

Social and Personal.

MADISON SCOTT was the host last evening of a beautifully appointed dinner in his home, 105 North Fifth Street.

Covers were laid for twelve, and Mr. Scott's guests included: Judge R. Carter Scott, John G. Farland, John G. Hayes, R. L. Gordon, Randolph Cardosa, Dr. Robert C. Bryan, William Gray, Alexander Cameron, Jr., Elmore D. Hotchkiss, Jr., William Massey and Edwin Boykin.

At the woman's club. Mrs. J. W. Durham's travel talk on Munich yesterday afternoon was an interesting and delightful event.

Some of those present were Mrs. Charles U. Williams, Jr., Mrs. Henry W. Cooke, Mrs. George Mayo, Misses Mary Moore, Wardell Crenshaw, Mary Street, Kitty Lancaster, May Carmichael, Helen Lathrop, Bernard Cooke, Bessie Thompkins, Julie Osterloh, Mary Newton Williams, Mildred Boyd, Louisa Purcell, Courtney Crump, Anna Purcell, Elizabeth Atkinson, Marguerite Short, Margery Pearson, Martha Robinson, Jessie Hazard, Mammie Davenport.

Returned from abroad. Misses Hemmington and Josephine Elliott, who have spent the past several months touring the continent of Europe with their father, Tazewell Elliott, have landed in New York, and will leave this place on Wednesday for Richmond, where they will be the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Armistead L. Welford, on Cathedral Place, for the holidays.

Leaves for Wilmington. Miss Marguerite Short, of Wilmington, N. C., left yesterday for her home. While here Miss Short was the house guest of Miss Martha Robinson, and was recipient of much attention, a great deal of entertaining being done in her honor.

Tallyho party. Among numerous motor and driving parties leaving Richmond yesterday afternoon to attend the tea given by Mrs. Charles U. Williams, Mrs. Charles U. Williams, Jr., and Miss Mary Newton.

Every SOX and BOX of candy should have a box of CASCARETS in the bottom. Then eat and be merry, but at bed time remember to take your CASCARET, the one medicine that will help you help nature get rid of the extra load without griping or pain and that awakes up sick feeling.

Queen Quality FOR XMAS Storm Boots. They're fine for walking, skating, too. That's only ONE suggestion. How about a Dress Boot of patent leather with soft kid top, or, perhaps, ooze calfskin, light, graceful, dainty? That's going from one extreme to the other, but we have them, and all the styles between, in all leathers that are common and some that are rather uncommon.

Mann & Brown, Florists, 5 West Broad Street. Cordially invites you to see their handsome collections of Xmas Plants, Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Begonias, Salamms, Stylishly arranged baskets and tropical plants.

Nelson Shoes. Direct from the manufacturer, and thereby get a dollar more value than you can possibly get in other makes. We sell you good shoes at \$2.50, better ones at \$3.00, and the best at \$3.50, and can practically save you \$1.00 on every pair of NELSON SHOES you buy.

Hosiery That Will Wear. We also make Hosiery for Men and Women and sell it at almost factory prices. Men's Half Hose, in tan and black, 3 pairs for 25c. Better grade in colors. Black, blue, green, slate, etc., 2 pairs at 25c.

The Nelson Shoe Co. 417 East Broad St.

ton Williams at "Strawberry Hill." will be a tallyho party of about fourteen. Those invited are Mrs. J. Alston Cabell, Mrs. Robert Latimer Gordon, Mrs. Clifford Randolph Caperton, Misses Kitty Lancaster, Bernard Cooke, Jessie Hazard, Avis Grant, Alice Doyle, Caroline Armistead, Helen Lathrop, Louisa Purcell, Anna Purcell and Martha Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Goolbsy have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, May Johns, to Maurice Clifford Plison, formerly of this city, now in Washington, D. C., the ceremony to take place on Monday evening, January 3, at half-past 8 o'clock, in the residence of the bride, 315 South Fourth Street.

Mrs. William Gaston Caperton, who has been the guest of Mrs. Clifford Randolph Caperton, 266 Howitzer Place, for the past several weeks, has returned to her home, "Wynnebridge," Monroe county, Va. Mrs. Caperton has been entertained a great deal during her stay in Richmond, and was the honoree at several very handsome affairs.

Messrs. Thomas M. Bransford and Charles Ashlin acted as ushers. The bride was handsomely gowned in a tailored suit of blue cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried an arm bouquet of bride roses.

Miss Ninna May Stratton, of Sabot, Va., and John D. Ripley, of Wingina, Va., were quietly married in Washington on December 15. They were accompanied by the bride's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stratton, of Richmond, to Washington.

Miss Gertrude Maynard is quite sick at the residence of her mother, Mrs.

Blue Ridge Springs, Va., will spend the holidays at the Jefferson Hotel. Miss Elizabeth Gaines has returned to her home in Warrenton, after a visit to Miss Julia Joyner on West Franklin Street.

Gertrude Maynard, of Fulton Hill. George L. Mason has returned to his home at "Edgehill," near Charlottesville, Va., after a brief visit to friends here.

Miss Lucy Daniel, of Charlotte Court-house, is spending this week with friends here.

Down Home GUTH'S FAMOUS CANDIES THE MOST ACCEPTABLE XMAS GIFT

Ladies' Shoes. No Shoe in the world selling at the price costs as much to actually produce as Patrician.

Patrician. Does not this justify you in trying at least one pair? Price, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Pair. Seymour Sytle, 11 W. Broad Street.

Detroit Jewel Gas Ranges Are a Summer Necessity—So are Alaska Refrigerators. Prices no higher than inferior makes and you don't experiment when you buy either. Chas. G. JURGENS' Son, Sole Agents, ADAMS AND BROAD, Right in the Centre of Furniture District.

Perpetual Motion Machine. Many Interested in Working of Recent Invention at Johnson City. BRISTOL, VA., December 20.—The Markwood perpetual motion machine continues to attract much attention at Johnson City, and men well-informed upon the subject of energy and motion in their relation to science appear to be dumbfounded at the results said to have been attained by the Markwood invention.

It has been described as being operated by the use of thirty large metal balls which are so arranged, it is said, that twenty-nine of them are all the time pulling on a downward incline by the force of gravity, and thus pulling the thirtieth ball up from a lower level. This ball, the moment it reaches the meridian, becomes one of the twenty-nine balls on the downward course, while the first of the original twenty-nine becomes the thirtieth ball and starts up the grade. The exact principle on which these balls work has not been made public, and it is said that the workings of the machine will continue to be a secret until a patent on the invention has been secured.

Ficklen—McDonald. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FRIDRICKSBURG, VA., December 20.—Chas. W. Ficklen, of Fauquier county, and Miss Cora McDonald, of Culpeper county, were married Thursday at the home of the bride, Rev. E. A. Rhodes officiating.

Barnes—Ford. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., December 20.—Mrs. Willie Woodruff Ford, of this city, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Bertie, to Percival S. Barnes, the wedding to take place at the home of the bride's mother, 1008 Harrison Street, on the evening of December 29 at 9 o'clock.

Well Known African Missionary in Good Health. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) STAUNTON, VA., December 20.—A letter has been received here from Rev. William H. Sheppard, D. D., Southern Presbyterian minister in the Congo in which he expresses the fear that he will be compelled to give up his mission work on account of his health. He has suffered repeated attacks of African fever, which have greatly weakened him.

NEGRO HOLDS UP POLICEMEN. Officers Were About to Raid Crap Game When Stopped. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., December 20.—Three policemen were about to raid a crap game last night in a disreputable quarter, were held up and stopped by a negro who covered the trio with a thirteen-shot Swiss rifle. The policemen did not push the raid further, and are now hunting for the negro who had the rifle. Four hundred of these guns were sold here recently, a majority of which, it is believed, found their way into possession of the vicious element.

DIG TURKEY MARKET. Staunton Shipped 2,300 Pounds to Northern Markets Last Week. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) STAUNTON, VA., December 20.—Staunton has long been a great turkey market and thousands of pounds of high-priced turkeys are shipped hence every season. The shipments this season have been exceptionally heavy, and in the last week 2,300 pounds having been expressed to the large cities.

Panther Trees a Farmer. LYNCHBURG, VA., December 20.—Furus Higginbotham, a young farmer of Amherst, is climbing a tree for an opossum Saturday night. He fired in turn by a panther. He shot twice at the panther, and then shook the opossum out of the tree. The panther pounced upon it and made it his prey. He then descended, went home and got his shotgun. Returning to the woods, he saw the panther again and shot twice at it, but it escaped.

Woman Stabbed at Dance. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) POCAHONTAS, VA., December 20.—At a dance given at Beartown last night a suburb of this place, near the town of Brown's, Miss William Robinson stabbed Lou Justice.

Stable on River Edge Farm, Burned. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLES CITY, VA., December 20.—The large stable on River Edge Farm, in this county, owned by E. A. Saunders, Jr., of Richmond, was destroyed last night by fire, the origin of which is unknown. William Rook, who had just entered contract with Mr. Saunders to work the farm for the ensuing year, was also a heavy loss.

Gifts That Gladden the Heart

Are found in profusion in our superb stock. Watches Diamonds. We are showing the most complete line of Watches ever exhibited in this city, in both gold and silver, and the range of prices are within the reach of all. The gift that is always most appreciated is a Diamond. It is a never-fading sign of prosperity and elegance. It attracts attention, and at the same time demands respect. A few articles with prices may be of benefit in helping you to decide—

Visit Sunny Bermuda. Take a trip to Bermuda, the tropical land of sunshine and flowers, where cares are forgotten and where health may be regained. The pleasure of life in Bermuda grows upon one as the stay is prolonged. The charm of these coral islands, with their mellow sunshine, is a picture to even an artist's eye. Call and get handsome FREE booklet about Bermuda. For tickets, rates and other information, see us. Richmond Transfer Company, 809 EAST MAIN STREET.

To Achieve---Be Positive. By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX. Every day of my life I am realizing more and more the fact that man (not fate, chance, environment or circumstance) makes his own success or failure. It is not, you will say, your fault that you were born in the depths of poverty, and not the worth of another which caused him to be born a prince. Granted. But it depends upon yourself entirely whether you remain all your life in poverty, and it depends upon the prince entirely whether he becomes a man or merely remains a prince in name.

Beautiful Flowers Coming In. Great wagonloads of flowers and beautiful growing plants are daily coming in to the big florist shop of Ratcliffe & Tanner, 25 West Broad Street. These consignments are being most artistically arranged for the biggest floral display ever made here. There will be music in the store every afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, beginning Tuesday. Geo. W. Anderson & Sons, 215 East Broad Street. Useful Gifts for the Holidays. Persian Rugs. A beautiful assortment to select from. Come in and look them over. (Exhibit First Floor) Axminster Rugs. Special for Xmas. Size 3x6. Choice \$3.48. Portieres. Ideal gift. See our special \$5.00 ones. Carpet Sweepers. Lace Curtains. From 75c to \$50.00 Per Pair. See our line from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per pair. Anderson's Carpet House.