

IN WOMAN'S WORLD

The Smart Set

THE air was filled with flags yesterday, if one looked to the east. To the west flagstaffs are fewer, but star spangled banners waved from windows for the honor of the president. They were like posters on a fence at the Roos residence, plastered all over it.

Out in Pacific avenue were two—a new one and an old one—the most interesting flags of the day. The new one, with fresh bars of red and white and a bright blue background for its stars, screened the front of the Roosevelt cottage, or what is left of it above the forest of flowers. If one counted the stars, there were 46—quite properly, there being 46 stars on all contemporary flags.

But across the street a great weather stained banner, whose red is dull as old wine and whose white is brown with age, shows only 36. It is draped across the Davenport house, and there is a strange, almost living, dignity in its long folds. It has honored a dozen presidents and victories of old wars, and among newer flags of the neighborhood it seems patriarchal.

When Lincoln was elected the flag was first unfurled. It is an heirloom in the Davenport family, and belonged 60 years ago to Mrs. Davenport's grandfather, James Lake of Wall street, who was also grandfather to Dixwell Hewitt and great grandfather of Miss Eleanor Davenport. James Lake was one of the Pierpont Morgans of his day, which, of course, was a day of less fabulous fortunes in Wall street than the present. The flag was the largest unfurled for Lincoln in the old residence neighborhood of Washington square, and later it waved for the emancipation proclamation and for every union victory of the war, and then for peace.

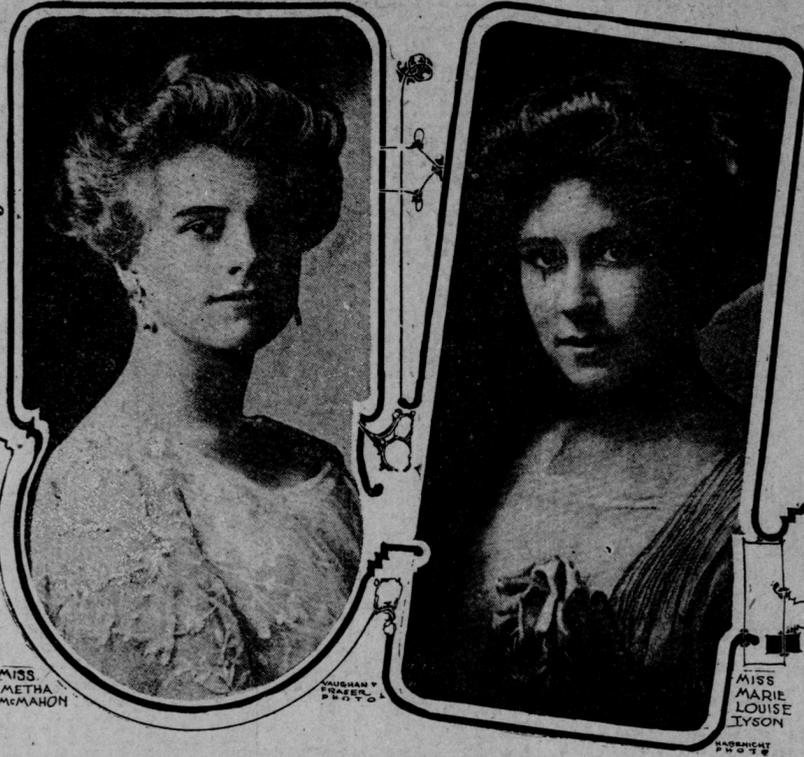
Twenty years ago Mrs. Davenport brought it to California, and on rare occasions it is hung from windows of her home in Pacific avenue. The president is her cousin, so the old flag has a personal responsibility of welcome, like the new one across the way, which the son of a president has unfurled for his father's friend.

The engagement of Miss Ethel O'Brien and Lieutenant Fitzhugh Miningerode, U. S. A., was announced at an elaborate tea given yesterday afternoon at the Palace for a large group of friends of the bride-to-be. The table was decorated with American beauty roses and lilies of the valley, and each of the guests received a corsage bouquet of the blossoms. Lieutenant Miningerode is one of the most popular officers in the service and is stationed at Monterey with the Eighth Infantry. Miss O'Brien is the daughter of Mrs. H. O'Brien and is one of the society girls across the bay who have been entertained at the dances in this city. She is talented in a literary way and has devoted some of her time to writing, besides being a society favorite.

More than a score of girls were bidden to the announcement, to which Miss Ruth Sadler, who will become the bride of Bertrand York October 18. The wedding of Miss O'Brien and Lieutenant Miningerode will be celebrated in January, and the next month the young couple will sail for the Philippines, where they will remain indefinitely. The bride-to-be will be feted at a series of informal affairs on both sides of the bay before her departure for the Orient.

Dr. and Mrs. Kaspar Fischel and their daughters are enjoying a few weeks at an unbruck, Botzen and Meran after a tour of the Italian lakes. Tyrol is the scene of their present country. They have been entertained by their old friends and will remain abroad indefinitely.

Brilliant Reception Is Arranged for Presentation of Debutantes to Society



San Francisco girls who will be introduced to society at reception in white and gold room of Fairmont Wednesday.

Several hundred friends of the couple will attend the church ceremony, but only a limited number of guests have been bidden to the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McCormick in Washington street. Miss McCormick has been one of the most popular brides to be this season and has been feted at several of the recent affairs of social note.

The concert to be given by Warren D. Allen will be a society affair. There is a long list of patronesses for the reception to be given the young pianist on his return from Europe. The recital will be given Wednesday evening and will be attended by several hundred guests. The patronesses are:

- Mrs. E. A. Eckerman
- Mrs. Jacob Berts
- Mrs. Fred W. Bailey
- Mrs. R. S. Browne
- Mrs. Ella W. Hotaling
- Mrs. William Kaufman
- Mrs. Charles C. Moore
- Mrs. James M. McEwen
- Mrs. James A. Macken
- Miss Winifred Myers
- Mrs. Frank W. Marston
- Miss Minnie M. Marston
- Mrs. William T. Sesson
- Mrs. B. Schlesinger
- Mrs. James C. Sims
- Mrs. J. J. Theobald
- Mrs. Frank V. Wright
- Mrs. Carolyn Buck
- Mrs. Albert Derham
- Mrs. Robert T. Devlin
- Mrs. William L. Gould
- Mrs. James L. Gould
- Mrs. Lewis A. Wald
- Mrs. Herman P. Wald
- Mrs. R. V. Ellis
- Mrs. Phoebe Hearst
- Mrs. Mary Tolin
- Mrs. Gordon Blanding
- Mrs. Charles W. Clark
- Mrs. Eleanor Martin
- Mrs. John B. Cassedy
- Mrs. Francis Carolan
- Mrs. Mary Sesson Austen
- Mrs. Maurice Schweitzer
- Mrs. Frederick Kohl
- Mrs. M. H. de Young
- Mrs. Marcus S. Koshland
- Mrs. Louis Sloss
- Mrs. Philip E. Bowles
- Mrs. S. Baldwin
- Mrs. W. D. Fennimore
- Mrs. William Matson
- Mrs. Harry Sherwood
- Mrs. A. J. Black
- Mrs. Florence Braverman
- Mrs. Louis F. Montague
- Miss Grace Gibson
- Miss Linda Buckley
- Miss Edith Rucker
- Miss Dorothy Van Sicken
- Miss Franc Pierce

Right Kind of Gossip Is Interesting--By Ruth Cameron

IT is more important that a person should be a good gossip and talk pleasantly and smartly of common friends and the thousand and one nothings of the day and hour, than that she should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, for awhile together by the fire happens more frequently in marriage than the presence of a distinguished foreigner to dinner.



—Robert Louis Stevenson.

"What a gossip she is," commented the author man's wife tartly.

The lady who received this censure had just taken her leave after conveying to us a gist of news. She had told us that the Burgesses were going south for the winter; that Lothrop's were building a garage; that Mrs. Miller might have to have her arm amputated and that the Quincys' eldest son was going to marry a girl he had met on his trip abroad.

Not one ill natured word had she spoken. Not one suggestion of scandal had she conveyed. She had simply passed along all the bits of news she had been gathering.

People are much the same everywhere. Call it gossip if you will, but when Nurse Bourke has half an hour's leisure to bestow on me, she is sure to have something interesting to relate, something that is entertaining and profitable; something that makes one know one's species better. One likes to know what is going on, to be 'au fait' to the newest modes of living. To me, who lives so much alone, her conversation is a treat."

Myself I can't see it that way. I believe it is every one's duty to be as interesting as he can, and that those who keep their eyes and ears open and are generous with the fruits of their observation fulfill that duty.

It seems to me that many people have this strange notion that to talk about one's friends and neighbors and what they are doing, no matter how charitably, is gossip to be avoided.

And whatever any one else may think, I, for my part, prefer the "gossip." I quote the word because I mean it in the kindly sense of news gatherer, and not the harsh sense in which the author man's wife used it and which it usually carries.

Jane Austen has a splendid description of the right kind of gossip. May I add my feeble note of commendation to hers.

"She (Nurse Rourke in Persuasion) is a shrewd, intelligent, sensible woman. Hers is a line for seeing human nature and she has a fund of good sense and observation, which, as a companion, make her infinitely superior to thousands who, having only received the best education in the world, know nothing worth alluding to. Call it gossip if you will, but when Nurse Bourke has half an hour's leisure to bestow on me, she is sure to have something interesting to relate, something that is entertaining and profitable; something that makes one know one's species better. One likes to know what is going on, to be 'au fait' to the newest modes of living. To me, who lives so much alone, her conversation is a treat."

Several Hundred Guests Are Invited to Party at the Fairmont

The first reception of the season at which debutantes will be presented to local society will be held Wednesday afternoon in the white and gold room at the Fairmont, when Mrs. Eugene Bresse and Mrs. George Tyson will introduce their daughters, the Misses Metha McMahon and Marie Louise Tyson.

Several hundred guests have been bidden and the affair will be one of a brilliant series that will begin the gayeties of the winter for the debutantes. Mrs. Bresse and Mrs. Tyson will be assisted in receiving their guests by the following matrons and maids:

- Mrs. Louis F. Montague
- Miss Grace Gibson
- Miss Linda Buckley
- Miss Edith Rucker
- Miss Dorothy Van Sicken
- Miss Franc Pierce

TWO YEAR OLD WARDS OF CHARITY TO RECEIVE

Society Will Discuss Care of Dependent Children

At the Associated Charities meeting in the St. Francis hotel October 20, the subject for discussion will be "The Care of Dependent Children." The 2 and 3 year old wards of the society will hold a reception immediately after the meeting, and the babies' clinic will be on exhibition in the red room of the hotel.

PAULIST FATHERS INVITE QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

The Paulist Fathers of New York will lecture at St. Mary's cathedral every evening at 8 o'clock from October 16 to 22. The subject will be the Catholic doctrine, and they will answer all questions placed in the question box at the church doors and also grant personal interviews.

OWEN WISTER IS RECOVERING

Wyo., Oct. 13.—Owen Wister and family are in Jackson Hole, this state, where the novelist is recuperating his health. Latest reports obtainable from him in Cheyenne are to the effect that his health is improving.

CAMPAIN FOR GOOD COOKING

The Call is engaged in the development of good cooking in California. The students consist of the housekeepers of the state. The teachers are of that same group. All are learning by interchange of their best recipes and ideas through the open columns of The Call. The paper, "California Women Who Cook," appears in The Sunday Call regularly. Choice pieces of silverware are awarded to contributors of recipes that are the best in the household of the reader:

- Hints for Baking Day**
Mrs. J. M. Walker, 238 Lincoln Avenue, Sausalito.
- Cookies**—One cup of sugar, one large cup of butter, two cups of flour, three eggs, two teaspoons of yeast powder. Mix the flour, sugar and yeast powder together; then mix the butter in as with pie crust, add eggs, well beaten, roll very thin, and bake a delicate brown. Flavor to suit.
- Marble Cake**—For the white part take one and one half cups of sugar, one half cup of sweet milk, one heaping teaspoon of baking powder, whites of four eggs, two and one half cups of flour. Flavor to suit.
- For the dark part use one cup of brown sugar, one half cup of butter, one half cup of syrup, one half cup of sour milk, one half teaspoonful of soda, two and one half cups of flour, yolks of four eggs, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg and one half teaspoon of cloves. Bake in slow oven.
- Snow Cake**—Whites of seven eggs, one and one half cups of pulverized sugar, two cups of flour, one half cup of cornstarch, two-thirds of a cup of milk, two-thirds of a cup of butter, one teaspoon of baking powder. Mix the butter and sugar to cream; sift flour and cornstarch together twice. Flavor with almond or rose.
- Soft Gingerbread**—One cup of syrup, one of sugar, and one of butter, three cups of flour, three eggs, two table-

WORKER FOR SUFFRAGE REGISTERS IN OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Oct. 13.—Mrs. Jennie Mary Chamberlain, 1101 First avenue, a prominent suffrage worker and organizer of half a dozen equal suffrage clubs in various cities of California, took time by the forelock this afternoon and registered as a voter at the county clerk's office at 1:10 o'clock. She is the first woman to register in this county. Her affidavit was taken by Deputy County Clerk W. E. Adams.

Mrs. Chamberlain has been a worker for the cause for 26 years, starting a campaign for equal suffrage in Solano in 1885. She arrived from New York in that year and immediately formed an organization pledged to secure the ballot for women. Her husband, who died in Solano county, was an assessor and tax collector of Solano county.

After organizing the Solano club Mrs. Chamberlain became the leading spirit in other organizations at Vacaville, Vallejo, San Francisco and Oakland. She resided in San Francisco until the fire of 1906, when she moved with her son, T. Star Chamberlain, to this city. She immediately became identified with the suffrage clubs on this side of the bay and took a prominent part in the recent campaign. Four years ago she organized the Eugenic society of Oakland and has been secretary of that body since. The club combated compulsory vaccination and other measures advocated by the National and State Medical associations. She has attended every meeting of the club since its organization.

Mrs. Chamberlain takes a great interest in legislation and has attended several sessions of the legislature at Sacramento. Lately she has been employed by the Realty syndicate.

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