



By the Outsider



THE continental Sunday has found Washington. They say society is "continentalized" in the capital, and it certainly is an imposing word. Metropolitanized and civilized the comparative positive of it.

A recent essay of social criticism discusses the new order and hints at vivid contrast to Puritan Sabbaths of the past in the continental Sunday; but falls so disappointingly to go into details. They are left to a provincial imagination. From this: "The change was not accomplished without protest." one fancies cigarettes, bridge for stakes and possibly ragtime dancing, in the departure from deadly decorum. No telling what are the details of a continental Sunday in Washington. Where, in parenthesis, it is reassuring to read, "Sunday is observed in one house as strictly as in the time it was a day of soul searching. This is the White House."

First, of course, the original continental Sunday is always gay. There is everything to do and every one does it. Going to the theater is excellent form. At Monte Carlo it is de rigueur to play rouge et noir and win or lose. In German cities the opera and beer gardens are perfectly permissible, and anywhere are Sunday teas and garden parties. After church the day is taken lightly. It is the way they are taking it in Washington to the dismay of old fashioned souls, who deplore the passing of gloom. It still pervades New England, though the somber spirit is still less depressing than in great-grandmother's days. Still Sunday in Boston is a thing to avoid if the itinerary can be arranged. Streets are deserted and life has ceased; because every one with any life and spirit in him has escaped to country places. It isn't so bad where country clubs have given golf a cachet for those who care to risk eternal punishment.

Sundays in the south are delightful. It is the fashion to go to church, so every one goes. After church piazza punch bowls and later the universal Sunday night teas; elaborate suppers for the guests who happen, and all the informal charm of southern hospitality.

California Sundays vary. There are New England Sabbaths south of Santa Barbara. San Francisco is more nearly continentalized, golf and Sunday teas are never questioned. Though once the Sunday tea was uncertainly regarded. It had to begin as a musicale. The first perfectly frank tea without music was slightly shocking. But this was years ago. It may have been reaction from pioneer days. Then the day of rest was just one day of seven. No rest about it. Business and fare went merrily on and only the calendar marked Sunday.

Sixty years later there are most of the modern diversions. That London club, where you can forget it is Sunday, is duplicated at Burlingame. Church in the morning and afternoon tea is the conservative way. Bridge at night, with stakes or not, the more radical; to prove that Washington is not the only United States city with continental ideas. San Francisco has found the metropolitan estate and is rapidly attaining civilization to go Washington one better in words.

The past week has been fraught with the announcement of engagements which for the most part have been received with surprise by the social elect of the city. The custom of acquainting one's intimate friends with the news by means of notes has, moreover, taken precedence of the more formal tea announcements among the brides to be who have recently admitted their betrothal. Miss Constance McLaren, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McLaren, was the first to make an announcement when last Monday she told of her engagement to Millen Griffith. Miss McLaren, who made her debut the season before last, is one of the popular members of the younger set. She belongs to one of the oldest families in the state. Her grandfather, the late Richard Ashe, was a member of one of the old Southern families who came to California in the early days. The famous Ashe home in South Park was the scene of much hospitality and entertainment years ago. She is a niece of Mrs. Harold Sewell, Miss Elizabeth Ashe, and of Porter and Gaston Ashe, and is a sister of Norman L. McLaren and of Richard McLaren. She is also related to Mrs. John Owen Miller, Mrs. James W. Sperry, Thomas C. Miller and Mrs. Clarence Carrigan. Miss McLaren received her education at Miss Muriel's school, and since her entrance into the gayeties of the social world has been a leader among the younger set. She is a member of the Gaiety club, the Impromptu Cotillon club, the Cinderella Dancing club and the Greenway assemblies. The family home is in Sacramento street, but the McLarens have also a country place at Lagunitas, where they frequently entertain at house parties. Millen Griffith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffith of



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MISS JENNIE CROCKER, The fiancee of Malcolm Whitman, who left for New York last Tuesday.

Ross valley and is a grandson of the late Captain Millen Griffith. He is a cousin of James Jenkins, who married Miss Dolly Cushing two years ago, and of Charles Mills, whose marriage with Miss Claire Nichols was a social event of the summer before last. His mother was formerly Miss Eugenia Coppee of Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Yale and is a member of the University and other clubs. The marriage will probably not take place until next spring.

A cousin of Miss McLaren also announced her engagement during the last week. This was Miss Mary Meares, known to her intimates as Molly, whose betrothal to Lieutenant William Kirk Scammell of the revenue cutter service was told last Tuesday. The bride to be is well known in this city, where until the last two years the family resided. Her father, John L. Meares, held many government positions and was for some years superintendent of the postoffice in San Francisco. Her grandfather, the late Dr. John R. Meares, was a health officer of the city for many terms. The late Mrs. Roger Galt, who was one of the greatest beauties and belles that California has ever known, was her aunt. On her father's side she is connected with the famous Ashe family. Her mother, formerly Miss Mary Thompson, is the daughter of the late Frank Thompson, whose widow and family now reside in Palo Alto. Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mrs. Arthur Holcombe and Mrs. Webster Clark are her cousins, and through her mother she is related to the Ord family of Berkeley. The former home of the Meares was in this city, but of late years the family has resided in Seattle, where they are permanently established. Last winter Miss Meares spent in San Francisco as the guest of Mrs. Julia Bolado Ashe. Lieutenant Scammell is attached to the Thetis, now at Honolulu. The date for the wedding is set for the fall, and later Lieutenant and Mrs. Scammell will go to the Philippine Islands for several months, and thence to Washington, D. C., where they will visit the bridegroom's parents.

At a dinner given last Saturday evening at the University of California at which the freshmen entertained the senior class the engagement was announced of Miss Agnes Welsh and Maurice Harrison, both of this city. The date for the wedding is still indefinite, but the probabilities are that it will be

celebrated within the year. The bride will graduate next week from California, where she is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Welsh of this city and is a sister of Miss Ruth Welsh. Maurice Harrison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrison and is a brother of Mrs. Melvin Pfaff, who was Miss Lucy Harrison, Miss Theresa Harrison and Edward Harrison Jr. He is instructor of law in California and in this city is engaged in the practice of law with his father.

One of the surprises of the last week was the announcement of the engagement of Miss Frances Newhall and Frederick N. Woods, which was made Tuesday. The wedding will take place June 1 in St. John's Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Eldridge, assisted by Rev. Alexander Eakin, pastor of the church, will read the impressive service. Miss Newhall will be attended by her sister, Miss Virginia Newhall, as maid of honor, and as bride maids by Miss Dorothy Woods, Miss Marie Brewer, Miss Clara Allen, Miss Bessie Ashton, Miss Martha Foster and Miss Mildred Wood. Melville Bowman will be the best man. Several hundred friends will witness the marriage. There will be no reception. Miss Newhall is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Newhall and is a sister of Miss Virginia and of Edwin Newhall Jr. Almer Newhall, who married Miss Anna Nicholson Scott two years ago, is a half brother. She is a niece of William Mayo Newhall and a cousin of George Almer Newhall, and is a cousin of Mrs. Athole McBean, Miss Marion Newhall and Mrs. Arthur Chesabrough. With her sister, Miss Virginia, she made her debut three seasons ago and has since taken an active part in the social gayeties of the city. She belongs to the Cinderella Dancing club and to the Greenway assemblies. Although popular in the social world, both the Newhall sisters have been more devoted to charitable work and to athletics. Miss Virginia is a manager of the Young Women's Christian association and is one of the hardest workers in any of its affairs. In the athletic field the Newhall sisters are noted for their expert horsemanship. They are members of the San Francisco Riding and Driving club and took part in the recent tournament of this organization. In addition to their other accomplishments, the

Newhall girls are extremely musical, and in the year of their debut they organized a social musical club which met fortnightly at the homes of the various members. Fred Woods, it might be remarked in passing, was a member of this society, as were many of the belles and beaux of the younger set. Woods is the son of the late Frederick N. and Mrs. Woods and is a brother of Miss Maud, Miss Lottie and Miss Dorothy Woods. His brothers are Herbert Woods, who married Miss Inez Thorne in San Jose, and Frank Woods. The groom elect is the vice president of the California Building Materials company. The Woods family home is at Octavia and California streets, but Mrs. Woods also owns a summer residence at Cupertino, which goes by the picturesque title, "Dell of the Woods." At present the family are passing the summer in their country seat.

Formal announcement was made during the last week of the engagement of Miss Mildred Wood and Melville Erskine. The news of the betrothal was told in little notes sent to the closest friends of both young people. The bride elect is the only daughter of Mrs. Catherine Wood of San Rafael and is a sister of Parker Wood. She is popular with the members of the younger set, and among her intimate coterie of friends numbers Miss Lou Foster, Miss Martha Foster, Mrs. Duval Moore, Mrs. Eldridge Green, Miss Minna Van Bergen, Miss Frances Newhall, Miss Virginia Newhall, Miss Louise Boyd, Miss Leslie Page, Miss Dorothy Woods and Miss Lottie Woods. She will be one of the bridesmaids at the marriage of Miss Frances Newhall and Frederick Woods, which will be celebrated June 1. Erskine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Erskine of Berkeley, and is a brother of Herbert Erskine, whose marriage with Miss Lois Holland will be celebrated Wednesday. The wedding of Miss Wood and Melville Erskine will take place in October.

The residence of Mrs. George Pinkard in San Rafael was the scene of a brilliant gathering yesterday on the occasion of the charity tea which she gave for the benefit of St. Paul's Parish Aid society. Assisting Mrs. Pinkard in receiving her guests were Miss Edith Foster, Miss Menzies, Miss Morrhead and the young ladies of the

church choir. Tea and refreshments were served and homemade cakes were sold for the charity, but otherwise the tea was carried on in the same manner as a formal afternoon reception. Mrs. Barclay, whose fame as a fortune teller has spread to all of the bay cities, read the futures of the tea drinkers in their cups. Among those who were present at yesterday's function were:

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| Mrs. Arthur W. Foster | Mrs. James Follis |
| Mrs. Henry Kuchler | Mrs. Hannah Du Bois |
| Mrs. Duval Moore | Mrs. Emily Du Bois |
| Mrs. John Martin | Mrs. Albert Dibble |
| Mrs. Charles Jay Foster | Mrs. Constance Davis |
| Mrs. Alfred B. Ford | Mrs. Margaret Belden |
| Mrs. George Moore | Mrs. Charles Belden |
| Mrs. Almer Newhall | Mrs. Mary Colburn |
| Mrs. Alice Owens | Mrs. Lola Berry |
| Mrs. Beowulf King | Mrs. Laura Roe |
| Mrs. Hugh B. Jones | Mrs. Edna Thompson |
| Mrs. Martha Foster | Mrs. Minna Van Bergen |
| Mrs. Lou Foster | |

Letters from Europe announce that Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Harnden, who since February have been traveling on the continent, are now in the little republic of San Marino, the oldest republic in the world. The Harndens write enthusiastically of the garden of Allah, where they spent the greater part of their three months' sojourn, where they enjoyed all the sights, going in native costume and in native style, so as to miss nothing of its

pleasures. The Harndens also visited in Spain, stopped in all of the big cities and in several of the seaport towns, and even went to the Alhambra, where they remained for several days. At present they are in Italy and are enjoying their travels to the full. Within a few weeks they will go to Naples and Genoa and, after a brief stay in Switzerland, are planning an automobile tour of Austria, France and England. In July they will go to Germany to attend the music festival, which, as both Doctor Harnden and his wife are musicians of merit, they will enjoy more than the ordinary traveler. They are not planning to return home until September.

Mr. and Mrs. John James Scott have left New York for Boston, where they will remain for six months. It is with keen regret that Mrs. Scott's many friends in this city have learned of her intention to remain in the east until next year instead of spending the summer in California as the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Clay Miller, in Sausalito, as she had originally planned.

After a visit of unusual brevity Miss Jennie Crocker left California Tuesday morning for New York, where she will complete the purchase of her trousseau. Miss Crocker expects to be away until the middle of June, when she will return to occupy her Hillsborough home for the few weeks that will remain before her marriage. She will be accompanied to California by her aunt, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, and her two cousins, Miss Janetta and Miss Harriet Alexander, who will be among her coterie of bridesmaids and who will be her guests until the event. Her other attendants will be Mrs. Walter Martin, who will officiate as matron of honor, and Miss Julia Langhorne and Miss Marjorie Joseph, who will complete the number of bridesmaids. The groomsmen will be eastern men, who will accompany the bridegroom from the east. The date for the marriage of Miss Crocker and Malcolm Whitman is set for July.

Mrs. Lewis Allen Dowler and Miss Jane Wickersham left on Friday for a two weeks' sojourn in the country. The date for the marriage of Miss Wickersham and James Stuart McNab is set for the latter part of June.

The marriage of Miss Edith Jones and Ensign Merritt Hodson, which was celebrated in San Rafael, Wednesday evening, was an elaborate affair and was witnessed by friends from San Francisco, as well as from the bride's home city. Throughout the church and the house, where later a reception was held, the decorations followed a general color scheme of yellow. Brilliant irises and yellow Lady Banksia roses massed the altar and filled the chancel and the home was adorned with similar blooms. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a robe of ivory satin and rose point lace and carried a shower of lilies of the valley. A flowing tulle veil, which fell to the end of her square court train, completed her attire. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gladys Jones, as maid of honor. Miss Jones wore white satin heavily embroidered and draped in lace and carried a shower of irises. The two little bridesmaids, Miss Martha Richardson and Miss Rhoda Jones, the latter a younger sister of the bride, wore the flower girls. They were gowned in white embroidered lingerie over yellow and carried baskets of yellow rosebuds and primroses tied with tulle. William N. King was the best man and the groomsmen were John Pike, Allan Powers, Theodore Hammond and Earl Graninger. Ensign and Mrs. Hodson are passing their honeymoon in the south. On their return they will live in San Rafael until July, when the bridegroom will leave for Alaska, where he has been ordered to report for duty.

There was another marriage Wednesday evening in which society was equally interested—that of Miss Rowena Wilson and Theodore Benedict Lyman, which occurred in St. Mark's Episcopal church in Berkeley. A great deal of secrecy had been maintained about the color scheme of these nuptials and, as had been conjectured, it was both original and chic. Pink in its every hue was combined with greens in the arrangements of the house and church and similar colors were used in the appointments of the costume. The church was decorated in sweet peas and roses intermingled with woodwardia, buckleberry and wild plum and the house was converted into a floral bower with many varieties of roses, azalea and sweet peas. Both the church and the house were decorated by the brides-

maids and a few of Mrs. Lyman's closest friends as a surprise to her. Mrs. Lyman wore an exquisite creation of ivory satin embellished with duchess lace, and carried a shower of lilies of the valley. Her sister, Miss Joy Wilson, who attended her as maid of honor, was in pink satin with an overdress of green chiffon, and a bouquet of maidenhair and tulle completed the unusual costume. The six bridesmaids were gowned alike in pink satin and carried showers of pink sweet peas and maidenhair. All of the attendants wore butterfly bows of pink maline in their hair. The bridesmaids were Miss Marie Bullard, Miss Ethel Wrampelmeier, Miss Alice Faine, Miss Olive Craig, Miss Olive Faine, Miss Miriam Gibbons and Miss Esther Merrill. Metcalfe Simonson supported the bridegroom as best man, and the ushers were James Towne, Frederick Thomas, Herbert Gould, George Buckingham, David Willis and Frank Andrews. Rev. Dr. Parsons officiated at the service. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are passing their honeymoon in the south. Their future home will be in Sacramento. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. William Wilson of Berkeley and is a sister of Miss Joy Wilson. Lyman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyman of St. Helena and is a grandson of Bishop Lyman of the Episcopal church. Jack Lyman, who was to have been his brother's best man, was detained in the east and was unable to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mayo Newhall and their daughter, Miss Marion Newhall, will leave for Palo Alto May 25, where they have engaged one of the fraternity houses for two months. Later in the season they will go to Santa Barbara.

California men will no doubt be pleased to learn that Miss Eleonora Sears is introducing in the exclusive circles of Narragansett, where she is now visiting, the fad of polo playing by women which she acquired during her visits to this coast. The eastern women have already shown proficiency in the sport although they have not so far appeared in the riding dress which Miss Sears adopted while in this state, and which she continues to wear in the east. In fact, if gossip is to be believed, the Narragansett women were both surprised and shocked to see Miss Sears, attired in jockey costume—bright trousers, colored silk blouse and jockey cap—ride and play as unconcernedly as if she were dressed in the conventional feminine riding garb. Those among them who have played so far wear knickerbockers of some strong, dark material with long coat to match, and the costume appears very much like divided riding skirts. Some of the eastern women who are learning to play polo with considerable success are Mrs. Reginald Brooks, formerly Miss Phyllis Langhorne, Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock and her two daughters, Miss Celestine and Miss Ethel Hitchcock, Mrs. Thomas Hastings and the Misses Randolph.

Andrew Welch, who for the last three months has been in the Philippine islands where the Welch family own an extensive plantation, is expected to return home May 26. During his absence Mrs. Welch and their children, little Miss Marie and Miss Florence Welch, have remained at the Fairmont. Later in the summer Mr. and Mrs. Welch and their children will go to Santa Barbara for an extended visit.

The first of the season's dances to be given by the Hillsdale Dancing club will be held in Sausalito next Saturday night. The function will take place in the ballroom of the San Francisco Yacht club of that city and will be attended by guests from San Francisco, as well as by residents of Sausalito and the surrounding towns. The patronesses of the club are Mrs. J. E. Shoberg, Mrs. Charles Wright and Mrs. William Klunk.

Miss Bessie Lane writes enthusiastically of her travels in Italy, where she is spending more time than the ordinary traveler. During the winter Miss Lane and her aunt, Mrs. Alexander Loughborough, who accompanied her, divided their time between Rome and Florence, but with the summer they will seek the inviting regions of the country and will view quite a bit of southern Italy. They will be joined this month by Mrs. Allen Wallace and her little son, who will remain with them until August. Mrs. Wallace was formerly Miss Fannie Loughborough.

At the marriage of Miss Rowena Wilson and Theodore Benedict Lyman, Miss Miriam Gibbons, one of the six bridesmaids, was the fortunate girl to catch the bride's bouquet. Although Miss Gibbons enjoys a wide degree of popularity in Berkeley, rumor has not so far confirmed the suspicion of her engagement. But after Wednesday's good luck her friends will soon be expecting a definite announcement that their belief in the pretty superstition of the "next bride" may not be lessened.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Malcolm Easton will close their home in Berkeley street June 1 and go to Sausalito where they have engaged the Rixford home for the next three months.

Lieutenant and Mrs. R. Alfred Theobald, U. S. N., and little Bobby Theobald arrived from the east last week and are guests of Lieutenant Theo-