THE POLITE WORLD

Social gatherings are becoming more and more informal, and fewer of them, as the bright summer days come upon us. There is as little desire shown to be entertained as to dispense hospitality. There have been a number of quite small affairs, the most important of these being the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jones, the little party given by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fleming, and the box party at the Orpheum Friday evening, over which Mrs. M. L. McCormack presided. All three of the delightful entertainments were in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poehler, who have been visiting Los Angeles. Mrs. McCormack's guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fleming, Miss McCormack and Chas. Dick. After the performance a supper was enjoyed.

The brilliant event of the week and, in fact, the notable one of the midsummer gatherings was the reception given Friday afternoon by Mrs. Kingston and Mrs. Hamilton at their home on South Pearl street, in honor of their guest, Miss Lewis Smith. Although a large number of society people are out of town, the pretty, flower-bedecked rooms were thronged with guests from 3 to 5 o'clock. A gracious welcome was accorded them by the two hostesses, Mrs. Wm. Valentine and the guest of honor. In the reception room pink carnations were used very effectively. In another room, bright with yellow marguerites, Mrs. Modini Wood and Mrs. B. A. Workman presided very gracefully, and Mrs. LaGrand Betts dispensed the hospitalities of the dining room, and was assisted by the Misses Mullins and Jean Dorsey, Beatty and Atwater had the catering in charge.

The room was very dainty and pretty in pink carnations. They were strewn over the table and made a pretty contrast to broad satin ribbons that fell gracefully from the chandelier. The hall was made most attractive by the presence of Mrs. Arthur Braly, who served to the guests very delicious and refreshing punch. One of the very pleasing features of the afternoon was the attendance of Krauss' orchestra, the music being of a much higher order than is generally obtainable at similar occasions. Those invited to enjoy the afternoon were:

Mmes. John J. Aiken, Louis Blinn, Le Grande Betts, Dana Burks, W. F. Botsford, Richard Blaisdell, Blaisdell, Sheldon Borden, Charles Baker, Frederick Blanchard, J. H. Braly, Arthur Braly, A. G. Bartlett, Irving Blinn, Josephine Butler, J. J. Byrne, Bennett, Cattern, S. B. Caswell, Burdette Chandler, Elmer Clark, T. F. Carvell, W. D. Campbell, George L. Cole, Jefferson Chandler, Cornelius Cole, Horace Cates, George Cadwalader, M. L. Carhart, George Caswell, Laura Clark, C. H. Churchill, William Conant, Albert Crutcher, W. J. Chichester, Chauvan, Claucius, Thomas Clark, Eugene Campbell, H. J. Doolittle, C. S. Delano, Charles J. Ellis, W. G. Eisemeyer, L. C. Easton, Spencer Evans, James Fitzgerald, John F. Francis, A. H. Fixen, Bond Francisco, E. H. Fellows, Fuller, William Lacy, L. C. Goodwin, Fred Griffith, John T. Griffith, W. L. Graves, L. Loeb, Edwin Breble, Gottschalk, Louis Gottschalk, Fred Hines, Orr Haralson, Harley Hamilton, Stephen Hubbell, John R. Haynes, W. W. Hitchcock, Margaret Hughes, Margaret Hobbs, West Hughes, Percy Hoyle, William Hutchinson, E. P. Johnson, E. P. Johnson, jr., H. Jevne, J. Jevne, Jauch, A. C. Jones, A. Kleckner, Charles Kregelo, E. F. C. Klokke, J. H. Kimball, John Karn, Henry Lee, Thomas Lynn, W. D. Larrabee, Earl B. Miller, E. A. Miller, M. H. Mayo, Pearl Martin, Geo. Montgomery, J. E. Marsh, G. G. Mullins, E. W. McGee, Albert Miller, T. Masac, McQuillen, L. C. McKeeby, Hugh Macneil, Newton, Wm. Niles, J. A. Asgood, Chas. de Szigethy, Gilbert Averton, Henry O'Melveny, Jas. Ogilvie, J. S. Orvens, John Platu, Chas. Pemberton, Chas. Pridham, Chas. Praeger, Wm. Perry, W. C. Patterson, Chas. Parsons, J. H. F. Peck, Hopkins, Frank Rader, T. E. Rowan jr., T. W. Riley, A. S. Robbins, Earl Rogers, Howard Sale, J. T. Sheward, Geo. Steckle, Henderson, F. Shoemaker, T. S. Stevens, W. W. Stilson, Jas. Scarborough, J. S. Slauson, Schallert, Ludwig Semler, C. E. Thorn, Thilley Tolhurst, T. N. Van Nuys, William Valentine, Hugh Vail, R. H. Vareil, Robert Verch, William Schluthebach, J. Vosburg, George H. Wigmore, W. D. Woolwine, C. B. Woodhead, Robert J. Widney, Robert J. Widney jr., Horace Wing, William G. Wedemeyer, Boyle Workman, Modini Wood, Wiley Wells, Shirly Ward, W. H. Wholmes, C. M. Chadborne, Ernest Hoag, Helman, G. D. Whitcomb, Misses Alden, Bickwell, Bennet, Chapman, Couger, Clark, Dunness, Dorsey, Ellis, Soule, Elsworth, Fixen, Frankenfield, Fuller, Henderson, Johnson, James, Misses Kimball, Elizabeth Kimball, Misses Kent, Lyon, Lockhart, Murphy, Mayo, Marsh, Newton, Overton, O'Donoughue, Miller, Parsons, Bloomfield, Rosine, Riley, Rogers, Smith, Meally Stevens, Todd, Variel, Weber, Witmer, Waddilove, Winder, Jenny Stoneman, W. A. Messer, Kurtz, Frieda Helman, Boem, Chandler, Whitcomb, Bessie Whitcomb, Virginia Whitcomb, Cate.

A Beautiful Reception

The beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young, on Twenty-seventh street, was made very attractive last Monday evening, the occasion being a reception given in honor of Miss Leona Egerer in celebration of her birthday. The drawing room was brilliant with many varied colored flowers. The veranda was made bright by colored lanterns, underneath which the dining table was placed and supper served. The early part of the evening was given up to games, music and singing, after which dancing was indulged in. Ices and punch were served in cosy nooks constructed of palms and flowers on the lawn. At midnight all repaired to the uniquely constructed dining room on the veranda, where a sumptuous supper was served, presided over by the charming hostess, the table decoration being in pink and white. In remembrance of the happy event each guest was presented with a boutonniere of pansies and rosebuds. Among those invited were: Misses M. Martingale, R. Egerer, E. Yanzet, G. Rayford, E. Bowen, C. Hedling, B. Fowler, M. Henry, L. Mason, T. Cook, L. Goodwin, H. Henry, L. Dupuy, J. Cook, N. McNerney, L. Egerer, Messrs. Goldsbourough, J. Ruddie, J. Cook, H. Purcell, N. Kramer, Nichols, F. Keenon, W. Bowen, H. Rhoads, Palmer of San Francisco, D. Haskings, W. Molony, A. Shelton, P. Batelle, Coulter, Johnson.

Election of Officers

On last Tuesday evening Arbor Vitae Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., was favored with a visit from the grand master, J. W. Warboys, of Santa Rosa, and Miss Fannie Benjamin, the past grand president.

The grand master gave an instructive and pleasing address on the principles of Odd Fellowship, and highly complimented the lodge on the excellence of its decree work and its beautiful paraphernalia.

The degree staff gave the work of the Rebekah degree in its usual impressive manner.

The recenty elected district deputy, Mrs. Annie Liddell, and her assistants, representing the grand lodge, installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

Mmes. Augusta Reichert, N. G.; E. J. Baldwin, recording secretary; Mary J. Long, treasurer; M. A. Wright, chaplain; Annie Liddel, R. S. N. G.; Anna Fitzpatrick, L. S. N. G.; Mary Burkhardt, R. S. V. G.; Nettie Thompson, L. S. V. G.; Lizzie H. Baker, conductor; Oscar Bonner, warden; Lizzie Crow, I. G.; Belle Barney, O. G.; Miss Lottie Kimball, V. G.

Arbor Vitae is one of the most active and progressive lodges of the city, and takes high rank in the wide circle of those interested in Odd Fellowship in this part of the state.

In Honor of Two Graduates

The members of the L. O. L. O. M. club tendered a most delightful reception to two of their number, Miss Pearl Wheeler and Mr. Charles Stedman, last Tuesday evening, in honor of their recent graduation from the high school, at the residence of William Meek, 947 Court Circle. The evening was spent in playing games and in witnessing tableaux on the lawn, where a stage had been erected for the occasion. In the last tableau, Our Graduates, the president of the club, Miss Eva Meek, stepped forward, and in a few well chosen words presented each with a book of poems, handsomely bound in gold and white, the club colors. Refreshments were served on the veranda. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. Meek, Misses Pearl Wheeler, Daisy Dalton, May Elmendorf, Rose Gibbs, Addie Meek, Eva Meek, Mabel Barnes, Adda Barnes, Lulu Stedman, R. Fitzgibbons, C. Clark, L. Burkhart, Esther Yarnell, Maude Nance, Dell Bullis, Blanche Meek, Messrs. Charles Stedman, Homer Glidden, Horace King, Charles Dalton, William Shaw, Tom Shaw, A. L. Read, George Howard, R. Skilling, Horace Ferris, F. Tyler, B. Tyler, L. Carpenter, Snell, R. Shroeter, J. Ford, W. Spalding.

Birthday Celebration

Miss Clara Bullis entertained a number of young friends on Thursday afternoon at the residence of her parents, 619 East Sixth street, in honor of her seventh birthday. The afternoon was spent pleasantly by the little folks in various outdoor games. After being photographed on the lawn, the young folks repaired to the dining room, where a delicious repast was served. In the center of the large table was a beautiful birthday cake, illuminated by several candles, representing the age of the young hostess. Among those present were Misses Clara Bullis, Hazel Odell, Elsa Heaney, Georgia Meredith, Ella Jewel, Blanche Odell, Wynnie Meredith, Ruth Jacques, Barbara Bell, Iline Stevens, Grace Finley, Alice Lumsden, Irma Atwater, Ilo Bishop, Margaret Humbel, Mamie Hamel; Masters Geo. Friese, Charles Horgan, Geo. Hamel, Bartram Ashman, Theo. Friese, Lester Finley, Sam Chappel, Willie Hagenbaugh and Justin Gibson; Mmes. V. Jacques, G. S. Gibson, Chappel, E. Doe, Smith, Heaney, Smith, Odell, J. W. Bullis; Misses Forbes, S. Donahue and C. Read.

A Delightful Evening

A very delightful evening was spent Thursday at the spacious home of Mrs. Sam Benjamin on Burlington avenue, complimentary to Mr. Carlisle, who took his departure for the north yesterday morning. An elaborate dinner, which was enjoyed by the following guests, was a most enjoyable precedent for the evening's entertainment. The table was massed in the center with La France roses. Seated around the board were Mrs. Benjamin, Misses Olave Bell Clark, Nan Mayo, Messrs. Carlisle, Kitchen, Campy, L. B. Benjamin, Percy and David Benjamin. In the evening lotto was played. Miss Clark captured the first prize, a cut glass bottle of perfumery. Mr. Edwards won the gentleman's prize, a handsome pocketbook. Dancing concluded the very pleasant affair. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ethelbert Johnson, Mrs. M. H. Mayo, Misses Moore, Morely, Lang, Horton, Harter, Messrs. Horace Hawkins, James Hill and Edwards.

Modjeska Dramatic Club

The Dramatic club had its usual Thursday evening meeting in Mrs. Adaline Duval Mack's parlors at the Clarendon, and after reading the regulations of the club and a short lecture regarding the study of Shakespeare, the first two scenes of Hamlet were read, after which the first act of the comedy-drama read at the previous meeting, was given without books. The evening closed with several recitations, one quite amusing, A Similar Case, by Mr. Asbury, and The Face on the Floor, with fine effect by Mr. Lyndon Hawkins. Mr. H. C. Wyatt, having been asked by the directors of the dramatic club for a name, gracefully became its sponsor and christened it The Modjeska Dramatic club, in honor of the great tragedy queen who has made California her home. May her name make the club a success. Thanks were tendered to Mr. Wyatt for his kindly interest.

Whist at Mrs. L. C. Hulbert's

A whist party in honor of Mr. E. O'Neil of New York city, but formerly of Los Angeles, was given by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hulbert at their residence on Twenty-fifth street near Maple avenue last evening. The parlors were tastefully and prettily decorated with green. The porches and lawn were lighted by Japanese lanterns, which guided the guests to the hospitable home. Cards and music were enjoyed. Mr. O'Neil is an exceptionally good performer on the piano and rendered a number of choice selections. Miss Atwell, who possesses a voice of extraordinary sweetness, gave several solos. Mr. Hulburt also favored the guests with both songs and instrumental music. Among those present were Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Koelle, Miss Atwell, Miss Parker, Messrs. O'Neil, J. M. Schneider, Swanson and Saunders.

St. Johns Choir Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson entertained the members of the choir of St. John's church very delightfully at their home on West Jefferson street Friday evening. Music was the principal entertainment of the evening, and after a number of most enjoyable solos, light refreshments were handed. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Misss Vosburg, Seymour, Sargent, Hawes, Messrs. Edson, Stilson, Parsons.

Farewell Party

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moles entertained last night at their pretty home on West Twelfth street a number of friends as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Binkard, who will leave shortly for their old home in Iowa. Music, conversation and the enjoyment of tempting refreshments passed the evening in a very pleasant manner. The greater number of guests were from Mr. and Mrs. Binkard's home, which made the gathering an especially delightful one for the guests of honor. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Neuner, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Feltham, Mr. and Mrs. V. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. O'Bleness, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, Misses McClintock, Kurtz, Smith, Messrs. Collins, Brunning, Montgomery and Tone.

The Palette Club Entertained

The Polette club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Macleod in the artistic reception rooms of the School of Art and Design. The evening was spent in a free and easy and pleasurable way, arranging subjects to be sketched during the vacation, and submitted at the October meeting. Sunshine and shade for sketch and yellow and grey for color were agreed upon. A special feature of the evening was the exhibiting by Mrs. Macleod of some of her very earliest attempts and some later sketched in many lands, pointed out for the encouragement of students.

Mr. Macleod, as the old organizer, pointed out how best to carry on their pleasurable and profitable work, and obtain the highest results by systematic and harmonious work, naming some of his own "troubles, trials and other amusements." Cooling and dainty refreshments helped the good feeling of this exceedingly pleasant evening.

Pink Luncheon

Mrs. J. R. Ross Clark gave a charming luncheon Friday at her home on South Grand avenue. Covers were laid for ten, and the table was extremely pretty in pink decorations. An embroidered piece of sweet peas occupied the center, and on this was a bowl of the natural flowers, while clusters of sweet peas stood at either end of the table. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Shelby Tuttle of Montana. The other guests were Mmes. Matthew T. Allen, O. H. Churchill, H. M. Sale, John R. Cox, E. P. Clark, Madison Stewart, Misses Rebecca Laurance and Martha Evans.

A Pleasant Luncheon

A luncheon was given by Miss Rose Smith on Thursday, in honor of Miss Richardson of Rockford, Ill. The afternoon was spent in music and conversation. Among those present were:

Misses Taylor, Glass, Raymer, Jennie Glass, Clara Smith, Schofield, Whitlock, Frances Whitlock, Maud Whitlock, Whittier, Fay, Richardson, Smith, Helen Smith.

Here and There

Miss Letha Lewis is visiting at Laguna.

Mr. Cox is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gottschalk.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Welch have gone to Matilija for three weeks.

Mrs. Victoria Harrell and son left yesterday for San Francisco.

Mrs. Juana Neal has returned from a short visit to San Francisco.

Profesors Stabler and Whittington have returned from a trip to the mountains.

Mrs. Addison, mother of Mrs. John Foster, is some better after a very severe illness.

Mrs. E. A. Hubbard and family left yesterday for Catalina, to be gone all summer.

Mrs. J. W. Bacon returned home yesterday from a very delightful trip to San Diego.

Mrs. Modini Wood will entertain the Monday Musicale club at Santa Monica, July 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dinmore and family have removed to 1029 West Twenty-third street.

Miss Hearne of San Diego is visiting the Misses Fairchild at their home on Burlington avenue.

Miss Ella O'Byrne and her little niece, Mary Underwood, are visiting Cucamonga for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wincup have taken up their abode at Terminal island for the summer months.

The Misses Whitcom left for their home in Glendora today. They have been visiting at University.

Miss Gertrude Devereux and Miss Susie Gay will leave next Tuesday for Kansas City to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Welch gave a dinner Thursday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Borden Johnson of Alhambra.

The Zingari club will entertain next Wednesday evening in the parlors of the Nadeau in honor of William Piutti.

Miss Zadie Maxwell, Mable McComas and Lymford Maxwell will leave tomorrow for a visit to La Brea ranch.

Miss Virginia Dryden and Miss Edith Whittaker are visiting the aunt of the latter, Mrs. Crank, at Lamanda Park.

Mrs. V. S. Barber entertained very delightfully with eucher at her home at University, last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Annie B. Andrews, district manager of the World's Mutual Benefit association, is out again after a severe illness.

Mrs. Helen Hall-McKnight has returned from New York, where she spent several months studying under Mme. Cappiana.

The Assistance league will meet next Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Fred T. Griffith, 904 West Twenty-eighth street.

Mrs. L. A. Adams will leave Tuesday evening for Fresno, visiting friends there. Later she will join her sister, Miss Annie Roeder, in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hoyle have taken a cottage at Terminal island for the summer and have for their guest at present Miss Beatrice Hoyle of El Toro.

Mrs. Milligan of 151 West Twenty-eighth street will entertain Frank Bartlett W. R. C. Thimble social on Tuesday, the 14th. All W. R. C. ladies and friends are invited.

Miss Coxhead, who has been visiting relatives in this city, will leave in the near future for Boston to take up her study of music.

Word has been received that Mrs. A. Joughin and daughters arrived safely and well in Liverpool. They will visit friends there before continuing their travels.

Mrs. C. E. White of Pomona, who is on her way to Catalina, is spending a few days in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Senator del Valle, and Mrs. G. W. McClary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poehler, who have been enjoying a portion of their wedding tour in Los Angeles, will leave today for their home in Minneapolis via San Francisco.

Mrs. Burton Williamson and daughters, Mrs. Sandison and family, Prof. Bannister and family and Rev. and Mrs. Thomson, are all going this week to different mountain resorts.

Profesor E. R. Shrader and family are located in a cosy cottage at Avalon, Catalina island. They will spend the month of July in rest and enjoyment of the delights of this charming resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brown will spend the day at Echo mountain. Mrs. Brown recently furnished Leslie's Weekly an illustrated article on the Mt. Lowe railway and is preparing another for a prominent eastern publication.

Mr. Otto Wedemeyer will leave on Wednesday for White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, to attend the annual convention of Beta Theta Si fraternity. Mr. Wedemeyer goes as a delegate from Berkeley, and before returning to the University will visit different eastern cities.

Mr. and Miss Bicknell entertained with an informal dinner at their home on North Broadway Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Francis and Benny Bobby returned on Thursday from a delightful visit in the mountains, and have gone to the Arcadia, Santa Monica, for a fortnight or month, before going to Catalina, where Mr. Francis proposes to land, with rod and reel, a 250-pound tuna.

Miss Lillie B. Miller of 2331 Trinity street, was given a delightful little surprise party last Friday evening by a number of her young friends, the occasion being her 16th birthday. Games and dancing were in order, at the end of which light refreshments were served. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing their young hostess many happy returns of the day. About sixteen guests were present.

Mr. Henry A. Gerdes, a young and popular salesman of this city, has decided to forsake the lonely walks of bachelorhood and take unto himself a wife. The lady in question is Miss Kathyrn F. Wilson, a tall and beautiful blonde. Mr. Gerdes has been identified with the traveling fraternity for a number of years and his ready wit, jovial manner and general affability have secured for him hosts of friends. The ceremony will take place this evening at the bride's residence. Mr. and Mrs. Gerdes will spend their honeymoon at Coronado.

Last Thursday evening a public installation of officers of California tent, No. 6, K. O. T. M., occurred at Elks' hall. In addition to this a short musical and literary program was rendered which was very much enjoyed. Ice cream and cake were served during the evening. Quite a number of ladies from Los Angeles hive, No. 1, L. O. T. M., were present and to their efforts is due, to a great extent, the success of the event.

Mrs. Murray entertained at her home, 402 East Twenty-third street, last Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Grace Culbert, it being her birthday. The rooms were prettily decorated with roses and sweet peas. Late in the evening a peanut hunt was participated in after which dainty refreshments were served. A delightful time was spent by all. Those present were: Misses Grace Culbert, Pauline Schmieding, Opal McClary, Mrs. Murray, Messrs. E. E. Chase, Lewis Murray, Horace Chase, Joe Schmieding, Alex Murray and Harry Chase.

EDISON'S NEW ANTI-CRANK DEVICE

Overcoming and controlling the crank who enters a banking house with deadly purpose, as Semple appeared in the bank of New Amsterdam, is as simple and easy a thing as eating one's breakfast, according to Thomas A. Edison.

It is such a simple and comparatively trivial matter, in fact, that he does not consider it worth his while to outline a plan that will accomplish the result. As he puts it:

"Any ordinary electrician can do it." A repetition of such an act as that committed by Semple can not only be prevented altogether, but could be accomplished with the expenditure of only a small amount of money, time and ingenuity.

THE LATE JAY GOULD'S PLANS

"Why," said Mr. Edison to a Sunday World reporter, "it is such a simple matter that any one could do it. In the first place it would be well for bankers to follow the example of Jay Gould. I suppose as many cranks called on him during the week as bothered any prominent man in the country; yet they never saw him, and he could truthfully say he never knew they called.

"Gould, you know, had a series of offices, one in the rear of the other. He was in the third and last office of all. On the door of the first office he had his name in large letters. There was no keyhole in the door and the knob turned all the way round.

"You walked into the Western Union building and there you saw "Jay Gould." You went up to the door to open it and the handle kept turning round just as long as you had a mind to stand there and turn it. You couldn't push the door open, of course, and you could knock all the skin off your knuckles and Jay Gould would never hear you. He was never bothered by cranks."

"Every one is not so situated that they can have three offices, one in the rear of the other," suggested the reporter.

"Oo, of course not, answered Mr. Edison, "but every man in such a responsible position can protect himself if he has a mind t. Take the first idea that suggests itself to anyone—a trap door. I don't mean one of those ordinary, slow-moving trap doors, but one with a heavy spring attached that goes down whiz" and Mr. Edison's hand shot downward so quick that it would scatter every idea that a crank had in his head.

"A bank president could have a small office and every part of that office a trap, except that portion of it which supports his chair and desk. He can have a little lever to control the floor. He might work it by mistake some time when a friend was in the office, and it might scare his friend a little to be shot down into the cellar, but it wouldn't do him any real harm. And when you had got your crank down cellar you could do anything you pleased with him."

"But you couldn't prevent a crank from exploding a bomb in the cellar," ventured the newspaper man.

"N—o," drawled Edison in reply. "But he is another kind of fellow, and we would have to deal differently with him. You could paralyze him the minute he entered the room. The bank president could be at his desk when the crank came in. Then when he said: 'I want one million dollars in one minute,' all the president would have to do would be to press a little button beside his desk and the crank would be paralyzed right where he stood. He wouldn't be able to do a thing but think afterwards what a blamed fool he was to come and try to scare a million dollars out of that bank president.

"The beauty of it is, you wouldn't have to kill him, nor do anything to injure him. All you would do would be to paralyze him—freeze him right on the spot, so to speak. Then he couldn't shoot off dynamite or hurl bombs, or cut up any capers of that kind."

HOW IT COULD BE DONE

"How would you accomplish that?" was asked.

"Easy enough," answered Edison. "There are forty ways of doing it. Every man with a turn for mechanics or who is anything of an electrician could fix up a contrivance that would accomplish the purpose and that wouldn't cost much. It is such a simple matter that I don't care to go into details. Any electrician can supply you with those, but you can give that crank such a freezing he'll think a blizzard has struck him."

All large buildings in which banks are located are supplied with steam heat from a plant generally situated in the building, which plant also runs the dynamos which supply incandescent lights. The same current could be used for the subjection of the crank.

Part of the floor about the entrance to the bank president's office could be charged with a high current of electricity when desired. The wires and other fixtures could be concealed beneath the carpet, or even in the flooring, without difficulty. The entire arrangement should be controlled by a button underneath the bankers' desk. Even the button might be out of sight beneath a rug or carpet. That would be an immense advantage in an emergency.

THE CRANK PARALYZED

If a crank came in with a revolver in his hand, and said that if the one whom he was attacking moved a hand he would shoot him, it would be impossible for the banker to press a button on his desk without risking his life. In fact, the very sight of an electric button in the desk would be sufficient to arouse the suspicions of the crank. Even if he did not suspect that he was to be frozen to the spot where he stood, he would imagine that the button was to summon help in some form, and would act accordingly.

It is plain, therefore, that the proposition to place a button beneath the desk and out of sight of every one is the only feasible one. When the banker arose to comply with the demand of the crank, he could step on the button without once exciting the suspicion of the attacking party. The rest would be easy.

"There are many ways in which he could be controlled by means of electricity," continued Mr. Edison. "I could name twenty different ways in almost as many seconds."

"Would you use an alternating or a continuous current?" asked the reporter.

BANKS CAN BE MADE SECURE

"That is a minor consideration," answered Edison. "In fact, there is no problem in it anywhere. If any bank president is afraid he is going to be injured at the hands of a crank, all he need do is to give an order to an electrician and the thing will be fixed up in short order, complete security provided. There would be no way in which the crank could do his work if the banking man did not permit him to. In fact, the crank would be more under control than if he were in the hands of a policeman. When in the grasp of a fellow man there is a possibility of his doing mischief, but when his nerves and senses are completely paralyzed, then we are sure that he can do nothing."

ANOTHER METHOD

Another method which might be used to overcome the crank is by the employment of a deadly gas or an anaesthetic. If an office was so arranged that visitors, in addressing the banker, would have to occupy a certain position, a machine driven by compressed air, on the principle of a large atomizer, might be employed to overcome the murderous crank.

When he made his demand or uttered a threat the stream could be turned on him and driven with such force as to not only confuse him, but to enter his lungs so quickly and in such volume that he would be overcome before he could realize what had happened.

There are any number of chemical combinations that would effect that result to the entire satisfaction of everybody except the crank, and with but small danger of causing him serious injury. In common with the electrical device, it would accomplish the purpose and at the same time not injure an innocent person should a mistake at any time be made.

"But I don't believe any bank will have any such arrangement put in," continued Mr. Edison. "The bank presidents may be scared now, and we may have an epidemic of crank doings over the country for a short time, but that will all pass away and bank officials will forget all about it and go about their business as usual. I don't believe that if you could get up an arrangement that would afford absolute protection to bank officials and cost only $100 you could get any of them to put it in."—New York World.

AN ENTERPRISING YOUNGSTER

A Logansport Bootblack Who Will Doubtless Make His Way in the World

If pluck and enterprise count for anything, little George Reece of Logansport will die a rich man. Some time ago George established a bootblack stand on one of the principal streets of Logansport. He seved his money and finally accumulated a sufficient sum to erect a presentable boxlike establishment and stock it with cigars, candy, fruit, chewing gum, etc. It never entered the mind of the embryo merchant that he might be intruding upon the rights of adjoining property owners. On the contrary, he stood out on the rigths of "squatter sovereignty" until one day the agent of Lewis Bettman, owner of the property upon which the "kid" had located, told George that he would have to move.

Learning the agent's authority, the plucky kid, instead of looking up another location or retiring from business, locked up his "store" and beat his way to Cincinnati on a freight train, with the view of having a conference with Mr. Bettman, who resides there. He located the "boss'" place of business all right, but was told that the "boss" had gone to Logansport. Returning as soon as possible, George obtained an audience with Mr. Bettman, with the result that he is doing business at the old stand.

Young Reece is the boy who obtained a ride from Terre Haute to Logansport on a special train bearing the general manager of the Vandalia and party. While en route the youngster was invited to dine with the officials. During the course of the meal he was asked to partake of some corn bread, but declined. "I'll tell you," he said, "if I was general manager of the Vandalia railroad I'd never eat corn bread."—Wabash Times.

His Nomination a Mistake

Each week it becomes more clear that McKinley's nomination was a grave mistake. While Major McKinley is undoubtedly the ablest advocate of protection in this country, he stands for little else in the minds of the people. His association with the manufacturers and wool growers has always been exceedingly close, and his political life has been given up to their interests alone. His business failures and subsequent retrieval of fortune through the aid of friendly manufacturers have placed him under such obligations to a single class of business men as to seriously affect his views upon great national questions. —Denver Times.

McKinley Not So Reticent Then

It isn't for lack of ability to use the English language that McKinley clouded his utterances on currency at Canton in his acceptance speech with high sounding phrases that are meaningless. He can make a plain, clear, unequivocal statement, even on the currency, if he wants to. For instance, on Oct. 27, 1890, after the Sherman silver purchase bill was passed, he wrote the following statement of his views: "I am in favor of the use of all the silver product of the United States for money as a circulating medium. I would have silver and gold alike." There is nothing doubtful about that. Anyone can understand that.—Utica Observer.

An Easy Mark

McKinley is an easy Mark. It is to be regretted that Mark Hanna's six years' work for a man who could "save the Union" should have to end in defeat next November. The plutes are full of sound, as well as "sound money," but Hanna McKinley will be soundly thrashed.—The Coming Nation.

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