

WORKING SOCIETY WOMEN

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It cannot now be said of the smartest of the smart maids, as in Solomon's time, that "they toll not, neither do they spin."

There are two types of smart-set maids—those with brains and those without.

Necessarily, those without "toll not, neither do they spin"—simply because they haven't brains enough to toll or spin.

It takes all their time to dream, smoke, eat pickles, dress and go to teas, where they "giggle, gabble, gobble and gig."

These smart maids who work do it because they relish the thrill of accomplishment—because they are wise enough to realize that without work there can be no play—no contrast.

At the exhibition of the Guild of Arts and Crafts held at the St. Francis, and closed yesterday, the array of society maids and matrons who were working seriously was something of a revelation.

Among these skillful craftswomen, most of whom had samples of workmanship on view, were Miss de Guigne, Miss Edith Chesebrough, Miss Dorothy Collier, Mrs. Albert Dibbee, Misses Olivia and Mildred Holden, Mrs. Thomas Olney (nee Selby), Miss Eleanor Plaw, Miss Clara Rice, Miss Rosa Tausig, Mrs. Albertine Randall Wheelan and Mrs. R. Gilman Brown.

Now, these young women really do things. They don't belong to the guild that begin things and forget to finish them.

Especially is this true of Miss de Guigne, Miss Chesebrough and Miss Rosa Tausig, all of whom presented finished products in the line of exquisite bookbindings, the first two showing types of the French art, and Miss Tausig the English, both excellent exemplars of their respective schools.

Then there is Ethel Hager, who has turned out some very interesting things in modeling—notably a siren of the sea; and the De Young girls, who are diligent students of music, Miss Helen a devotee of the harp.

In the province of letters, Miss Agnes Tobin has won international distinction by her exquisite translation of Petrarch, whose vibrant soul seems to find response in the soul of the young woman who sitteth by the side of the Turquoise Sea.

And thus do smart maids and matrons toll and spin—they that have the brains. There are those who pursue the primitive arts with equal intelligence—cooking and sewing and the rearing of babies. Of these we shall hear later.

The week's diary shows these events to have taken place:

MONDAY.
Opening party of the Skating Club. Mrs. Charles M. Fickert at home. Paymaster and Mrs. Guy Brown entertained at a dinner at their home on Yerba Buena in honor of Miss Ada English of Oakland.

Miss Gertrude Russell, hostess at a luncheon at the Claremont Country Club.

TUESDAY.
Miss Merritt Reid, hostess at a luncheon in honor of the debutantes of the season.

Miss Marcia Warren entertained at a large bridge party in honor of Miss Mary Harriner.

Mrs. Harry Nathaniel Gray, hostess at bridge.

Miss George Downey, hostess at the Army Ladies' Card Club in her apartments at St. Dunstan's.

Wedding of Miss Beatrice Spillavo and Lieutenant Francis Rawls Shoemaker in the Empire room of the Palace Hotel.

Mrs. Sidney S. Van Wyck and the Misses Laura and Nannie Van Wyck, hostesses at a tea at their home on Webster street.

Miss Elsie Everson, hostess at a luncheon at the Claremont Country Club in honor of Miss Emily Chickering.

Wedding of Mrs. Marie Baird Baldwin and William Sproule in the apartments of Mrs. Veronica Baird in the Palace Hotel.

WEDNESDAY.
Wedding of Miss Georgiana Lacey and James Spalding of Honolulu at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'B. Gunn.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. de Young, on California street, in honor of Miss Frances Stewart.

Wedding of Miss Coralie Selby and Thomas Olney at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Prentiss Selby, in Oakland.

Miss Evelyn and Miss Marie Withrow, hostesses at a musicale.

Mrs. Florence Land May, hostess at a skating party, followed by a supper, entertaining Mrs. Charles Butters, Mr. Gowen, Miss Georgia Russell of Oakland, Dr. and Mrs. Philip King Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wright, Miss Adeline Ricks, Miss Frances Stewart, Miss Eliza Draper, Colonel T. W. Draper, Thornwell Mulally of New York, Pat Calhoun, Philip Paschel, Harry L. Padcock, Major Stephenson, Lieutenant Higgins, Mr. Duval, Lieutenant Anderson, Mr. Bonfield and Mr. Hoag.

THURSDAY.
Mrs. Emma de Noon Lewis and Miss Mabel de Noon, hostesses at a large bridge party at the Hotel Pendleton.

Seguola Club reception given to the writers of California, Mrs. Adolphus Graupner hostess.

Miss Alyse Warner entertained at a large tea at her Franklin street home in honor of Mrs. de Lancy Lewis (Doris Batchelder) and Miss Phyllis Moulton.

Mrs. Charles Plummer Perkins, hostess at an informal tea at Yerba Buena Island.

Mrs. Frederick Stratton, hostess at her home on Harrison street, Oakland, giving a luncheon to honor Miss Elsie Gregory.

Miss Anna Foster entertained at a luncheon at her home in San Rafael.

FRIDAY.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clifford entertained at a large reception at the Hotel Melville to introduce their daughter, Miss Evelyn Clifford, and to formally announce her engagement to Sylvanus Farnham of Oakland.

Mrs. John T. Harnes and Mrs. Alanson Weeks at home.

SATURDAY.
Wedding of Miss Edith Redding and Marshall Watkins at the home of the bride's father, Albert Redding, at Menlo Park.

Annual breakfast of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Society of California Pioneers in Pioneer Hall, Mrs. Henry Wetherbee presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. James Knox Wilson formally presented their daughter Grace to society at a large tea given in their home on Pacific avenue.

Mrs. Benjamin G. Lathrop, hostess at a musical given at her home on Pacific avenue.

Mrs. Paul Bancroft, luncheon hostess in her apartments at St. Dunstan's in honor of Miss Elsie Gregory.

Among the prettiest women to visit San Francisco during the last few months was Mrs. Clarence Van Duser, wife of Congressman Van Duser of Nevada, who left for Washington a few days ago to join her husband in the national capital.

A stunning brunette, Mrs. Van Duser is a woman of strong mentality as well as beauty, and created a mild sensation during her stay at the Cecil.

Of all the debutantes of the winter there has not been a daintier maid presented than Miss Nell Rose Baggett, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Baggett.

And in right royal style was she

presented—this dark-eyed daughter of the Southland, who retains her alluring Southern accent in fetching fashion.

MISS NELL ROSE BAGGETT



BEAUTIFUL WIFE OF NEVADA CONGRESSMAN, WHO HAS GONE TO WASHINGTON AFTER A BRIEF VISIT IN SAN FRANCISCO, A PRETTY DEBUTANTE AND A MATRON WHO ENTERTAINS WITH GREAT SKILL.

A pleasant event to-day will be a tea in honor of two young visitors and a bride of June, Mrs. Robert Jeffrey Dusan, with her daughter, Miss Dorothy Dusan, will entertain at a tea, Mrs. Philip Bancroft to share honors with Miss Grace Mellus of Los Angeles and Miss Brent Watkins. The affair is to be quite large, as the three special guests claim a goodly portion of society's attention.

The pleasures of the holiday time are scarcely creating more interest than the anticipation of delightful dance to be given by Colonel Wain-Morgan Draper. In honor of his charming daughter, Miss Elsie Draper, the affair will have the initiation of the new Golf and Country Club house at Ingleside, guests to be conveyed by private car.

Fifty guests have been bidden for the evening of December 27, and those who were present at Miss Elsie's coming-out party last year at the Bohemian Club well realize what a splendid time is in store, Colonel Draper being an ideal host.

Mrs. La Boyteaux will be one of next Friday's bridge hostesses, having issued invitations for about two dozen guests to convene at her home on Pacific avenue.

The 23d will see the marriage of Miss Louise Whitney of Santa Barbara to Harry Young of this city, with a notable attendance from this city. Miss Whitney has visited in town so extensively that she not only holds a wide acquaintanceship, but many warm friends, who are delighted to think she is coming to reside within these gates.

The wedding will take place at the Whitney home with the attendants, including Miss Amy Broome, Miss Florence

C. B. Sloan; Balthasar, E. Courtney Ford.

If you can't land an admission for the night performance, don't be disheartened, for the matinee on Tuesday will be as smart an affair as the first performance—and may be smoother.

But don't fall asleep over it. Get your tickets early.

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Hammond and Miss Clara Sweikert. Only a small number are bidden to the ceremony, though the reception following will include nearly 500, after which Mr. Young will bring his bride to San Francisco, where residence will be established for a time with the groom's parents.

Wednesday of next week seems a favorable date for weddings, and one of the southern clime interests our local society world. Miss Gertrude Jack of San Luis Obispo and Charles Ketzler, a clever attorney of that section, will be married on the date mentioned.

The bride, with her sister, Miss Ethel Jack, has spent much time in this city, where they are well known, and are nieces of Mrs. W. W. Stow of Santa Barbara and of Mrs. M. H. Banning of Los Angeles.

Ray Judah, a brother of Miss Christian Judah, will be married to Miss Eva Bowman of Santa Cruz on December 29.

Mr. Judah will make a home for his bride in Los Angeles.

Miss Jean Downey of Oakland, who has been the recipient of so much attention since her betrothal announcement, has named her wedding day to be the 26th of this month, when she will pledge vows with Hugh Goodfellow.

The Downey home in Berkeley is to be the scene of the ceremony, with only a small guest list. After a journey Mr. Goodfellow will locate with his bride in Oakland, where he has a home in course of construction.

Mrs. J. Parker Currier will be a hostess on the 19th, having issued invitations for a large luncheon, to be given in her apartments at St. Dunstan's.

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Hall, son of Judge and Mrs. Samuel P. Hall.

The formal announcement was to have been the motif of the coming tea, but it crept out, prematurely, though no abatement of interest will be shown at the coming happy affair when the air will be filled with abundant good wishes.

Miss Jeannette Wright and Miss Marion Wright have recently returned from a year's travel abroad and are to formally enter society during this winter. On Tuesday they will be honored guests at a tea to be given by Mrs. George M. Converse at her home on Laurel street. Those to assist in receiving will include Miss Louise Stone, Miss Burnie Owens, Miss Christine Judah, Miss Florence Gibbons, Miss Johannah Volkman and Miss Isabel O'Connor.

The two maids are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham Wright and are spending the winter with their parents at the Palace Hotel.

Tuesday was quite usurped by the twin gods of love, the treading of the hymeneal path holding attention until the near close of day, when Cupid sprang to view with six newly pierced hearts. The three betrothals gladdened society's ears, for with the ever present interest in the "old story," there still was included additional sentiment.

Miss Elizabeth Huntington, Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Allen are friends of intimacy and a pretty conceit was furthered in their simultaneous appraisals of coming weddings. Respectively the men are John Brockway Metcalf, Lieutenant Franklin Bache Harwood, U. S. R. C. S., and J. Otis Burrage, all of whom are familiar in these environs, although Mr. Burrage is resident of another State. His brother, Lieutenant Burrage, married a daughter of General Graham of the Presidio a few years ago.

January and February are named for the first two weddings, Miss Allen having not yet determined upon the felicitous day for herself and Mr. Burrage.

With the wedding announcement of Mrs. Marie Baird Baldwin and William Sproule of the Southern Pacific came genuine surprise, for not the closest friends dreamed of an engagement, much less a wedding. About noon on Tuesday the whisper leaked out of the nuptial ceremony just to be performed, the verification provoking something of a shock.

The service, extremely quiet and simple, was performed in the apartments of the bride's mother, Mrs. Veronica Baird, at the Palace, Rev. Frederick Clappert reading. The bride stood unattended. Horace G. Platt acted as best man.

A brief trip is being made by Mr. and Mrs. Sproule, who will return to San Francisco for the holidays and afterward leave for an extended journey eastward.

The Shoemaker-Spillavo nuptials took place at the Palace at 2 o'clock last Tuesday, with all the appointments in most artistic arrangement.

The groom, with his attendants, was in full military regiments, while a magnificent flag, bordered by brides and

branches, formed one of the chief features of decoration.

The color scheme of pink and white received emphasis in all the details, the bridal train showing three beautiful gowns of the delicate tint, and the bride's table fairly nodded with gorgeous carnations of the same delicate hue.

A hundred guests attended the ceremony and reception, Father Kenna of Santa Clara College officiating. Lieutenant and Mrs. Shoemaker are journeying southward.

Wednesday fell not short in events matrimonial, three marriages occupying the society mind during that day.

Miss Georgiana Lacey was married to James Spalding of Honolulu at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'B. Gunn, the ceremony being surrounded with all that was beautiful and artistic.

The groom owns fine plantations in Kauai, the only regret attached to which fact being that he must carry from among this gay realm his bride, who is a maid to be widely missed.

Miss Elizabeth Smith of Scotland was wedded to Dr. Samuel J. Gardner, the Southern Pacific surgeon, at 3 o'clock in the Palace Hotel, where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. George L. Fish, since last March.

This event was quietly solemnized, only a limited number being bidden.

The color idea of blue and white was most effectively observed, and all the gowns of the bridal party were truly beautiful, the unmistakable mark of foreign modistes being stamped upon each.

Rev. Kirk Guthrie officiated. After a short trip south Dr. and Mrs. Gardner will reside with Mrs. Gardner Sr. until spring, when a trip to the ancestral home of the bride in Scotland will be made.

To Wednesday's claim is also granted a fair Oakland bride, Miss Coralie Selby having on that day pledged her troth to Thomas Olney.

Both young people are too well known to need any introduction, both by their personal friends and from the long and honorable standing of their respective families.

The bride, a daughter of the late Prentiss Selby, is a sister of Miss Edith Selby, and both girls were of the old Field Seminary (College), from which have come so large a number of our society maids. Mr. Olney, son of ex-Mayor Warren Olney, is an enterprising and successful young business man and graduate of the State University.

Miss Florence Selby as maid of honor, with Miss Edith Selby and Miss Nellie de Evermyer, were attendant upon the bride. Mrs. Olney serving his brother as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Olney will spend a short time at their ranch near Danville.

A score of guests enjoyed bridge on Thursday by the hospitality of Mrs. Emma de Noon Lewis and Miss Mabel de Noon in their apartments at the Pendleton. Conversation was and events proved the rooms, which were occupied by many busy players.

Mrs. Florence Land May.

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