

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A delightful card-party was given at Mrs. Egerton's cottage at Virginia Beach on Friday morning by Mr. Murray of New York. Seven-handed cards were the game played. The prizes were won by Mrs. Geo. M. Toland, Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, Miss Marguerite Taylor, and Miss Elizabeth Wynn. Refreshments were served. Mr. Murray's guests were, Mrs. Geo. M. Toland, Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, Mrs. Egerton, Mrs. Yateman, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Floyd Hughes, Mrs. Edgar, Misses Marguerite and Bayne Taylor, Miss Tillie Fahs, Miss Whitehead, Miss Ida Gordon, Miss McDonald, Miss Cornelia Tucker, Miss Ryan, Miss Elizabeth Wynn, Miss Nellie Tucker, Miss Mary Lou Cooke, Mr. Chears, Mr. K. Gordon, Mr. Edward Bradford and Mr. J. Egerton.

A "Cobweb" party was given in Portsmouth a few evenings ago by the Misses Sykes. In compliment to their guest, Miss Mary Ransom, of Staunton, Va., refreshments were served during the evening. There were present Miss Barlow, Miss Maupin, Miss Mary Nash, Miss Gill, Miss Nannie Harding, Miss Belle Nash, Messrs. Joe Neville, Collins Hill, Robert Ridley, Louis Billosly, Misses Parrish, White, Gill, Marshall, Bruce Butt, Stone, Burnett, John Ashton, Thomas White, and Morgan and Billosly Hudgins.

Mrs. Morton gave a bowling party on Friday evening at Virginia Beach, at which there were present Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brooks Johnston, and Mr. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dancy and family leave on the first of August for Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

Miss Fannie Leigh will leave to-day for Sweet Chalybeate Springs.

Mr. R. H. Panhill, who has been visiting his mother at Virginia Beach, left a few days ago for New York.

Mrs. George C. Billups and her guest, Miss Willy, of New Orleans, will leave shortly for Sweet Chalybeate Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. S. Reid and family, of York street, leave shortly for the Old West.

Miss Lillie Hilliard and Miss Carmichael will leave for Sweet Chalybeate Springs on the first of August.

Miss Alice Kelly is spending the summer with Mrs. Albert H. Grandy and family, at Belmar, N. J. Later they expect to go to the White Mountains.

Miss Lizzie Bowdoin leaves for Rockbridge Alum Springs on Friday.

Mr. W. L. Newton left last week for an extended trip through the mountains of Virginia, including, among other points of interest, Blacksburg and Luray Cave.

Mrs. Wandell, who has been visiting Mrs. Henry Little, in Ghent, left yesterday for Virginia Beach where she will stop at Miss Poush's cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Burruss are sojourning in the Catskills.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stahl, and the Misses Ruth and Mary Farabee, leave on Thursday for Coburg, Canada.

Miss Emma Duncan and Miss Etta Lee leave this week for Gloucester.

Dr. and Mrs. McCurdy leave shortly for Sweet Chalybeate.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Lottie Wilson and Miss Margaret Batten, of Smithfield, are at the Princess Anne.

Mrs. J. A. C. Groner and family leave this week for Hot Springs, Va.

Mrs. R. Jeter Jones left on Friday to spend a few weeks in Matthews county.

Miss Alice Parrish, of Portsmouth, is at Virginia Beach.

Miss Mary Dew, daughter of Judge Dew, of King and Queen county, is the attractive guest of Mrs. F. A. Walker, on Race street. Miss Dew was sponsor for the first district at the Louisville reunion.

Mrs. Wallace Hunter and family will leave shortly for Capon Springs.

Miss Grace Williams is the guest of Mrs. Walter Simmons at Ocean View.

Mr. F. D. Meanley, of Richmond, is stopping at Virginia Beach.

Mr. D. S. Phlegar and family, of Ghent, are at the Yellow Sulphur.

Miss Virginia Old and Miss Louise Noraworthy left on Thursday for an extended trip in the North, which will include Chautauque, Niagara Falls and New York.

Miss Carrie Lee Davis, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Miss Nimmo, on College Place.

Mrs. J. Cecil and Mrs. Marshall, of Richmond, leave to-morrow for Virginia Beach.

Mr. E. R. Baird and Mr. J. E. Heath have gone to Essex county for a short stay.

Mrs. Richardson, of Warren Crescent, Ghent, is spending a few weeks at Roanoke Ridge.

Mrs. John Blackwell, who is ill with typhoid fever at her home on Freemason street, was better yesterday.

Miss Vina Richards, of Kentucky, is at the Virginia Cottage, Virginia Beach.

Misses Page Carter and Bessie Reid, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. George M. Pollard at Virginia Beach.

Mr. John B. Daniel, of Atlanta, is at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Mason and Miss Nellie Mason leave on Tuesday for Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, where they will spend the month of August.

Mr. Edward W. James is spending a few days in Norfolk.

Mr. Wm. McClonahan is spending a few weeks with his parents at Pittsboro, N. C.

Miss Grace Thurston, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Trice in Ghent.

Mrs. James T. Catlin, of Danville, Va., is visiting her father, Mr. C. F. Greenwood, on Freemason street.

Mrs. S. L. Gollbart and family, of Bute street, are in Warrenton, Va.

Mr. Gollbart's headquarters now being in Washington, the family will reside there in the future.

Miss Ella Wood, Mrs. Ryan and Miss Seawell are stopping at the Princess Anne.

Misses Laura and Thyra Kirk, who have been the guests of Miss Fanny Culpepper, on Bute street, for several days, have returned to their cottage at Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith Irvine, of Augusta, Ga., are spending several weeks at Mrs. Sterling's cottage at Virginia Beach. Mrs. Irvine was formerly Miss Mayville Outten, of this city.

Mr. T. R. English, Jr., of Union Theological Seminary, is the guest of Mrs. Robert W. Santos, at her home, on York street.

Miss Bessie Vaughan, formerly of Norfolk, but now a resident of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting Miss Helen Santos, on York street.

Miss Kate D. Windsor, who has been the guest of the Misses Broughton, on York street, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Miss Hawthorne, who has been at Lake Michigan and Peekskill, N. Y., the past month, is now enjoying an extended trip through Canada, which will include Oshawa, Coburg and Montreal.

Mrs. Charles F. Yeager, of Reading, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Sisman, on Olney road.

Mr. A. H. McAdams, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. W. G. Swartz, on Granby street.

Mr. Callaway, Mr. Horner and Mr. Gains left Friday for Knoxville, Tenn., after a sojourn of a week at the Beach.

Mr. Tiffany, who has been stopping at the Beach for some time, left Friday for Leesburg.

Mr. De Los Thomas, of Winston, N. C., is spending Sunday with his family at Virginia Beach.

The guests at Mrs. W. T. Kilby's cottage, "Sea View," are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of St. Louis; Dr. and Mrs. Ingram and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daffron and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eddy, Mr. and Mrs. Tammery, of England; Messrs. C. Blanchard, F. L. Plummer, W. J. Egleston, John Edmanston, Murray Priest, Ridgely Porter and John R. Kilby. Misses Ethel Hardy, Annie Bull, Hilar White and Nina Owen.

WOMAN'S INTERESTS.

A writer in the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle, speaking of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, who is now a great invalid and living in Charlotte, North Carolina, says:

Mrs. Jackson lives in a plain two-story, brown dwelling on a wide street. A narrow asphalt walk, bordered with violets, leads up to the door; ivy and Madiera vines clamber in profusion over the veranda, and two stately magnolias in full bloom cast their shadows out into the street. One need not know he is entering the home of a Southern woman, for a glance around you as you enter acquaints you with that fact. A large painting of "Stonewall" Jackson occupies a conspicuous position; paintings of other Confederate Generals adorn the walls, besides various souvenirs of the lost cause. There is no air of luxury in her apartments—only the refinement of a consistent position. Typical Southern woman are suggested.

"Though suffering has left its indelible traces, there are yet to be seen marks of that beauty which captivated young Jackson when he first met her as Anna Morrison at the home of General David Hill. The snows of seventy winters have not been pitiless, for her black hair has not lost its luster. Her eyes—you think of nothing else when looking at her—black and piercing. The death of Mrs. Jackson's daughter, Mrs. Christian, some years ago, was a crushing blow. Since that time she has lived with her grandchildren, who are certainly a stay to her in her old age. Until her health failed, Jackson always personally superintended her housekeeping duties, and it was with much regret that these duties were relinquished to younger hands.

ROMANCE OF THE FRONTIER.

This is a picturesque story, which comes from Indian Territory. A dusky maiden of fourteen has inherited a fortune—\$100,000—in the old days, before accurate local color was not so successful fiction. Charles Reade would have woven a romance of this tale that would have stirred the pulses like a dime novel and had an entire consistency of character drawing to commend it to readers who spurn the simpler forms of adventurous romance. The girl is the daughter of Black Wolfe, the Kiowa chief, and the man who left her the million is called a cattleman, who, if he had not a ranch and a fortune, would be called a cowboy. Seven years ago, when Dillon was living at his ranch on the Rio Grande, an Indian herder tried to murder and rob him in his bed. Dillon put a dummy in his bed. Then when the Indian crept in and stabbed the dummy he shot the Indian. Now he has died without a relative and left all his property to little Annie, who is to be educated under the Bishop of Monterey and is to take Dillon's name. If it were not for the conservative hand of the bishop in this arrangement, who at home that girl would have made for Bretton Hart in the States or would make for Owen Wister or Gertrude Atherton of the new school? Doubtless, the wisdom of the guidance of the bishop will protect her from many of the romantic dangers into which these novelists would love to thrust their heroine. But, bishop or otherwise, he is a mighty man who protects a woman from the impulses of her own heart, and those are likely to lead a girl into all sorts of unlimited wealth into romances enough for six novels.

Miss Beatrice Harraden, the author of "Ships That Pass in the Night," while visiting a friend in Chicago, gives the following account of her first efforts:

"From the start my aim was high. When only 17 I made my first serious literary attempt. It was a short story called 'The Voice of the Violin,' and I summoned the bravery to send it to Blackwood's Magazine, wherein George Eliot and many other great British authors had made their fame. Oh, how eagerly did I watch the post for something from the celebrated editorial office which should make known the fate of my first effort. Finally the token came. The bulky envelope told me the whole story of rejection and disappointment. With the immaturity of an irritated schoolgirl, I threw the packet unopened into my trunk and turned my thoughts in other directions. Weeks later, in obedience to another impulse of the moment, I went to my chamber, took the envelope from

the trunk and tore it open. There was the ill-fated story, to be sure, but with something which was destined to exercise a strong influence upon the bent of my life. It was a long and kind autograph letter from William Blackwood himself, in which he said that, though the first little story could not be given place in the pages of the magazine, he saw in it the promise of things to come so excellent that he felt convinced that experience would make me a real Blackwood writer. This compliment was not lost on me, for I was familiar with the rich literary traditions of the Blackwood's house. The letter also invited me to continue sending stories until acceptance should finally be the reward of perseverance and assured me that Mr. Blackwood would give me the benefit of personal criticism.

"That first story was sent to Belgravia and accepted; but my ambition was to get something into Blackwood's. Time after time I sent to the famous Edinburgh house the best work of which I was capable—only to receive it back with a generously pains-taking letter, pointing out its defects and giving definite advice for future efforts." Miss Harraden only allows herself ninety minutes a day for writing, but in that time she does an immense amount of work. Of her novels she considers "The Fowler" the best work that she has accomplished.

THE PRINCE OF THE MASQUERADE.

(McCreedy Sykes in "Life.")

The Devil was dying of ennui; So he sauntered forth from his den, And he came by the Springs of Mundane Things.

And gazed on the Sons of Men. I. For he saw the world in confusion, And he sighed at the Century's ending, Then he cried, "Alack! have I lost my knack? These piping times must cease."

So he flched a Moralist's mantle, And went on in his jaunty course, In his raiment fine, with the air benign Of a Civilizing Force.

First he whispered a word to the Statesman, "Quick, out with thy idle knife! 'Bless the People, thy trust, will in harness rust; 'Go, preach them the Strenuous Life!"

Of a people that lived in quiet, The Devil demurely spoke, "Go, Benevolent Man, to that Primitive Clan, 'And Assimilate those folk."

And the Statesman sprang, at the summons, And donned his warrior's coat; Cried the People, "Hurrah!" as each man he saw, With his hand at his neighbor's throat.

And straightway the Prophets of Progress, Joined piously in the din; And the Devil cried, "See! these My Minutemen!"

He slyly spake to the Rulers: "Is your ancient valour cold? 'Is your sword black where the War-ship's track Made straight for the shores of gold?"

Till the world was filled with mourning, And they called for more and more, And men held their breath as the pallid Death Rode proud in the van of War:

Which so vastly amused the Devil, That the tears ran down his face, And he wagged his tail, as men cried "Hail! 'Make way for the Dominant Race!"

The Devil slipped into the Pulpit: "Tis the spread of the Cross!" he blessed, And the Priest with a nod asked the blessing of God On the march of the Sanctified Fist.

With the voice of the People's Teachers, The Devil disguised himself; "Hurrah!" it rang, as the bullets sang, "For Destiny, Duty and Deity!"

He laughed as the Backward Nations Dropt into the Conqueror's maw; And he chuckled long at the Post's song Of the spread of Christ's Word and Law."

And he shook his sides as he watched them, Nor once did his soft laugh cease, As the Dominant Race ran its gnastly pace In the name of the Prince of Peace.

So the Devil went back to his study; Quoth he, with a wink and a nod: "Sure, the true way still to do My Will 'Is to call it the Work of God!"

DEFENDS THE CHINESE.

Present Outbreak Final Protest Against Encroachments of the Powers. (G. M. Walker, in Leslie Weekly.)

A cycle of Cathay has just elapsed since the doors of China were violently forced open by a "Christian" nation to admit the traffic in opium, the importation of which, up to that time, had, by Chinese law, been a capital offense. For the opium war, which has forced upon her by England, a heavy indemnity from China, and the cessation of Hong Kong to Great Britain. The feeling of resentment aroused by these aggressions was shown in several minor insurrections, but culminated in the great Taiping rebellion, which began in 1850, and which shook the dynasty from its throne, and only failed because its forces, corrupted by riotous living, gave up their high purpose of founding a new dynasty, and degenerated into a horde of robbers.

DIERGE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

portunity to possess herself of the immense Amer provinces. This war was also followed by widespread insurrections, particularly those in Kan-Suh and Yunnan. These were followed by the French seizure of Tonquin in 1857, the Japanese invasion of Formosa in 1868, English advances from Burmah, and the Russian occupation of Jih and eastern Turkestan, which last was so unjust and brazen a piece of aggression that Russia herself acknowledged it and withdrew, relinquishing all claims to the territory by the treaty of 1881.

The harshness and arrogance of the foreigners in their dealings with the Chinese in local affairs precipitated frequent trouble. The great massacre at Tien Tsin in 1870 was brought on by the arbitrary and unnecessary refusal of the French consul to allow the Chinese magistrate to inspect the Catholic orphan asylum, with a view to discovering the cause of an epidemic that was raging therein. This was followed by the murder of Mr. Margary, the guide of the English expedition through Yunnan, and the execution by England of an indemnity of \$500,000 for this single life.

Then the French advanced into Cochinchina, and the disastrous war of the Black Flags and the treacherous bombardment and destruction of the Chinese fleet by the French Admiral Courbet in the river Min. Having requested and been allowed to pass the forts and occupy the Chinese naval anchorage, on the plea that it was unsafe for the fleet outside, he drew up alongside the Chinese fleet, and, absolutely without warning, opened fire upon it and literally blew it out of the water.

The Japanese war had even less reason to justify it. China had scrupulously complied with the terms of her treaty, but Japan, with a serious rebellion on her hands, needed something to divert the attention of her people from the troubles at home and an opportunity to try out her new army. The results are known to all. China lost her ancient dependency of Korea, Japan received Formosa and an indemnity that repaid her four times over her outlay on account of the war. Russia, with a diplomacy comparable only to that of a highwayman, secured Manchuria, Port Arthur and the Liautung peninsula, while England accepted the "lease" of Wei-Hai-Wei. "Spheres of influence" were then claimed by Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan, and finally Germany seized Kiaochow and claimed for her sphere the province of Shantung.

Heretofore the claims and aggressions of the Powers had been confined to ousting territories, but this last seizure, a piece of piracy that stands absolutely unequalled, was upon the sacred soil of one of the original eighteen provinces of the empire. The effect upon the Chinese people of the seizure of this part of Shantung, the home of Chinese civilization, the birthplace of their greatest sages and warriors, can be compared only to the effect that a seizure of Bunker Hill and Boston harbor would have been to us. In the territory seized the Chinese villagers were driven out, some from homes that had been in their families for over 2,000 years, and received no compensation in return. In laying out the pro-

posed railroad through Shan Tung the Chinese became offended at a protest of villagers, and bringing up an armed force, completely exterminated two villages as a "warning to others." The present outbreak of the Boxers, which began with the murder of Dr. Brooks on January 2, was precipitated by a German engineer, who brutally killed a boy by knocking him over the head with the handle of his riding whip. Now it is strange that Chinese feeling should have been directed against the missionary in whose home this engineer stayed that night, without even mentioning the reason he sought shelter. Priests, who came to preach the gospel, have stayed to usurp the functions of local magistrates. But it is useless to multiply incidents, for it is an unbroken tale of coercion and bad faith, of ports forced open at the cannon's mouth, of exorbitant indemnities for the most insignificant claims, of rich concessions wrung from an unwilling government by duress, of the total disregard of Chinese sentiment, and the brutal outrage of Chinese feeling, of the utter ignoring of private rights and international comity.

In addition to this, the sensational papers of Tien Tsin and Shanghai have for the past two years discussed little else but the coming "partition," and the probable "division" of the empire, until the natives have become thoroughly alarmed. No wonder the people have come to look with suspicion and hatred upon all foreigners, and are filled with resentment against a dynasty that has so failed to preserve the honor and integrity of their empire.

Dynasties have lasted in China only as long as they have protected the people in their rights, and the present uprising is intent on either relieving the throne from foreign coercion or on establishing a new dynasty in its stead. Foreigners, as usual, have shown a disregard for established customs and laws that they would not dare display in any other capital of the world. Guards sent to protect the legations have roamed about Peking trespassing where Chinamen themselves are not allowed to go, creating disturbances and alarming the superstitious by the reckless discharge of firearms from the city wall, while their reported attempt to enter the Forbidden City has caused about Pekin to be seized exclusively for the Son of Heaven, could not fail to incense the people and gain recruits for the rebels.

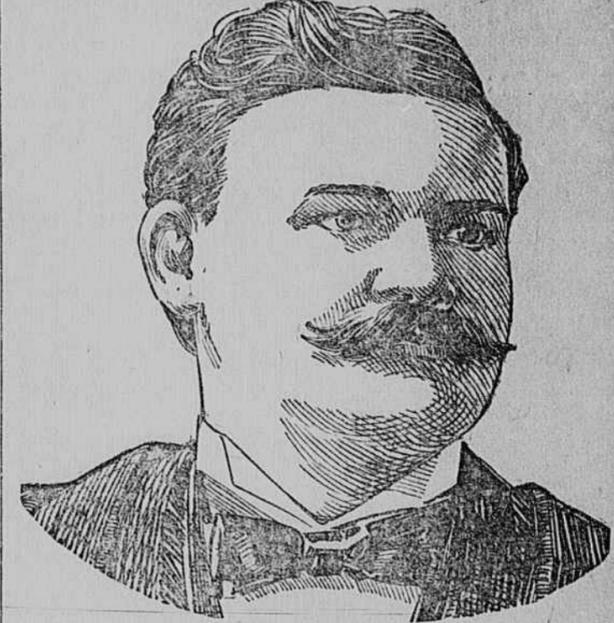
The bombardment of the Taku forts was worse than a mistake; it was a criminal blunder. They could have been taken as easily as they were whenever the necessity arose. The Chinese army would probably have prided itself on its protection of the foreigners had the foreign forces shown their intention to rely on that protection, but the action at Taku threw the entire Chinese army into the arms of the Boxers, and left the foreign colony in Peking at the mercy of the mobs. They who have sowed the wind are reaping the whirlwind, and the crimes and outrages of a cycle of dishonor have been wiped out in one of those blind outbreaks of fury in which the final protest of races against accumulating encroachments on their rights.

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