# "AT HOME."

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SAINTLY CITY SOCIETY.

**Gleanings of "At Home" in a Midsummer Week.**

A certain dignified St. Paul merchant, the father of grown-up daughters and a deacon in a fashionable church, received about a week since a missive which greatly surprised him. On a dainty bit of stylish paper were the words: "Dear sir, will you kindly explain the meaning of the inclosed? If you are in earnest, I accept," signed by a prominent society young lady. The inclosure consisted of a sheet of paper, bearing the printed name of the business house and in a handsome business hand an invitation for the young lady to attend a hop at one of the neighboring lakes. Beneath were the formal words "Yours truly" and the merchant's name. The joke was apparent to the merchant in a moment, and calling up his private secretary he asked him if he had any engagement for a certain evening. Somewhat confused, the young man replied that he "expected to attend a party at the Hotel ——." "Ah, very well," replied the merchant, "I will meet you there. Miss —— has kindly accepted my invitation." "Why, sir," stammered the astonished clerk, "Miss ——." "Yes, it is all arranged and there is the correspondence," interrupted the merchant, handing over the epistles. In his haste the young clerk had signed his employer's name to the invitation as he did daily to scores of business letters, and the fair lady had turned the joke on him. They say that congratulations are in order.

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Everybody who has partaken of the elegant hospitality of the Ryan is enthusiastic in regard to the management of the vast hotel, everything showing that it is in the hands of experienced men, who know their business from the basement up. With many important details yet incompleted, and the hurry and work of opening, they achieved a splendid triumph in their banquet, and one of the most exacting epicures remarked to me that he had attended state dinners in all parts of the civilized world, but had never sat down to one where the cooking was more delicious, the service more perfect and the general ensemble better than it was on Thursday night. Surely our new landlords are veterans.

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Talking with a newsboy the other day about the organization some devoted young ladies have established for their advantage, I incidentally asked him if "the boys liked Miss H——?" Looking up with a beaming face, he exclaimed, "Miss H——, you bet she's a brick! Why, there aint a kid in town but what would fight anybody that darst sass her!" I believed him, for he evidently meant it.

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While Bishop Ireland and a party of gentlemen, all "of French extraction," as he said, being Hennessey, Agnew, Cox, Sullivan and Ryan, were standing in the grand office of the Ryan last Thursday evening, the reverend gentleman with his eagle eye, which takes in everything, discovered in the beautiful stained glass overhead a handsome design representing a shamrock. Turning to Mr. Sullivan, the artist, he remarked: "I see you could not forget the old emblem. Good boy; I absolve you. Such pride is excusable."

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At one of the prettiest places on Dayton's bluff a lady recently called with her pretty young baby. The infant was greatly admired by a dainty little damsel, who displayed several handsome young puppies of which she was very proud. The visiting lady admired them greatly, and asked the fond owner if she would be willing to exchange one of them for her baby. Miss Wisdom hesitated a moment, glancing from one species of the infant kingdom to another, then replied: "Well, no. I don't think I will swap. Babies are getting very common in our neighborhood."

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It was in olden times a popular device for physicians to be called out of church, to aid in advertising themselves, but it is new for passenger agents of swell railroads to catch onto the same idea. It was but a fortnight since the talented and very blonde agent of a leading railroad caused a whole congregation to be perturbed when the sexton, the ushers and a deacon went away up in front, near the organ, to call him out, and just when the parson was orating on the "observance of Sunday." Dix never gets left on advertising.

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It does seem wrong to allow hogs in horse-cars. However, you will find them sitting sideways, with a gripsack on the seat at their side, getting two shillings worth of space for a nickel. If you ask them to move, or push against them, they grunt much like their four-footed brothers. They should try to imitate gentlemen, and not appropriate what does not belong to them. The only way to get along with such fellows is to treat them like hogs and let them grunt as much as they please.

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Young ladies make exquisite toilets for the evening "rug receptions," but the cool air after sunset recently has rather interfered with their effect in some instances. One evening a short time since the queen of a reception was a dream of beauty. A soft robe of creamy lue hung gracefully about her, and a mantle of fleecy lace but partly concealed her snowy shoulders, while a dainty covering adorned her snowy hair. She was perfect, and when a cold wave struck the party and the most of them hurried for shawls, she would accept no covering, declaring she was entirely comfortable. When the company dispersed a gentleman accompanied the belle to her residence, and he had not left the porch before he heard her exclaim to her maid, "Make haste, Jennie, and prepare some hot water; I am chilled through and must have some hot ginger and molasses. I will wear winter clothes to these arctic receptions hereafter." You see her pride had failed to keep her warm.

HERE AND THERE.

Arrangements for the fifth annual session of the supreme temple, Patriarchal circle, will be held in St. Paul July 8, at 9 o'clock. This will undoubtedly be one of the grandest reunions ever experienced in St. Paul, and 4,000 guests will be entertained. The program will consist of reception at Market hall July 8, at 9 o'clock. At 10:30 a. m. the session of the temple will be opened at Odd Fellows' hall. Thursday an excursion to Lake Minnetonka has been arranged for; supper and dance in the evening at the Lafayette hotel. Closing exercises at St. Paul Friday, with excursion to White Bear in the evening, entertained by the Ladies' Auxiliary society. The visiting ladies will be received and entertained at Hotel Ryan.

The following have become permanently at home at the Ryan: Hon. E. G. Hulburt, Mr. and Mr . A. C. Smith, Mrs. S. N. Glidden and family, Miss Jingle Glidden, Mr. J. M. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Granner and two children, W. E. Bramhall, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Beecher, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Willis, Mr. J. W. Blabon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Manvel, Messrs. S. J. Ahern, C. J. Berryhill, C. H. Boynton, H. W. Cory, E. J. Cattell, George Hunsaker, C. H. Hooper, G. W. Lamson, R. C. Munger, W. A. Maguire, C. M. McLain, J. S. Macdonald, J. G. Pyle, J. E. Raymond, S. G. Sloan, M. N. Singleton, A. Warner, Dr. C. Williams, C. I. Warren. The daily arrivals have been very large.

All who have tried it find the trip to Minnehaha one of the most delightful excursions St. Paulites can make. The sail up the river, the varied, picturesque scenery, the curious bluffs, the verdant islands and rich uplands; the crest crowned with villa-like residences on the east bank, the high bold bluff surmounted by Fort Snelling, the wild charming walk up the ravine to the falls, all contribute to make the trip one of rare enjoyment.

Wednesday was a busy day at Mahtomedi, White Bear, as the First M. E. church gave a picnic, including a concert and entertainment at the amphitheater by Miss Agness Green and the Philharmonic society of Stillwater. The program commenced at 2 p. m. and was enjoyed by about three hundred people. Most of the picnickers returned at 6 p. m., but a few who fortunately had beaux (accidentally) got left.

A quiet wedding occurred Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the priory of the cathedral, the contracting parties being Mr. George Collins and Miss Lina Minturn, both young literary people. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Danehy in the presence of the bride's parents and a few intimate friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Collins left on the 5 o'clock train for a brief trip to several Minnesota cities. They will make their home in St. Paul.

Mr. Henry McLachlan has just completed arrangements to give a fine concert at the Chateaugay hotel, White Bear, on Wednesday evening, July 8. He will be assisted by Misses Alice and Elsie Shawe, Mr. P. J. Schaub, Mr. J. Hienline, Mr. G. Willrich and a few members of the celebrated Hessian Band, who are at the lake just now. A grand hop will be held after the concert.

Mr. W. H. Frisbie, the artist, very sensibly devoted his holiday yesterday to sketching gems of scenery on the Mississippi river about Minnehaha creek. He obtained some beautiful bits of landscape in this region so near us, and yet so little known, although it abounds in scenic beauties unequaled in the country.

Miss Ella Richards of Fourteenth street returned yesterday from a delightful visit to the charming home of Mrs. Jane Van Etten and daughters at Le Sueur. During her visit Miss Richards contributed valuable aid to several concerts, appearing as pianist and gaining much praise for her skillful and finished execution.

Among the St. Paul delegates who attended the Sunday School convention at Faribault were Thomas Cochran, Jr., and Mrs. H. D. Gates, Miss Randall, Miss Parker, J. McKibben, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Kate Campbell, Miss Heath, Miss Palmer, Miss Lee, Mr. Thorn and others.

Mr. R. B. Ware and Miss Ware of Lincoln avenue, and Mr. J. E. Morehous, Miss Morehous and Miss May Morehous of Dayton avenue left on Thursday for Mille Lacs, where the ladies will pass the summer in George Warren's camp.

A very pleasing entertainment was given Thursday evening at the Gospel Temperance union rooms, by Mr. Schauffler, Miss Waldt, Prof. Wheaton, Miss Sidden, Mrs. Joswich, Mr. Springer, Miss Haas and Miss Fasott.

Mrs. J. H. Brugh of the Ryan will assist the choir of the First Baptist church today, and will contribute some exceedingly fine solos. This talented lady will prove a valuable acquisition to musical and social circles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Haines of Jersey City are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morehous of Dayton avenue. They are enthusiastic in their admiration of the beauties and thrift of the golden Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Randall of East Fifth street have gone to Philadelphia and Atlantic City to be absent several weeks. They were accompanied by Miss Ella Stewart, sister of Mr. Randall.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hanson, recently of Ashland avenue, leave to-morrow for Indianapolis. Their friends hope that their absence will prove but a visit, and that they will return to St. Paul in the fall.

The officers of the new Ryan are: J. H. Brough and C. M. Truman, proprietors; John T. Ford, chief clerk; A. Keegan, bookkeeper; W. L. Hunt, cashier, E. Head, night clerk.

Tuesday evening a moonlight excursion under the management of the First Baptist church was enjoyed by about two hundred, who concluded that Minnetonka by moonlight was a novel treat.

The children of the Hebrew Mt. Zion congregation Sunday school spent last Sunday at Lake Elmo. The little folks with their parents and friends numbered over two hundred.

The annual election of the officers of the Standard club will be held to-day. Mr. Eugene Mehl, who has long been the caterer, has resigned, and his place will be filled to-day.

Mrs. M. V. Steigers of St. Louis arrived with her two little daughters at the "Anchorage," the delightful old home of her father, Mr. A. L. Larpenteur, last Wednesday.

Capt. C. D. Schmidt, wife and daughter, left on Friday to pass about two months in visiting Eastern resorts. They are now enjoying the beauties of Oconomowoc lake, Wis.

Messrs. J. V. Dixon and G. Van Solen of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway will shoot a match at twenty blackbirds for $50 a side to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hinkel of Union Park returned on Friday from a week's sojourn at Geneva Beach. In one day's sport at fishing they took 210 splendid bass.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Teasdale and their children of Grove street, returned from St. Louis last Tuesday. About one-half of their trip was made by the river.

Miss Bailey of Massachusetts, after a visit of several week's duration to her relative, Mr. S. G. Dickinson of the great bazar, left for her home last week.

A free exhibition of fireworks was the chief attraction July 4, from the Wabasha street hill. Sixty pieces, besides small rockets, etc., were exploded.

It's a cold day when the Ninth Street Presbyterian church gets left, consequently they gave a strawberry and ice cream festival Thursday evening.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's school took place last Monday afternoon. The program was very interesting and enjoyed by a large audience.

Among the summer tourists at the Merchants are Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Klupp of Chicago, and Mr. F. E. Bates and mother of San Diego, Cal.

Miss Bessie Lytle of Somerset street, who has recently returned from school, is entertaining her friend, Miss Mamie Carey of Chicago.

H. P. Hedrick and wife of the Grand Pacific hotel, Moorhead, are visiting friends at the Windsor, en route to Chicago and Omaha.

Mrs. Gen. Sloan and her daughter, Mrs. Capt. Hyre leave to-morrow for Detroit Lake, where they will remain about two months.

Miss Ethel A. Bell of St. Peter will this week visit Mrs. C. Shandrew of Ashland avenue, and later proceed to White Bear lake.

Mrs. H. W. Donaldson and her mother, Mrs. Willis, left last evening for their home on the great bonanza farm at Kennedy.

Mr. F. J. Reinhard of Rockport, Ind., is visiting his brother, Mr. L. G. Reinhard, and is on his way to the far West.

Miss Blanche Rauhe, one of Cincinnati's most charming young ladies, is visiting Miss Guiterman of Jackson street.

W. H. Swinton will remain three weeks at the Chapman house, Minnetonka, in hopes of benefiting his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peabody are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schiller and their daughter of St. Louis.

Mr. W. W. Cardland, a prominent gentleman of Custer, is visiting relations and friends in St. Paul.

Mrs. E. V. Smalley and her son and daughter are sojourning this summer at Ocean Grove, N. Y.

Miss Irene Holland of Milwaukee is visiting her sister, Mrs. James J. Egan of 573 Laurel avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rossell of Dayton avenue are enjoying a visit from the gentleman's mother.

Mr. C. H. Warren has made arrangements to spend a few weeks at the Lafayette hotel.

J. H. Hetherington, long connected with the Metropolitan, has become an attache of the Ryan.

Bride bells were silent last week. The fact is that the weather has been hotter than love.

Miss Alice Hosmer of the Grau English Opera company, is a guest at the Merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke of Winsted, Conn., are visiting the family of Rev. Dr. Dana.

Miss Glassbrook of Chicago is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Allen, of Grove street.

Miss Hattie Buck of Rockport, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Henry Hale of Lafayette avenue.

Levit K. Merrill is home from law school, and will make St. Paul his future home.

Miss Jessie Allen of New York is the guest of Mrs. Curtis of Pleasant avenue.

Miss Winnie Ober of Austin is visiting Mrs. G. E. Ranch at 536 L'Orient street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mead of Chicago are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoxsie.

Miss Bella Rankin of McBoal street, is visiting friends at St. Cloud.

Miss Mary Pollock of Portland avenue is at pretty Prior lake.

D. D. Merrill, Jr., has returned from his Eastern trip.

THE LADY RAMBLER.

**The Trials of a Young Man With Two Girls--Dress Gossip.**

If there is one individual more than another, do you know, for whom I entertain a heart-felt sympathy, it is the young man who is acting as escort to two young ladies at the same time. Of course, sympathy in its deepest, fullest sense I cannot feel; no one can who has not been placed in the same position; but my heart goes out to him, and his woe-begone expression and dejected air arouse within me feelings of compassion.

Now I do not deny that there are young men quite capable of enjoying the society of young women taken by pairs or scores; but that there are young women who can share the attentions of a male escort and still take in them an interest absorbing enough to be very flattering to his self-esteem, I doubt; there comes the rub. It's seldom enough, I notice, that a youth of his own accord and free will takes two damsels under his protecting care when he goes out for pleasure; but it sometimes happens that the fair Angelica whom he invites to accompany him to the opera has a dear lady friend who is paying her a visit, and he then submits to the inevitable with the best grace possible. From the moment of starting those girls keep up an animated dialogue on subjects that might as well be Greek for all the entertainment they afford him; their interest never flags, neither do their tongues weary. He occasionally attempts to introduce a topic of his own, but he is answered in monosyllables in tones frigid enough to chill the blood of a polar bear, and his brightest remarks fall upon unheeding ears. The young ladies enjoy themselves, oh! my, yes! amazingly; and the young man should find in virtue its own reward, but I know he doesn't. He reads his program between the acts, while the maidens chatter contentedly about their respective wardrobes, as compared with those of their friends; and, as he steals furtive glances at Angelica, who, when alone he finds so charming a companion, and at Maria, who, by herself is so sweet, he appreciates the truth of those old lines which declare:

"How happy could I be with either,
Were t'other fair charmer away."

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There was once a housemaid who knew that she had religion because she always swept under the mats, and on the same principle you may safely conclude that the man or woman who deliberately stops to kick banana skins off the sidewalk is a genuine philanthropist, with a great reserve fund of charity and humanity, whose acquaintance would be well worth the cultivation.

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The long polonaise that opens straight down the front and is drawn tightly across the hips with a full, much-looped back, is again a feature of street costumes. It is usually unlike the skirt in color as well as material, and an opportunity is thus given to utilize half-worn dresses whose bodices have succumbed to the wear and tear of existence.

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At commencement, the other night, I caught a glimpse of several bouquets that struck me as being particularly pretty and appropriate. They were just bundles of long stemmed roses held loosely together by knots of ribbon, but they did form such a pleasing contrast to the stiff masses of bloom wired and tied into prim bouquets by the florists, that it was a positive relief to contemplate them.

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Rice park by electric light, with the alluring strains of the "See-Saw" waltz and selections from "Martha" floating upon the balmy air and deliciously commingling with the wails of a hundred infants—situation most romantic, and eminently adapted for that ancient pastime known by the modern name of "mashing." So thinks many a young gentleman, sallying forth, most elaborately gotten up in respect to hat and cane, and it must be admitted that fair damsels can be found who fully concur in this opinion. There are young ladies, however, who occasionally go out with no such lofty aim in view, and two of them were the other evening at the park. They were seated, gayly chattering and laughing, finding in the moving throng ample entertainment, when there appeared upon the scene a pair of precious youths in search of adventures, who, probably not being acquainted with this variety of young lady, thought that they comprehended the situation, and with a knowing smile braced their languid forms against a convenient tree-trunk and proceeded to cast upon those maidens glances tender enough to melt the heart of a grindstone. Oddly enough, the maidens appeared quite oblivious to the delicate attention and a seat next them becoming vacant our heroes next made a wild rush for it to try the effect of devotion at close quarters. They were not such adepts, either, as they wished the observers to suppose, were extremely sheepish in their smiles and sighs, and after they had readjusted their silk hats, twirled their canes and carefully examined the contents of their pockets, were at the end of their resources. And what do you think? After all this expenditure of time and labor, those unappreciative young women calmly and quietly looked them over from their heads to their feet, and then laughed, actually laughed as if intensely amused, turned their backs and walked away; and as they heard a young miss, who had been an interested spectator of the scene, exclaim: "Oh! Did you see those dudes get left?" perhaps you may think those young gentlemen didn't want to vanish into thin air, but they did.

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The truly feminine method of shopping was early exhibited by that young lady of 10, who, commissioned to buy machine needles, ordered them sent home, and I expect great things of her in the future.

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The prettiest dresses seen this year are of pongee silk. Many of them are trimmed with embroidery in various colors, while others are relieved with velvet in rich shades of blue, red or brown; but by far the daintiest are profusely ornamented with lace that corresponds with the dress material in tint. Attired in one of these gowns, with bonnet, gloves and parasol to exactly match, a woman can go forth to see and be seen, serene and happy, feeling that she is pleasing not only herself, but also every man, woman and child she meets.

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And that was indeed a wise woman, that friend of Emerson, who told him that there is a deep abiding peace and joy in the consciousness of being well dressed that religion cannot give. Talk not of the dress being the expression of one's mood, for you have the cart before the horse; the mood is the result of the dress. Just try, some day, to feel really good in a dress that you know is ill-fitting and unbecoming, and see if you will succeed; while on the other hand, though you enter your room with the temper of a fury, if, as you proceed with your toilette, the glass shows that you are making fair progress, your rage subsides, and if you can depart well dressed, you depart happy and content. Just fancy Eve's state of mind before she had even a fig-leaf apron on which to exercise her ingenuity; and what a relief it must have been to her feelings to be compelled to decide between a plain and wrinkled front, square or rounded corners, plain or scalloped edge.

LADY RAMBLER.

IN MINNEAPOLIS.

**A Quiet, Shaded Week in Society--The Events of Interest.**

July Fourth is a day of societies, but not of society. The day is jubilant and hilarious, but not especially social in its character, and the events which so variously freight it are not matter for the social column. Having survived the noisy and eventful day in good shape, only slightly scarred, Minneapolis will this morning look quietly down on the world, much as a spectator views the field the day after battle, and, looking back through the smoke, reviews the events of the week—a very dull, sleepy week it was, too—with a warmth suggestive of midsummer, making city life dull and weary, and clothing the distant lake and the still more distant eastern resorts and watering places with additional and comparative attractions. The office slave whiffs the cool breezes that seem to blow through the gossipy reports from Minnetonka, furnished by each morning's GLOBE, and turns with a sigh to his work, realizing his account is in no condition for a two weeks' vacation.

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Favoring breezes will blow quite a number of Minneapolitans to foreign lands this summer—quite an unusual number. The social diary shows that at least fifty of our people will wander through the galleries of Paris and Florence, climb the Alps and enjoy the dolce far niente of Southern Europe this summer. David Blakely will drink beer at Munich, study china at Dresden and music at Stuttgart. W. D. Washburn will pore over British heraldry and Prof. Tousley will study Hebrew at Joppa. C. A. Widestrand and family will take a chalet near Nice, and Prof. Mearkle and family will linger under the shadow of Vesuvius at Naples. Editor Lambert Naegle, of the Freie Presse, has had his tour and is now busy telling what he saw in Fatherland, and Hon. Gregor Manzel and daughters show the beneficent effect in their improved health of the waters of the famous German Spa. There are others who will register from Minneapolis at the hotels of various European points and delight their friends with voluminous letters interlarded with foreign expressions, but to give their names at this time would be premature.

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There are not a few who will go to the seashore for the benefit of sea bathing and salt breezes; others have selected the White mountains as their summer objective point, and some will plunge into the restless whirlpool of life at Saratoga, with Excelsior water mingled with dust. But Minnetonka and White Bear are good enough for most of those Minneapolitans who have time and money on their hands, and they will go no further from home. When the returns are reckoned in the fall, they will find the wisdom of their choice, and when their friends return from Long Branch and Saratoga to recuperate, that wisdom will be apparent. A summer trip, and especially where it leads the thoughtless to some spot where the demands and dissipation of fashion are insatiate, is one of the things that "come high and we must have it," but the drafts it makes on the purse are only equaled by the draft on the constitution. A week at Minnetonka refreshes and invigorates. A month at Saratoga means two months at home, afterward, getting rested. Let's go to Minnetonka.

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With the lakes within an hour's ride and their delights so temptingly near, there is little enjoyment, at this time of year, in the stifling atmosphere of the handsomest drawing room, and the natural result is that Minneapolis drawing rooms furnish very little news. Of parties there are none. Strangers come to Minneapolis to enjoy its salubrious summer climate, and of course there must be teas and coffees in their honor, but they are not on the winter scale of magnificence. Occasionally a wedding fills a handsome parlor here and there, but not frequently at this season. There are not many marriages. Love's fires seem to burn most brightly in winter, even though the fuel is formed of ices. Lawn fetes, fetes champetre, seem most popular, but even they are dismally infrequent just at present. The lay of the sweet girl graduate has been stilled for another year and the swish of her white dress is heard no more in the land. In fact, society has settled down to midsummer drowsiness all over the city.

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The most notable visitors in the city last week were the ladies and gentlemen from Mexico. A sunburned gentleman in black broadcloth is not an unfamiliar object on the streets of cosmopolitan Minneapolis, so the male members of the visiting delegation attracted but little attention. With the ladies it was different, and many were the curious glances cast upon them by the fair feminines of the city. Three of them were notably pretty, being the two daughters of President Paz and the daughter of Gen. de Anda. They were all typical Andalusians, with dark, olive skins, and those large, glorious orbs that look as though they must be luminous in the dark. They knew how to use them, too, as was evidenced in the sly, coquettish glances they cast over the tops of their claret glasses during the banquet. Senora Mendizaba is a blonde. That is to say, she has light hair and bright blue eyes, though her complexion is a little darker than usually accompanies the other features in this part of the world. These ladies were dressed precisely as any American ladies woud have dressed under similar circumstances. Light summer silks were worn by most of them at the banquet, a few wearing diamonds and other ornaments, but not one was dressed but in the height of fashion and the acme of good taste. They were all ladies by birth and education.

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On Wednesday last a party made up of classes of '85 and '86 of the high school successfully carried out an excursion and picnic to Medicine lake. A pair of horses and a pair of mules, tackled to a large wagon, four-in-hand, conveyed the party out. An early start was made from the residence of Maj. Henderson, on Ninth street, and with horns and bazoos the trip was made exhilarating. The day was pleasantly spent at the lake, with boating and fishing, and a sumptuous lunch was served at noon. The return trip was made at dusk and the excursion throughout was a pronounced success. The party, chaperoned by Mrs. M. G. Purvis, consisted of the following persons: Misses Hattie Haroes, Lizzie Cullen, Mattie Ankeny, Bridget Hoyes, Lizzie Payne, Margaret Henderson, Bertha Taylor and Lillie Hammon, and Messrs. Joe Cochran, Roy Goldsburg, John Faries, Frank Downs, Arthur Higgins, Charles Felt, Fred Mann, Arthur Mann and Grant Hamline.

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The first ball by the Irish league, given at Windom hall on Friday night, was a success in every sense of the term, notwithstanding the hurry in which it was gotten up. J. J. Keenan was master of ceremonies and was assisted by the committee on arrangements, consisting of L. Garrity, P. H. McPartlin, H. Butler, M. Morgan, M. Doyle; and John Irwine; the reception committee, consisting of W. O'Leary, P. H. McPartlin and L. Garrity, and the floor managers, of whom the master of ceremonies was chief, assisted by P. H. Gibbons, J. H. Steele, J. J. Finn and Ed Kennedy. The program consisted of quadrilles, waltzes, lanciers, racquet and other popular dances, numbering twenty-two pieces in all, with intermission and supper between the eleventh and twelfth numbers. There were present about thirty couple, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. P. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. M. Guerin, Miss Maria Ellis, Miss Josie Malone, Miss Annie Hayes, Miss Mary O'Hara, Misses Fannie and Annie Burns, Miss Annie Kelley, Misses May and Hattie Ketridge, Miss Jennie Smith, Mr. M. Keenan, Mr. P. D. Gibbons, Mr. M. Gallagher, Mr. Charles Trembley, Mr. Charles McAvoy, Mr. Mullen, Mr. J. Burns, Mr. J. E. Murphy, Mr. J. C. Kelley, Mr. J. Shearnan, Mr. John Irwine, Mr. Ed Kennedy, Mr. J. J. Finn, and others.

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Arrangements have been completed for the Grand Army picnic, which will be held at Waconia Island, Clearwater lake, on July 11. The fare by the Minneapolis & St. Louis road, including a trip on the lake, will be $1. An attendance of at least 1,200 is expected. At Friday's meeting a committee on arrangements, consisting of Chief West, Maj. E. W. Mortimer and Washington Pierce of the George N. Morgan post, E. C. Cauvet of the Washburn post, H. E. Blaisdell of Post No. 22, Messrs. Cole and Warren of the Plummer post, Messrs. Price, Branton, Skinner and Staples of the Butler post, and Fox of the Rawlins post, were appointed. The train on the Minneapolis & St. Louis will start about 8 o'clock in the morning, when all are expected to be ready. Another meeting will be held at Chief West's office on Monday, when arrangements will be completed.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Ald. John Fleetham and wife were the recipients of an enjoyable surprise party on Tuesday evening, at their home, 1005 Second street northeast, on the occasion of Mrs. Fleetham's 49th birthday. The affair was successfully engineered by the younger members of the family. Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sidd, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hanley, Ald. E. Comstock and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Boran, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hennefin, Prof. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mr. John Hoy, T. Stack, J. Stack, James Wren, P. Ring, E. Moore, P. Butler, James Burns, W. Haley, J. Webster, Harry Keridge, W. Keridge, W. M. Tidd, Mike and Adam McCann, John Mahoney, M. Higgins, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Moran of St. Paul; Mr. J. P. Hoy and wife, Mrs. J. Kelley, Miss Mellie Plat, Misses Annie and Mary Smith, Mrs. J. Mullen of California; Miss Grogan, Misses Rosa and Aggie Hoy, Misses Emma and Mary Wren, Miss Susie Lennon, Miss Ester Hoy, Miss Annie Hoy, Misses Rosa and Lizzie Burke and Mrs. Mary Stack.

Miss Alice Wales very pleasantly entertained her friends on Wednesday evening at her home, 147 Fourth avenue south, with a musicale. The program opened with Ketterer's "Grand Polka," by Miss Lawrence, followed by the "Valse de Concert," from Schulhoff, by Mrs. C. Filbert; a "Rondo," from Webber, by Miss Bessie Fisher; a vocal solo, "The Huntsman's Horn," by Mrs. M. S. Mills; Ketterer's "Grand Galop de Concert," by Miss Franc Stevens; Millard's "Waiting" song, by Mrs. W. S. Braun; Kucken's duet, "Drift My Bark," by Mrs. M. S. Mills and Prof. L. C. Johonot, and concluded with Goria's "Belisario," a duet, played upon two pianos by Mrs. Wales and Miss Alice Wales. After the exercises an hour was passed in social greetings and converse.

Cataract Council 669, Royal Arcanum, gave a very enjoyable social reunion at Odd Fellows hall on Tuesday evening. The affair consisted in part of singing by Mrs. Covey, piano solos by Miss Converse, song by Benjamin Mooers, and George and Joseph Chapman gave some very fine selections on the banjo and harmonica. After this a splendid collation was served and dancing was indulged in to a late hour.

The Murphy club elected the following officers last Wednesday evening: President, John G. Woolley; vice presidents, J. B. Cottrell, John Brooks, W. G. Byron; chaplain, Rev. E. S. Williams; secretary, A. C. Harris; treasurer, Miss A. M. Henderson; executive committee, A. L. Beach, R. Kral, E. A. Frederick and E. C. Donlin.

Arthur B. Chase and Miss Effie D. Gage were quietly married, on Wednesday, at the residence of E. G. O'Donnell, 2532 Third avenue south, Rev. J. H. Tuttle performing the ceremony. After Aug. 17 the new couple will be at home at 905 Franklin avenue south.

Hon. E. C. Wadhams, ex-senator in the Pennsylvania legislature, and a prominent citizen of the city of Wilkesbarre, and wife, are in the city, visiting their son, S. F. Wadhams, Esq. They are stopping at the West, and will remain in Minneapolis a couple of weeks.

Weddings were not at all numerous last week and the records show a considerable falling off in licenses. Social authorities say there will be very little doing in the hymeneal line until the fall.

Jones M. Robinson of Schlever & Co. and Miss Clara E. Reynolds, daughter of C. E. Reynolds, were married on Wednesday by Dr. W. T. Chase, at the residence of the bride's father.

Gen. W. D. Washburn and family sailed from New York yesterday on the Cunard steamer Eutoria. Most of their time, while absent, will be spent in Switzerland.

An enthusiastic welcome was tendered on Wednesday to the singing section of Harmonia, on its return from Watertown, Wis., where it captured the first prize.

On Tuesday evening the fourth anniversary of the call of Rev. L. P. Cole to All Saints' church was celebrated by a lawn fete at the rectory.

Gen. Nathan Dudley, while en route to his post in Montana, was entertained here by Mrs. E. A. Arnold of South Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lawson have returned from the East, bringing Miss M. B. Dright of Northampton, Mass., as their guest.

H. A. Gale, Edward Gale, Willis Williams and the Misses Gale are home for the summer vacation, from Eastern colleges.

Mrs. F. B. Kidder has returned to New York, whence she will sail this week for Munich to pursue her musical studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Treadway of Kansas City left for home on Wednesday, after a pleasant visit to Minneapolis.

L. L. Longbrake and family have returned from Worcester, O., bringing Dr. Stoddard back as their guest.

F. P. Morey and wife of Betton, Tex., are visiting their father, Daniel Bassett, 2426 Hennepin avenue.

Henry Lockwood, brother of Lieut. Lockwood, of the Greely expedition, has located in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Capt. Rogers of Fort Lincoln, Dak., is the guest of Mrs. A. F. Foster, 319 University avenue.

Mrs. Potter of Cincinnati is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Dixon, 38 South Ninth street.

Rev. H. C. Henry and family went to New Haven, Conn., on Monday, to spend the summer.

Mrs. S. Newcomb has gone for a two weeks' visit among friends at Faribault and Northfield.

The fascinating F. C. Nickel has gone to spend the summer months at his old home in Maine.

F. G. Holbrook has gone for a two weeks' visit to his former home in Philadelpia.

Mrs. Woodson, of St. Joseph, Mo., is chaperoning a party of six at Big Stone lake.

City Engineer Rinker has spent the week in Chicago and will return to-morrow.

Mrs. C. L. Spaulding of Brainerd is the guest of friends at the Hotel Albion.

A basket picnic was given at the Calvary Baptist church on Tuesday evening.

Col. John T. West and his two daughters have returned from the East.

Mrs. Will Conner, Taylor's Falls, is the guest of Mrs. Frank Stetson.

Miss Carrie Miller, Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Whittaker.

Col. W. S. King is confined to his room with muscular rheumatism.

Thomas Moulton, Denver, is the guest of Minneapolis friends.

W. S. Williams is home from Yale on his summer vacation.

Dr. W. A. Spaulding has returned from Boston.

Miss Anna Morris is visiting friends at Kasson.

E. L. Danforth and mother are visiting in Duluth.

Leander Gorton has returned from New York.

W. F. Irving is on a visit to Montana.

Prof. C. C. Curtiss has gone East.

MINNETONKA.

**Yesterday Was a Big Day at the Lake.**

Five thousand people celebrated Independence day at Minnetonka. Extra trains on the various roads were needed for the accommodation of pleasure-seekers, and all were heavily laden with precious freight. Notwithstanding the many attractions offered at Excelsior, a small portion of the people remained about that town, preferring to spend the day on the water. As far as is known, every boat on the lake, with the exception of the motor and Hebe, was pressed into service, and from early morn till late at night the sound of the engine and the merry shouts of the passengers were heard upon the lake. At the several hotels elaborate menus were prepared for the pleasure of many guests, while at nearly every point one or more private picnic parties were to be seen enjoying the day. One of the largest was that of the Minneapolis Glass block employes, seventy-five in number, who passed the day at Lake Park in a decidedly pleasant and agreeable manner. The Belle and the City each carried several hundred people, and no accidents were reported during the day. The sports at the various points attracted but little attention except by those directly interested.

THE WEEK.

The past week was more lively at Minnetonka than the preceding one, and the hopes of hotel and steamboat men have been considerably revised in consequence. With the advent of July came a season of warm weather, which, if continued for a good period will greatly stimulate lake business. Already many Southern families have arrived for the season, and more are expected daily for the next three weeks. On the 9th a large party of excursionists, representing the patriarchal circle of Odd Fellows will be at, the Lafayette. It is expected that fully a thousand people will make up the party, and with a prize competitive drill, banquet, ball and steamboat ride, the day ought to be, and probably will be, one of the liveliest of the season. The band concerts and hops at the Lafayette have proven attractive and interesting, not only to guests of the hotel, but to a large number of cottagers as well. At the Lake Park, the hops have been well-attended and Prof. Hoppe's orchestra has interested lovers of music daily, with choice programes. Taken all in all, July has opened well, and the prospects for a lively and prosperous month are exceedingly bright.

ARRIVALS.

At Hotel Lafayette: Miss B. Bryant, W. L. Halford and wife, J. H. Long, W. H. Hubbard and wife, R. S. Dow and wife, F. S. Balch, Will Jones, J. C. Hill, J. M. Warnock, Minneapolis; A. Gilchrist and wife, Kenneth Clark and wife, A. H. Rogers and wife, W. H. Richardson, F. Griggs, A. M. Baldwin, J. Cooke, Jr., C. F. Whaley, James Schoomaker, J. A. Newell, Mrs. J. H. Mayall, Edith Mayall, A. B. Ovitt, J. K. Strauss, C. F. Potter, St. Paul; H. C. Foster, Mrs. F. Corwin, Dr. C. B. Wood, W. H. Stacy, A. Schulsmyer, Fargo; C. F. Bennett, Boston; Mrs. L. K. Miller, Miss Miller, Englewood, N. Y.; T. W. Clark and wife, La-Crosse, Wis.; G. G. Brownell, Utica, N. Y.; C. P. Denne, Newark; Joseph A. Hunt, South Bend, Ind.; W. H. Fallows and wife, Stillwater; M. M. Felt, Pullman, Ill.; G. F. Bolles, Atlanta, Ga.; E. R. Schoonmaker, Limestone, N. Y.; Mrs. Edward Pratt, Rochester, N. Y.; Miss Daisy Van Derlip, Dansville, N. Y.; J. R. Van Derlip, Minneapolis; M. N. Seymour, Hastings, Minn.; L. T. Smith and wife, W. C. Sprague and wife, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Lam