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### MAKING VISITS.

The Guest Has Quite as Many Short-  
comings as the Hostess.

As one reads a great deal about how  
to receive or to entertain guests, but  
very little on how the guest should be-  
have, the supposition is that she knows  
just the correct thing and always does  
it.

I disagree.  
I have had guests who had never  
been taught that one should not re-  
main the extreme limit of the time for  
which they were invited.

I have had guests who were always  
late to meals.

One woman who stayed at my house  
a week borrowed everything I had, in-  
cluding my only pair of scissors, which  
she lost on a rainy day when I wanted  
to sew myself.

I have been followed around from  
room to room while I was performing



BORROWED THE SCISSORS.

household duties by a restless friend  
who had not sense enough to take a  
book and sit down and read.

I have been told how to run my own  
house by a guest who was a "good  
manager."

I have had my small spare room filled  
with two trunks and a hat box for  
a week's visit.

One kind friend brought her dog (un-  
invited).

Another gave me to understand she  
always had breakfast in her own room.

I had nervous prostration after one  
woman went away. She told me she  
had been brought up never to spend an  
idle moment.

One amiable guest kept fussing with  
the baby and making trouble for the  
nurse who took care of it.

Two left without remembering the  
maid who had waited on them.

Two more disappointed me as to the  
hours of their trains when they arrived  
and never even wrote me a line of  
thanks after the visit when they reach-  
ed home.

From these and a few other things  
which I might relate, but won't, it  
may be seen that it is sometimes the  
guest who does not know the proper  
thing to do. GERTRUDE MOORE.

### BLUE DINING ROOMS.

The Latest Fashion, Say the Foremost  
Interior Decorators.

"The blue dining room has taken the  
place of the red or green one," said a  
Fifth Avenue decorator to a customer  
recently, and he furnished her dining  
room somewhat according to the  
sketch which accompanies this article.  
The woodwork was white. The walls  
were covered with cream paper, combin-



DELFT BLUE AND WHITE.

ing deep blue with a grayish back-  
ground. The portieres matched. The  
rug was Chinese in blue and white.

A Japanese blue and white jar form-  
ed the table centerpiece on a dolly em-  
brodered with a delft design.

All the linen was embroidered in  
blue initials. The dolly sets were in  
delft designs.

Even the candle shades were of this  
blue silk, which gives a very pretty  
light if you get the right texture.  
R. DE LA BAUME.

## DISASTER IS DREADFUL.

Double Mine Accident Truly a  
Terrible Affair.

### DEATH LIST LENGTHY ONE

Explosion of Black Damp In Under-  
ground Workings at Monongah In  
West Virginia Was One of the Worst  
on Record.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 7.—That not  
less than 400 miners were killed by  
an explosion of black damp, known to  
scientists as methane, in mines No. 6  
and No. 8, of the Consolidated Coal  
company of Baltimore at this place,  
was considered Saturday morning by  
those who took the most hopeful and  
most conservative view of the disaster.

Of these victims six dead bodies had  
been found from mine No. 6 at mid-  
night Friday night and sixty-five others  
were piled up in the entry awaiting  
completion of facilities for bringing  
them to the surface.

From mine No. 8, at the same hour,  
fourteen bodies had been recovered  
up to that time, and a number of others  
were ready to be brought out as  
soon as arrangements could be made to  
receive them.

Five rescuing parties, with ten men  
in each party, are working at different  
parts of the two mines to the end  
that every part of the workings may  
be reached in the shortest possible  
time.

Six charred and blackened bodies  
lying in the improvised morgue pre-  
pared near the entrance to the mine,  
five in a temporary hospital, hovering  
between life and death from the awful  
bruises sustained and the deadly gases  
inhaled, and 369 men imprisoned by  
tons of coal, rock and mine debris in  
the depths of the hills surrounding  
this mining town, with the chances all  
against a single one of them being  
alive, was the most accurate summary  
obtainable early Saturday of the re-  
sults of a mine explosion, which, in  
all probability, was attended by great-  
er loss of life than any former disaster  
in the history of the coal mining indus-  
try in America.

The explosion occurred shortly after  
the full force had gone to work in the  
two mines affected. Those mines are  
Nos. 6 and 8 of the Consolidated  
Coal company, located on opposite  
sides of the West Fork river at this  
place, but merged in their underground  
workings by a heading, and on the  
surface by a great steel tippie and  
bridge.

The five dying men are unable to  
give any detailed report of the disaster  
or to even explain how they reached  
the surface. They state that immedi-  
ately back of them when they began  
their frantic struggle for liberty were  
a large number of men engaged in a  
similar struggle, while still further  
back were a still larger number.

The entry of No. 6 mine 300 feet  
from the mouth is piled up with wreck-  
age of two strings of cars and two  
electric motors.

The American miners of the town  
have been placed in charge of the re-  
lieve work, but Italians and other for-  
eigners are working under them most  
faithfully. It is impossible for a man  
to remain long in the depths of the  
mine, and the rescue forces are divid-  
ed in relays with frequent reliefs.

This place is a mining town in Mar-  
ion county, about six miles southwest  
of Fairmont. It has a population of  
about 6,000.

Until about ten years ago the mines  
were operated almost exclusively by  
Americans, but during the general  
strike of miners in the Pennsylvania  
and Ohio fields many of the West Vir-  
ginia miners went out in sympathy.  
At that time the mine owners brought  
in large numbers of foreigners to take  
the places of strikers, and they are  
now in the majority.

The explosion affected both mines,  
and so far as is known it has not been  
established in which mine it originated.  
Evidencing the terrible force of the  
explosion, props in the entrance of  
No. 6 mine, supporting the roof,  
were not only shattered and torn from  
their positions, but were blown out of  
the entry and to the opposite side of  
the river.

Other evidence of the awful force is  
shown in every section of the mines  
reached by the rescuers. Huge quan-  
tities of coal and rock were loosened  
and hurled into every opening, and  
all of the underground structures are  
wrecked beyond semblance of their orig-  
inal shape.

### SOMEWHAT WORRIED.

Late Mrs. Clara Bloodgood Had Much  
Cash Tied Up in Bank.

New York, Dec. 7.—Friends of Mrs.  
Clara Bloodgood, the actress, who killed  
herself at Baltimore, state she  
had been somewhat worried over the  
financial flurry at New York, although  
they do not believe this worry had  
enough effect on her mind to cause  
her to kill herself. It is said a large  
sum of money was recently left her  
by relatives and deposited by her in  
one of the banks which recently closed  
its doors. Intimate friends state the  
sum tied up in bank is at least \$250,-  
000.

### Tucker Free.

Topeka, Dec. 7.—The Federal court  
here demurred to the indictment of  
Secretary H. H. Tucker, Jr., charged  
with using the mails to defraud in his  
efforts to promote the Uncle Sam Oil  
company, was sustained and Tucker  
was freed.

### Several Hundred Strike.

City of Mexico, Dec. 7.—A special  
dispatch to the Record from Queretaro  
says that several hundred workmen  
of the Purisimo Cotton mills struck  
shorter hours and higher wages are  
the demands which they make.

### CRISIS OVER.

Kansas City Financial Situation  
Thus Viewed.

Kansas City, Dec. 7.—There was no  
evidence of a run on any local banks  
in the early hours Friday. Bank offi-  
cials generally gave it as their opin-  
ion the crisis resulting from the failure  
of the National Bank of Commerce  
was over and normal conditions would  
soon exist again. They insisted there  
is no need for alarm; and that the  
closing of the National Bank of Com-  
merce really cleared the atmosphere  
and marked the first real step toward  
restoration of confidence. Many de-  
positors were reassured by the de-  
claration of officials of that institu-  
tion that it would not only pay depos-  
itors in full, but stockholders would  
also lose nothing.

James T. Bradley was appointed  
receiver by the comptroller of the cur-  
rency, Mr. Bradley, as receiver,  
wound up the affairs of the First Na-  
tional bank of Topeka, which failed  
as a result of the collapse of enter-  
prise of the late C. J. Devlin in 1905.  
His success in managing the affairs of  
that bank inspired many larger of the  
depositors of the National Bank of  
Commerce with the hope that he  
will be able to realize the claims of the  
officials and pay out in full.

The failure of the National Bank of  
Commerce had no apparent effect  
upon the Commerce Trust company,  
whose president, Dr. W. S. Woods, is  
also president of the bank. Many de-  
positors of the National Bank of Com-  
merce have opened accounts in the  
trust company as well as with other  
local banks. W. T. Kemper, vice-  
president of the Commerce Trust  
company, said they already received  
close to \$300,000 new deposits from  
that source.

One of the three small banks in the  
suburbs of Kansas City affiliated with  
the National Bank of Commerce that  
closed late Thursday—the First State  
bank of Argentine, Kan.—reopened  
for business Friday. The bank has  
deposits of \$250,000 and W. Middle-  
kauff, its cashier, says it is in a per-  
fectly sound condition.

### EXPLODED ON SIDEWALK.

Effort Is Made to Dynamite a Grocery  
Store at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—An effort was  
made early Friday to dynamite the  
grocery store of Charles Graffini, an  
Italian, whom the police believe is  
the intended victim of the Black Hand  
organization. The bomb struck the  
sidewalk and exploded without doing  
further damage than shattering all the  
windows in the immediate neighbor-  
hood of Palmyra street and Claiborne  
avenue.

Graffini was a member of the Ital-  
ian vigilance committee, which was  
instrumental in running down, cap-  
turing and convicting a number of  
Italians implicated in the Edwidge  
and murder of eight year old Walter  
Lamanna last June.

### ANOTHER BANK CLOSES.

This Action Was Taken at the Re-  
quest of the Directors.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—The Fort Pitt  
National bank of this city has closed  
its doors. This action was taken at  
the request of the directors, who re-  
quested the comptroller of the cur-  
rency to place Bank Examiner Cun-  
ningham in charge. President Herron  
says the depositors are fully protected.

The report of the condition of the  
Fort Pitt National bank at the close of  
business Dec. 3, 1907, made in re-  
sponse to the call of the comptroller  
of the currency, showed resources and  
liabilities of \$5,522,142.01.

### Presence of Conspiracy.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 7.—All of the  
testimony offered during Friday of  
the trial of Caleb Powers was for  
the purpose of proving to the jury  
the presence of alleged conspiracy  
upon which the whole fabric of the  
Powers prosecution depends.

### Brief Stay at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Secretary Taft and  
members of his party arrived here from  
Russia. After attending a meeting  
in his honor the secretary and Mrs.  
Taft departed for Hamburg and Calcutta.  
Mrs. Taft went to Paris.

### Texas Selections.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Texas has  
delegation selected Randall for  
and means committee. Deal for  
culture, Garner for postoffice and  
postroads.

### Juhlin's New Job.

Stockholm, Dec. 7.—M. Juhlin, for-  
mer minister of the interior, is now  
postmaster general.

### CONDENSED NEWS.

Over 500 skeletons were found in a  
mound at Vera Cruz, Mex.

Gas plant at Abilene, Tex., valued at  
\$10,000, was destroyed by fire.

Four business houses, entailing  
\$11,000 loss, burned at Boyd, Tex.

Attorney general of Oklahoma has  
been asked to stop the sale of "Uno."

Three Pittsburg sportsmen have  
leased 30,000 acres in the Santa Rosa  
mountains of Mexico for a game re-  
serve.

Forty dollars of the sum sent from  
Austin to the relief of San Francisco  
earthquake sufferers has been re-  
turned.

The team Gaudie Raley, a boy  
was driving, drowned in the reservoir  
at the Graham, Tex., waterworks. The  
boy narrowly escaped.

By turning over of a lighted lamp  
Mrs. James Rodgers and infant caught  
fire. The baby died and mother is in  
serious state at Snyder, Tex.

Lee Coleman, sentenced to hard  
Dec. 3 at Lake Charles, La., for the  
murder of Deputy Sheriff Shumake at  
De Quincey, has been reprimed to  
Jan. 3.

### NEW CHAIRMAN.

Indiana Man Head of Repub-  
lican Committee.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The National  
Republican executive committee met  
at the Shoreham hotel for the purpose,  
principally of naming the time and  
place for holding the national Republi-  
can convention next year. The meet-  
ing is one of the largest ever held.  
Hon. Harry C. New of Indianapolis



HARRY C. NEW.

acting chairman, was elected chair-  
man, succeeding Secretary of the  
Treasury Cortelyou.

At noon Friday the members of the  
committee called in a body at the  
white house on President Roosevelt.

### PARDON PREPARED.

Hazelwood Testifies Blank Line Was  
Left For Assassin's Name.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 7.—The most  
important witness of the forenoon ses-  
sion in the Caleb Powers trial was  
State Senator Watson of Mayfield.  
Senator Watson said he saw four armed  
men in citizens' clothes in the state  
house while Goebel's body was being  
carried from the ground. Witness de-  
scribed the mountain army as being  
rough looking and heavily armed, and  
said that "Taylor's soldiers" took pos-  
session of the state house grounds a  
few minutes after the shooting, as if  
preconcerted action had been made.  
He also detailed how soldiers barred  
members of the legislature from the  
legislative hall, and chased them  
through the streets, preventing their  
re-assembling at the city hall and  
court house.

Senator Watson's testimony alone  
these times was corroborated by State  
Senator Frazier. Frazier testified  
that he heard some mountain man say  
"We are here to stand by Taylor, and  
propose to give 'em hell."

Henry C. Hazelwood of Lexington  
testified that the plot to kill Goebel  
had been made on the Friday preced-  
ing the shooting, and that Governor  
Taylor had at that time prepared a  
full pardon for the man who would be  
assigned to do it, leaving a blank line  
for the insertion of the assassin's  
name.

### QUIET AS HOLIDAY.

People Surprised When They Heard of  
Request For Soldiers.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 7.—The news  
that Governor Sparks had called upon  
the government to have troops ready  
for use in Goldfield on a moment's  
notice to restore order was heard  
in this community with amazement.  
On the surface Goldfield is as quiet  
as on a holiday. It was not supposed  
that the strike situation had reached  
such an acute stage as to require such  
a precaution. There is very little  
talk on the streets, and no agitation  
whatever. The people generally ac-  
cept the move as meaning that the  
mine operators are preparing to open  
up with non-union miners. If this is  
undertaken the general opinion is that  
there will be serious trouble.

### IMMENSE ORANGE CROP.

Greatest Ever Known in the Matamor-  
ras Section of Mexico.

Matamorras, Dec. 7.—The greatest  
orange crop in the history of this  
section is now being shipped. The  
navel oranges raised here are of a fine  
quality and bring a high price. This  
variety, which is already largely  
grown, will in the future be planted  
by nearly all the orange growers here,  
as the navel orange brings nearly dou-  
ble the price of any other variety, and  
the demand cannot be supplied.

### SALOONISTS SUICIDE.

Last Act of One of Them Was to Drink  
a Sardonian Toast.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Two saloonkeep-  
ers committed suicide under remark-  
able circumstances and members of  
their families attribute their deaths  
solely to worry lest the Sunday clos-  
ing agitation of the Law and Order  
league would ruin the saloon business  
and cause saloonkeepers to lose sav-  
ings invested in the business. Matron  
Peter shot himself in the head and  
was found dead on his barroom floor.  
Orswick Kasper also shot himself in  
the head. His last act before closing  
saloon was to drink a sardonian toast to  
the Law and Order league, saying:  
"They're ruining me, all right!"

### Three-Handed Fight.

Memphis, Dec. 7.—A special to the  
Commercial Appeal from Rosebud,  
Miss., says: As a result of a three-  
handed pistol fight at a fishing camp,  
twenty miles west of this place, E.  
K. Wilson and V. E. Smart are dead  
and the third participant, Wilson's  
brother, is badly wounded. A trivial  
dispute was the cause of the crime.

As the result of stepping on a rusty  
nail, Fritz L. Fisher, a San Antonio  
boy, died of lockjaw.

### RANSELL RETAINED.

Fifty Million Dollars Annually  
to Be Asked.

Washington, Dec. 7.—An annual ap-  
propriation of at least \$50,000,000 for  
the improvement and development of  
the waterways of America is the gist  
of the recommendations of the Rivers  
and Harbors congress, which conclud-  
ed its sessions Friday. No particular  
project was advocated by the conven-  
tion, the recommendation of the com-  
mittee on resolutions, which were  
adopted unanimously, being that a na-  
tional policy for the improvement of  
inland waterways be adopted by the  
congress of the United States.

In introducing John A. Fox of Ar-  
kansas, the special director of the con-  
gress, President Ransdell said that Mr.  
Fox had spent the past year in trav-  
eling over the country, and is doing  
splendid work for the congress. In  
the course of his report Mr. Fox said  
that during the present year he has  
visited twenty-six states and ninety-  
nine cities; had given out forty-four  
public interviews, written five maga-  
zine articles and had delivered 158 ad-  
dresses, nine of which had been before  
the national organizations. He was  
satisfied that if the United States con-  
gress was in possession of the infor-  
mation which he had presented, the  
work of the congress practically would  
have been accomplished. He urged  
the appropriation by the association  
of \$40,000 for the continuance of the  
work during the next year.

The following officers were elected:  
President, J. E. Ransdell, Louisiana;  
secretary-treasurer, J. F. Ellison, Cin-  
cinnati. Among the directors is S. W.  
S. Duncan of Dallas.

### CLEVELAND PRESIDED.

In Address Advocated Closer and More  
Intimate Relationship.

New York, Dec. 7.—Hon. Grover  
Cleveland presided at the annual meet-  
ing of the Association of Life Insurance  
Presidents, which was held at Hotel  
Belmont. The presidents of twenty-  
five insurance companies who are not  
members of the association were pres-  
ent when the informal session was call-  
ed to order, and it was said that all  
of them would be admitted to mem-  
bership.

The cultivation of a closer and more  
intimate relationship between the life  
insurance companies and their policy  
holders was advocated by Mr. Cleve-  
land in an address.

### ARGUMENTS BEGIN.

Effort Being Made to Overthrow Dawes  
Commission Allotments.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—Arguments were  
begun Friday by the United States  
court of appeals in the suits to over-  
throw the Dawes commission allotment  
of Choctaw and Chickasha lands in  
Oklahoma worth \$20,000,000. The land  
was granted to the Indian tribes in  
1830. The suits were brought to deter-  
mine whether the matter shall be set-  
tled by congress. The plaintiffs de-  
clare they were deprived of their in-  
terests in the land through fraud.

### BOILER BLOWS UP.

Negro Lose His Life and Couple of  
White Men Injured.

Memphis, Dec. 7.—A special to the  
Commercial Appeal from Earle, Ark.,  
says: As a result of the explosion  
of a boiler in the gin plant of J. B.  
Washington near here a negro farmer,  
John Donaldson, was killed, and two  
white men, J. B. Washington and  
George Culwell, were injured. Wash-  
ington was scalded about the head and  
shoulders and Culwell was badly cut  
about the head.

### BREVITIES BUNCHED.

E. L. Evert shot himself to death at  
Fort Worth.

Miles hotel at Miles, Tex., was de-  
stroyed by fire.

Natural gas has been struck in the  
center of Jackson, Miss.

J. E. Bonham, a leading citizen of  
Denison, died from heart trouble.

R. I. Crane of Chicago has presented  
his wife a \$150,000 pearl necklace.

A. L. Coffy, a Dallas fireman, was  
held up by a negro and robbed of \$19.

Nine carloads of pecans had been  
sent out of San Angelo, Tex., up to  
the 8th.

An oil company composed entirely  
of women has been organized at Oil  
City, Pa.