

WHAT SOCIETY'S DOING

The gayest December that Washington has known in many years is the universal verdict in regard to the present month in society. The fact that the season will this year be a very short one has undoubtedly had much to do with the matter and made many hasten to get in their desired entertainments before the great rush that is inevitable after the first of January. However the stringency of the times may be apparent in other cities, there is little, if any, trace of such state of affairs in Washington. The flood gates of entertainments have been opened and society has been fairly inundated with invitations to wine, dine, dance and make merry at high tide throughout the short time that society will have in which to enjoy its merry-making before the Lenten season brings things to a standstill.

Thursday has been the day selected by the President and Mrs. Cleveland for their state entertainments this season, the first of these, the Cabinet dinner, having been set for Friday, January 2. Mrs. Cleveland will hold but one Saturday afternoon reception, the date of which has been fixed for January 25, when, from 3 to 5 o'clock, the public will be received, at least such portion as can be passed through the Blue Room during those two hours. This season society will see far less of Mrs. Cleveland than during any previous winter she has passed in the White House. The reason for this is because she has elected to accept neither luncheon nor dinner invitations, with the exception of the Cabinet dinner, either in the Cabinet or outside of that body of the elect.

Furthermore, the idea of entertaining extensively in the matter of luncheons and dinners with which she came to Washington at the outset of the present administration has been wholly abandoned for reasons best and only known to herself and the President. This is to be regretted, for to have the White House the hub of the great social wheel of an entertaining in Washington society always makes the season far more brilliant than is otherwise possible. It connects the pleasant relations that should in each administration exist between the official and residential society. It is only occasionally that Mrs. Cleveland departs from her rule and sees callers in the morning, so that when it does happen the fortunate one should esteem it an especial favor.

This does not mean, however, that the afternoon receptions in the Red Room, that were so distinctive a feature of last season's social programme, will this year be omitted. There was no publicity given, these little gatherings last winter, nor will there be this winter, as Mrs. Cleveland's wish is to have all mention of their kind out of the papers. Were it otherwise their social character would be destroyed in great measure by a large contingent of the uninvited who would make their way to them. As it is, every one now understands that unless they have received a note from Mrs. Cleveland, or have been verbally apprised by her of the fact that their presence would add to her pleasure on such occasions their attendance should be in the negative.

Mrs. Cleveland has been spending all her time during the past week in visiting the large stores on the Avenue and F street in order to accomplish her Christmas shopping. The idea that the President's wife has an immunity from such obligations is a very mistaken one. Time was when Mrs. Cleveland's appearance in any of the shops was the signal for such a dense gathering of people to stare at and follow her as to be extremely discomfiting to the object of such attention. Now, however, this state of affairs happily no longer exists. The people have become accustomed to the sight of the President's wife, and she can enjoy like any other less exalted mortal walking about inspecting and selecting Christmas gifts without fear that her every move will be followed by curious eyes and the things selected by her made the subject of present and future comment in and out of the papers.

Mrs. Perrine arrived in Washington on Thursday and will spend Christmas with the President and Mrs. Cleveland at the White House.

There is a very notable tendency in the ultra-fashionable set in Washington society to adopt the French fashion of arranging the hair this winter. This means a return to the old-time distinctly ugly and unbecoming style of crepe. It means dispensing with the effort to bring out the natural glossiness of the hair and doing away with the simplicity of arrangement that has for so long prevailed. It means the restoration of crimping-irons and a generally frizzy appearance in place of what was eminently becoming. It means further a very decided effort toward the revival of those abominations known as "waterfalls." It is a movement of the retrograde order that should be put down at once. Why it should ever have been started is a mystery, since it is destructive to the last degree to any youthfulness of appearance. It brings the hair to the look artificial and as though she were well up in the thirties, while with the matron it plays havoc in the matter of looks which she should be most careful to take care of. It will well enough for dowagers and persons well advanced in life, but by the woman under fifty it should be given the widest possible berth. There are plenty of fashions that can be introduced in the matter of dress with advantage to society in Washington as elsewhere, but when it comes to creping the hair and arranging it in such a fashion, with the crimping of angles and unbecomingness in a monstrous waterfall, then it is surely time for a protest to be entered and a vigorous crusade to be begun by all sensible people.

Another French fashion that appears to be gaining considerable ground, especially during the present season in Washington, is that of rouging. It is a practice that never deceives any one, no matter how artfully the work may be accomplished, and the woman who lends herself to such makes in the eyes of society generally a pitiable spectacle of herself. It is a practice borrowed from the demi-monde that had better be left exclusively to that class as their badge.

Mrs. and the Misses Brice are now on the ocean on their way home to this country. It is expected that they will take their Christmas dinner in their residence on Lafayette Square, and afterwards they are going forward to that end. Their arrival will conduce very perceptibly to the gaiety of the season.

Gen. and Mrs. Perry have gone to Florida, and from there will go to Bermuda to spend the winter on account of a bronchial trouble from which Gen. Perry has been a sufferer for some time.

Among the weddings that will mark the month of January in the fashionable calendar will be those of Miss Mary Wallace to Mr. Ed Mitchell, of Connecticut; Miss Stoughton to Mr. Clifford Richardson, and Dr. Glazebrook to Miss Jane Cox.

Miss Sylvia Fauscote is spending the winter in Brussels in order to devote the time to the perfection of her musical studies. Miss Fauscote inherits Sir Julian's musical education, and on this account her musical education has always been the object of the most careful training.

A pretty incident of the coming-out tea given Miss Audrey Fauscote on Thursday afternoon was noticed by the more observant of the company. During the height of the entertainment, just as the British ambassador made his appearance in the doorway leading from the hall into the ballroom, the band all

Two Glimpses of Home Life at the White House



unconsciously struck up the air "A Fine Old English Gentleman."

Count and Countess Divonne have taken apartments for the season at the Everett flats, on H street, where they have been installed for a week or more past. They will spend Christmas with Admiral and Mrs. Crosby.

Miss Jessie Howard has arrived from England and is with her aunts, the Misses Higgs, for the winter.

Hon. John Kasson delivered a lecture a week ago to the members of the Washington Club on "The young women of the National Capital and the young women of the European continent." As the role is a lecturer to a woman's club upon the subject of woman throughout the world is a new one for Mr. Kasson, his friends were greatly interested, and a large attendance of the members rewarded his oratorical effort.

Mr. Thomas, of New York, is the guest of Mr. T. Sanford Beatty.

The Misses DeLafeld have returned to their residence in this city from New York, where they went to attend the funeral of their mother, who died in Washington last week.

Mrs. Doo, wife of the Assistant Secretary of War, has Mrs. and Miss Britton spending the winter with her at her home on the corner of Twentieth and H streets.

Lady Georgina Gough, wife of Mr. Gough, first secretary of the British legation, is the

latest addition to the list of titled society in Washington, and as she will spend the winter at the embassy she will enter society under the pleasant auspices. Mr. Gough succeeds Mr. Cowden in his diplomatic duties.

Mr. Max Ironsides, the newly arrived second secretary of the embassy, is another addition to society. He has leased for the season the house on H street, formerly the residence of the late Admiral Rodgers.

Mrs. John M. Wilson will be at home Fridays in January.

Mrs. and Miss Rochester have issued cards for a tea on the afternoon of the 26th instant in honor of Miss DePeyer.

Mrs. Kilbarr, mother of Mrs. Schofield,

will return for Christmas from New York, where she has been for a little visit, and will spend the month of January with Gen. and Mrs. Schofield. Miss Kilbarr, sister of Mrs. Schofield, is also with her for a visit.

Miss Flagler, daughter of Gen. Flagler, has returned to the city after a long absence.

Mr. Harry East has gone to Fredericksburg to spend the holidays among relatives.

The Brazilian Minister and Mme. Mendonca entertained at dinner last evening; the Secretary of State and Mrs. Gresham, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Carlisle, the Secre-

tary of War and Mrs. Lamont, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Herbert, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell, the Attorney General and Mrs. Olney, the Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Morton, Baron de Rio Branco, Gen. and Mme. Coqueira and Miss Mendonca.

Gen. Innis Palmer has greatly improved in health lately, and within the past week has been able to walk about the room. With Mrs. Palmer he will spend the winter at Chevy Chase. Lieut. and Mrs. Denny are near them in their own cottage.

On Thursday of the past week a very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. Tom Gorman, No. 23 Third street southwest. Games and dancing were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served. Among those present were the Misses Crutcher, Jessie Irwin, Anna Hurdie, Grace Huribut, Alice and Gertrude Sel-

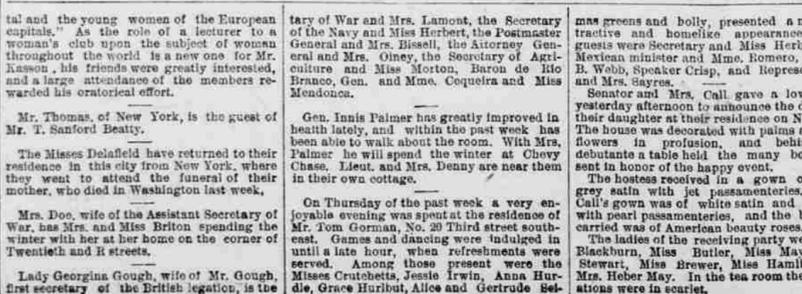
meons and Holly, presented a most attractive and beautiful appearance. The guests were Secretary and Mrs. Herbert, the Mexican minister and Mrs. Romero, Mrs. L. B. Webb, Speaker Crisp, and Representative and Mrs. Sayres.

Senator and Mrs. Call gave a lovely tea yesterday afternoon at their residence on N street. The house was decorated with palms and cut flowers in profusion, and behind the elaborate table held many bouquets sent in honor of the happy event.

The hostess received in a gown of silver grey satin with jet passementeries. Miss Call's gown was of white satin and chiffon with pearl passementeries, and the bouquet carried was of American beauty roses.

The ladies of the receiving party were Miss Blackburn, Miss Butler, Miss May Belle Stewart, Miss Brewer, Miss Hamill, and Mrs. Heber May. In the tea room the decorations were in ecru.

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ver, Ce-d Phelps, Thos Phillips, Dolly and Len Schneider, and Lillie Harde, and the Messrs. Meys, Alton and Ernest Kettler, Will Cooley, Hunter, How, Barnes, Foster, Gorman, Deckman, Maxwell, Tolson, Jones, McMenamin, Fruit McCormick, Hollingsworth, Manup, Donohoe, McKnight, Keeler and Harde.

Mrs. Burr, wife of Capt. Burr, U. S. A., has her mother, Mrs. Green, with her for the winter.

Capt. Piteher, U. S. A., who assisted Col. Wilson in making the introductions at the White House last season, is now in the city visiting his parents, Gen. and Mrs. Piteher, at their home on Columbia Road.

Gen. Otis, U. S. A., is in the city on leave of absence, spending some time at the Arlington. Miss Otis is visiting the family of Gen. Stanley at the Soldiers' Home.

Mrs. Percy Garst is in the city for a visit to the widow of Admiral Quakenbush.

Mrs. Walcott, of No. 1635 Q street, will hold a reception next Friday, from 8 to 12 p. m., in honor of her daughter's birthday. Some of the best talent in the city will be there, and it promises to be a very dressy affair, as over a hundred invitations are out.

Mrs. Fannie Michel, of New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph King, and will be at home Sunday, December 23, at No. 665 Q street northwest.

"Der Deutsch-Amerikanische Club" met in the spacious parlors of the Ambara on Tuesday last. The programme was opened with a piano duet, "Crown diamonds," by Mrs. M. B. Hazard and Miss Anita Hancock; followed by two recitations, by Mrs. Koth, violin solos by Master George Hunt, accompanied by Prof. Busckert; recitation, "Der reiche Bauer," "Der perser" and "A donkey party in Idaho," Mrs. Schoenacker; piano duet, Mrs. Hazard and Miss Flora Gibson; recitation, "Natural laughter" and "The man who apologized," Miss Abbie Johnson, and vocal solo, Johnson, Wales, by Misses Sweeney, Alice Burritt, M. D. B. Watson, Von Estres, Gibson, Hancock, McNaughton, Abbie Johnson, Clara Sizer, Bettler, Elie, Respher, Duryea, and Brooks; J. F. Hancock, George Hunt, J. S. McElhinney, W. L. Tane, F. P. Morgan, M. Hardy and others.

Mrs. J. S. Whitehead and her mother, Mrs. Smith, of Chicago, are at the Arlington for the winter.

The programme of parties for the present weeks is a full one, but for Monday and Tuesday the entertaining will be mainly in the line of Christmas dinners and Christmas eve parties for the young people. Happily for those days the rush of tea will be held in absence in order that the family gatherings may be attended to in a satisfactory manner.

Prominent among the social events of the week will be: THURSDAY—Mrs. Stenberg will give a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Lamont. Mr. and Mrs. Stenberg will give a luncheon. Mrs. James K. Kelly and Miss Kelly will give a tea at their home on N street. Representative and Mrs. Draper will give a tea to announce the debut of their daughter. FRIDAY—Col. and Mrs. John Hay will give a tea to announce the debut of their daughter. Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris will give a dinner party. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Warner will give a tea, to announce the debut of their daughter, from 4 to 7 o'clock in the afternoon at their residence on M street northwest. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Mueller will give an afternoon tea. Saturday—Mrs. Bourke Cochran will give a 5 o'clock tea. Mrs. John B. McLean will give a ball. Among the later entertainments will be: DECEMBER 31—Mrs. S. M. Braun will give a tea to announce the debut of her daughter, January 2 Mrs. Blount will give a musical entertainment, The Oaks, on Georgetown Heights. FRIDAY 3—Mr. and Mrs. George Howard will give an afternoon tea at the Washington Club to announce the debut of their daughter. Mrs. R. F. Fleming will give a tea at her residence, 1741 street, northwest. FRIDAY 4—January 8 Senator and Mrs. Gorman will give an entertainment to announce the debut of their youngest daughter.

Col. and Mrs. George H. Burton gave a tea from 4 to 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon at their residence on Q street in honor of the debut of their second daughter, Miss Lelia Burton. The house was prettily decorated with flowers, having palms and ferns for a background. There were also numerous handsome bouquets sent to the debutante of the afternoon.

Mrs. Burton received in a gown of black lace. The debutante's gown was of white satin with chiffon and pearl trimmings, and the bouquet carried was of La France roses. Mrs. Stenberg, Miss Johnson, and a number of young people assisted in receiving. The company was mainly composed of the Army and resident society.

Representative and Mrs. Washington gave one of the handsomest dinners of the week on Friday evening at their residence on M street. The table was set in pink, the new variety of rose. Mme. Testout, the candelabra were capped with shades formed of pink ostrich feather tips. The prettiest courses was a flower chariot, laden with pink and white roses in ices. The house, decorated with the Christ-

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