

SOCIETY

BY THE OUTSIDER



ALTHOUGH as yet plans for the winter's social gayeties have not been unfolded, there are all sorts of predictions for an unusually merry season. Balls, luncheons, dinners and automobile journeys are eagerly looked forward to, especially by the debutantes, of whom there is already a goodly array. And week-end visits at country homes. Could one possibly find a more delightful way of varying the monotony of formal affairs in town than by stealing away occasionally with a congenial party of friends for a few days in mid-winter? What greater joy than to sit in front of an androned fireplace and reminisce over the leaping flames, with the wind howling its maddest outside? These week-end joys, so long popular in England and on the continent, are fast becoming the thing here, and many of those who have closed their summer places for the season find pleasure in repeating them for a few days in the heart of December. Then there are sure to be feasts in the way of musicales, concerts and opera. Bridge still holds its own, and those who look over their engagement calendars find themselves already booked for many afternoons' indulgence in this exciting game.

There is no doubt that the good old town will be filled to the brim this winter with those loyal ones who have elected to dispense with the "charm" of life abroad and return to their own roof-trees. People are flocking homeward by hundreds. Each day brings from sis to a dozen arrivals, all with familiar faces and names. "Life in England, in France, in Germany is delightful," they say, "but after all, we're glad to be home again. You know there's no place quite like San Francisco."

And they are quite right. Life in San Francisco, especially social life, is more than delightful; it is wonderfully different from the staid social stream that runs along peacefully in other cities. Take the east, for instance. Social life there is confined almost exclusively to "sets." One need not ask who a man is in the east if it is necessary to ascertain his social pedigree. One has only to inquire "in what set is he?" and his social standing is irrevocably fixed.

Here it is different. All the wit, beauty and talent of the world meet at some time in San Francisco. Wealth counts for something; cleverness and the power to be brilliantly entertaining for more. Every door flies open to the possessor of undoubted talent in whatever line it may manifest itself. It is this cosmopolitan quality which makes social life in our city so different, so charming and so interesting. It is the infusion of new blood—the blood that thickens and daries and does—that saves society from becoming as a clever and far seeing writer has aptly dubbed it, "a mush of congestion."

spectators was greatly marred by the irregularity with which the races were conducted. There was no adherence whatsoever to the program and it was impossible to follow the events understandingly.

And now, from the east, I am assured that wintering has lost its charm. Let us face the situation by asking, Has the bloom been rubbed off touring and is society weary of its toy? I cannot see why, only that it is human to go heels over head into any novelty and then get tired of it. But there will always be additions to society's occupations and pleasures. Those who have survived some seasons of racing over the country chewing dust and sampling wayside inns may well be ready to forego "touring." They have done it all. But for real use and time saving the motor car is an undisputed blessing. Let's hold on to it, for at present there is no other means of transportation to take its place.

Hostesses to be counted upon for many of this winter's gayeties are Mrs. Charles Josselyn, whose four daughters have brought back from Europe trunksful of pretty gowns and any number of continental ideas; Mrs. L. L. Baker, who will close her home in Ross and take a house in town to entertain for her debutante daughter, Miss Helen Baker; Mrs. W. Mayo Newhall, who also has a daughter coming out, fresh from travel abroad, and Mrs. Eleanor Martin, whose mother is only too delighted to have an excuse for entertaining, this time it is an attractive young step-granddaughter, Miss Genevieve Walker, who has come from Philadelphia to pass the winter with her. Then there is also a possibility that Mrs. Peter Martin may visit here again, although it is doubtful if she will remain for any time, as her young sister, Miss Oelrichs, is to make her debut in New York this winter and she will wish to be there to assist in the festivities.

Whereas it is an accomplished fact that Mrs. Inez Shorb White's skating club will be reorganized and that Monday will be the night set aside for the merry gatherings, the dates have not yet been fixed.

News has been received here of the serious illness in New York of Mrs. Ernest A. Willsee. Mrs. Willsee was in Peru with her husband, who was looking after mining interests, when she was taken ill. When the serious nature of the trouble was discovered Mr. Willsee hastily brought his wife home.

Mrs. Arthur H. Small, who has been living in Berkeley since the fire, has returned from a three months' visit to Napa Soda Springs. Mr. Small, who left six weeks ago on a business trip to England, sailed recently from Liverpool for home, and will visit his family in Toronto, Can., before returning to Berkeley. Miss Eleanor Small has just passed several happy weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Rothschild, at the latter's home in Burlingame, where luncheons, dinners and auto rides were given in rapid succession for the fair young visitor.

The portraits in the illustration are those of Miss Winnifred Mears (on the left) and Mrs. Frederick Mears.

she is clever with the brush, this talent has not as yet been cultivated.

No one has been more missed here by society than Mrs. Austin Tubbs, who has absented herself in Washington, D. C. for the last year. Mrs. Tubbs has whiled away the summer in Bar Harbor, but will return soon to her handsome apartment in Stoneleigh court.

Another Californian who is occupying an apartment in Stoneleigh court is Mrs. Frank Hatch, who is remembered here as Miss Allie Hawes, daughter of Colonel A. G. Hawes. Mrs. Hatch entertained and was entertained extensively last winter, her husband's former position in the diplomatic service as United States minister to Hawaii giving her great prestige in Washington society circles.

Our own May Sutton is coming home again, with her arms, or rather her trunks, literally filled with trophies. This is Miss Sutton's third lawn tennis tour in England, and it has been a triumph from start to finish. Many of the trophies that she won, one of which can never be won outright, she left in England. Including the Welsh cup, she is bringing back to California prizes valued at \$600. In open singles Miss Sutton has sustained but one defeat—at Manchester. On the whole of her tour she has lost only four sets, and she went right through the lists at Wimbledon without losing a set. Indeed, at the premier meeting, only two players came within measurable distance of taking a set from her. The expert view is that Miss Sutton is the finest lady player Wimbledon has ever seen, and that were she to visit England again next year the same results would be repeated. It is unlikely, however, that this charming young champion will be seen on English courts next season. Miss Sutton stopped in Newport on her way to California.

Miss Genevieve King and Miss Hazel King, who have been camping for a month in the Yosemite valley with Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Forbes and a party of friends, are expected home early in September.

Lieutenant General and Mrs. Corbin dedicated their new home at Chevy Chase, Washington, D. C., last week, when they entertained at luncheon all the men employed in the construction of the house. General Corbin toasted his guests, who, in turn, drank to the prosperity of the house and its master and mistress.

Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, like everybody else of social distinction in London, went to Scotland for

the opening of the grouse moors. They were guests at two or three country places, and then proceeded to Skibo Castle, where they were entertained by Andrew Carnegie.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Bowman H. McCalla gave a luncheon last week at their home on Constance avenue, Santa Barbara, in honor of their house guests Rear Admiral Cowles and Rear Admiral Capps, heads of the navy bureau department of Washington, D. C. Rear Admiral Cowles is President Roosevelt's brother in law, and the two distinguished visitors are on the Pacific coast on their annual tour of inspection of navy yards and stations. After the menu was discussed the party repaired to the grounds and spent an hour or two wandering through the picturesque tangles of Mission canyon.

A cablegram from Dresden, Germany, received last week contained the sad news of the death of Alfred A. Nickerson of Santa Barbara, who had been abroad for the past three years. Mr. Nickerson has not been in the best of health for some years past, but of late he had been improving, and his death comes as a shock to his many friends here. Mr. Nickerson was the father of Mrs. Harold Sidebotham, Miss Myra Nickerson, Miss Adeline Nickerson and Fred Nickerson. The Nickersons spent several years in San Francisco and have many friends here who will hear with regret of their bereavement. Mrs. Sidebotham is now in Santa Barbara. The other daughters were with Mr. Nickerson at the time of his death.

Sir Frederick Graham, K. C. B., chief assistant under secretary of state for the colonies in London, accompanied by Miss E. B. Suft and Miss J. N. Reid, was at Del Monte for several days recently. Sir Frederick has retired after 35 years' service in the colonial office. For the last 16 years, which included the period of the Boer war, he had charge of the South African colonies. From San Francisco he proceeds to Japan, where he hopes to arrive in time to be present at the garden party given in honor of the mikado's birthday, which takes place early in November. This is one of the greatest entertainments of the year in Japan and is attended by military and naval officers and members of the diplomatic staffs of all the nations represented at Tokyo.

The prospect for a most successful golf tournament at Del Monte from September 2 to 7 is excellent. Many golfers from the Victoria club, Riverside, will be present, as well as players from San Francisco, San Mateo, Oakland, Burlingame, Sacramento, Menlo Park and San Rafael. The Riverside party includes Mr. and Mrs. Hillegas, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hewitt, Miss Rita West, Mr. and Mrs. Heath, Mr. Milice, Mr. Pelton, Mr. and Mrs. Alkire and Miss Carrie Alkire.

Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, president of the California Women Golfers' association and winner of the Del Monte cup for women at the tournament held in August, 1906, will be on hand and will be accompanied by her son, H. Warner

Sherwood of the Claremont country club, who was runner up in the competition for the Del Monte men's cup last year, Templeton Crocker being the winner. Other players will be F. W. Skaffe of Los Gatos, formerly of the San Rafael golf club; the Rev. David M. Crabtree, Admiral Trille of Pacific Grove, Mrs. Wilbur F. George of New Monterey; the Rev. E. E. Baker of the Claremont country club, Douglas Grant and R. Y. Hayne of the Burlingame country club, Miss Maud Bourn, Miss E. A. W. Morgan and Miss Anita Meyer.

Miss Gertrude Jolliffe has returned from her trip abroad.

Dr. and Mrs. William Younger, who have been visiting here, will leave for their home in Europe late in September.

The return to this city of Lieutenant and Mrs. Frederick Mears is looked forward to with pleasant expectations by their many friends in San Francisco, for it will probably mean a number of delightful social functions at the home of the young bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mears, who has been living here for the past two years with Miss Winnifred Mears in apartments at the corner of Green and Fillmore streets.

The young officer and his wife are now at Calebra, canal zone, Panama, where they expect to be for several months, and later will come up to this city.

Mrs. Mears was Miss Jennie Wainwright, and during the time that her father, Major Wainwright was stationed at this post she attended Miss West's school, where she made a host of friends and was universally popular. She is the niece of Admiral Wainwright, who is one of the officers commanding to this coast with the great fleet of war vessels that is soon to start on its way to the Pacific.

The following paragraph, which appeared in a New York weekly, will probably be of interest to San Franciscans:

The return of the James Dunns from a two year stay in Scotland, to take up their residence in Alameda, recalls the circumstances of their marriage and the part played in it by Mr. Dunn's eldest daughter, Mrs. Henry Foster Dutton. When Jane Dunn married the eligible nephew of the popular matron, Mrs. Henry L. Dodge, her father generously thought to provide for his daughter by settling on them much valuable real estate. As Polly was to live in Honolulu, being engaged to Harry Macfarlane, Jane was given the family home in Hyde street, and continued to reside there after her marriage, until with increasing social aspirations she concluded that the locality was not sufficiently exclusive. Like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky she announced one evening to her father that she had rented the house. Thus dispossessed of his home, and being of domestic tastes, it was small wonder that Mr. Dunn lost little time in establishing another hearthstone, and installing therein the present Mrs. Dunn, who was a factory employe, which the socially ambitious Mrs. Dutton cannot forgive. There are two children by

this marriage who will inherit what Mrs. Dutton might have had, and this also rankles. Polly's yearly visits to San Francisco are always the motif for a round of gayeties, as she has many friends who entertain in her honor. Though she has remained on friendly terms with her father, she does not visit at his home, but makes her headquarters with her sister. She has recently arrived and is with Mrs. Dutton at the Hotel Rafael.

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Other Social Events

Miss Genevieve King and Miss Hazel King, who have been camping in the Yosemite Valley for the past six weeks, have had a most enjoyable time. They have been chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Forbes, who belong to the little coterie of old Californians who retained their old homes on Rincon hill until driven out by the fire on that fateful April day. There are no girls in society who have been out a few seasons who are more interesting and better liked than the King girls. They are entirely different in temperament, but are possessed alike of brilliant mentalities. They are both talented, Miss Genevieve having a singing voice of unusual sweetness and Miss Hazel being particularly clever at recitations. Since their first season when they were dined and feted to an extraordinary extent they have cared little for the general round of gayeties, enjoying dinners and the smaller affairs where persons meet on a more intellectual basis.

Their mother, Mrs. Homer S. King, who is an enthusiastic angler, has just returned from a particularly enjoyable fishing trip in the Shasta region.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mintzer will soon close their beautiful home at San Pablo, where they have entertained a number of house parties during the summer, and will reopen their palatial home in Pacific avenue this winter. The interior of the Mintzer home is one of the handsomest in San Francisco, and it is well adapted to entertaining, and the Mintzers themselves are ideal entertainers. Mrs. Mintzer's mother will be with her this winter. The eldest daughter of the house, Mrs. Lees, is living very quietly with her family at her home near Calistoga. Young Miss Mintzer is at school at Santa Barbara, and when she makes her debut, a couple of years hence, will be honored by many an elaborate affair at the family home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tuttle and their family of Colusa are at the Fairmont for a week. They have just returned from Founts springs, where Mrs. Tuttle, in company with Mrs. Victor H. Metcalf, spent many happy days tramping and fishing. Mrs. Tuttle's son, Curtis, will return to Exeter soon to resume his studies.

Quite a number of young lads, all sons of prominent families here, will school in the east. As they are all good friends and are all going to the same school they are anticipating much pleasure as well as benefit. The boys are: Edward L. Eyre, Ward Mallard, Kenneth Montague, Harry Crocker, the two young Hermann boys and Loyal McLaren. The latter will stop over in Maine and visit his aunt, Mrs. Oscar Seawall, who is best remembered in San Francisco as Miss Millie Ashe.

Miss Josephine Lindley, who has spent the entire summer at the Lindley ranch in the Santa Cruz mountains, is expected home on Tuesday. Her stay will be short, however, as she will leave almost immediately for Suisun, where

she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce for a week or two. Miss Lindley is very bright and attractive, sings charmingly, and is considered one of the best gowned girls in San Francisco.

Young Austen Tubbs, who has been spending the summer here with his aunt, Mrs. Frederick W. Tallant, will return this week to the New York military academy.

Mrs. Ogden Mills and her daughters will leave Newport. They will go to the Adirondacks for a short season, where early next month D. O. Mills is to have a birthday party. Miss Beatrice Mills has been called by the London society note writers "the diamond lady," owing to the great number of jewels which she wore at all the large functions in London this spring. At Mrs. Potter Palmer's famous cotillon she was described as being "covered with diamonds." Denials have been made by Ambassador and Mrs. Reid as to the rumors of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jean Reid, who is connected with the embassy in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Conlisk and a party of friends are enjoying an outing at Bohemian grove. The party started by automobile early Friday morning. Servants were sent in advance to have things in readiness at the clubhouse, and the party picnicked along the way, reaching their destination in the evening. Those who comprised the party were Mr. and Mrs. Conlisk, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Cool, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crocker, Mrs. Solly Walter, Mrs. Mary Austen, Richard M. Hotaling, Charles K. Field, Dudley Sales, Philip Franke, Frank Cronise and John Houseman.

An interesting wedding of the week will be that of Miss Eitelka Williar and Lieutenant Max Garber, U. S. A., which will be celebrated at Christ church in Sausalito at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, September 7.

The ceremony will be followed by a small reception at the home of the bride's father, Harry Williar, at which about 40 guests have been invited.

Brigadier General Arthur G. Murray, chief of artillery, accompanied by Lieutenant Commander Spencer L. Wood, U. S. N., left Washington, D. C., last week for the Pacific coast. They are coming to lay out coast defense areas similar to those which have been established on the Atlantic coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Pitkin Pomeroy and Miss Christine Pomeroy will not return from San Rafael until November, when they will occupy their new home in this city.

Mrs. J. R. K. Nuttall and her mother, Mrs. Rosenstock, have returned from Del Monte, where they spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hammond, whose wedding was recently celebrated, are at Colorado Springs, where they will remain for a couple of months.

Mrs. William P. Harrington and her sister, Mrs. Beach, have returned from Colusa and are at the Harrington home in California street.

Mrs. Edith Blanding Coleman and Miss Lena Blanding, who have been with their brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Blanding, at their home in Belvedere all summer, will spend the winter in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Pedar Bruguiere are greatly interested just now furnishing their handsome new apartment in Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chauncey Boardman, who spent the summer at Ben Lomond, are back in their home in Vallejo street.