

IN WOMAN'S WORLD

The Smart Set

THE distinguished guest of honor had, of course, place of honor at the luncheon. On his right was a seat reserved for Mrs. Will Crocker, on his left one for a visiting celebrity. Down at the end of the table was the seat reserved for Mrs. Eleanor Martin, and somewhere between, the place of Mrs. Frank Carolan, who looks like Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

When Mrs. Martin arrived at the luncheon, quite early, she found her place at the end of the table. Dubiously she regarded it, measuring the distance from the guest of the occasion. While it is always an honor to be at a table's end, Mrs. Martin preferred a position nearer the distinguished guest. She looked down the line of chairs past the one reserved for Mrs. Carolan and, lightly disregarding an arbitrary diagram, selected Mrs. Crocker's place for her own.

In a casual, absent manner Mrs. Martin made her way to the place that pleased her. Mrs. Crocker hadn't come. Afterward she appeared, and later the guest of honor. As every one knows, he is a man of distinction, whose intellectual attainments are always referred to in criticisms of his art. There between Mrs. Martin and a visiting celebrity he was affable and charming, as only men of distinction and intellectual attainments may be. It is a question of adaptability that they have mastered.

But toward the entrees the guest of honor's attention wandered down the table. He saw Mrs. Carolan, who looks like Mrs. Pat Campbell, also Mrs. Crocker, who should have been nearer. Next to Mrs. Carolan sat a wonderfully clever diplomat. Before entrees were over she had accomplished a polite diplomacy that was altogether admirable. Rising, she sought the guest of honor and, with no one knows what light persuasions, induced him to take her place, while she assumed the one between Mrs. Martin and the celebrity.

It was the final adjustment. The guest of honor remained between Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Carolan, who looks like Mrs. Pat.

The diplomat in his place found diversion on her left. The celebrity devoted himself to congenial spirits on the right. And, not interested in either, Mrs. Martin turned her attention to the menu with perfect amiability.

Mrs. J. B. Wright was unable to give yesterday at the St. Francis, and her sister, Mrs. A. S. Baldwin, occupied the place of the hostess. The table decorations were bridesmaid roses and ferns. The guests at the elaborate affair were: Mrs. Henry Crocker, Miss Katherine Strickler, Mrs. W. C. Van Fleet, Mrs. J. D. Redding, Mrs. Fannie McCreary, Miss Josephine Redding, Miss Ruth Winslow, Mrs. Douglas Fry, Miss Marion Stone, Miss Dorothy Page, Miss Gladys Buchanan, Miss Louise Kellogg, Miss Harriet Alexander, Miss Mildred Baldwin, Miss Edith Page Smith, Miss Marie Louise Tyron, Miss Helen Bertheau, Miss Gertrude Thomas, Miss Agnes Tillmann, Miss Helen Bertheau, Miss Isabel Weaver, Miss Constance McLauren, Miss Ethel McAllister, Miss Josephine Parrott, Miss Josephine Redding.

Mrs. William Sproule, accompanied by her daughter, will leave this morning for the east, where they will remain for a couple of months.

Mrs. E. H. L. Gregory, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Vivian Gregory, will leave early in March for a tour abroad.

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Rich and striking as the dress of Shakespeare's fair heroine can be made, it will only find favor in the eyes of the miss with blonde tresses, and indications are that fashionable maids with hair and complexions of other hues will feverishly seek other characters from the playwright's pages. Fortunately, the Bard of Avon was prolific, and modern Desdemonas, Rosalinds, Juliets and Lady Macbeths will lend color and novelty to many of the season's mask affairs. Already hostesses are discarding the conglomerate fancy dress balls of old and in their place are substituting Shakespearean fancies, at which even the masculine guests are requested to appear in the roles made famous by Booth.

clergyman will be Rev. Father F. X. Morrison of Berkeley. The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss Adele Lucke, as maid of honor, and the best man at the wedding will be Sid Bancroft. The bride elect has been fitted at several of the recent affairs.

The home of Mrs. Frank Woodward, in Piedmont court, Berkeley, will be the scene of an interesting musicale Thursday evening, when Frederick Bancroft will give a recital of Scottish songs.

Mrs. Helen Dean, who has been confined to her apartments at the Fairmont for several weeks, is convalescent and will be out again within a short time.

Mrs. J. A. Black was hostess at a recent luncheon given at her home in Pacific avenue for less than a dozen guests.

Mrs. E. Walton Hedges, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Clarence Breeden, in Burlingame, will entertain at a dancing party given at her home in Gough street recently, when she will remain until June, when she will go to Paris to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. J. Eugene Freeman entertained the members of a bridge club recently at the Bellevue. After the hour at cards there was an informal supper. Among those who attend the meetings of the club are Dr. and Mrs. Washington Dodge, Dr. and Mrs. Cullen Welby, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas and Mrs. Ryland Wallace. The club meetings are held every Saturday evening.

Miss Helen Hooper, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Hooper, entertained at a dancing party given at her home in Gough street recently, when only the set in their teens were entertained.

Miss Lillian Shoobert is a visitor in Denver as the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Doctor and Mrs. Bancroft. Mrs. Bancroft was formerly Miss Ethel Shoobert.

Dr. Edwin C. Van Dyke, who went south to attend the wedding of his brother Harry Seward Van Dyke and Miss Katherine Moulton in Santa Barbara, will go to Los Angeles, where he will be the guest of his mother for several weeks.

Miss Mildred and Miss Laura Baldwin have sent out cards for an affair to be given Tuesday, January 23, in compliment to Miss Dorothy Boericks, fiancée of Laurence Symmes of New York.

Samuel Arthur Moss left a few days ago for the east on a business trip.

WOMEN SPEND DELIGHTFUL HOURS

Music, Song and Pleasure of Criticism

The latest publications of members of the Pacific Coast Women's association were reviewed and discussed at the meeting of that organization yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Amelia W. Truesdell's poems were read first by Mrs. F. H. Colburn, and two of these set to music were sung by Mrs. Charles A. Smith. Mrs. Smith then played several of her own piano compositions. Mrs. Florence Richmond's book, "The Golden Lark," was then reviewed by Mrs. Bert Chilson, who declared that it typified the best that can come to us through the doctrine of reincarnation. "The Golden Lark" is used to symbolize the victory of life over death and returns to earth after having reached the supreme truth.

Readings from the book were then given by the author.

An exhibition of the photographic studies of sea gulls by Miss Frances Reed McCullough was shown which were, the artist said, the result of some eight or nine years of attempts to catch the gulls at the moment when they were in particularly artistic flight.

Mrs. Racine McKosky then read a prose sketch, "The Uninvited Guest," and two poems, "The Border Gate" and "The Closing of the Year," from her recently published book, "Drift of Dreams," which won much applause.

Miss Lenore Croudeau read the dedicatory poem of her book, "Burning Gaze," which likewise proved most interesting.

Mrs. North-Whitcomb gave an interesting little talk on some of her latest work, and the serving of tea closed the afternoon.

A reception will be given by the association on Monday evening next in honor of Mrs. Fremont Older.

The Lurline Ocean Water Baths, Bush and Larkin streets, supply free to women bathers elaborate shampoo rooms, hot air hair driers and electric curling irons.

GIRL PROBLEM IS UNDER DISCUSSION

OAKLAND, Jan. 8.—The Child's Welfare league of Alameda county met today in Chabot hall. The league unanimously recommended that a woman deputy registrar be appointed in Oakland.

In the absence of Mrs. Elinor Carlisle, who has been ill, Miss Bessie Wood presided at the meeting. Miss Wood made a plea for the enforcement of the law that compels a man to support his family with the alternative of county work. She appointed Mrs. Hailor Hauch of Alameda, Mrs. George Samuels and Mrs. H. S. Knapp as a committee to investigate present conditions and to interview the supervisors. Miss Wood cited an example of a man confined in the county jail for 18 months for failure to provide, whose small daughter is supporting the family on earnings of \$4 a week.

Mrs. Evans Hancock, Mrs. W. C. Worley and Mrs. Nellie Nelson were named as a committee to work for a public skating rink and dance hall in connection with the proposed auditorium for Oakland.

Miss Bessie Wood was instructed to communicate with the city council regarding the letter read, and to have the closed boxes in disregard of the law recently passed.

Miss Ida Green, who came from Massachusetts to accept the secretaryship of the Y. W. C. A., discussed "The Girl Problem." Miss Green made a plea for the protection of the child under 12 years of age. She advocated special attention for the girl of deficient mentality.

"WE'RE WILLING" WRITE NINE SWEDISH LASSIES

PEABODY, Kan., Jan. 8.—Nine Kansas farmers can each have a buxom wife from Sweden if they respond to the leap year letter written by that many lassies in the far-off country to a newspaper editor here.

"We are a club of nine young women," the letter reads, "and have read your paper and are impressed that Peabody is a prosperous, moral, Christian community. We ask if you can assist in getting us in communication with young men of good character in your locality. We would prefer to marry farmers. We are all good cooks."

The girls say they are all under 24 years old, and to show that they are physically fit for becoming wives of prosperous farmers give their weights, which run from 135 to 172 pounds.

JUDGE TELLS HOW HE WELDS ACHING HEARTS

The members of the Philomath club were entertained yesterday afternoon at their meeting by an address on "Marriage and Divorce" by Judge Thomas P. Graham, whose work as a reconciling force for unhappy couples, who come before him to seek divorce, is so well known. He told many interesting facts as to causes of divorce, sources of discord and gave excellent advice as to how marital infelicity may be avoided. He cited many instances, pathetic or amusing, of the conduct of cases in his court and told something of how he accomplished the reconciliations he brings about.

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There Are More Ways Than One to See--By Ruth Cameron

WOULD BE humorist, who evidently objects to the recent influx of books seeking to make us better acquainted with the outdoor world, assures us in the joke columns of a recent magazine, the public will probably be interested in a series about to be published on "How to know the birds from the flowers" and several similarly ridiculous subjects.

The last of his series is "How to know the grass." Now, perhaps, I'm lacking in a sense of humor, but really, I don't see anything so terribly absurd and impossible in that last title. I've no doubt that a book could be written on just that subject with a good deal of interesting and novel matter in it.

And, furthermore, such a book might have the effect of making us see something that we've only looked at before. A few months ago I questioned if many people really see trees. I fancy that even fewer ever really see grass and appreciate the infinite variety in the texture of the lovely carpet which nature weaves for her world.

Such a book as the would be humorist proposed might open the eyes of many half blind folks to see what they have always trampled on unseeing, and thus give them a new interest in their walks abroad.

Except that these would probably be the very people who wouldn't read such a book.

Myself, I am no deep nature student, and I don't know anything technical about the subject, but have learned to look for and delight in a few varieties of grass.

For one kind there's the tall, wavy brown grass, almost as lovely in its graceful undulations and faint pastel colorings, as any wild flower.

And then there's the funny little squat, clumpy grasses, quite as different from the tall undulating variety as a hippopotamus from a giraffe.

I do not believe any one who has lived by the sea can have missed the beauty of marsh grass. Sometimes I think the ripple of the wind swept marsh grass is as wonderful as the waves of the ocean itself.

The common or garden variety of grass, of which lawns are made, and which is all "grass" means to most people, is not the less beautiful because of its commonness. I do not know how most people feel about it, but for myself a perfectly kept lawn is full as pleasing as a fine flower bed. How lovely and restful a sight it is in its undulating smoothness, its evenness, its freshness after rain, its—there, I had almost said "emerald greenness," but why describe the greater by the lesser? I'm sure an emerald is not half so green as a finely kept lawn, far better call the emerald "grass green."

Surely, even the man to whom a primrose by the river's brim a yellow primrose is and nothing more, could not have failed to look with appreciation on a fine lawn.

Still I don't know. Perhaps he was an ancestor of the would be humorist to whom a book on how to know the grass is the very height and acme of humorous absurdity?

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