was given at the Stolp residence in Oakland and proved a success socially and financially. Mrs. Blitz Paxton and Mr. Thomas Ricard rendered some especially charming musical selections. The candy booth, presided over by Mrs. Henshaw, was the center of attraction, every box and piece of candy being quickly sold.

Mrs. Henshaw was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Edson Adams, Mrs. Metcalf, Miss Florine Brown, Mrs. Wall, Miss Ferrier, Miss Nellie Chabot and Miss Grimes. A most delightful evening was spent by all.

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A week ago Wednesday the first large dance of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wallace at Armory Hall, and every night since there has been a dance, many of them large ones. The debutantes were present in numbers a week ago Wednesday night, the men as well as the girls. The callow youth, fortunately, was not so prominent as he was last year. Young men of this season are easily distinguishable from those who have been out for the last few years by their enthusiastic interest in the various affairs they attend. It will not be very long, however, before they lose this enthusiasm and settle down in the blase manner which is supposed to be emphatically the thing for the young men of the present day.

It has been over a week now since the great ball and still it is the never-failing topic of conversation. It is a great pity there are not more balls given like this one. The only trouble seems to be the lateness of the arrival of the guests. There is certainly no reason why dances should not start earlier out here. In New York where they have the opera to attend it is all well enough, but as we have no opera season and a very small leisure class it is very hard on the man who has to get up early in the morning. Quite a number have sent regrets to parties this season on that account.

The two-step or deux temps has been the most popular dance this season, and seems fast to be driving out the old-time waltz.

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The dance given by the Monday Evening Dancing Class was very successful, as have been all of the club's entertainments. It was not a late dance, nor was the hall at any time crowded. Wednesday and Thursday seemed like a night in the New York season, for there were no less than three dances and as many more dinner and theater parties. On Wednesday was the charming dinner and dance given by Miss Hooper, which was fully described in these columns next day; the dinner at the Bohemian Club given by Mr. Greenwood, and the theater party on the same evening at the Baldwin given by Miss Eleanor Goodall to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Knight, who only recently returned from their wedding tour through Mexico. Among her guests were most of the bridal party, including Miss Minnie Houghton, Miss Nellie Hillyer, Miss Jessie Coleman, Miss Alice Owen, Miss Kate Clement, Frank L. Owen, Frank Deering, Donald Y. Campbell, H. B. Houghton, E. H. Sheldon, H. M. Holbrook and Mr. Goodall.

A delicious supper was enjoyed at the University Club after the performance, after which the guests were driven to their homes.

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On Thursday tables were in great demand at the University Club, where the greater number of luncheons and dinners were given. Then quite a number took place in private houses before going to see the football game. The Misses Clark, who have just returned from their summer residence in San Jose, gave a luncheon to a number of their friends at their residence, 2020 Broadway, after which they drove to the ball game in a four-in-hand, where a box was reserved for them. The party included Miss Clark, Miss A. A. Clark, Miss Grace Clark, Miss McNutt, Miss McKinstry, Miss Ethel Smith, Messrs. Bond, Tarn, McGrew, McLean, Southard Hoffman, Lieutenant R. H. Noble and E. M. Greenway. Most of the party went later to the Bush-street Theater, where they enjoyed the burlesque of "Trilby" by the university students.

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One of the handsomest dinners of the season was that given by Mrs. Peter Donahue and Mrs. Eleanor Martin at the old family residence, corner of Second and Bryant streets, to a number of their friends on Thursday, Thanksgiving day. The table was a most beautiful one to look upon. In the center was a large and magnificent lamp, with a variegated umbrella shade. Around this was a wide mound of Papa Gontier roses and Catherine Mermit roses scattered among the candelabra. There were sixteen at table. They were Baron and Baroness von Shroeder, Mrs. Cutter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Downey Harvey, Miss Emily Schneely, Miss Romietta Wallace, Miss Belle McKenna, William Randol, Samuel G. Murphy, Captain Marion P. Maus, Crayton Thompson, Lieutenant R. H. Noble and E. M. Greenway.

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There were quite a number of dinner parties last Friday evening before the assembly. One of the prettiest was that given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jarboe and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Tobin at the Dimond residence, 1299 Taylor street. The guests, sixteen in number, sat down at the beautifully appointed table at 8 o'clock. The decorations were in red, and the dinner a most enjoyable one. In addition to the two hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Knight, Miss Kate Clement, Miss Celia Tobin, Miss Ella Hobart, Frank L. Owen, Walter S. Hobart, W. R. Heath, E. H. Sheldon and E. M. Greenway. After the dinner the party was driven to the assembly, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mayo Newhall gave a large dinner on Friday, after which the party went to the assembly. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crocker gave a large dinner on the same evening, going to the theater afterward.

The assembly was more largely attended than was expected and many improvements noted over last year. This was particularly so in the large banquet-room and the main hall and corridors.

We fully agree with the Wave that the floor of Golden Gate Hall "was exceedingly poor." The canvas covering was not properly stretched, there was no spring and the cloth too poorly sewed, which made it rather fatiguing for the dancers.

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The ladies of San Francisco will be delighted to learn that the Palace Hotel is adopting metropolitan methods in all departments. The latest addition to its accommodations is an elegantly appointed ladies' dressing-room adjoining the ladies' grillroom, near the Market-street end. A waiting-maid is in attendance for the convenience of lady visitors. This is a feature that the ladies will surely appreciate and they will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered to remove the dust that gathers on garments after a day's tour of the shops during the holiday purchasing season. The managers of the Palace Hotel are constantly adding to the advantages which they offer to their lady friends and patrons.

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As football is to the residents of the bay cities polo is to the dwellers at Burlingame and vicinity, and as much enthusiasm is shown in the latter as in the former sport. They are somewhat similar games, too, in some respects, as both demand endurance and pluck, and there is the same delightful uncertainty during a game as whether or not there will be a broken collar-bone, or dislocated joint, or some such accident, all of which adds zest, excitement and exhilaration. It is a big undertaking to become a polo-player. There must be a raft of ponies, a stable with the proper appointments and men to take care of the animals—men, too, who are experienced horsemen and know all about a horse that is worth knowing. The latest acquisitions to the players are Talbot Clifton, George Howard, Perry Eyre and Clement Tobin, all of whom are playing regularly and promise to make an excellent showing. The new field is a good one and with proper care will make the best they have had yet, and while it is being prepared another field in the dairy tract of the Sharon estate is being used.

From now on there will be no further cry of dullness, and the fair debutantes will, before long, wish that a short halt would come in the long list of gayeties, in order that they may get back the roses in their cheeks, for all day and all night they will be obliged to go out, and if they decline any of their invitations their first winter they fear their friends might think they were not a success.

ORATORIO OF "ELIJAH."

Tuesday evening, December 10, will witness the long-expected rendition of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" at Metropolitan Temple by the San Francisco Oratorio Society, under the direction of James Hamilton Howe.

This society, aggregating a chorus of 250 voices, has been earnestly rehearsing the oratorio mentioned, and will be assisted in its efforts by a picked orchestra of thirty musicians, under the leadership of Bernhard Mollenhauer formerly concert-master of Scheel's orchestra. Mrs. Beatrice Priest-Fine, Mrs. Leckie Sedgley-Reynolds, Frank Coffin and S. Homer Healey will be the soloists, and Henry Bretherick will be the organist.

The officers of the San Francisco Oratorio Society are as follows: President, ——; vice-president, Mrs. L. L. Baker; secretary, William C. Stadtfeld; historian, Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson; conductor, James Hamilton Howe; concert-master, Bernhard Mollenhauer; pianist, Edith Johnson; organist, Henry Bretherick; treasurer, Charles O. Perry; recording secretary, Edward Marshutz; financial secretary, Charles O. Henley; librarian, Emil Kaufmann; solicitors, Vernon Van Buskirk and Karl E. Kneiss. Advisory committee—Wakefield Baker, Christian Jorgensen, Samuel D. Mayer, Joseph J. Morris, William C. Stadtfeld and Samson E. Tucker. Chorus committee—William C. Stadtfeld, James G. Jones, A. W. Jones, Dr. A. B. McKee, J. J. Morris, A. Purnell, C. Jorgensen, W. J. Batchelder and S. E. Tucker.

Among those prominently interested in the society are the following: Mrs. William Alvord, Santiago Arrillaga, Willis E. Bacheller, Miss Alice M. Bacon, Mrs. L. L. Baker, W. J. Batchelder, Mrs. J. E. Birmingham, Mrs. Olive Reed-Batchelder, Mrs. Etta M. Blanchard, E. S. Bonelli, Edward Bosqui, H. M. Bosworth, Noah Brandt, Mrs. Louise Cadwalader, Mrs. Mariner Campbell, Walter C. Campbell, Mrs. Richard D. Chandler, Miss Maud Chappelle, Frank Coffin, Miss Eleonora Connell, Mrs. Isabella Cook, Mrs. Fred A. Cornell, Louis Crepaux, Colonel Charles F. Crocker, William H. Crocker, G. W. Crosby, J. Culver, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, Mrs. M. H. de Young, Robert Duncan, Henri Fairweather, S. G. Fleischmann, Otto Fleissner, J. F. Flemming, Miss Mellie Flynn, C. S. Gage, Miss Nellie R. Gallagher, Mrs. Henry Gibbons, Louis Heine, S. Homer Henley, William R. Hervey, Henry Heyman, W. H. Holt, Mrs. Maud E. Hunt, Edgar Stillman Kelley, Alfred Kelleher, A. Harold Kayton, Mrs. Alma E. Keith, Miss Mary Lake, Daniel M. Lawrence, Alois F. Lejeal, Mrs. Fleissner-Lewis, Louis Lisser, Robert Lloyd, Miss Mabel Love, Mrs. M. F. Macomber, Charles MacIntosh, J. W. McKenzie, Mrs. M. Mann, Samuel D. Mayer, Baroness von Meyerinck, Giulio Minetti, Bernhard Mollenhauer, Mrs. Joseph L. Moody, Charles A. Murdock, Charles Parent, James D. Phelan, Charles Phillpott, John Haraden Pratt, Miss Ella Partridge, Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson, Mrs. Margaret C. Pierce, Mrs. Nettie Pratt-Lawrence, Mrs. Beatrice Priest-Fine, Mrs. Ira Pierce, Mrs. S. O. Putnam, J. D. Redding, Mme. E. Coursen-Roeckel, Mrs. J. H. Rosewald, Martin Schultz, Mme. Yda de Seminario, Miss Beda S. Sperry, Adolph B. Spreckels, W. C. Stadtfeld, Leon I. Stanton, Charles B. Stone, H. J. Stewart, Francis Stuart, Mrs. F. W. Sumner, Miss S. Alberta Swan, Mrs. W. M. Swett, Rowena M. Tarrant, Mrs. Eva Tenney, Fletcher Tilton, Mrs. Emilia Tojetti, Robert Tolmie, Samson E. Tucker, Miss Ada E. Weigel, Clarence Wendel, Miss Mary B. West, Henry Kirk White Jr., Alfred Wilkie, Miss Jeanette Wilcox, J. Wesley Wilkins, Miss Marie Withrow, Mrs. Selden S. Wright, E. Werner, H. Clay Wysham, Frederick Zech Jr., F. J. Zifferer.

THEY TELL ME THOU'RT THE FAVORITE GUEST.

They tell me thou'rt the favorite guest
Of every fair and brilliant throng;
No wit like thine to wake the jest,
No voice like thine to breathe the song;
And none should guess, so gay thou art,
That thou and I are so far apart.

Alas! alas! how different flows
With thee and me the time away!
Not that I wish thee sad, heaven knows;
Still, if thou canst be light and gay,
I only know that without thee
The sun itself is dark to me.

Do I now haste to hall and bower,
Among the proud and gay to shine
Or deck my hair with gem and flower,
To flatter other eyes than thine?
Ah, no! with me love's smiles are past;
Thou hadst the first, thou hadst the last.

CIRABETE ROSMEH, in Los Angeles Lyceum.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Beckie Sichel to Albert Jacobs of Santa Rosa. They will be pleased to see their friends at 1757 Howard street on Sunday afternoon, December 8, between 2 and 5 o'clock.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ida Kaskell to Herman Cohn, both of this City.

WEDDINGS.

A notable wedding in Jewish society took place last Tuesday evening. The bride, Miss Belle Goldman, daughter of I. A. Goldman, was married to Louis Levy, at the residence of her father, 1310 Laguna street. The ceremony was performed by the lately arrived young Rabbi Julius Fryer, in a very impressive manner, and moreover under circumstances which made it the more interesting, it being his initiatory performance here. The bridesmaids were Miss Hilda Kline and Miss Amy Steinman, nieces of the bride. Sigmond Levy, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Miss Carrie Goldman, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Under Lohengrin's wedding march the bridal procession proceeded into the beautifully decorated parlors, the bride leaning on the arm of her father, followed by the groom, with Mrs. Louis Hahn; next came relatives of the respective families. After the ceremony the guests to the number of seventy sat down in the spacious dining-room and discussed one of the celebrated menus which Caterer Ludwig knows how to serve.

The banquet over, the guests re-entered the parlors, where dancing and singing were kept up into the early hours of the morning. Especially enjoyable were the comic recitations and songs of Miss Amy and Master Ira Steinman, who with their mother (a sister of the bride) came here from Los Angeles to attend the wedding. All parties admitted that it was as delightful a wedding as they ever attended. Among the guests were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lichtenstein, Albert Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Levy, Sig Levy, Sol Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Blum, Mr. and Mrs. P. Fabian, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wangenheim, Mrs. L. Straus, Mrs. C. Sichel, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. A. Block, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. L. Frankenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Sichel, Mr. and Mrs. F. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. T. Frohling, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Kline, Louis Goldman, Miss Carrie Goldman, Sam Goldman, Mark Goldman, Mrs. E. Steinman, Miss Amy Steinman, Miss Hilda Kline, Miss Rose Coblentz, Miss Etta Honigsberger, Miss C. Jervel, Miss B. Sichel, Miss Martha Block, Ab Grossmayer, Sig Simon, Max Strous, Joe Loewe, Max Goldman.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Sacred Heart Church last Wednesday noon, the contracting parties being Miss Theresa Borgia Drady and Mr. Cyrus Colfax Tichenor. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family of the groom only the immediate relatives of the young folk were present. The bride was given away by her brother, Major Thomas Drady. The bridesmaid was Miss Mae Brennan, the groomsman Mr. Austin Tichenor. Rev. Father Dillon was the officiating clergyman. After a sumptuous repast at the residence of the bride's mother, 220 Devisadero street, the newly married couple left for the Del Monte, Monterey, where they will remain for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Tichenor will reside at La Honda.

William Grant, the well-known attorney of this City, and Maud A. Waterhouse, were married November 24 at Sonora, Tuolumne County. They will be at their home in San Anselmo after December 12.

The wedding of Miss Belle Goldman and Louis Levy took place Tuesday evening, November 26, at 1310 Laguna street.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hattie Livingston to Adolph Levy. They will receive next Sunday, December 1, and the following Wednesday, December 4, at the residence of her brother, D. Livingston, 2836 California street.

The marriage of George F. Frutiger and Miss Ray Leiser, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leiser, took place at the home of the bride's parents, 1220 Mission street, Tuesday evening, November 19, at 8:30 o'clock. The decorations were plain, but very attractive. After the ceremony was performed the guests retired to the dining-room and partook of a bountiful supper. S. Leiser, brother of the bride, acted as toastmaster. Numerous and elegant presents were received from the many guests. The rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent with music, singing, games and dancing. Among the guests were:

Mrs. A. C. Frutiger, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leiser, Mrs. M. Weintraub, Mr. and Mrs. S. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. I. Levi, Mrs. J. Kuttner, Mr. and Mrs. S. Silberstein, Mrs. Haymann, Mrs. Cary, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jacobs, Mrs. Stamper, Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann, Mrs. A. Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Plato, Mr. and Mrs. Arnstein, Mrs. J. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Orlander, Miss Stella Levi, Miss Eva Levi, Miss Annie Isaac, Miss Flora Isaac, Miss Josie Isaac, Miss Sadie Blum, Miss Millie Blum, Miss Gertie Wacholder, Miss Fannie Wacholder, Miss Carrie Harris, Miss Eva Peiser, Miss Emma Haymann, Miss Rosie Plato, Miss Estella Arnstein, Miss Lena Arnstein, Miss Gussie Hartmann, Miss Hannah Hartmann, Miss Stella Landmann, Miss Lillie Stamper, Miss Julia Stamper, Miss Louise Ferguson, Miss Laura Ferguson, Miss B. Hartmann, Messrs. M. and M. Harris, S. A. Brown and T. Isaac.

DINNERS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

The inclemency of the weather Thursday evening did not mar the enjoyment of the young company that gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jones, 208 Valencia street, to celebrate a Thanksgiving party given by Eugene Weis and Wayland Jones. Music and games were joyously entered into. At 10 o'clock the company partook of refreshments served in the cozy dining-room, where a bright fire gave cheerfulness to all the surroundings. Among those present were: Miss Nancy Reynolds, Mamie Reynolds, Lillian Ruffner, Florence Refenberg, Gertie Refenberg, Mabel Jones, Charles Rogers, James Mulvey, Charles Barth, Frank Harter, Eugene Weis, Wayland Jones and others.

On Saturday evening, November 23, the Franklin graduates held their third successful entertainment and ball, at Union-square Hall. An excellent programme was rendered and an enjoyable evening was spent in dancing. The grand march was led by Miss Mae Jennings and William B. Koesel. Several pretty figures were formed and many couples were in line. Miss Jennings carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and looked very charming in a handsome black silk dress, cut semi-decollete. The committees were as follows:

Floor manager, William B. Koesel; assistant floor manager, Miss Lena Egeberg; floor committee—James Symington, Miss Marguerite Melskoy, Herbert A. Igoe, William Britt, Miss Kate Sarti, Frank Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Phillips, 1620 Fell street, gave a Thanksgiving dinner at the Cafe Zinkand to a party of friends and relatives—Mrs. Maurice Birdsall, Mrs. Phillips' mother; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bangs and daughter, Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. Denbigh, Mrs. C. F. Weber and Frank Weber of Fruitvale, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Frost and Arthur Frost, and the Misses Kate and Grace Birdsall of Oakland.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered to George Boyle at the residence of his parents, 2333 Market street, on Saturday evening last. The numerous friends of the young man assembled in full force and passed a very pleasant evening in dancing, singing and other amusements. An elegant repast, which was prepared under the direction of Miss Minnie Boyle and Miss Gertie Gimpel, was served at 12 o'clock. Among the invited guests present were: Miss Mazie Golden, Miss Millie Robinson, Miss Lillie Lods, Miss Lillie Turner, Miss Helena Kittridge, Miss Pearl Stein, Miss Pearl Fitzpatrick, Miss May Ring, Miss Gertie Gimple, Miss Annie Gimple, Miss Edith Helms, Miss Sadie Howatt, Miss Lillie Lamb, Miss D. White, Miss May White, Miss Edith Voltz, Miss Elsie Mass, Miss Annie Mass, Miss Violet Lauer, Miss Florence Lauer, Miss Mabel Sprague, Miss Bella Grey, Miss Lizzie Grey, Miss Florence Johnson, Miss Irene de Canty, Paul O'Brien, Jack Joiner, Pat Joiner, Tom Stein, Dick Flaherty, Jack Welch, George Boyle, Willie Lods, George Lods, Jack Howatt, James Kenny, Ed Ring, Tom Kelly, George Trum, George Marron, Joe Connolly, Ed Foster, Ed Moore, William McKnight.

The members of Company A, Third Infantry Regiment, N. G. C., Captain J. F. Connelly commanding, celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of their organization by a banquet at the armory last Saturday night. The rooms were handsomely decorated and covers laid for seventy-five. Among the invited guests were Colonel J. C. O'Connor and other officers of the regiment. Toasts were responded to by Colonel O'Connor, Captain Connor, Lieutenant Ballinger and many others. After the banquet all adjourned to the assembly hall, where several hours were spent in song and mirth. It has been the custom of this company for many years past to give a banquet once a year for the purpose of meeting again many of the ex-members, who have always been invited to participate in these enjoyable affairs. Great credit is due the committee of arrangements for the success of the evening. The company is in a most prosperous condition under the able management of the present commander.

Miss Kittie Morrisson entertained the members of the Impromptu Euchre Club at her residence on Haight street last Thursday evening. Those present were: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. McColgan, Mrs. Morrisson, Miss Dollie Wyants, Miss Nellie Casey, Miss Maude Barclay, Miss M. Dunn, Miss R. Sayres, Mae Cole, Annie Mills, Bertha Mills, Miss Gertie Williams, Carrie Morton, Anna Kelly, Lillie Abrahm, Anna Howard, Charles Wyants, D. Ames, F. Kelly, C. Morton, R. Welsh, C. Willson, E. F. Smythe, F. Barclay, C. Morrisson, G. Cole, A. Bernard, R. Taylor, J. Howard, W. Sayer. The next meeting of this club will be held at the residence of Miss Annie Howard on December 7.

Victor D. Solomon is at present the guest of Herr Oscar von Ratermund of Leipsic and further contemplates a trip through Paris, Berlin, Italy and Sicily before returning to this City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. F. Richards, prominent residents of Ventura County, after a sojourn of four months in New York State, have returned by way of San Francisco and are the guests of Mrs. S. Criss of 1220 Tenth street, Oakland.

The Misses Ethel and Bee Hooper came down from St. Helena the first of the week and are visiting friends here.

Mrs. William Kohl, Miss Mamie Kohl, O. Frederick Kohl and Mrs. George Loomis left on Wednesday for New York, en route to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Janin leave next week for New York, en route to Europe.

FUTURE EVENTS.

The P. D. C.'s will hold their next party on Tuesday next, December 3, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Golden Gates will give their ninth party at California Hall, 620 Bush street, on Thursday evening, December 5.

Bay City Parlor, N. S. G. W., will give a complimentary invitation ball on Friday evening, January 3, 1896, at Armory Hall. Cards call for strictly full dress.

The Xavier Literary Club will give a high-class musical and literary entertainment Tuesday evening, December 3, at Social Hall, Alcazar building. Admission will be by ticket.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

CORONADO, CAL., Nov. 28.—Captain and Mrs. John P. Reed have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Mary Addeliza Gardiner, to Carlisle I. Ferris on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock, at the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Coronado Beach. Miss Gardiner is a most attractive young lady, and an accomplished musician, having for several years been organist for Graham Memorial Church. Mr. Ferris is a successful druggist, located here until recently, but now of San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carroll Harding (nee Oliver) have been spending the first week of their Californian honeymoon at Coronado. Mr. Harding will make the tour of the coast this winter in looking after Raymond & Whitcomb's extensive interests.

AT THE HORSE SHOW.

H. G. Paine, in Harper's Bazar.

Said a much beribboned Hackney, a proud veteran of the Show,
To his neighbor, a Green Hunter, in the next adjoining stall:
"Well, what think you of the Horse Show? For I'd really like to know
A novice's impressions of the people and it all."

"Why," answered the Green Hunter, "I am favorably impressed
With the way the Show is managed, and they treat you very white;
And the people are amusing, though I think they're overdressed
And don't seem too intelligent, but 'tis a pretty sight.
"Still 'twould be a big improvement if they all were numbered, so
By referring to a catalogue a horse could quickly see
The ones that are worth looking at. But after all, you know,
It's the horses at the Horse Show that really interest me!"

WANT EXPENSES REDUCED.

Depositors of People's Home Savings Bank Petition the Commissioners.

A meeting of the depositors in the People's Home Savings Bank will be held at 102 O'Farrel street to-morrow evening.

The depositors submitted a second petition to the Bank Commissioners of California yesterday, praying that some action be taken toward reducing the expenses of the settlement. They aver that the affairs of the bank can be well handled at one-half the present outlay. A majority of the board of directors, they claim, are anxious to bring about the reduction, "but cannot by reason of an indifferent hostile minority." They ask, therefore, that an order of reduction may be made by the Commissioners.

Gunnison, Booth and Bartnett, on behalf of their client, the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, as the assignee of more than 2600 depositors, representing claims against the People's Home Savings Bank aggregating $720,000, make a demand of the same nature. They make no objection to the expenditures as far as legal expenses are concerned, "believing that the legal affairs of the bank are handled efficiently and economically," but express the opinion that the other expenses of management are excessive. Those expenses, they state, are $145 per month, the salary of the manager being $250, the assistant $125 and the rental $70. They ask that the salaries and rent be reduced.

HIS SLAYERS UNKNOWN.

Inquest Held on Young Neville, Killed in Eickhorst's Grocery.

At the inquest held by Coroner Hawkins yesterday, on the body of the young carpenter, Alfred Neville, who was killed by robbers in Eickhorst's grocery at Pierce and Greenwich streets, on the night of Sunday, the 17th inst., the verdict returned was that he was murdered by unknown persons. Groceryman F. G. Eickhorst repeated the statement he made to the police at the time of the shooting.

The investigation of the deaths of James King and Edward Marite at the San Bruno quarry, owned by Contractors Warren & Malley, developed that in each case the killing was accidental.

From the testimony it was learned that Marite was warned in time, and that King, in disobedience of orders, was working where he should not have been when the blast occurred.

The young Tulare miner, Daniel Carroll, was found to have come to his death by suicide at the California House, 626 California street. The mysterious disappearance of the woman who was with him in room 15, until 3 P. M. on the day he was discovered asphyxiated, was not satisfactorily explained. Two hours after the woman left the man was found dead with the gas in his room turned on.

HISTORY OF BOOK PLATES.

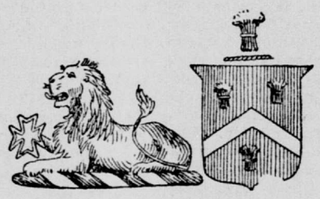
Their True Character and Place Are Little Understood.

SOMETIMES CALLED EX-LIBRIS.

They Were First Used by Publishers in the Sixteenth Century.

Much has been said and written about book-plates, or so-called ex-libris, and yet there are men of books—makers, venders, and buyers—who have no very clear idea what they are. In the minds of some they are ludicrously confounded with the stereotype plates from which books are printed.

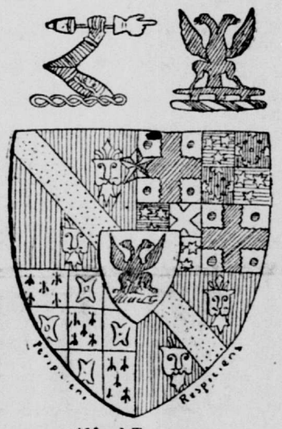
Book-plates are, primarily, ornamental designs inserted on the inside cover of books to indicate the ownership. They were first used in the sixteenth century, and from this it must be supposed that then, as now, precautionary measures against the negligence of borrowers were necessary. A second object besides to insure against loss of books is to secure the identification of a valued tome as a part of



Bookplate of Charles Dickens. Eugene Field's Bookplate.

a collection. Still a third object is to gratify an unexplainable desire of book-lovers to invest their books with a personal character, slight though it be, by the insertion of something which in some way will make them different from the more or less copious batches of books. In order to secure this personal characterization the more effectually there is sometimes added to the plain statement of ownership, indicated often by the armorial bearings on the book-plate, some more or less original sentiment or some bibliophilic motto which denotes the prevailing taste or bias of thought in the owner.

To have a book-plate has become a fashion and one that is likely to remain. It is a pleasure to the book-lover, on returning home in the evening with new purchases of books, to affix to each volume



Alfred Tennyson.

some special mark of ownership before passing them to their appropriate places in his library.

To collect book-plates has also become a fashion, and one that affords gratification and instruction from several standpoints. Since they have been in use so long; since almost from the beginning of the making of books it has been the custom to affix some mark of possession, it is interesting to collect and study book-plates from the antiquarian-historical point of view. Herald and genealogist are interested in them because those having the armorial bearings, which style has been most used in England, afford a means of study of the achievements and pride of connection at different epochs of innumerable families of note, expressed in the fashion of successive periods. Among the book-plates of wealthy book-owners or those of some distinction in their time but now forgotten is found, here and there, the book-plate of

Henry Irving.

some famous man or woman long since dead. If it bear some motto, some cunningly devised allegory or a "bookpile" displaying the names of favorite authors it will add a little to our knowledge of the person, and it remains a memorial of his private tastes and aspirations.

Aside from all this, for themselves, book-plates deserve consideration. They are oftentimes works of art, beautiful designs, beautifully engraved.

Masters have not thought it beneath their art to design them, and among those of the past are some which are the handiwork of such artists as Durer and Hogarth, and their example is imitated by some of the modern artists in France, England and America. Abbey, Walter Crane, Kate Greenaway, Mallais have all designed book-plates. The art student, in a representative collection of these tokens, can trace in an almost regular chain the development and changes in decorative fashions at various periods—the evolution of style in "Ornamentik." Book-plates lend themselves with singular appropriateness to symbolism and allegory and reward those who take pleasure in the study of such conceits.

There have been in the past a few prevailing styles in the ornamentation, gradually giving way to newer styles in book-plates, so they are easily classified under a few heads. Nor is it difficult on coming upon an old book-plate to know to what time it belongs, even if no other mark of identification is upon it. More individuality and originality, and less following along the old lines, in modern times, is displayed; there are newer combinations of old devices and freer expression of personal taste and turn of mind, and the owner's name in an enigma or monogram is much in vogue. England largely retains the old style of armorial bearing, and some Americans use the coat of arms of their English ancestors.

The designs, besides the armorial bearings, which figure most often on book-plates, are "library interiors," "book piles," allegories, landscapes, portraits, seals, urns, wreaths and the "tree of literature."

Collectors obtain book-plates from various sources; from the covers of old books to be found among the waste and rubbish of second-hand bookshops all over the world, the discarded covers of old books

Designed by W. M. Thackeray. Designed by Millais for Mr. Christopher Sykes.

sent to be rebound, from libraries of those who insert their own book-plate in place of that in some old volume now come into their possession, and some even from rare and valuable books. Large collections are accumulated by purchase of numerous smaller ones or through the agency of dealers.

It is an easy task to remove book-plates from old volumes. A piece of flannel the size of the plate is wetted thoroughly, laid on the plate and pressed with a hot iron. The steam arising quickly permeates the plate and moistens the paste or glue, and the book-plate can be lifted off the cover without injury to the volume.

KATHERINE N. DURHAM.

LONG PIER LIGHTHOUSE.

A Powerful Beacon Equal to 6000 Candles for the Water Front.

Engineer Holmes' Ornamental Design Is Accepted and It Will Be Erected at Once.

Some weeks ago a petition signed by the captains of the ferry-boats for a large, distinctive light upon the water front was presented to the Harbor Commissioners, and favorably considered.

Howard C. Holmes, the chief engineer of the board, has now completed the plans for the new light tower, and the work of its construction will begin next week.

It will be in every respect not alone an important convenience to the ferries, but to all vessels and steamers passing at night into the harbor.

It will stand twenty-nine feet above the foundation, and the lower portion of the tower will be twelve feet square, and the center of the lights twenty-four feet from the base. The upper part, or lighthouse proper, will be octagonal in form, supported on handsome columns. The lights will be three feet square, the three front lights of ruby glass, and each will be arc electric lamps of 2000 candle-power, or 6000 candle-power for the three. The focusing light will be used with a twenty-four inch reflector, and the current will be constant, being connected with the permanent underground circuit, so it may be turned off or on at any moment.

Engineer Holmes has succeeded in making a very ornamental design, the architecture of which is in harmony with that of the new depot. The idea is to make this lighthouse a permanent landmark, so ships and steamers may arrive at an accurate knowledge of their locality by the bearing of the light. It will be visible from the west, north and south, and must certainly be of incalculable advantage to the shipping. It will be vastly more powerful than any light in the port, and will show boldly out against the background of City lights, nor will there be any danger of confounding it with them.

The ferry-boat captains are much gratified at the prompt action of the Harbor Commissioners in acceding to their request, and the breadth and power of Engineer Holmes' design. In "smoky" weather this beacon will save them many an anxious moment in making a landfall.

WOMEN HIS VICTIMS.

Arthur Arlington, an Ex-Convict, to Be Brought From San Jose on a Charge of Grand Larceny.

A complaint was sworn to in Judge Conlan's court yesterday by Detective Gilson for the arrest of Arthur Arlington on the charge of grand larceny.

Arlington is a smooth talker, and women anxious for matrimony are his particular prey. He pretends that he he is a wealthy miner or rancher in quest of a nice woman who would comfort his declining years, and when he gets into their good graces he either steals something of value from them, or gets them to intrust him with the disposition of their available funds.

He was arrested in San Jose recently, but the authorities there were unable to get a conviction against him. Detectives Gilson and Reynolds had been looking for him for the past three months, and when they were notified yesterday morning that the cases against him in San Jose had fallen through they telephoned to Chief Kidward to hold him, as he was wanted here. Detective Reynolds left for San Jose yesterday afternoon with the warrant and will return with Arlington.

The specific charge against Arlington is for stealing a diamond breastpin, value $100, from Mrs. Lulu Patterson, a widow, living at 867 Howard street, August 30. He had been visiting her under the guise of a wealthy miner, with a view to marriage.

Arlington is an ex-convict, having served a term in San Quentin for a similar offense.

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary Making a Collection for a Fine Reference Library.

J. Richard Freud, secretary of the Merchants' Association, is making a collection of books containing useful information for a reference library for the association. He is sending out letters all over the country for Congressional and State records, Federal, municipal and consular reports.

At the meetings of the directors questions often arise where such books would be of great service. Mr. Freud intends to arrange one of the most complete reference libraries of this kind in the City.

The Merchants' Association recently requested the privilege of going before the Board of Supervisors and the committees to discuss matters of public interest, without the formality and red tape that frequently delays important matters. Yesterday the officers of the association were highly pleased at receiving the copy of a resolution by the Supervisors, inviting the members of the association to be present and discuss questions whenever the occasion required.

The eleven cables now in operation across the Atlantic have cost upward of £14,000,000.

THE SPANISH MINISTER.

Happy Household of Spain's Representative at Washington.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE LEGATION.

The New Residence of Dr. Talmage to Be Rented This Winter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25.—Perhaps the most important of the foreign Ministers in town at present is the gentleman who represents Spain at our republican court, and he has just moved into a new and beautiful house in the fashionable part of the city. Senor Dupuy de Lome has been in this country in the capacity of Minister only since June, and, as the old legation was not at all to his taste, he has found one that will enable him to keep up the proper dignity of his country.

Madame Dupuy de Lome is a very beautiful woman, of the real Spanish type, with a round figure, a lovely face from which two big dark eyes look out under a white brow from which the black hair is becomingly combed. She is an accomplished linguist, and the happy mother of two handsome boys, one of about 11 and the other 9. Senor Dupuy de Lome is a very young-looking man for his age, which is 44, but to look at him one would not think him more than 33. He is fine-looking, accomplished, and very determined in his ways, his manners being quick and nervous. He is a great student and spends much time on astronomy, a science in which he is instructing his two boys. The troubles with Cuba and the necessity of keeping a sharp lookout for the friends in this country who might smuggle arms to the insurgents are giving the Minister a great deal to do and his post is by no means an easy one to fill with dignity and satisfaction. The legation is handsomely furnished and will be presided over by the Madame, who was many years ago in this city, when her husband was acting as secretary to the Minister a good while ago. The opening of Congress, which will be this week, will likely bring matters to a crisis, as far as our interest in the matter is concerned, and this proceeding is being watched with a great deal of interest by the Minister from sunny Spain.

The Minister from Portugal, Senor Sequiera de Thedim, who was quite ill for some time, is now well, and it is expected that he will soon leave on a trip to his native land.

Now that the cold weather has come and all of the officials are in the city, and Congress is about to meet, the town looks quite lively, for the hotels are full of new members and the hearts of the boarding-house keepers are glad. There are so many new members this year