Society

THE past week has been an unusually busy ones in social circles. Dinners, teas, luncheons and receptions occupied the attention of the smart set.

Of course the most brilliant event of the week was the cotillon on Friday evening. Never in the history of the club was there a more brilliant and dazzling assemblage.

Last evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Preston, 2614 Pacific avenue, Miss Isabel Preston entertained fifty young people at "a small and early."

The guests began to assemble at 8:30 o'clock, and dancing was immediately inaugurated. At 11:30 an elaborate supper was served. Although it was a "small and early," and the guests were punctual and arrived early, it was long past the midnight hour before the last guest departed.

Another delightful dance was the one given last evening by Mrs. Louis Schwabacher complimentary to Miss Schwabacher and Miss Wangenheim at her residence on Clay street. It was quite the most elaborate private dance of the season.

The elegant home was bright with many exquisite decorations, and what with the music, the lights and the many handsome gowns of the ladies the scene was one of surpassing loveliness.

Joseph A. Donohoe Jr. gave a dinner last Tuesday evening at the Pacific-Union Club as a compliment to the judges and referees of the recent horse show. His guests were: Reginald W. Rives, R. F. Carman, Arthur Kemp, Marion Storey, Henry J. Crocker, John Parrott, Major J. L. Rathbone, Joseph D. Grant, George A. Pope, George Almer Newhall, J. B. Casserly, J. B. Crockatt, Walter Scott Hobart and John Doyle.

E. D. Beylard gave a luncheon last Tuesday at a downtown restaurant to the judges and referees of the recent horse show. His guests comprised R. F. Carman, Reginald W. Rives, Marion Storey, Arthur Kemp, William H. Howard, Henry J. Crocker, R. M. Tobin, Joseph Sadoc Tobin, J. B. Crockett, Joseph A. Donohoe Jr., Major J. L. Rathbone, Mr. McCreary, Joseph D. Grant and Mr. Hinshaw.

The parlors of the residence of Mrs. M. Casey, 1329 Sutter street, were crowded again on Thursday afternoon, when the hostess and her daughter, Miss Dillon, entertained a number of their friends at their second tea this season.

Another enjoyable and largely attended tea this week was that given by Mrs. Jeremiah Clarke and Miss Clarke at their residence, 2119 California street, on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lipett entertained several of her lady friends most delightfully at a tea given at her home, 818 O'Farrell street, on Thursday afternoon.

W. F. Whittier, who is now occupying his new residence, 2030 Jackson street, gave a dinner party there last Thursday evening. The floral decorations were very handsome, and the evening was delightfully passed. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. King, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Bothin, Mrs. Richard T. Carroll, Mrs. Frances B. Edgerton, Miss Elizabeth Carroll and Mr. William R. Whittier.

On Thursday evening Miss Schweitzer entertained thirty-five young people at a theater party. After enjoying Palmer Cox's "Brownies" hostess and guests repaired to the Schweitzer residence, corner of Post and Leavenworth streets, where supper was served.

Mrs. Clark Burnham entertained a number of her friends at a euchre party recently at her residence, 936 Haight street. All of the decorations and appointments, even to the tally-cards, were red. The prizes were won by Mrs. A. H. Boomer, Miss Beatrice Russell, Mrs. Edward Cutler and Miss Bolenger. Refreshments were served and the afternoon was very pleasantly passed. Mrs. Burnham's guests were: Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. William Hulbert Morrow, Mrs. A. H. Boomer, Mrs. Charles Fox Tay, Mrs. Frank D. Bates, Mrs. John Flournoy, Mrs. James Alva Watt, Mrs. James Suydam, Mrs. A. J. Booth, Mrs. Edward Cutler, Mrs. W. T. Mills, Mrs. W. O. Smith, Mrs. Stanley Forbes, Mrs. C. A. Burnham, Mrs. C. Mason Kinne, Mrs. W. D. Fennimore, Mrs. William Shidy, Mrs. John W. Davis, Mrs. Washington Dodge, Mrs. William T. Fielding, Mrs. William Bradford, Mrs. A. J. Wetzlar, Misses Bolenger, Miss Charlotte Judson, Miss Grace Bradford, Miss Susie Wells, Miss Laura Wells, Miss Beatrice Russell, Miss Kate Snook, Miss Prindle, Miss Sallie Field, Miss Easton and Miss Mary Helen Gibb.

Dr. and Mrs. Younger have sent out invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Bessie Younger, and Burns Macdonald. The marriage will take place on Thursday, December 31, at high noon, at Grace Church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mintzner gave a matinee tea last Saturday at their residence, 1725 Broadway, to introduce Miss Ware, the daughter of Mrs. Mintzner. Many of their friends called between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock and were hospitably entertained. Those who assisted in receiving were Miss Frances Currey, Miss Frances Moore, Miss Vining, Miss Foote, Miss Elma Graves and Miss Booth.

Owing to the request of a large number of the members of the Friday Fortnightly, the management has reconsidered its former action and decided to give a Christmas cotillon on Thursday evening next (Christmas eve). Miss Genevieve Goad will lead the cotillon, which is to be a leap-year affair. There is every promise of a merry evening.

Mrs. Frank M. Sumner entertained a number of friends most delightfully on Friday evening at a musicale at her home, 810 Van Ness avenue. After enjoying an excellent musical programme a supper was served.

Mrs. S. S. Wheeler gave a most enjoyable tea on Friday afternoon at her residence, 2440 Jackson street. The prettily decorated parlors were crowded during the hours named—3 to 6.

One of the most brilliant and enjoyable gatherings of the past week was the third assembly and german of the Entre Nous cotillon, which took place at the Palace Hotel on last Friday evening. Sanford G. Lewald led with Miss Marie Babin, and two exceedingly graceful and pleasing figures, "flags of all nations" and "serpentine circles," were danced. Pretty girls in handsome gowns made each figure danced have its own individual share of effectiveness, and the german, as usual, was enjoyable and successful in every respect. Those who participated in the first and second sets were: H. E. Carter and Miss Elinor M. Croudace, Fred A. Wieland and Miss Frances Burton, William F. Hooke and Miss Maud Folsom, Gaston Roussy and Miss Louise Heppner, Wallace Alexander and Miss Edna O'Brien, Herman H. Herzer and Miss Maud Haas, J. J. de Haven and Miss M. T. Alexander, Henry de la Vega and Miss Mizpah Friederich, Harold Warwick and Miss Emma Prosek, W. W. Funge Jr. and Miss Aida Sbarboro, Robert F. Haight and Miss Nelye Giusti, A. H. Muessdorffer and Miss Leah S. Young, William G. Barr and Miss Albertia Gruenhagen, Clarence E. Musto and Miss Carrie Strehl, Robert Tittel and Miss Charlotte Gruenhagen, George W. Craig and Miss Mse Folsom, William F. Hooke and Miss Maud Folsom, Fred G. Gantner and Miss Martha Korbel, J. Oscar Gantner and Miss Lottie Musto. The next gathering will take place in the latter part of January and will be a "fancy dress german."

THEY'RE ENGAGED.

Interesting Betrothals Are Made Public.

THE engagement is announced of Miss Minnie Boas, daughter of J. Boas, to Marc L. Davis. They will receive Sunday, December 27, between 2 and 5 o'clock, and the first Wednesday in January, at 1239 O'Farrell street.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gosliner announce the engagement of their daughter Fanny to Sol Goldberg of Vallejo. At home this Sunday, December 20, from 2 to 6 P. M., at 1823 Sutter street.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bertha Monasch to G. Speier, both of this City. They will receive Sunday, December 27, at 422 Golden Gate avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wiener of 1421 Golden Gate avenue announce the engagement of their daughter Carrie to William R. Cohn. At home Sunday, January 3, from 2 to 5 P. M.

The engagement is announced of J. T. Hilland, prominently identified with the Kern Canal Company, and Miss Katheryne Kiepstein of Bakersfield. The groom is a nephew of ex-Governor Pacheco and a member of one of the old Spanish families of early California. His father was a direct descendant of Elder William Brewster, who came over from England in the Mayflower. Miss Kiepstein is from Virginia, her mother being one of the Rivey family of that State. The wedding will take place in Bakersfield next April.

HOME GATHERINGS.

Delightful Reception at the Delmer Residence—Anniversary Party.

A RECEPTION was given last Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George Delmer at their residence, 128 Moss street, the occasion being the second anniversary of their wedding and the first birthday of their handsome little son. There were about forty guests present, including some of the notables of the judiciary, and a delightful evening was spent with music, conversation and feasting.

Among those present were: Judge Campbell, Archie Campbell, Judge Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. Lovidge, Samuel Lusk, Ben Lusk, Michael Lusk, the Misses Delure, the Misses Polly and Carrie Shudmack, Mr. Adler, the Misses Rosie and Flora Jackson, Mr. Shudmack, Miss Annie Lusk, Mrs. Shaker, Oliver Morosco, Maurice Jacobs and Isidore Jacobs.

On Sunday, December 13, a dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laustaunan in honor of the first anniversary of their marriage. It was also the occasion of the baptism of their infant son, which took place at the Church of Notre Dame des Victoire, Rev. Father Loude officiating. The sponsors were Master Marcelin Laulhese and Miss Isabel Fredericks, nephew and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Laustaunan. After the ceremony dinner was served at the Maison St. Germain. Only relatives and a few intimate friends of the family were present.

A very enjoyable surprise party was given to Miss Beth Wright by her many friends last Saturday evening at her residence, 2926 Laguna street. The young people enjoyed themselves with games and music until 11:30, when a dainty supper was served. Those present were: Miss N. Mulcahy, Miss D. Smith, Miss M. Venn, Miss M. Wright, Miss C. Ryan, Miss A. Wright, Miss B. Wright, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Wright; Messrs. G. Hansen, D. Sutherland, W. Wright, Professor Martin, G. A. Hinck, J. P. Lawler, Mr. Wright and Mr. Walker.

A happy family group gathered round the hospitable board in Dr. Nellie Beighie's beautiful home in the Strathmore last Thursday evening. The doctor is the youngest of "sisters seven," and a joyous welcome she gave the sisterhood, together with her own daughter, Mrs. Edna Wright, and her fair nieces and manly nephews. Covers were laid for twenty as follows: Mrs. Jessie Knott, Mrs. Linibaugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Evans, Mrs. W. A. Hensley, Captain and Mrs. L. A. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Willard Evans, Bernard Limbe, Edward Smith and Miss Bessie Harvey.

Friends of Miss Pearl Mendillowitz recently took possession of her residence, 755 Jefferson street, Oakland, and adorned the spacious parlors with choicest floral offerings. The affair was under the auspices of Henry Kaufman, assisted by Miss Fannie Kowalsky. Dancing, singing and musical solos were the features of the evening until 10 o'clock, when all adjourned to the supper-rooms, where supper was served and the health of the young hostess proposed and drank many times with all good wishes for her happiness and prosperity. Among those present were: Miss Bessie Barron, Miss H. Cohn, Miss Sarah Lubosch, George Alexander, M. Gildner, Henry Kaufman, Miss J. Cohn, Miss Annie King, G. Gilder, Rudolph Rosenberg, Miss Zettie Stamper, Miss Stella Stamper, D. Gibbs, J. Siberman, the Messrs. Goldstone, Miss H. Hyman, Miss R. Jacobs, Mr. Wolf, J. Kasser, Miss R. Bercovich, Miss S. Zelinsky, Miss Fannie Kowalsky, L. Garren, Max Licht, H. Hyman, J. Smith, Charles Reinhart, Mr. Seligman, D. H. Lewin, J. White, Miss S. Gilder, Al Lewis, Mrs. Lichtenstein, S. Bercovich, Mr. Hoffman, Miss White, Mr. Caro, S. King.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., E. W. Walsh was tendered a house warming at his new residence, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion by a number of his friends and acquaintances. In the parlors a profusion of La France roses and pink carnations intertwined with smilax were used in decorating, and the effect was carried out in pink and pale blue shaded lights.

A delightful evening was spent in dancing and games and at midnight the guests repaired to the spacious dining-room, where twenty-five covers were spread on five round tables, one in violets and the others in white wax berries, pink roses, red berries and mignonette.

After a few hours spent at the table in toasting and remarks the guests returned to the parlor and were favored between the dances by Professor James D. Killeen of the Manhattan Athletic Club with several fine vocal and instrumental selections.

Besides the host and his young daughter, Miss Dolly Walsh, who is one of this season's buds, there were present Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Doe, Miss S. Taylor, Miss K. Brandering, Miss A. Lewis, Miss L. Taylor, Miss K. Glidden, Miss G. Mosher, Miss D. Morchio, Miss G. Chameun, Professor James D. Killeen, Professor George J. Ferris, H. W. Gold, James Hilton, George T. Taylor, H. Callender, John M. Newbert, A. Mains, A. J. Johnson.

CLUB PARTIES.

Pleasant Entertainments Given by Prominent Organizations.

THE Michigan Association had a pleasant meeting on Monday evening and in addition the election of officers. They enjoyed a whist and pound social, which included an invoice of Michigan apples. Judge M. Cooney was elected president. Mr. Wilcox was re-elected vice-president. Mr. G. G. Kenny of Oakland was re-elected secretary. Mrs. K. Byrne was re-elected treasurer. Mary L. Harrison was re-elected corresponding secretary. Mrs. Dr. Bushnell was elected financial secretary, and standing committees, consisting of Mr. Busson, Mr. Brooks and others, were appointed. The Michiganders meet on the second Monday of each month in Native Sons' Hall.

Independence Social Club had its monthly social last Saturday evening at Mozart Hall, and in spite of the rain the hall was well filled. During the evening Jesse L. Fawcett gave some musical selections, and little May Flower danced the flag dance, Spanish dance and sailor's hornpipe. She was presented with a beautiful silk flag by Mr. Nielsen on behalf of the club. Dancing concluded the evening's amusement.

A large audience was present at a delightful talk on "Scotland" by Miss Mabel Grey, room 9 of the G. H. S., Monday, December 14. Two Scottish ballads were also charmingly sung. Two more talks followed, December 16 "The Rhine" and Thursday, December 17, "Venice." Under the auspices of the following young ladies the series of talks proved a very great success: Misses Valeria Kleinberg, May Levy, Low Becker, Eva Levy, Rose Snow, Florence Wigand, Hattie Dagget.

The Western Addition Literary and Social Club held its regular monthly meeting at Native Sons' Hall on Wednesday evening, December 16. The hall was crowded with a fashionable audience, who enjoyed the excellent literary and musical programme presented and afterward joined in the dance.

The programme in full was as follows: Overture, selected, orchestra; tenor solo, selected, William Finnie; reading, selected, Professor C. B. Newton; soprano solo, "When the Heart Is Young" (Dudley Buck), Miss Mellie E. Chase; barytone solo, selected, William Hallett; "The Picture" (a comedy in one act, presented by kind permission of George E. Lask of the Tivoli Opera-house), cast: Mrs. Alice Willoughby, a young widow, Miss Ella Ellis; Major John Strong of the United States army, Charles A. Borlini; Dr. Doulton of New York, formerly an army surgeon, Charles W. Wilson; Brick, callboy of the Fifth-avenue Hotel, Arthur W. Jones; scene, Mrs. Willoughby's parlor, Fifth-avenue Hotel, New York; time, early in the spring of 1864.

The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association No. 35 held a grand ball in honor of its fourteenth anniversary at Native Sons' Hall on Friday evening. The ballroom was prettily decorated and a pleasant evening was spent by the large company present.

AT CORONADO.

Winter Festivities at This Popular Resort.

A ROUND of gayety was instituted at Coronado on Monday in honor of the Satellite officers who sailed from the harbor on Tuesday. A swimming party at the plunge occupied the morning. Colonel Churchill, Judge Ricks and Mr. Bjornson entertained the officers at luncheon and the afternoon was given over to a bicycle meet. Those participating were: Mrs. Bassett, wife of Ensign F. B. Bassett of the navy; Miss Hayes, San Francisco; Miss Ricks, Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Pratt, Ohio; Miss Kirby and the Misses Healy, Coronado; Dr. Barry, Lieutenant Harris, Lieutenant Smith and Messrs. Staneforth and Rice of the Satellite; Captain Marion P. Maus, U. S. A., and Alexis Bjornson. In the evening a farewell hop was tendered at the Hotel del Corodado.

The full-dress uniform of the officers, together with the handsome toilets of the ladies, conspired to render the occasion one of the prettiest affairs of the season. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hosbury and Mrs. R. Hosbury of Toledo, Ohio, were among the week's visitors at the famous Southern resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Vail, Mrs. A. C. Balch, C. W. Gates, Los Angeles, and Miss Ethel Clayton, San Jose, have been staying at Coronado.

C. S. Morrill, a prominent business man of Portland, Me., accompanied by Mrs. Morrill and niece, Miss E. Norton, is again at the Hotel Coronado.

Mrs. Charles G. Haskin, Miss Haskin, Miss Lesley Haskin and Mrs. James S. Kirk and maid are Chicago guests at the Hotel Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Carpenter and Mrs. Bassett and child are late comers from Chicago at Coronado.

Wood Fosdeck of New York City is staying at Coronado.

A. B. Calder of San Francisco was a recent guest at Coronado.

B. A. Tomlinson, Atchison, and A. L. Eskridge, Detroit, spent Sunday at the Hotel Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kate, St. Louis, are occupying rooms at Coronado.

Colonel O. J. Crewe-Read of Ensenada and Major H. Scobell of London, Eng., are staying at the Hotel Coronado.

The officers of her Majesty's ship Satellite entertained with a tea on shipboard on Sunday afternoon. The invited guests were Judge and Mrs. Augustus J. Ricks and Miss Ricks, Cleveland, Ohio; Colonel Churchill and Miss Pratt, Ohio; Mrs. F. S. Johnson and Miss Burling, San Francisco; Alexis Bjornson, Coronado.

Colonel L. H. Burton, U. S. A., was down from San Francisco last week and was domiciled for several days at Hotel del Coronado.

Mrs. E. P. Jordan of San Francisco, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Philip T. Timpson of New York City, arrived at Coronado a few days since and will remain through the season.

The party of Charles Willard Cook of Chicago was augmented this week by the arrival of his son, A. E. Cook of Odebolt, Iowa, who, with his wife and child, will occupy a cottage on Park place this season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lang, with Mrs. E. L. Cummings and Lincoln C. Cummings, were recent visitors at Coronado from Portland, Me.

IN THE FUTURE.

Receptions and Dances Announced for the Holidays.

SAN FRANCISCO Lodge No. 21, Theatrical Mechanics' Association, will give its fifth annual benefit in aid of the charitable and benevolent fund at the Tivoli Opera-house on Sunday afternoon, December 27, the theater having been kindly donated by Mrs. Ernestine Kreling through the kind office of William Leahy. An extensive programme will be given, comprising talent from all the theaters in the City.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Jacobs announce the barmitzvah of their son Louis Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 P. M., at Geary-street Temple. Reception to-day, Sunday, December 20, at the residence, 1605 Post street, from 2 to 5 P. M.

C. L. A. S. No. 2 will give a Christmas donation entertainment for the benefit of the poor Monday, December 21, at 8 P. M., at Mission Opera-hall (lower hall), 2131 Mission street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth.

A social hop will be given on New Year's eve by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Slinkey at the El Monte, 501 Geary street.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Alameda will give their first grand entertainment and dance at Encinal Hall, Bay station, on Wednesday evening, January 13, 1897, at 8 o'clock sharp.

The members of Ignatian Council No. 35, Young Men's Institute, are perfecting arrangements for their annual party, to be held on Friday evening, January 22, at N. S. G. W. hall. This event promises to eclipse all former affairs given under this council's auspices.

There will be a jolly Xmas party at the Berkshire. The house will be brilliant with lights and holly branches, and there will be feasting and dancing, after a concert by the Arriola band, direct from Mexico. These musicians are attracting universal admiration by their rendition of their national music, much of which is distinctly new and good.

The Golden Gates will give a Christmas party at California Hall on Thursday evening, December 24.

A banquet will be tendered to the friends of the First Regiment, California Brigade, U. R., K. of P., Wednesday evening, December 30, at Crystal Hall, Pythian Castle, 909 Market street.

Pilgrim Sunday-school of the First Unitarian Church announces an attractive entertainment, which will be held on Tuesday, December 22, at Native Sons' Hall, 404 Mason street. The children's games will begin at half-past 5 and continue till the appearance of Santa Claus at 7 P. M. At 8 o'clock there will be presented "The Birds' Christmas Carol," especially arranged from Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin's charming story. At half-past 9 o'clock there will be dancing. The proceeds of the entertainment will be divided between the Sunday-school and the Silver-street Kindergarten, founded by Mrs. Wiggin, in which she retains a warm interest.

Spotted or figured veils are bad for the sight and should never be worn.

WHIST

Is Duplicate Whist Degenerating?

The size of the score seems to be the standard of quality or excellence of whist-play in many of the whist clubs in this section of the country. We seldom if ever hear the question asked, "Did you have a good game?" "Any interesting deals?" No, it is, "Which way did you sit?" "What was your score?" The style of game that we particularly refer to is this: "Play a tray or two and skip to the next table," and the first thing that is done is to look over the score of your new adversaries, see what they made on deals that the "skippers" have not played and then do anything to beat that score. We dubbed this sort of play "merry-go-round" whist. We have no use for this kind of game ourselves when we cannot play "two-table duplicate," the only game of duplicate whist that is an actual test of skill. We play it for the want of something better. We feel toward this style of game as we do when we go up to our shooting preserves: if we cannot get canvasbacks we will put up with "spoonies."

Is it not about time that a new style of game for general club play was given to the whist world? If John T. Mitchell, the father of duplicate whist, don't hurry up and give us a new game we will have to show up "solitaire whist."

Third Annual Whist Tournament.

The great whist convention that will be held in this City on January 8 and 9 will no doubt be the largest gathering of whist-players ever held on this coast. Of course playing for the Rideout trophy will be the chief feature of the meeting. No less than fifteen clubs will be represented in this contest. Every arrangement will be made by the San Francisco and Trist Duplicate Whist clubs to accommodate the crowds that will be in attendance. The prizes that will be given for the six contests will be placed on exhibition in one of the show windows on Market street the week before the tournament. The preliminary play for the Rideout trophy will be conducted on what is called the Howell system; the semi-finals and finals will be conducted on the A. W. L. two-table system according to the following schedule for teams of four:

Schedule for Twenty-Four Deals.

First number one team, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4; the other, Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8.

TABLE NO. 1.		24 DEALS.	TABLE NO. 2.		
N.	S.	E. W.	N.	S.	E. W.
1 and 2	against 5 and 6		7 and 8	against 3 and 4	
1 and 2	against 7 and 8		5 and 6	against 3 and 4	
1 and 3	against 5 and 7		6 and 8	against 2 and 4	
1 and 3	against 6 and 8		5 and 7	against 2 and 4	
1 and 4	against 5 and 8		6 and 7	against 2 and 3	
1 and 4	against 6 and 7		5 and 8	against 2 and 3	

When starting in to play take positions as scheduled above; place two Paine's trays and two packs of cards, two score and two trump cards on each table; shuffle and deal the cards at the tables in the presence of your adversaries; turn a trump, record it on the trump card as the law directs; start in to play; when each has played the two deals exchange and play the other two; at the end of the four deals the score is announced; then change as per schedule. No. 1 always sits still; pass out four more trays, cards, etc., and so on to the finish. Any information that is desired by any visiting whist clubs will be cheerfully given by addressing P. J. Tormey, chairman tournament committee, 220 Sutter street.

Whist Play by the Masters.

Deal No. 13 from Bunn and Briggs:

♠—A, J, 7, 4
♡—7, 3, 2
♣—A, 3, 2
◇—A, Q, 4

♠—Q, 5, 2
♡—6, 5
♣—Q, 10, 9, 8, 6
◇—8, 7, 6

N / W E / S

♠—8, 6, 3
♡—K, 8
♣—K, J, 7, 5
◇—K, J, 10, 9

♠—K, 10, 9
♡—A, Q, J, 10, 9, 4
♣—4
◇—5, 3, 2

10 spades trumps; West to lead.

The winning card is underscored.

TRICKS.	SOUTH.	WEST.	NORTH.	EAST.
1	4♣	8♣	2♣	K♣
2	10♠	Q♠	A♠	8♠
3	9♡	5♡	7♡	8♡
4	K♠	2♠	4♠	6♠
5	9♠	5♠	J♠	3♠
6	A♡	6♡	3♡	K♡
7	Q♡	6◇	2♡	9◇
8	J♡	7◇	4◇	7♣
9	10♡	6♣	3♣	5♣
10	4♡	9♣	Q◇	10◇
11	5◇	8◇	A◇	J◇
12	2◇	10♣	A♣	J♣
13	3◇	Q♣	7♠	K◇

Score: North and South twelve, East and West one.

Comments on the play by George L. Bunn:

Trick 2—East's trump lead is bold, but we do not think it bad. He feels that there is a very good chance that the club will be ruffed if it is returned and is willing to take some chances for the sake of the clubs. As a matter of fact, the trump lead loses nothing, for if East returns the club South would pass, having a great suit and three good trumps, North would lead a trump, and the queen would be caught and the heart suit made. East's lead of a trump makes the 12-1 score quite difficult for North and South, though it is in the hands by the best play.

Trick 3—North's lead of the heart seven is not a shot in the dark, nor is it short-suit whist. It is whist of a high grade. He sees from the drop that East's trump lead was from weakness and argues that East must have some strength in both hearts and diamonds. As North has the major tenace in diamonds, giving East but one honor, there is little strength left for South to hold. South's strong suit, therefore, must be hearts, and if East holds strength in that suit the lead of a heart will give South the play over him. Of course North might have led Ace, and then his small club with reasonable assurance that South would trump, but the force under such circumstances is a pretty poor grade of whist, for South would be compelled to lead a heart and North's seven would be a great help played third hand. It makes no difference whether East plays King or not; South sees that the seven is North's best, as he holds five cards above it in his own hand; his finesse is obligatory.

Tricks 4 and 5—South can mark jack of trumps with North, and from his short heart lead is inclined to place four trumps in his hand. He plays, therefore, to exhaust the trumps, leave the lead with North and get another lead of hearts through the king, which he does not know to be alone. North overtakes South's nine of trumps with jack for the purpose of leading the heart through East.

Tricks 6 to 13—South's hearts give North all the discards he needs.

Our Whist Queen's New Book "Whist."

On invitation from THE CALL Mrs. F. H. Atwater of Petaluma, one of our whist critics, sends us the following:

"Miss Kate Wheelock's new book is just what one would expect from such a dear little lady.

"Dainty, unassuming, right to the point and full of good things presented in a concise, clear form.

"In fact just such a book as one would desire to have constantly at hand.

"Coming from one who has had such wide experience, both in theory and practice as a teacher and player, and one who is held in such high esteem in the whist world, the student may be sure of not being led astray by following its rules implicitly.

"The whist books of late have been so full of all sorts of fads and fancies that it is very gratifying to find in this little volume nothing but good common whist sense, which, if followed, would not require a player, when cutting in with a new partner, to ask, 'Which system do you play?'

"Miss Wheelock follows the American leads with few exceptions, favoring the leads of A with 5 in suit, Q from the one combination of K, Q, and the lead of 10 from Q, J, 10 and 1 or more, and fourth best from king, jack, 10.

"That portion of the book devoted to the topics of 'Discards,' 'Unblocking' and 'General Notes' constitutes an explicit epitome of valuable deductions.

"The tables for the play of second and third hand constitute the 'multum in parvo' of the treatise; for brevity and conciseness, the one thing to be desired by the earnest student and careful player, it is unsurpassed.

"Throughout the book there is a most excellent arrangement for quick reference and easy assimilation, and, taking it in its entirety, it is a most valuable work to all but the beginner."

Editor's Comments.

Our whist editor should not attempt to gild a rose to try and beautify it. Neither can we add anything to the above criticism, but we can say in our twenty years' whist experience we never received anything pertaining to the game the anticipation of which gave us so much real pleasure as this new work that comes from our Queen.

No little one ever emptied a Christmas stocking with more real enjoyment than we experienced when we cut the twine containing this precious volume. Sweet and dainty sure enough. The exquisite taste displayed by her Majesty did not forget that rough hands like ours were never made to handle such a delicate little treasure without some protection, so she has the cream white binding-covered with parchment. The front cover bears the simple word, "Whist," embossed in large red letters. We carefully raise the cover and find there this inscription:

"Mr. ——: Please accept this book of rules. Deal gently with it but honestly, as you have always done, is all I ask. KATE WHEELOCK."

Miss Wheelock's friends from the Atlantic to the Pacific—and they are legion—can make elegant use of this whist work as Christmas offerings.

Trist Club Wins the Payot Trophy.

Last Saturday evening the challenge match between the Trist Duplicate Club and the San Francisco Whist Club took place in the rooms of the latter for the possession of the Payot trophy. The players representing the Trist Club were: A. C. Freeman and Mrs. Guptill, G. A. Singer and Mrs. A. B. Woodward, A. H. Lewis and Mrs. Fredricks, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Dangerfield, Professor Howard and Mrs. Taylor, John G. Sutton and Mrs. Myers. The total score: Trist Club 1196, the San Francisco Whist Club 1144, Trist winning the match by a gain of 52 tricks.

"A Whist Catechism."

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of an autograph copy of the second edition of Mary d'L. Levick's new whist work, entitled "A Whist Catechism." The first edition the author dedicated to her teachers, Miss Kate Wheelock and Mrs. Roberta G. Newbold. This one she dedicates to Nicholas Browse Trist, "to whom the whist world is greatly indebted for having originated the 'American Leads.'" This work is in reality a whist catechism, and as N. B. Trist says "contains in a condensed form about all that is worth knowing of whist." It is published by J. B. Lippincott Company of Philadelphia, and should be read by every student of the game. Every question is to the point, and every answer so simple a child can easily understand it. If all whist authors possessed this happy faculty or gift the study of whist would be simplified.

Rideout Trophy Contest.

A contest for the Rideout trophy between the Oakland and San Francisco clubs took place in the rooms of the latter on Saturday and Monday evenings, December 12 and 14, twenty-four deals played each evening. The players representing the Oakland club were J. D. Eby, Coffin, Dow and Robinson. The San Francisco club was represented by A. Moreton, Dr. Lovegrove, A. Meyer and H. C. Richards. The Oaklands gained on four deals a total of five tricks. The San Franciscos gained on twenty-one deals with a total of twenty-nine tricks and twenty-three deals broke even. The San Franciscos won the trophy and match by a gain of twenty-four tricks. This match breaks the record. The losing team gained on only four deals out of forty-eight.

Whistlets.

We will publish answers to our prize deal next Sunday, so send in the answers as soon as possible.

The thirty-seventh challenge match for the A. W. L. Trophy was played in Philadelphia Saturday, December 5, between the Hamilton Club (holder) and the Capitol Bicycle Club of Washington (challenger). The members of the latter club are the pets of R. F. Foster, who play the "short suit game," whatever that is. The "Bikes" were not in it after the first round, and the Hamiltons walked away from them with a total score of 25 to 14.

We will try and answer our correspondent next week on "private conventions" or "secret signs," as you call it.

Flashed in the Wrong Pan.

In last week's issue of "The Wave" appeared one of the finest flash light photographs, by Mr. S. M. Williams, that has appeared in many a day in a journal published on this coast. The title given to this illustration was "A Session of the San Francisco Whist Club." The photo was taken in one of the three parlors of the Trist Duplicate Whist Club in the Berkshire. Nine tables only can be seen in play. The work was so well done that even the portraits on the walls of Trist and "Cavendish" are readily recognized. The slight error in naming the youngster caused a little merriment.

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