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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

The Gridiron Club Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Walsh.

The Excursion to Chesapeake Beach One of the Most Delightful Events in the History of the Jovial Organization—Yesterday's Social Interest Was Centered in Chevy Chase

It is hardly possible that the members of the Gridiron Club have ever enjoyed a more delightful outing than the all-day excursion to Chesapeake Beach, given in their honor yesterday, by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh. The gentlemen, with their wives and a few additional guests of the newspaper fraternity, met at Fifteenth Street and New York Avenue at 10 o'clock where a car was in waiting to convey them to the Chesapeake Beach Railroad depot, in the northeast part of the city. From that point the run to the Beach was made in a special train, beautifully decorated with roses, lilies, and dogwood blossoms, mingled with pennons and flags. Upon arriving the guests were at once to the pavilion, from whose roof floated the famous Gridiron flag. Smaller flags adorned the interior of the pavilion and massed in careless grace about the pillars were wooden trepannons and vases, caught with streamers of mastic ribbon. Hiley's orchestra accompanied the party and furnished music for the dancers' small table was served. When the sixty guests were seated about the flower-decked table Mr. Walsh explained the club in a graceful little address, which was responded to happily by the Gridiron's President, Mr. H. L. West.

A carriage cluster of pink sweet peas, tied with white gauze ribbons, together with many card cases of white leather bound in silver, were presented to each lady, while for each member of the club was a handsome little purse. The day was one of ideal pleasure from the moment of starting until the return of the party at dusk. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh will sail for Paris Wednesday, where the former will assume his duties as United States Commissioner at the Exposition. He will be accompanied by Miss Conwell, who will spend the summer as their guest.

The rather uneventful week ended in gay fashion last night with a dance at the Chevy Chase Club, at which the guests were the young people of the official and diplomatic set. In accordance with the hospitable custom inaugurated early in the winter the evening's festivities commenced with several dinner parties the most notable of which was given at the English Embassy. The dance marked the close of the golf tournament, which was more successful than ever this year, and the old clubhouse, decorated with woodland and bird blossoms, made a picturesque setting for pretty maidens in gowns of summer lightness and their cavaliers.

The social attractions of Chevy Chase have been restored to normal a number of guests from Washington went by rail or carriage to the 5 o'clock tea given by Mrs. Francis Newlands, at her handsome home near the circle. The hostess was assisted in dispensing her gracious hospitality by Miss McKenna, Miss Bates, Miss Birney, her daughters, the Misses Newlands, and by her sister, Miss McAllister, whose engagement to Dr. Henry S. Pritchett has just been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. W. Robertson, of Chevy Chase, sailed yesterday in the Belgeand, from Philadelphia, for a summer of travel abroad.

The social calendar makes a neat showing for the coming week, and the pleasant things are always liable to happen. Just now the absorbing topic of the gay world is Paris and when to go there. There are ultra-modern travelers, of course, who frankly assert that they mean to leave the French capital out of their itinerary this summer on account of the fear common among people from all parts of the world who will flock to the great Exposition, but the majority of Washingtonians who are Europe bound are arranging their plans to include at least a week or two which to see the show. A traveler whose experience ought to be worth profiting by, says that the tourist who goes to Paris should see everything in Paris, except Paris itself. The coming together of all nationalities will so efface the local coloring of the capital that visitors who go there with ideas concerning the Frenchman of history and romance, will be likely to go home with the impression that he is simply a human slot in which to drop an endless chain of francs. The outgoing steamers are carrying Washingtonians in numbers that increase at each trip, and added to the attraction of the great fair will be the Passion Play at Otrantergau, which will be produced this summer for the first time in years.

The most important happening of the coming week will be the wedding of Miss Frances Frederick Leach and Mr. Lester Hawthorn Monks, of Boston, which will occur at the Church of the Covenant next Thursday at noon. The bride will be attended by her maid of honor, Miss Furman, of Rochester, N. Y., and by two flower girls, Katherine Leach and Frederica Morgan. Mr. George Monks, of Boston, will be the best man, and the ushers selected are Mr. Edward Stevens, of Rochester; Messrs. Archibald Monks, Charles Leach, and George Warren, of Boston; and Mr. Charles McKenny, and Dr. Clayton, of this city. A breakfast and small reception will follow at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Leach.

Mrs. E. Compton Tasker has issued cards for the marriage of her daughter, Evelyn, to Mr. Rod Hanna, Tuesday, May 8, at 5:30 o'clock, at Trinity Episcopal Church. The groom-elect is a son of the late Haynes W. Hanna, former Minister to the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Lewis Morris Eubank, Secretary of the United States Embassy at Rome, and Mrs. Idings, were the guests of honor at a dinner given Friday evening by the Third Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. C. T. House performed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of grey with hat to correspond. After the ceremony a sitting breakfast was served at the home of the groom's mother. Later the couple took the train for a trip North. They will reside in New York.

Mrs. Hanna has gone to Cleveland and is not likely to return to her Washington residence again this summer.

The marriage of Miss Lulu Mowry, daughter of Mrs. Margaret C. Mowry, and Mr. William W. Bryan took place Thursday morning at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of North Capitol and K Streets. The Rev. C. T. House performed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of grey with hat to correspond. After the ceremony a sitting breakfast was served at the home of the groom's mother. Later the couple took the train for a trip North. They will reside in New York.

Among the interesting engagements announced during the week was that of Miss Ruth B. Kerr, of this city, daughter of the late Hon. John Bourne Kerr, of Maryland, to Mr. John Henry King Burgwin, of Pittsburgh.

Colonel and Mrs. Blount held an informal reception at "The Oaks" Friday night, when their friends of the Entertainers' Club were invited to meet Mr. Bipin Chandra Pal, of India, who is a member of the same faith. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Ida

Holtin and by Mrs. Dorothy Groff, of California, who came on to be one of the bridesmaids at the Shippen-Blount wedding, and who will extend her visit to Washington for some time longer. Both ladies are house guests at "The Oaks." Mr. Pal is a profound scholar, having studied both in the Far East and in England, and it is probable that he will be induced to fill the pulpit of the Unitarian Church in this city at least on one occasion during his stay.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin will receive tomorrow after 3 o'clock, to give their friends an opportunity of meeting Dr. Mary Parson Eddy, of Syria.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hughes expect to spend the next two months enjoying a drive through Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, a portion of the time to be spent on their farm in the latter State. They left Friday, and according to their annual custom, will make the entire journey by carriage.

Mrs. J. J. Lightfoot, the Misses Lightfoot, and Mrs. Renaud will sail Wednesday, May 9, at Terrace Heights, West Washington.

Miss Martha Dyrenforth, with a party of six ladies, will sail Wednesday on the Kaiser Friedrich for a six months' trip through Europe.

Miss de Graffenried has cards out for a tea tomorrow from 3 to 7, at 1935 Seventeenth Street, to meet Mrs. Sidney Lanier.

The Young Men's Christian Association have cards out for a reception to be given Tuesday evening, May 8, from 8 to 11 o'clock, in honor of Mr. Henry B. F. Macfarland at the association building, 1732 G Street.

Rev. Eugene Shippen and his bride, who have been spending a portion of their honeymoon at the Warm Springs, returned to Washington early in the week for a day's visit to the latter's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Blount, on the way to their new home, in Dorchester, Mass.

A party of students from the Woman's College of Baltimore made an excursion to Washington yesterday, conducted by Dr. Hans Froelicher, head of the department of German and professor of art criticism. The morning was spent at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the afternoon at the National Academy of Design.

The Capitol Hill Euchre Club met at the residence of Miss Maude Wagner on Friday night. Miss May Hersey and Mr. Hollie T. Herrell won first prizes and Miss Lydia Rothwell and Mr. Ulysses Butler won the second. Those present were Miss Daisy Rothwell, Miss May Hersey, Miss Maude Wagner, Miss Lydia Rothwell, Miss Genevieve Matthews, Miss Ella Wagner, Miss Lillian Frech, and Miss Lillian Wagner. Messrs. Herrell, Exant, Wagner, Carr, Munsey, Hands, Rothwell, and Butler. Miss May Hersey will next entertain on June 2.

Dr. A. G. Wilkinson and Miss Wilkinson will sail for Antwerp next Wednesday on the Prieland.

Miss Ellen Elizabeth Boyd and Mr. George R. Howell, of Reading, Pa., were married yesterday at noon at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. Andrew Boyd, 2401 Massachusetts Avenue. The Rev. Byron Sunderland performed the ceremony. Owing to the illness of the groom it had been postponed from April 26, and only the members of the family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun Patterson, who has just returned to the city after a pleasant wedding trip south by sea, Friday evening, will entertain at 1906 Massachusetts Avenue northeast to their friends. The parlors and dining-room were tastefully decorated with spring flowers, interspersed with two large parasols and wild cherry blossoms. The bride, who wore her wedding gown, white organza over white silk, with red lace yoke and sleeves, stood with the groom in a bower of palms and potted plants and was assisted in receiving by her cousin, Misses Nora and Mamie Rabbit, and by Miss Sallie Stephens. Mrs. Henry A. Peterson will be at home informally to their circle of friends on Thursdays in May at 24 Iowa Circle.

The last public meeting for this season of the Washington section, Council of Jewish Women, will be held this evening in the vestry of the Temple at 8 p. m. Those who will take part in the unusually interesting programme are: Hon. Simon Wolf, Mrs. Leopold Grossman, Mrs. Hettie Abraham, Mrs. M. D. Jacobs, Mrs. Mice Newman, Mrs. Rebecca Behrend, and Seraphina Steinhardt. The public is welcome. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, when all reports and elections will be in order, the meeting to be held as usual in the vestry of the Temple. There will be much new business, and the late convention, to be considered by the members, all of whom are requested to be present.

Prof. and Mrs. Harry King announce the engagement of their daughter, Lida Van Ness, to Mr. Albert Combs Thorn, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee will return for a short visit to the latter's parents, Judge and Mrs. Maury, before sailing for Europe on their honeymoon travels.

A lawn fête will be given at Washington College, Third and T Streets northeast, on Wednesday, May 15, from 4 to 8 o'clock.

'THE MALLARME DOLL. A Reminiscence by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton. (From the Post-Ex.)

During my first visit abroad I passed the winter of 1877-78 in Paris, and Mr. Mallarme was my friend. He was a letter of introduction to M. Stephanie Mallarme—we became close friends. Besides being "Poet of Poets" and High Priest of the Symbolists, Mallarme was professor of English in a French University. His English was French English, to be sure—but it appeared the French purpose.

He always spoke to me of myself in the third person. I saw a great deal of both him and his wife. I used to dine in the Rue de Rome on his famous Tuesdays, and see the absorbing things that were done in art after dinner. And often he and mine, Mallarme would ramble with me about the fascinating streets of Paris. It was during these walks that I first made the acquaintance of the genuine French doll—the wonderful creations who can bow and curtsy, and say "papa" and "maman" and are so much like the dolls of Paris, that they always do the thing you desire, and never the thing you dislike.

At last the winter came to an end. I was to cross the Channel, and I kindly regrets, M. Mallarme came to see me. "We have wished," he said, "madame, and I, to make her, and we have thought to give her a doll—she has so liked the dolls of Paris. Will she please, with us and choose it on the morrow?"

It is every body a fool sometimes. I wonder at any rate, I was one just then. Instead of picking what a treasure for the future would be a doll presented to me by the leader of the Symbolists, a foolish fear came over me that to confess to its ownership would be to own myself childish, to make myself ridiculous—and like the idiot I just then was, I said: "Oh, no, please. They would laugh at me—those who saw it. Please let it be something else."

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The moving season has begun in the bird world, and great numbers of the little wanderers are returning from their winter vacations to the places which were made dearer to them by their presence a year ago. Among the first birds to come back were the blackbirds. They came, as they always do, in flocks, and seemed to know just where to locate, and many hands which they chose for their homes last year are already occupied by the black advance agents of the warm season.

The robins, which have also come for the season, are more richly endowed by nature than the blackbird as to plumage, but makes no effort at conquest by means of his personal appearance. Fine feathers are of no consequence in the eyes of Miss Robin, and C. Robin knows it. These robins have many peculiar traits. They come from the South in pairs and singly, but when nobody knows, the flight is usually made at night, and a chirp in the early morning is the first sign that the robins have come again. They go to the country or to places where there are lawns or orchards, and in the selection of their summer homes they show a decided leaning toward the habitations of man. The robin must have its mate, for he believes in domestic bliss, and he sets about the task of housewifery soon after the courting time that, despite his love of peace, he is anxious to make conquests, and in these his plumage plays the important part. The male bird struts and hops where the sun will show his feathers

off to the best advantage. These look purple, jet black, bronze, and brown from various points of view. He ruffles his feathers, and, like a dandy, misses no occasion to make his appearance striking, until he has made an impression on some female when he releases into the same state of indifference as to his personal appearance which often characterizes men whose faultless dress was their distinguishing characteristic in their bachelor days. The robin, which has also come for the season, is more richly endowed by nature than the blackbird as to plumage, but makes no effort at conquest by means of his personal appearance. Fine feathers are of no consequence in the eyes of Miss Robin, and C. Robin knows it. These robins have many peculiar traits. They come from the South in pairs and singly, but when nobody knows, the flight is usually made at night, and a chirp in the early morning is the first sign that the robins have come again. They go to the country or to places where there are lawns or orchards, and in the selection of their summer homes they show a decided leaning toward the habitations of man. The robin must have its mate, for he believes in domestic bliss, and he sets about the task of housewifery soon after the courting time that, despite his love of peace, he is anxious to make conquests, and in these his plumage plays the important part. The male bird struts and hops where the sun will show his feathers

ing for a home, he fights hard. The lady bird sits near by, apparently unconcerned and unconscious of what is going on, but she always has an eye on the contest, the result of which is usually an engagement in Robinsland, with the victorious combatant as the bridegroom-elect. Then the female makes active preparations for housekeeping. Her nest is built after the regulation pattern, of straw and mud, and the inner wall is made perfectly round by the pressure of the builder's body against the soft and pliable material, and often comes within the reach of the small boy. When one hears a number of song sparrows chirping sweetly at this time of the year he may know that somewhere nearby a lady sparrow is the audience, and that the concert is being given for her benefit; that each singer is doing his best to outdo the other because the reward will be more than the applause of a large audience or an increase of salary. From her perch on a neighboring twig she encourages the performers with a nod or a blink, and then, with a chirp of approval, goes to the master singer and becomes his mate as a reward for his superiority, and the disappointed competitors go in search of a more appreciative audience.

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