SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Should Love Come Back.

By CHARLOTTE BECKER.

Should Love come back and humbly pardon crave
For all the tears and sorrow that he gave—
Could I forgive and smile his face to see,
And take his hand and greet him merrily;
Forget that he was but a worthless knave?
And, were he wounded, would I gladly slave
His bruised wings from harm or scar to save?
Ah, well, who knows what tenderness might be,
Should Love come back!

But, if he strove his penitence to brave
With mirth and jest and sang a careless stave,
Or, if he brought no penitence as plea—
Still would I grant him of my sympathy?
Ah, heart, what need of question, light or grave,
Should Love come back!

Give an Entertainment.

The Young Ladies' Aid Society of Grove Avenue Baptist Church will give an entertainment Friday evening, March 10th, at the church. Mr. Samuel Pearce De Vault, the student humorist, reader and impersonator, will entertain the audience, assisted by an excellent musical programme. Mr. De Vault is said to be delightfully amusing, and a pleasant evening is promised to all present.

Starke—St. John.

The wedding of Miss Abby Monroe St. John, daughter of Mrs. St. John and the late Isaac Monroe St. John, to Mr. William Wallace Starke, a prominent young lawyer of Norfolk, was solemnized at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening in the home of the bride's mother in Fredericksburg, the Rev. Mr. W. D. Smith, rector of St. George's Church, officiating.

The parlors were profusely decorated with Southern smilax, Golden Gate roses, ferns and palms.

The bride wore a handsome gown of white chiffon cloth, embroidered with seed pearls and trimmed with beautiful old family lace from the wedding gown of her mother, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The bride entered with and was given away by her uncle, Mr. William M. St. John, and was preceded by little Miss Margaret St. John Herndon, niece of the bride, and Miss Miriam Martin, niece of the groom, as flower girls, carrying baskets of roses and scattering them along the aisle.

Her maid of honor, Miss Anna Turnbull, of Lexington, Va., wore white chiffon, and a huge cluster of white lilacs added to the effect of her charming toilet.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Lucien Starke, of Norfolk, as best man.

Among the out-of-town guests were Judge and Mrs. Martin, Miss Miriam Martin, Mr. James Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Starke, Miss Lida Starke, Miss Litha Starke, Miss Virginia Starke, Miss Elizabeth Bowdoin and Mr. W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk; Mr. William M. St. John and Mrs. Henry Lamar St. John, of New York city; Mr. Coalter B. Carmichael, of Philadelphia.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother immediately after the ceremony, after which the happy young couple left for a Southern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Starke will make their future home in Norfolk.

Girls' German at Norfolk.

Two of the most popular young ladies of Norfolk society—Miss Lelia Hobson and Miss Lottie Hodges—are organizing a german, to be given by the young ladies of Norfolk, at the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday evening, March 7th, in honor of the University of Virginia Glee Club. The german will follow the concert which will be given by the students at the Academy of Music, and promises to be one of the most brilliant society events of the season.

Snidow—Slaughter.

Barbour Memorial Chapel, Barboursville, Va., was the scene Tuesday at "high noon" of a pretty wedding, when Miss Sadie Lindsay Slaughter, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Edwin Slaughter, became the bride of Mr. William Bane Snidow, son of Mr. John Snidow, of Giles county, the Rev. John Hansborough, of Orange county, performing the ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated in white and green and the music rendered by Miss Mary Somervile, of Gordonsville.

Preceded by the petite ribbon girl, Miss Louise Walker, daughter of Dr. J. T. Walker, in pure white, and the maid of honor, Miss Laura Welch Newman, the bride entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. R. Carroll Slaughter, who gave her away.

The bride wore a handsome gown of brown velvet, with picture hat of cream lace and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. Among her ornaments was an old pearl brooch, which belonged to her maternal great-grandmother.

Miss Newman, the maid of honor and cousin of the bride, was attired in pale green mousselaine over green taffeta, and carried violets, this costume harmonizing with her brunette type of beauty. The groom was attended by Dr. W. D. Woolwine, of Pearisburg, as his best man, the ushers being Messrs. Arthur C. Jones, of Abingdon; H. W. Bane, of Pulaski; C. R. Williams, of Charlottesville; C. P. Jones, of Covington; R. O. Newman, of Barboursville, and A. E. Slaughter, of Richmond.

The bride is the niece of Rev. Phillip Slaughter and a sister of Mr. R. Carroll Slaughter, of Orange, Va., and a young lady whose pleasant manners and charming personality will be greatly missed by her friends in Barboursville.

The groom is the Commonwealth's attorney of Giles county.

After a wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Snidow left for the groom's home in Pearisburg, Va.

Sebastian—Cooper.

The wedding of Miss Alta Cooper, daughter of Rev. George Cooper, formerly of Richmond, to Mr. Walter Sebastian, of Philadelphia, was celebrated at the First Baptist Church, of Media, Pa., on Wednesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. George Cooper, father of the bride. The church was beautifully decorated in white and green, and the music was furnished by a violinist and harpist from Philadelphia.

The bride, who was attired in white crepe de chine, over moire, wore a large white picture hat, and carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas. She came in on the arm of her brother, Mr. J. Homer Cooper, and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Frank Sebastian, of Roanoke, Va. The maid of honor, Miss Kate Aubrey Williams, of Richmond, wore pink chiffon over taffeta, a lace picture hat, and carried La France roses.

Master Charles Ready served as ring bearer, and the ushers were Messrs. William Stewart Green, Harry Anspaugh, of Philadelhpia; Ralph Koser, of Reading, and George Cooper, Jr., of Richmond. Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Davis, Miss Edge, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, Jr., Mr. D. O. Davis and Mr. J. Homer Cooper, of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Strieby, of Williamsport, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Speyerer, of Rochester, N. Y.; and Mr. Woodward, of Baltimore.

After a tour of several weeks in Florida and Cuba, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian will reside at No. 27 Fourth Street, Media, Pa.

At Corcoran Hall.

The marriage of Miss Suckie Ann Tacky to Mr. Jehoshaphat Hardtimes will take place to-night at Corcoran Hall. The ceremony will be performed by an interesting musical programme. Selections on the banjo, Mr. Page; chorus, "Wedding Guests;" recitation, Miss Frankie Roberson; vocal solo, Mr. William Bales; zobo selections, "Wedding Guests;" Mixed Quartette, Miss Mary Lane, Mrs. J. Russell Gentry, Mr. Lonnie Mitchell and Mr. Frank Sherman; recitation, Miss Eula Bailey; quartette, Messrs. J. Lonnie Mitchell, Frank Scherman, W. Bales and W. H. Oxenham; instrumental duet, Misses Adie Perkins and Ida Dillard.

Mooney—Walker.

Miss Hattie Zimmer Walker and Mr. J. Madison Mooney were married on Tuesday at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Walker, No. 2923 East Marshall Street. Miss Minnie Walker was the maid of honor, and Mr. Gilham, the best man. The Rev. P. A. Cave performed the ceremony.

After a trip to Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Mooney will be at home to their friends at No. 2918 East Marshall Street.

Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Passenger and Power Company branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in the association building at the Reservoir this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. This will be a very important meeting, to make arrangements for a social, a children's rally, and a rummage sale. A full attendance is desired, and ladies whose husbands are connected with the Passenger and Power Company are requested to come regardless of membership.

Pitzer—Gardner.

Miss Margaret Taylor Gardner the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McC. Gardner, of Christiansburg, and Mr. Blair Pitzer, of Roanoke, were married on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. T. W. Hooper officiating. After a Northern tour, Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer will make their home in Roanoke.

An Engagement.

The engagement is announced of Miss Virginia Epes McCormick, of Crewe, Va., to Mr. Edward Steptoe Evans, of this city. Miss McCormick is the daughter of the late Daniel McCormick and Mrs. Margaret Arvin McCormick, of Nottoway, and cousin of Congressman J. F. Epes.

She is widely known for her beauty and a social favorite.

Mr. Evans, also a native Virginian, recently left a position in the Library of Congress at Washington to become assistant librarian of the Virginia State Library, in Richmond, and is rapidly winning literary distinction.

The marriage will take place early in April.

Personal Mention.

Miss Marie C. Vyse, the noted society belle of Newport, is to be married to Mr. T. M. T. Raborg during the Easter week. Miss Vyse is the daughter of Mr. Thomas A. Vyse, of New York city, and is a cousin of Mrs. Frederick Neilson. Mr. Raborg is of a Virginia family. He is a cross-country rider and a member of the Chevy Chase Hunting Club, and of the Metropolitan Club.

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Miss Lucy Preston Beale, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Beale, of Buchanan, Va., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Aubin Boulware, at No. 1 East Franklin Street.

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Dr. M. C. Sycle has gone to Greensboro, N. C., to attend the Tri-State Medical Association, where he will assist Dr. J. A. Bodine, professor of surgery at the New York Polyclinic Hospital, in an operation. Dr. Sycle will return in about three days.

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Mr. William S. Manson, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in this city.

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Miss Elizabeth Atkinson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Spencer Leslie Carter, at the St. Paul, Baltimore.

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Mr. J. T. Hicks, who has been visiting his parents at Curlew, Va., has gone to Raleigh, N. C.

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Miss Emma Stewart is visiting her nephew, Dr. Stewart Jamieson, on Columbus Street, Alexandria.

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Mr. Ashby Miller has gone to Detroit, Mich., where he will locate. His wife and children will follow him to Detroit in April.

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Mrs. J. B. Gilley, of Gate City, is visiting friends in the city.

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Mrs. Harry S. Hirsh has returned to her home in Lynchburg after a pleasant stay in Richmond.

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Mr. M. Botts Lewis, of Harrisonburg, spent the early part of the week here.

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Dr. W. G. Carrington is in Lynchburg for a short stay with friends and relatives.

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Mr. Edgar Wirt Venable, of Farmville, Va., was in the city Tuesday for a few hours.

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Mrs. Lucy D. Stacy, who has been the guest of her son, Mr. Charles Stacy, of Ronceverte, arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at 215 East Franklin Street.

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The lecture given Tuesday evening by the Rev. Father J. J. Van Ingelgem, of Staunton, before the Art Club was a most enjoyable affair, and was well attended by the members of the Club and their friends.

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An interesting rumor is affoat that a fancy dress ball will be given in the near future at the Chamberlin Hotel by the officers of Fortress Monroe.

FULTON NOTES.

Mr. Harold Nelsen left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga., and Mobile, Ala. He will visit his sister, Mrs. Harvey J. Mays, at Mobile, also attend the Mardi Gras, which will be held in that city.

Ben Jenkins, son of William H. Jenkins, of Marion Hill, who has been at the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital at Clifton Forge for two weeks, where he had a finger amputated, returned home Tuesday, and is getting along nicely.

George Tyree, an enterprising young business man of Boston, Mass., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Tyree, on Seventh Street, left a few days ago for Jacksonville, Palatka and other points in Florida. He expects to make Manatee, Fla., his future home.

Powhatan Council, No. 24, Daughters of Liberty, will meet to-night at Kerse's Hall on Orleans Street.

William J. Moore and wife, who have been spending several months in Connecticut, have returned home.

Henrico Council, No. 733, Royal Arcanum, will meet to-night at Nelsen's Hall. Henrico Council has made elaborate arrangements for a grand memorial service to take place next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Fulton Baptist Church. The Rev. F. T. McFaden, supreme Representative, will address the meeting.

James M. Cottom is quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John O'Grady, on Louisiana Street.

Dr. George E. Barksdale was hurriedly summoned Tuesday to attend a negro woman living in the county who had drank laudanum. He quickly responded and found the woman well under the influence of the drug, but soon had her straight again.

Walter E. Wood, of Engine Company, No. 7, Richmond Fire Department, who was painfully injured by a horse about a week ago, is improving.

Mrs. Grace Sorg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Sorg, is improving after a recent illness.

Mr. Benjamin Hicks, who has been confined at his home on Nicholson Street, on account of illness, is able to be out.

The ladies of Montrose chapel are conducting a rummage sale at No. 321 Orleans Street.

Work has been resumed on the handsome new residence of Dr. James P. Williams, who expects to occupy his new home shortly.

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No. 432.

GRACE BEFORE DINNER.

By ROBERT BURNS.

Other selections from Burns, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch have already been printed in this series.

THOU, who kindly dost provide
For every creature's want!
We bless thee, God of Nature wide,
For all thy goodness lent.

And, if it please thee, Heavenly Guide,
May never worse be sent;
But whether granted, or denied,
Lord, bless us with content!

Amen!

THE SELKIRK GRACE.

The poet having been on a visit to the Earl of Selkirk at St. Mary's Isle, was asked to say grace at dinner. He repeated the following words, which have since been known in the district as "The Selkirk Grace":

Some hae meat, and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day

THE DARROW ENIGMA.

By MELVIN L. SEVERY.

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CHAPTER II—Continued.

"We will not despair yet. Our clever rival may not be ready to prove his case so quickly as we. At all events when he comes again I shall be in a condition to ascertain how far he has progressed. I have some things I must settle before I can ask for an arrest, and I am not at all sure that M. Godin is in any better condition in this regard than I am. By Jove! I'd give something to know how that wizard has gotten so far without so much as a single sign to indicate that he had even moved in the matter. I say, Doc, it beats me, blest if it doesn't! Please say to Miss Darrow that I am at work upon a promising clue—promising for someone, anyway—and may not see her for some time yet."

I did as he requested, and, if I am any judge of femining indications, my message did not yield Gwen unmixed pleasure; still, she said nothing to warrant such a supposition on my part. I visited Maitland every day to learn what he might wish me to bring him, and also to carry him his mail, for he had determined to remain constantly on the watch at his new quarters.

I have thus far, in the narration of these incidents, been perfectly candid, both as regards my friends and myself, and, therefore, that I may continue in like manner to the end, I shall suppress certain qualms which are urging me to silence, and confess myself guilty of some things of which you will perhaps, think I may well be ashamed. Be that as it may, you shall have the whole truth, however it may effect your opinion of me. One reason why I went to Maitland's new quarters so often, and stayed there so long, was because I was always permitted to relieve him of his watch. With a telephone receiver strapped to my right ear, and my eyes fastened upon the screen of the camera obscure, I would sit by the hour prying into the affairs of the two people in the next room. I tried for a number of days to ease my conscience by telling myself that I was laboring in the cause of justice, and was not a common eavesdropper. This permitted me to retain a sort of quasi self-respect for a day or two, till my honesty rallied itself, and forced me to realize and to admit that I was, to all intents and purposes, a common Paul Pry, performing a disreputable act for the gratification it gave me. I determined I would at least be honest with myself—and this was my verdict. You will, perhaps, fancy that when I arrived at this decision I at once mended my ways and resigned my seat of observation to Maitland's entirely professional care. This, doubtless, I should have done, if we fallible human beings governed our conduct by our knowledge of what is right and proper. Inasmuch, however, as desires and emotions are the determining factors of human conduct, I did nothing of the sort. I simply watched there day after day, with ever-increasing avidity, until at length I got to be impatient of the duties that took me away, and more than half inclined to neglect them.

I shall gain nothing by attempting to make you believe it was the man in the neighboring room that interested me, so I shall not essay it. I confess, with a feeling of guilt because I am not core ashamed of it—that it was the young lady who attracted me. You will, I trust, assume I had enough interest in her father to palliate my conduct in a measure. Be generous in your judgment. How do yoc know you will not be in the same predicament? Think of it! A young woman beautiful beyond my feeble powers of description; her eyes of a heavenly blue; her luxuriant hair like a mass of spun gold; her complexion matched to the tint and transparency of the blush rose—and such a throat! From it came a voice as musical as the unguided waters when Winter rushes down the hills in search of Spring. Never you mind, that's the way I felt about it, and, if you had been in my place, you'd have been just as bad as I; come, now, you know you would. Suppose I was a bachelor, and almost old enough to be her father; Does that help matters any? Is the heart less hungry because it has been starved? Just look at your history. When nuns have relapsed from otherworldliness to this-wordliness how have they been? I'll tell you. They have been just a round baker's dozen times worse than they would have been if they had never undertaken to cheat Nature. Look at the thing fairly, I don't expect to dodge any blame that I deserve, yet I do want all the palliating circumstances duly noted. Many months have passed since then, and yet the thought of that sweet girl sends a thrill all over me. I wonder where she is now? I feel that we shall meet again some time, and perhaps you will see her yourself. If so, you will see that I couldn't be expected to withstand any such temptation.

On these visits Maitland and I talked but very little, and while I was spying nothing of interest occurred—i. e., nothing of interest to him—or, if it did, things of interest to me prevented my observing it. On several occasions he alluded vaguely to things he had learned which he said he should not divulge even to me until the proper time came.

The Episode of the Tell-Tale Thumb.

CHAPTER I.

When Disaster is bigger than its victim Its bolt o'erlaps the innocent.

It was some time after Gwen had fallen before Alice had succeeded in getting her upon the lounge, and then all her efforts to revive her had failed. She had remained in the same nerveless stupor as that in which I had found her. I asked Alice if she knew why this announcement had produced such an effect upon Gwen, and she returned my question with a look of amazement.

"Have you forgotten Gwen's promise to her father in this matter?" she replied. "Has she not already told you that she should keep that promise, whatever the sacrifice cost her. She is, therefore, entirely at the mercy of this M. Godin, and she is also obliged to advise him of this fact, if she would carry out her father's wishes. Is this nothing for a sensitive nature like hers? If she has any love for anyone else she must crush it out of her heart, for she is M. Godin's now. Surely, Ned, you are not so stupid as your question would indicate."

"We won't discuss that," I rejoined. "Let us go to Gwen and get her to bed."

This done, and the sufferer made easy for the night, I glanced at the article which had so upset her, and read its sensational "scare-head." In full it ran as follows:

THE DARROW MYSTERY SOLVED! JOHN DARROW WAS MURDERED.

The Assassin's Inability to Pay a Gambling Debt the Motive for the Crime.

EXTRAORDINARY WORK OF A FRENCH DETECTIVE!

The Net so Completely Woven About the Alleged Assassin That it is Thought He Will Confess.

The Arrest Entirely Due to the Unassisted Efforts of M. LOUIS GODIN!

I did not stop to read the article, but seized my hat and hastened at once to Maitland.

A copy of the Herald lay upon his table, advising me that he was already acquainted with the strange turn affairs had taken. He told me that he had heard the newsboys in the street calling out "The Darrow Mystery Solved!" and at once rushed out and bought a paper.

I informed him of Gwen's condition and he wished to go to her at once, but I told him he must wait until the morrow, as she had already retired, and was, I had reason to hope, fast asleep. I reassured him with the information that a night's sleep and the medicine I had given her would probably put Gwen in full possession of her faculties. Having thus satisfied his fears, I thought it fitting he should satisfy mine. I asked him what had become of the young woman in the next room. He did not reply, but quietly led me into his camera obscura that I might see for myself. She was sitting at the table in the centre of the room, with her face buried in her hands. I watched her for a long time, and the only movement I could discern was that occasioned ever and anon by a convulsive catching of her breath. The pet monkey was nowhere to be seen.

"They took her father away early this morning," Maitland said, "and, after the first shock, she sank into this condition. She has not moved since. When I see the despair her father's arrest has occasioned I am almost tempted to rejoice that I had no hand in it, and yet—well, there's no great harm without some small good—no one will say now that John Darrow took his own life, eh? What do you think our friends, Osborne and Allen, will say now? They were so sure their theory was the only tenable one. Ah, well! we should ever hold ourselves in readiness for surprises."

"And for emergencies, too," I continued; "and this strikes me as being very like one. That young woman needs attention, if I am any judge of appearances, and I'm going in there." "No use, Doc," Maitland replied, "the door is locked, and she either cannot or will not open it. I knocked there for an hour, hoping to be able to comfort her. It's no use for you to try, she won't open the door." "Won't, eh! then I'll go through it!" I exclaimed, in a tone that so amazed Maitland that he seized me by the shoulders and gazed fixedly into my face. "It's all right, George," I said, answering his look. "I'm going in there, and I'm not going to be at all delicate about my entrance either."

He looked at me a little doubtfully, but I could see that, on the whole, he was pleased with my decision. I went into the hall and knocked loudly on the door. There was no response. I kicked it until I must have been heard all over the house, but still there was no response. It was now clear I should not enter by invitation, so I went up four or five stairs of the flight opposite the door and from that position sprang against it. I am not, if you remember, a heavy man, but momentum is MY and I made up the 'V' what I lacked in the 'M.' The door opened inwardly, and I tore it from its hinges and precipitated both myself and it into the centre of the apartment. As I look back upon this incident I regard it as the most precipitous thing I ever did in the way of a professional visit.

(To be Continued To-morrow.)

TIMES-DISPATCH PATTERNS.

GIRL'S SAILOR COSTUME.

Tucks are used in a novel manner in this smart little costume, which suggests the sailor idea, while being somewhat more dressy than the severe model. It would be effective made of any pretty, simple wool material or any of the attractive cotton and linen fabrics of which there are so many at the present time, but in this instance is made of white linen with bands and tie of blue. The blouse is tucked in groups of two that turn toward one another and is closed invisibly at the center front, the neck being finished by the characteristic collar, beneath which the shield is attached. The sleeves are tucked to match and can be stitched to any depth desired, while their lower edges are gathered into straight cuffs. The skirt is gored and laid in tucks, which can be stitched flat or pressed to position as liked, and beneath which the seams are concealed. Its closing is made at the left of the front beneath the tuck, a belt serving to connect it with the blouse. For a girl of 12 years of age the costume will require 7 1-4 yards 27, 5 3-4 yards 32, or 4 3-4 yards 44 inches wide. The pattern 2156 is cut for sizes 8, 10, 12 and 14 years.

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Residence—RICHMOND, VA.
Organized or Incorporated—DECEMBER 23, 1873.
Commenced Business—JANUARY 20, 1874.

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock subscribed	$1,000,000 00
Amount of capital stock paid up in cash	1,000,000 00

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned by the company		$ 18,066 91
Loans on mortgage (duly recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due		1,104,450 00
Interest due on all said mortgage loans, $7,818.61; interest accrued thereon, $2,583.24		10,402 85
Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and perishable improvements, $2,350,600.00; value of buildings mortgaged (insured for $600,500 as collateral)	$2,330,600 00	

BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

Bonds.	Par Value.	Market Value.
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company	$ 86,000 00	$ 85,917 50
Boston and Lowell Railroad Company	25,000 00	26,250 00
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company	6,000 00	6,000 00
City of Boston	125,000 00	138,250 00
City of Newton	25,000 00	26,375 00
Eastern Steamship Company	50,000 00	50,000 00
Fitchburg Railroad Company	35,000 00	36,787 00
Illinois Central (Louisville Division)	25,000 00	24,125 00
New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co.	35,000 00	38,087 00
Old Colony Railroad Company	15,000 00	15,787 50
Oregon Short Line Railway Company	10,000 00	18,250 62
Pennsylvania Railroad Company convertible	10,000 00	10,825 00
Southern Railway Company	2,000 00	1,900 00
West Shore Railroad Company	5,000 00	5,525 00
Wisconsin Central Company	12,000 00	11,100 00
Stocks.		
American Telegraph and Telephone Company	150,000 00	219,750 00
Aroostook Construction Company	1,000 00	45,056 89
Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company	1,000 00	1,500 00
Bangor Investment Company	2,000 00	2,000 00
Boston and Albany Railroad	85,000 00	88,900 00
Boston and Lowell Railroad	10,000 00	24,200 00
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company	22,000 00	67,840 00
Connecticut and Passumpsic Railroad Co., preferred	5,000 00	8,100 00
Delaware and Hudson Company	25,000 00	46,250 00
Edison Electric Illuminating Company	25,000 00	63,750 00
Fitchburg Railroad Company, preferred	25,000 00	35,500 00
Manchester and Lawrence Railroad Company	5,000 00	12,250 00
Manchester Mills	25,000 00	28,250 00
New York Central and Hudson Railroad Company	100,000 00	142,000 00
New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co.	100,000 00	169,000 00
Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company	7,200 00	367 92
Northern Telegraph Co. (Par $50)	1,000 00	2,121 20
Old Colony Railroad Company	10,000 00	20,500 00
Pennsylvania Railroad Company (Par $50)	60,000 00	82,800 00
Pullman Palace Car Co.	30,000 00	71,400 00
Wisconsin Central Railway Co.	12,000 00	4,042 50
Atlantic Bank	10,000 00	18,400 00
Beverly Bank	13,000 00	18,850 00
Brookline Bank	10,000 00	12,625 00
Commercial Bank	18,200 00	24,570 00
Exchange Bank	10,000 00	14,700 00
First Bank	50,000 00	78,500 00
First Bank, Salem (in liquidation)	5,000 00	6,000 00
Freemans Bank	12,500 00	12,750 00
Grand Bank, Marblehead	1,700 00	1,870 00
Mercantile Bank, Salem	10,000 00	10,000 00
Merchants Bank	37,500 00	69,937 00
Merchants Bank, Salem (Par $50)	5,000 00	6,525 00
National Shawmut Bank	20,000 00	50,000 00
Naumkeag Bank, Salem	10,000 00	13,075 00
New England Bank	15,000 00	20,025 00
Republic Bank	15,000 50	22,837 50
State Bank	30,000 00	43,575 00
Tremont Bank (in liquidation), Equity	2,500 00	2,500 00
Webster Atlas Bank	10,700 00	13,936 75
Total Par and Market Value (carried out at market value)	$1,353,000 00	$2,042,235 20 $2,042,235

COLLATERAL LOANS.

Description of Collateral.	Par Value.	Rate.	Market Value.	Amount Loaned.
The Martha's Vineyard National Bank stock	$ 2,500 00	115.	$ 2,875 00	$ 2,250 00
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company stock	8,300 00	300.	24,900 00	10,000 00
Eastern Steamship Co. stock	37,500 00	50.	18,750 00	8,500 00
Bangor & Aroostook R. R. Co.	1,000 00	150.	1,500 00	85,000 00
Aroostook Construction Co. stock	1,000 00	4505.63	45,056 89	
Northern Telegraph Co. (Par $50) stock	1,000 00	212.12	2,121 20	
Bangor Investment Co. stock	2,000 00	1.	2,000 00	
Northern Maine Seaport R.R. Co. stock	7,200 00	5.11	367 92	
Total par and market value, and amount loaned thereon	$60,500 00		$97,570 92	$55,750 00

Cash in company's principal office		$ 55,750 00
Cash belonging to the company in bank		17,157 96
Interest due and accrued on bonds not included in market value		421,167 28
Interest due and accrued on collateral loans		4,247 50
Gross premiums (as written in the policies) in course of collection, not more than three months due		507 64
Bills receivable, not matured, taken for fire, marine and inland risks		205,545 65
All other property belonging to the company		71,947 83
		7,655 30
Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value		$3,950,133 80

LIABILITIES.

Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due	$ 21,408 53	
Gross losses in process of adjustment or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses	225,246 13	
Losses resisted, including interest, costs and other expenses thereon	1,450 00	
Total gross amount of claims for losses	$248,104 66	
Deduct reinsurance thereon	19,189 67	
Net amount of unpaid losses		$ 229,004 99
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks running one year or less from date of policy, including interest, premiums on perpetual fire risks, $449,198.03; unearned premiums (50 per cent.)	$224,599 01	
Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks running more than one year from date of policy, $560,056.66; unearned premiums (pro rata)	313,959 38	
Gross premiums (including both cash and bills) received and receivable upon all unexpired marine and inland navigation risks, $451,942.35; unearned premiums (60 per cent.)	271,165 41	
Gross premiums (cash and bills) received and receivable on all unexpired marine risks, 100 per cent.	11,285 60	
Total unearned premiums as computed above		821,009 40
Commissions, brokerage and other charges due and to become due to agents and brokers, on premiums paid and in course of collection		28,769 06
Reinsurance		4,063 26
Contingent salvage		5,955 00
Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus		$1,088,821 71
Joint stock capital actually paid up in cash		1,000,000 00
Surplus beyond capital and all other liabilities		1,870,312 09
Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid up capital stock, and net surplus		$3,959,133 80

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

	Fire.	Marine and Inland.	
Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year, collected	$ 113,676 59	$ 180,118 01	
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year	979,369 56	1,103,500 86	
Total	$1,093,046 15	$1,283,618 87	
Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date	119,810 94	175,688 71	
Entire premiums collected during the year	$ 973,735 21	$1,107,930 16	
Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement and return premiums	342,069 77	194,195 69	
Net cash actually received for premiums	$ 631,665 44	$ 913,734 47	$1,544,799 91
Received for interest on mortgages			49,765 25
Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources			90,976 70
Income received from all other sources			15,078 41
Aggregate amount of receipts actually received during the year in cash			$1,700,620 27

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

	Fire.	Marine and Inland.	
Gross amount actually paid for losses (including $230,870.05 losses occurring in previous years)	$670,597 98	$602,249 89	
Deduct all amounts actually received for salvage (whether on losses of the last or of previous years) $82,873.72 and all amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies, $201,545.98. Total deduction	86,998 85	197,420 85	
Net amount paid during the year for losses	$583,599 13	$404,829 04	$ 988,728 17
Cash dividends actually paid stockholders during the year			120,000 00
Paid for commission or brokerage			203,105 77
Paid for salaries, fees or other charges of officers, clerks, agents and all other employes			141,871 80
All other payments and expenditures			148,011 04
Aggregate amount of actual disbursements during the year, in cash			$1,656,876 97

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

	Marine and Inland.
Risks written	$1,078,080 00
Premiums received (gross)	8,084 12
Losses paid	1,800 80
Losses incurred	2,400 80

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