Williams, Miss Hallie Hall; Mr. S. Davis, Miss Nell Weigle, of Augusta; and Mr. T. D. Osborne, Miss Mary Oates Caldwell.

The chaperones were Mrs. Simmons B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Arnold.

One of the most pleasant break rides of the season was the one given Friday night complimentary to Miss Johnsie Dickson. After riding for some time the party stopped at the Country Club, where an elegant supper was served and enjoyed by about twenty young people.

On Friday evening Miss Bessie Wiley and Miss Elizabeth Brown entertained a few friends in a most charming manner at Miss Bessie Wiley's home on North Pine Street.

Miss Margaret Thomasson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., arrived last Saturday night and will visit Miss Alida Oliver.

Misses Fannie and Anna Bell Black are having a house party at their home in the country. Their guests are Misses Clara Anthony, Mary Lance, Marie Hutchins and Mary Moody.

Corinne Gibbon, the attractive little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibbon, is quite ill with inflamatory rheumatism.

Miss Pauline Hill, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Marguerite Springs at her home in Dilworth.

"Mrs. Wiggs, of the Cabbage Patch," was presented at the City Hall Tuesday night by local talent. Much careh ad been taken by the young people in preparation of the play, and it as given splendidly.

Miss Alida Oliver gave a dance at Lotta Park Auditorium Friday evening. The dance was complimentary to Misses Mildred Southerland, Margaret Thomasson and Florence Oliver.

On Tuesday afternoon at a book club meeting in Salisbury the engagement of Miss Annie Wiley, of that place, was announced. Miss Wiley will be married on September 22d to Rev. J. F. Preston, of Greenville, S. C. The young people will ton is to do missionary work.

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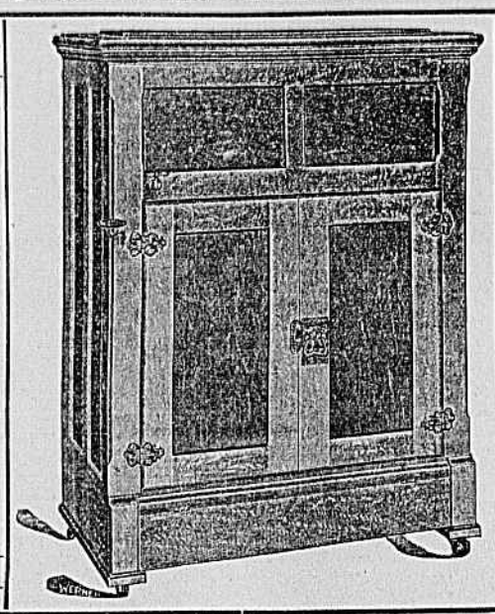

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Southern Novelists.

No.. 11.

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[By MARY WASHINGTON.]

One of the most popular authors of the day is Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart, a native of Louisiana, and a writer of novels and short stories, in which humor and pathos vie with each other.

She has written the following works "Sonny," a story of great power and interest, narrating the career of an Arkansas boy from his birth to his marriage, full of quaint humor and fine character painting; "Holly and Pizen," "The Woman's Exchange," "The Story of Babette," "A Golden Wedding," Carlotta's Intended," "Solomon Crow's Christmas Pocket," "In Simkinsville," "Moriah's Mourning," "The Snow-Cap Sisters," Lady Louisa" (selections from her manuscripts), "Napoleon Jackson," her latest work, and said to be one of her best stories of southern life.

"The Outlook" gives Mrs. Stuart the following high commendation: "Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart is one of those sincere and unpretentious people whose work is often undervalued, because it is left to make its own place and select its readers without blowing of trumpets and beating of gongs. In the little group of writers who deal with real things in a real way in this country, she holds a secure place. She has various gifts—skill in characterization, feeling for her background, good sense, which shines in well-phrased reflections, but her most original gift is humor—unforced, spontaneous, kindly, full of humorous tenderness. The story of Napoleon Jackson, aptly described in the sub-title as "the gentleman of the plush rocker," is, in its way, a little masterpiece. It is a bit of life, reproduced with contagious mirthfulness, with genuine skill and with a keenness of insight into character which commands our respect, while it compels our laughter. A more beguiling story has not appeared this season, nor a more real one."

Among the female novelists of the new South we must include Miss Varina (commonly called Winnie) Davis, "the Daughter of the Confederacy." Miss Davis was a young woman of fine intellect and scholarship and had she lived longer, she might have made her mark in the field of letters, but in the forcible language of the Bible, "her sun went down while it was yet day." She published only one novel, "The Veiled Doctor," which was very kindly received by the public. She is not so well known to us as an authoress as in her capacity of "Daughter of the Confederacy," and in that character she will always be remembered with tenderness, sentiment and romance by the Southern people, her early death throwing a still more pathetic interest around her.

In Armstrong's Magazine (Atlanta, Ga.) for January, 1890, we find a very interesting sketch of Miss Winnie Davis, written soon after her death. In this the writer tells of the last reunion between Davis and his old soldiers at Macon, Ga., and how the Daughter of the Confederacy conciliated and won over the Northern and Western newspaper correspondents who had come to Macon to make political capital of this revival of the old Confederate spirit, but Winnie Davis, with her gracious tact and personal magnetism, made friends of them all and not a line did they send off derogatory to the "grand old man" of the South. The account of this reunion is so touching and interesting that I hope my readers will pardon the digression if I transcribe part of it. "Upon a grassy eminence in Macon, a noble residence overlooks the city at its feet, the approach, a broad, half-shaded street and waiting upon the veranda of this house, Mr. Davis beheld the long, sad column come slowly on. It should have entered the spacious grounds upon his right, have passed in review and out beyond, but when the veterans saw him standing there uncovered, the glory of their bygone years broke in upon them anew, like sunlight through a clouded sky into autumn's woods and time was not. A great cheer shook the air. It was the old-time rebel yell and with one fierce rush over the line of pickets of the fencing, up the grassy slope, five thousand swarmed and hurled themselves against the house. It was the last Confederate charge of history. In the front rank came the tattered battle flag and carried away by the scene, Mr. Davis clasped it in his arm, bent his face upon it and wept. No man who witnessed that scene may ever forget it. Nor will I ever forget the face of Winnie Davis, wet with tears, turned from all others towards the trembling form of her beloved father. It was the proudest moment of her life. It was also the most anxious."

Amongst the numerous Southern authors who have essayed the historical novel of late years, I may mention Miss Annie T. Colcock, of South Carolina, who has been decidedly successful in her attempt, "Margaret Tudor," a romantic novel of old St. Augustine. She gives the most interesting picture of the stirring life of 1670 in what is now our State of Florida, but which was then under Spanish dominion. It has a historical basis, but is rather a story of love and exciting adventure than a strictly historical novel. Miss Colcock has written so ably that one of the critics pronounces that she bids fair to rival the youthful authors of "The Helmet of Navarre" and "To Have and to Hold."

Miss Colcock is the daughter of a Confederate veteran, and a lineal descendant of the first English settler of South Carolina. In addition to her romance, "Margaret Tudor," she has published short stories in various magazines, and it is rumored that she is now at work on a new novel. She has spent some time abroad, in Spain, studying art.

Helen Keller, the marvel of the age, is a young Southern writer, she being a native of one of the Southern States. True, she has not written any novel yet, but she has written a charming and interesting autobiography, of which some critic says that "no book has been published for years that appeals to so many kinds of people as this narrative—the most significant American biography since Franklin's." Thomas Wentworth Higginson numbers it with "the [illegible] American books, along with Emerson's Essays, "The Scarlet Letter," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," etc., and Thomas Dixon says:

"There is nothing like it in all literature."

With her rare intellect and fine scholarship, we may expect Helen Keller to continue writing, and as she has, moreover, fine powers of imagination, it would not surprise us to find her yet enrolled amongst the novelists of the South.

Mark Twain has said of her that she and Napoleon Bonaparte were the two most remarkable characters of the nineteenth century.

The two most widely read books of the day, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "Lovey Mary," are written by a Southern woman, Alice Caldwell Hegan, of Kentucky, who has recently married Mr. Rice. Her delightful and healthful optimism has penetrated, like the sunshine, into nearly every home, carrying cheer and brightness with it. Mrs. Wiggs' philosophy, though expressed in quaint, homely fashion, is undoubtedly a true and sound one, and if it were generally adopted, the world would be in every way happier and more Christian state than it now is. In essentials, Alice Hegan seems in sympathy, though, perhaps, unconsciously so, with "the new thought movement," of which we hear so much nowadays, and of which Ralph Waldo Trine, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and other fine thinkers are the exponents, the chief feature being (if I apprehend it rightly) an insistance on our removing the internal barriers that shut out the sunlight of heaven, and throwing wide open the doors and windows of the soul to let this sunlight freely enter, and impart to us spiritual life, light, health and cheer, and to drive away gloom, fretting, croaking and kindred evil traits and habits.

"These tales are permeated through and through with interest," says one of the critics. "Mrs. Wiggs has taken as firm hold of adult minds as ever Santa Claus did of youthful ones. Her courage, her simple, never questioning faith, her ability to cope with and vanquish any difficulty are all marvelous."—Minneapolis Tribune.

"If nobody knew Mrs. Wiggs, what a treat it would be to the reviewer to introduce her; what a pleasure it would be to say that a new writer had been discovered, who had something to say that would interest every man, woman and child that was born with a heart and a sense of humor."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Alice Caldwell Hegan belongs to a typical Kentucky family, and their home (in Louisville) is the center of a large group of literary folks. According to a statement made by "The Outlook," "Miss Hegan tried various historic themes without success, but won both fame and fortune when she chose the subjects which lay nearest at hand."

George Cary Eggleston, although born at Vivay, Indiana, is still a Virginian by descent and tradition. He attended the University of Virginia, and practiced law in Virginia, also he served in the Confederate army. He was literary editor of the New York Evening Post during six years, and editor-in-chief of the New York Commercial-Advertiser from 1886 to 1889. The following is a partial list of his works: "A Romance of the American Revolution;" "A Man of Honor;" "Big Brother;" "A Carolina Cavalier;" "Dorothy South."

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