WONDERS BY WOMEN

An Old Lady Who Should Be Granted a Large Pension.

The Sea Robbed of Its Terrors by a Life Raft.

Inventor of a Patent Car Coupler and Ingenious Cattle Car.

Danger on the Rail Averted by Instantaneously Stopping Trains.

In a small house on Indiana avenue east lives an old lady who is quite a character in her way. The house in which she lives is a two-story frame on a stone foundation, the upper story being partially in the roof. The house stands about three feet below the sidewalk, and to arrive at the front door it is necessary to jump off the sidewalk and then climb up the steps. The front room is furnished with two large beds, a few chairs and a table, on which are some children's toys and a few cheap ornaments. On the walls are hung advertising pictures, and on the window hangs a placard which reads:

MRS. ADELPHIA BINGA'S
BALM OF GILEAD,
The Great Blood Purifier,
FOR SALE
HERE.

The basement is occupied by a kitchen, in which are numerous pots, kettles, cauldrons, retorts and other paraphernalia for the manufacture of the "Balm." The lady of the house, the inventor and sole manufacturer of the panacea, which is advertised in the window, is a lady sixty-one years old. She is pleasant-looking, stout and inclined to be talkative. A black dress conceals her well-developed form, whose outlines are untrammeled by corset or bustle. Over her head is a knitted woolen cap, which comes down over her neck and ears, and, beneath this, wavy hair of a steel grey tint peeps as if trying to escape from confinement. Her dark brilliant eyes flash from behind big gold spectacles, and are shaded by well-shaped black eyebrows. A large straight mouth with deeply curved wrinkles at the corners, reveals, when opened a set of small teeth, and a heavy wrinkled chin gives an air of firmness to a face which could not fail to strike the observer as one of considerable intelligence. When she smiles the wrinkles at the corners of her mouth shape themselves into deep dimples, giving her a very pleasant and good-natured appearance. Such is Mrs. Binga to look at.

But it is in conversation that she reveals herself. She is a great inventor, and, as she says, has invented more things of use to man and beast than any other woman. Some years ago the humane society advertised a reward of $5,000 for devices for feeding and separating cattle in transit, for a life raft to be propelled without steam, and for several other things of a similar nature. "I did not set my brain to work on these things," said Mrs. Binga, "they just came to me.

"I DREW UP PLANS

and specifications and sent my descriptions in. The humane society made use of some of them, but I never received a cent for my trouble. Don M. Dickinson says that if I received my rights I would be granted a bigger pension than any soldier, but I have been swindled out of everything I ever invented." Mrs. Binga says that she invented a life raft which was operated by a windmill on deck, which acted upon a propeller wheel. She sent plans of this to the humane society, and they adopted them, but she was never rewarded.

Her device for feeding cattle on the cars consists of compartments in the upper part of the car, formed by the interstices between and arched roof on the inside and a flat one on the outside. These could be filled with grain which could be let down tubes into their feeding-troughs by means of valves operated from the outside. For separating cattle, she suggests a trough of water, running the length of the car, to which all the cattle would run as soon as put on board. When they all get into their places, folding partitions, made of galvanized iron, could be lowered between each beast.

Another device on which the inventress lays great stress is a car-coupler. This, so far as the reporter could learn, only differs from those in use to-day in the application of the chain when drawn up or down raises or lowers the big hook to meet the difference in the height of the cars, and also in a bell being placed so that as soon as the cars are coupled they ring it automatically, "thus enabling," as Mrs. Binga says, "the man to keep track of the number of cars that are coupled. Another ingenious scheme is her car carrying live fish. She would have two tanks in the car, one above the other, joined by two hollow pillars, and a pump that would keep the water continually circulating between the two.

One day Mrs. Binga was crossing a railway, when a loose rail tripped her up. She turned round, and looking at it, said: "I could nail you down so that you could not spring loose." For this purpose she invented the "Sprague nail," which consists of two teeth which bite the flange of the rail, fastened to a long pin with barbs upon it; this, she claims, would never come up when once hammered down; but she suggests no method of getting the rail between the teeth. None of these devices of hers are patented, for the reason that it costs too much money, and Mrs. Binga says that other people have seen and used the plans, and have derived all the benefit from them, and she has no recourse. She gave the reporter a number of terribly complicated

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written in a plain hand, very like that of a schoolboy. "I write plain," she said, "but I never had a copy set me in my life."

The reporter asked what the "Balm of Gilead" was?

"Ah!" she replied, her face beaming with delight, "it is the greatest medicine in the world."

"Yes," put in her daughter, who entered at that moment, followed by a number of children, "she beats all the doctors in the world; she saved my baby's life two or three times last winter."

"What is the 'Balm' good for, Mrs. Binga?" asked the interrogator.

"Good for!" she said. "Good for—everything! It is the greatest blood purifier in the world. It cures catarrh, all kidney disease, bruises, sprains, headache——"

"Corns?" asked the reporter.

"No, sir! not corns, but consumption, sore throat, rheumatism—oh! everything. Why, do you know when I was down in Detroit, old Dr. ——, poor old soul, he's dead and gone now, but he used to get my medicine by the jugful. He wouldn't have anybody know he used it, so I used to leave it in a place in his elevator and he used to come and get it. And Col. R——, too; his hull family used it. I got $300 for curing one man."

"Is it a secret receipt of your own!"

"Why, it's nothing but what God Almighty places right around in the woods, right handy for everybody."

"How did you discover it?"

"I was left at the age of two weeks in the woods with an old Indian doctor, and was raised among the Indians. I saw what things they used as medicine, and remembered them. I used to own a good deal of property. I owned and rented houses; but I want no more of that. I had rather be the one to rent. It does seem so hard to take the rent from poor people when you know their children are starving. One day I collected $10 rent from a woman, when her little girl came up to me and said: 'Does Amy have bread?' 'Why, of course Amy has bread." I replied. (Amy was my girl.) 'Well,' said the little one, 'I wish I could get a piece of Amy's bread.' 'For the love of God,' I said, 'have you no bread?' Then I went to the cupboard and found they had absolutely nothing to eat in the house. So I said to the woman, 'Here is a dollar; go and get some bread.' That was enough for me; I parted with my property, traded some of it off and sold the rest; but I was swindled in the deal, and had to turn in and earn my living. I prayed the Lord to provide me with some means of getting food for myself and family, and He gave it. You know I have married off three daughters and given two sons a start in life—married 'em all from my own door, and my husband is eighty-four years old. Well, to return to your question, I remembered the herbs and roots that the old Indian woman used, and fixed them up into the "Balm of Gilead," with which

I CAN CURE ANYTHING

in the human body. Yes, I was left with the Indians when I was two weeks old, and did not find out who I was until after I had been married and had two children of my own. I wouldn't tell you who I am, as I am related to some of the finest families in America, and they don't want to know where I am or anything about me. But here I am, sixty-one years old, and making a living for myself and the old man. The doctors were going to have me run out of Detroit, but old Col. R—— came over in his buggy and told me about it, so I left in time. Yes, they were afraid of me: I cured people when they failed utterly. I performed an operation on a ten-year-old boy, who had hip-joint disease, and cut two splinters of bone out, applied the 'Balm of Gilead' and cured him. I gather the materials for this myself in the woods, and make it up in my own kettles."

And so the garrulous, but good-natured old lady rambled on, telling wondrous stories of marvelous cures effected solely by means of the great "Balm of Gilead." No disease is so insidious, no malady so remote, that it can not be reached by this panacea.

Coming back again to her inventions, she explained that she had made models of some of them, "whittled them out with a penknife," as she expressed it. And had a model made of one which cost her $10; this she considered too large a price, and preferred to make her own in future. The plans which she gave the reporter are fearfully and wonderfully made. Mrs. Binga says that she is no hand at drawing, which remark was unnecessary, a glance at the plans revealing the fact beyond the peraventure of a doubt, but she explains her stupendous brain power by the fact that when in Michigan she lived

ALMOST ENTIRELY ON FISH.

As she has failed to make anything out of her remarkable inventions she has no objection to their being made public, thinking that it is possible the humane society, or some railroad company, might take it into their heads to send her something as a recognition of the valuable services which she has rendered to humanity at large. She says that she has another valuable scheme which she may some day make something out of. It is a device for stopping any car of a train instantaneously.

"I suppose," she said, "that a passenger looks out of the window and sees an obstruction on the line, or another train coming, he can by pushing down a bar stop the car he is in instantly. The rest of the train has either got to stop too, or else burst the coupling. This would be an infallible remedy for railroad accidents, as the car has either got to stop or burst!"

It seems, on reflection, that Mrs. Adelphia Binga is a benefactor to the world at large, and with her "Balm of Gilead" she would cure all the ills that flesh is heir to. Her inventions in the line of cattle and fish cars would greatly ameliorate the sufferings of the animal kingdom, while the last mentioned creation of her fertile brain would stop the frightful loss of life in railroad accidents and take away from the newspapers one of their most sensational features. It seems that she can invent anything. She once wrote to the secretary of the humane society, saying that if he would send her $5,000 she would keep on inventing and would send him all the results of her work. Strange to say she never received a reply.

HAMLINE.

The reception of Prof. and Mrs. L. H. Batchelder, of Snelling avenue, Friday evening, was attended by members of the alumni and the undergraduates of Hamline university. Among those present were: President and Mrs. G. H. Bridgman, Miss A. Shoemaker, preceptress; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tandy, Mr. Mrs. L. J. Dobner, Misses Garvin, Southwick, Higgins, Margaret Share, Mabel Ranson, Mary Bennett, Martha Clark, Essie Bushnell, Annie Albertson, Della Palmer, Mamie Stevens, Blanche Eames, Alice Frost, Dunn, Ella Door, Lena Putnam, Effie Grout, Mattie Johnson, Gertrude Seager, Winifred Hoyt, Leland, Messrs. Davis, K. Shaw, Case, Rose and Myrtle Allen; Messrs. Barrett, Montgomery, Kerfoot, Morgan, Ellsworth, Squires, Slocum, Lord, Farrar, Dobner, Bean, Lathrop, Campbell, Wing Edwards, Massey, Grant, Chaffee, Godfrey C. Barnum.

Mrs. Morrow, state organizer of the Young Woman's Home Missionary society, met a number of the young ladies of Hamline on Thursday evening, for the purpose of organizing a branch of that society at Hamline. A permanent organization will be perfected next Thursday evening.

Tuesday evening the Harmony club met at the residence of the Misses Higgins. The study of the evening was Hawthorne's "Marble Faun." Hawthorne's public and private life was discussed by Miss Sadie Higgins. John Merrill read a paper on "Hawthorne and His Contemporaries."

Miss Zou McClary, of Ladies' hall, was visited last week by her mother, Mrs. Thomas McClary, Minneapolis.

The Chautauqua circle will be addressed next week by Prof. Batchelder on the "Science of Chemistry."

Miss Shoemaker, preceptress of Ladies' hall, was visited by Miss Lou Iverson, Minneapolis, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dobner were visited last week by Miss Laura Dobner, Lake City.

Miss Irene Hawkins, St. Paul, was the guest of Mrs. Evelyn Church last week.

Miss Minnie Warner was visited last week by Miss Edna Follensbee, Howard Lake.

ST. ANTHONY PARK.

At the meeting of the whist club, Thursday evening last, at the residence of Mrs. B. F. Meek, Jr., prizes were won by Mrs. Charles A. Dunn and Mr. Gouthall. The club will be entertained by Mrs. M. A. Jones, Feb. 21, at the residence of E. B. Wakeman, Esq., 928 Sixth avenue south, Minneapolis.

Capt. O. M. Smith, 22d U. I. A., who has been visiting his sister Mrs. I. C. Talbot, of Cudworth street, left Monday last to join his regiment at Fort Keogh, Mont.

The Chautauqua circle held an unusually interesting meeting at the residence of Mrs. Isaac Cheney last Monday evening.

Isaac Cheney entertained the Christian Endeavor society last Thursday evening at his residence on Gordon avenue.

The new German club gave their second dance Friday evening in Hampden hall. There was a full attendance.

The dramatic club have in active rehearsal a play that they propose to give the latter part of this month.

W. H. Petersen, of St. Paul, will soon move into the cottage upon Raymond avenue, near Ellis street.

W. W. Connel has gone to Ohio.

THE DUET.

I was smoking a cigarette:
Maud, my wife and the tenor McKey
Were singing together a blithe duet,
And days it were better I should forget
Came suddenly back to me—
Days when life seemed a gay marque ball,
And to love and be loved was the sum of it all.

As they sang together the whole scene fled,
The room's rich hangings, the sweet home air,
Stately Maud, with her proud, blonde head,
And I seemed to see in her place instead
A wreath of blue-black hair,
And a face, ah! your face—yours, Lisette,
A face it were wiser I should forget.

Two small slippers with big rosettes
Peeped out under your kilt-skirt there,
While we sat smoking our cigarettes,
(Oh, I shall be dust when my heart forgets)
And singing that self-same air;
And between the verses for interlude,
I kissed your throat and your shoulders nude.

You were so full of a subtle fire;
You were so warm and so sweet, Lisette;
You were everything men admire,
And there were no fetters to make us tire,
For you were—a pretty grisette.
But you loved as only such natures can,
With a love that makes heaven or hell for a man.

They have ceased singing that old duet,
Stately Maud and the tenor McKey.
"You are burning your coat with your cigarette,
And qu' avez vous, dearest, your lids are wet,"
Maud says, as she leans o'er me.
And I smile and lie to her, husband-wise,
"Oh, it is nothing but smoke in my eyes."
—Ella Wheeler.

SOCIAL SILHOUETTES.

Black and White Sketches of the Past Week's Pleasure.

Mrs. E. A. Young gave a delightful euchre party at her home on Woodward avenue Monday evening. The guests were Gov. and Mrs. Merriam, Judge and Mrs. Young, Maj. and Mrs. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Borup, Mr. and Mrs. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Forepaugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tarbox, Dr. and Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ordway, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elmer, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Frost; Misses Perrin, Cook, Maude Taylor, Hammond, Bigelow, Flandrau, Sturgis, Moore, Taylor, Mann and Perrin; Dr. Abbott, Gen. Sibley, Messrs. V. Robertson, L. E. Newport, L. K. Stone, Bigelow, W. H. Patterson, Oakes, Finch, McKeever, G. V. Bacon, Ferguson, Blabon, F. B. Clark and Charles Gordon.

A Characteristic Entertainment.

The Vashti club entertained the Bethany club and young people of the People's church at the residence of Mrs. J. Ross Nicols on Nelson avenue Friday evening. It was a characteristic entertainment, marked by mirth and music, and none of the mild torture that is the leading feature of church socials in general. Mrs. Nicols' handsome home was filled with a crowd of lively young people who were made welcome by the gracious hostess, assisted by Mrs. H. C. McCarty, Mr. Price and Miss Edith Lott. Miss Adah Hawkins contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the affair with a charming rendition of the jewel song from Faust, and the Dixon stringed orchestra of the High school discoursed such seductive music during the evening that it was impossible for youthful spirits and restless feet to restrain from an informal dance. A dainty luncheon was served, and the entertainment was most delightful. Among the many guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Svenson, Capt. and Mrs. Straight, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Schiffman, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Snell, Mrs. D. H. Moon, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Durment, Mrs. William Fling, Mrs. A. D. Davidson, Mrs. Dixon, Miss Adah Hawkins, the Misses Pierce, Misses Etta Hall, Holden, Finch, J. D. Hess, Bishop, Snell, Bevans, Moffett, the Misses Farnham, the Misses Whitney, Messrs. H. C. McCarty, Bennett, Lott, H. Hall, Fouse, Price and Straight.

Like an Innovation.

Afternoon entertainments have been so rare of late that the charming reception, given by Mrs. Sylvester M. Cary from 3 to 6 Thursday, seemed something like a social innovation. It was the first entertainment Mrs. Cary has given at her new home on Summit court, and hence the air of novelty was further increased. The pretty hall, finished in natural oak, walls done in robin's egg blue, and polished floors covered with rugs was decorated with palms and cut flowers in jars, while curtains of smilax draped the doorways leading into the different rooms. Mrs. Cary, with her sister, Mrs. Charles Goold, Albany, N. Y., for whom the reception was given, and Mrs. William Hunt, Jr., greeted her friends in the drawing room. In the library, which opens off one side of the hall, tea was served by Misses Patterson, Hale, Nauman, Smythe and Squires. Mrs. William Hunt, Sr., and Mrs. Charles Thompson presided at the refreshment table in the dining room, other ladies who assisted being Mesdames F. B. Bass, J. W. White, J. N. Hannaford, Bement and Howard N. Elmer. The drawing room and parlor are done in satinwood, and yellow is the dominant tone of the handsome furnishings. Yesterday afternoon, to the other attractions was added the charm of great bunches of roses, heliotrope and jonquils, placed here and there in cut glass jars and dainty vases, and crimson shaded lamps in the library cast a becoming rosy light upon the young ladies who poured tea. It seemed a pity that they should blush a whole afternoon upon the desert air of feminine indifference. The dining room was a gleam of glory done in yellow. The wood work of the room is antique oak. The tiling about the fireplace is yellow, and the walls show the same color emphasized softly by the tinted light that gleams through the yellow shades of the chandelier. In the center of the table was a cut-glass jar filled with jonquils and at either end handsome silver candelabra holding wax tapers burning under yellow shades. Throughout the afternoon Seibert's orchestra, stationed in the upper hall, filled the air with music.

Mrs. Cary wore a tan-colored satin gown, en traine. Draperies of French embroidery were drawn back from the front, which was trimmed with mousse green velvet. Velvet and embroidery trimmed the decollete corsage, the neck of which was softened with folds of crepe de lisse. She carried a bouquet of Catharine Mermet roses.

Mrs. Charles Goold, wore a gown of yellow moire, veiled with black thread lace, and carried a bouquet of jonquils.

Mrs. William Hunt, Jr., was attired in a trained gown of white moire, the front of which was veiled with white dotted net. The decollete corsage was trimmed with pearl passementerie and point duchesse.

Mrs. Bass wore a handsome trimmed costume of bronze velvet, trimmed with Persian embroidery; diamond ornaments.

Mrs. H. N. Elmer wore a combination of black dotted net and moire, trimmed with silver.

Miss Hale was elegantly gowned in trimmed mahogany silk.

Miss Patterson wore a combination of light blue brocaded satin and white gauze.

Miss Squires' gown was of white China silk, flowered with blue and combined with white moire.

Miss Smyth wore a polonaise of old blue cashmere over a petticoat of white, flounced with blue.

Mrs. J. W. White wore a cloth gown en traine, trimmed with Parisian embroidery and gold passementerie.

Mrs. Hannaford was gowned in white corded silk, combined with moire.

Mrs. William Hunt, Sr., wore a handsome black toilette.

Among the guests were Mesdames E. W. Wheeler, J. G. Pyle, W. H. Bullard, E. W. Johnson, J. H. McAllister, Barry, E. O. Tooker, C. W. Bunn, G. Q. White, W. Constans, W. M. Stees, R. N. MacLaren, John Farrington, J. T. Averill, T. B. Campbell, W. H. H. Stowell, B. F. Brooks, Morgan Brooks, W. S. Morton, Horace R. Bigelow, A. R. Dalrymple, K. Barnum, J. B. Rice, F. B. Clark, H. P. Upham, W. H. Broden, Richard Washington, J. C. Hill, G. R. Metcalf, Selah Squires, C. C. De Coster, Flagg, Glover Perrin, E. W. S. Tingle, H. E. von Wedelstaedt, Caroline Cancroft, E. I. Glenn, H. M. Smythe, A. M. Peabody, S. G. Sloan, W. R. Merriam, E. I. Frost, Emerson Hadley, E. N. Saunders, G. B. Ranney, C. P. Noyes, R. G. Davenport, W. G. Ranney, J. H. Southall, E. W. Peet, F. A. Seymour, C. H. Johnston, E. H. Cutler, L. C. Hay, C. S. Bunker, C. M. Griggs, L. C. Hay, F. S. Haupt, E. W. Carpenter, Gustav Borup, W. P. Westfall, O. D. Lanpher, W. A. Van Slyke, William Lee, C. B. Brunson, A. F. Norrish, J. R. Jenks, G. I. Griswold, C. H. Bigelow, H. B. Willis, E. H. Prunnett, J. E. Glass, A. G. Foster, C. H. Clark, W. H. Sanborn, D. Day, J. A. Stees, F. W. Van Slyke, Channing Seabury, C. A. Wheaton, W. Sherman Potts, R. B. Galusha, Saulgaard, G. M. Fleming, I. A. Sanders, E. W. Durant, De Lorme B. Harbaugh, L. W. Rundlett, William Rhodes, Thomas Cochran, Jr., A. E. Boyesen, Sinkler, T. T. Mann, F. Driscoll, Louis Maxfield; Misses Constans, Stees, Mann, Averill, Farrington, Bigelow, Loomis, Ingersoll, Elsie Nukirck Whitwell, Squires, Minnie C. Morton, Braden, Perrin, Sloan, M. G. White, White, Cooke, Richards, Peet, Bunker, Carpenter, Ballist, Nelson, McLaren, Wheaton, Galusha, Holcombe, Bullard, Elizabeth Loomis, Katharine K. Taylor, Newport, Knapp, Taylor.

A Missionary Effort.

The young people of the Dayton avenue Presbyterian church gave an entertainment for the benefit of the mission fund Friday evening. "The Last Day," a recitation by Miss Nellie Carlson, was a scholarly delivery. An object lesson by six little misses dressed in various national costumes, each making a plea for her respective country, was an interesting feature and elicited the admiration of the audience. Miss Maggie McDermott delivered a recitation on the "Heathen Chinee." Prof. De Lacy and class of boys charmed their hearers with appropriate songs. They were all dressed as heathens, Chinamen, Japanese, Hindoos, Turks. Clinton Abbott demonstrated has skill in a violin solo, much to the pleasure of all. Misses Fuller and Delacy, as two Burmah girls, recited "Joy and Lament," and Fuller read "Whistling in Heaven." Refreshments were served in nearly every style, including the Chinese. Rice was eaten with chopsticks, in a small booth, and an Indian tepee was presided over by a dusky goddess in the person of Ida Lusk, assisted by Isabella Roth. Gertie Berry and Susie Green were mistresses of the Japanese booth, and John Roth, John Abbott and Jasper Dixon were the moguls at the Chinese pagoda. Syrian candy was sold, and a genuine Turkish supper was served by Maggie Davis and Nellie McClung.

An Alumni Banquet.

The third annual banquet of the Northwestern Alumni association of Williams college occurred at the Minnesota club last evening. There were present Rev. Norman D. Seaver, D. D., '54, St. Paul; Judge H. R. Murdock, '54, Stillwater; J. H. Ames, '60, St. Paul; Prof. J. E. Bradley, '65, C. Keyes, '64, Prof. H. P. Judson, '70, Minneapolis; Prof. F. W. Fiske, '72, St. Paul; Prof. C. B. Gilbert, '76, St. Paul; Emanuel Cohen, '76, Minneapolis; Stanley R. Kitchell, '76, Minneapolis; Rev. H. W. Gleason, '77, Minneapolis; Howe Paige, '78, Minneapolis; Prof. C. A. Fiske, '78, St. Paul; J. E. Jessut, '83, Baldwin, Wis.; W. Perry, '87, St. Paul; C. H. Bigelow, Jr., '87, St. Paul; J. T. Baxter, '87, Minneapolis; F. N. Van Duzee,' 87, St. Paul, and H. E. Bigelow, '88, St. Paul.

An Honored Guest.

Miss Lillian White gave a large dancing party last Monday evening in honor of Miss Manie Davis, of Duluth. Among those present were Misses Snow, Earle, Hunt, Stone, Rammond, Westfall, Abbott, Chase, Clark, Shawe, Seaburry, Myers, Lightner, Maddern, Harventon, Walker, Relang, Hoyt, Friend, Belote, Wills, Allen, Smith, Roadington, Lyle Lyons, Sothard, Harmon, Hoyt, and Misses Bell and Kelly, of Minneapolis, and Messrs. Bushnell, Snowe, Mead, Otis, Houlton, McArdle, Richards, Potts, Woods, Chipermann, Campbell, Stillwell, Wills, Lyons, Seeman, Strong, Woodberry, Belote and McClurg.

A Complimentary Dinner.

Senator A. J. Whiteman, of Duluth, tendered a complimentary dinner to Gov. and Mrs. Merriam and Col. and Mrs. Graves, at the Ryan, Thursday evening. Covers were laid for nineteen, namely: The host, Gov. and Mrs. Merriam, Col. and Mrs. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox, Judge and Mrs. Flandrau, Mrs. Pope, Miss Cook, Messrs. S. P. Snider, T. F. Oakes, E. L. Dudley and J. W. Blabon.

J. F. F. Club.

On Friday evening Miss Mae Stanton, of St. Peter street, entertained the J. F. F. club, of the High school, with a very artistic programme. Those present were: Misses Kittie Whitham, Kate and Bertha Bolinger, Annie Russell, Marie Teeple, Myrtle Burnet, Florence Kerich, Kittie Russell; Messrs. Bunker, Orville, Clum, George Cole, Charlie Whitham, Tom Foster, George Jackson, Homer Briggs and George Colburn.

A Donkey Party.

Miss Edith Kent gave a donkey party Saturday evening at her home, 215 South Franklin street. The first prize was won by Miss Laura Kent and the booby prize by Miss Tillie Bobletter. Vocal and instrumental music varied the evening's pleasure.

Their Turn Is Past.

Mrs. Charles Stanley entertained the Osceola euchre club at her home on Exchange street, Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Mesdames Hungerford, Wallace and Wilson, Messrs. Wyman, Confour and Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker entertained the Young Married People's Euchre club last wednesday evening.

The G. N. W. Progressive Euchre club met Wednesday evening at the residence of G. W. McCaskey. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fredricks, Mrs. Pond and Mrs. J. R. Hudson and Messrs. W. T. Hofstatter and E. D. Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Rutherford gave a progressive euchre party Thursday evening.

The Laurel Euchre club was entertained by Mrs. McCulloch, of Dayton avenue, last week.

An enjoyable progressive euchre party was given by Mrs. H. T. Drake, of Portland avenue, last evening.

Where Friend Meets Friend.

Mrs. Charles F. Hammond and Mrs. Wilford G. De Celle gave a reception to about thirty of their lady friends at their home on Iglehart street, from 5 until 8 Wednesday. Mrs. De Celle was assisted in the tea room by Miss Mamie Winchester and Miss Verra Hichbour. The table was beautifully decorated with ropes of smilax and pink roses. Among the guests were Mrs. B. J. Price, of Hudson, Wis.; Miss Harrison, of Bloomington, Ill.; Mesdames M. D. Munn, Valentine Rothschild, W. G. White, Laura A. King, H. D. Brown, Fred S. Blodgett, Carleton Sarbell, C. B. Marvin, George Dellinger, Bollien, A. S. Smith, Henning, Fernchour, Hugh M. Miller, George Watson, Willis Hall Viltmer, Helen B. Schenck, J. W. Lusk, C. M. Power and Misses Jennie Delinger, King, Laughlin and Blodgett.

The Magnolia Club.

The Magnolia Progressive Euchre club was enjoyably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cameron, 40 West Ninth street, Wednesday night. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. McLellon, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dreis, Misses A. and M. Gillespie, Maggie and Nellie Dreis, Miss J. Walsch, Miss G. Hall, Miss L. Brown, Miss N. Chambers, Miss J. Towhy, Dr. Eschelby, Dr. Stetter and Messrs. F. A. Eldridge, Laines, Beasly, G. Fetch, D. Fink, A. Murphy, F. Kenge, H. E. Maguire and P. Fay, of Minneapolis. The prizes, which were very unique and beautiful, were distributed at 11 o'clock, when luncheon was served, after which a delightful evening was brought to a close with a social dance.

Prizes in Plenty.

Miss Emily Lamp gave a progressive euchre party at her home, 255 Rice street, Wednesday evening. The prizes were won as follows: Ladies' progressive, Mrs. Lamp; lone hand, Miss Frickelton; foot, Miss Lowe; gentlemen's progressive, Mr. Neily; lone hand, Mr. Sperry; foot, Mr. Brand. After refreshments were served, each gentleman was presented with a piece of linen, needle and thread to show their skill in hemming, the one doing the best sewing to receive a prize. Mr. Fontain was the lucky seamster. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Those present were Misses Langtry, Myers, Baldwin, Sherman, Sutton, Lowe, Rogers, Frickelton, Henderson, and Carey; Messrs. Brand, Lowe, Fontain, Sperry, Neily, Pierce, Ingraham, Wendell, Kilduff, Bushnell, Drebert and Jachoby, of Minneapolis.

Myrtle Leaf Club.

The Myrtle Leaf Social club gave another one of its enjoyable hops at Lucker's hall Friday evening. The seventy-five couple present did justice to the twenty-one numbers of the programme. Their next party will be given Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22.

Morris-Day.

The marriage of Miss Ella F. Morris to Dr. David H. Day occurred on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30, at the home of the bride, 239 Sherman street, Bishop Gilbert, of the Episcopal church officiating. The young couple left on the evening train for Duluth where they will make their future home.

A Coasting Club.

The Montezuma Coasting club will give a pleasant entertainment and dance at Workingmen's hall, corner Margaret and Mendota streets, last evening.

Silber-Cardozo.

A notable event of the past week was the wedding of Miss Deborah Cardozo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Cardozo, to Mark Silber, of Ashland, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. Grodsky at the residence of the bride's parents on Ramsey street, only relatives of the contracting parties being present. Among the number present were Mrs. C. Silber, Mrs. B. A. Raphael, Davenport; Miss Ray Levy, Detroit; Mrs. J. Livingston, Chicago; Mrs. E. Levy, Manistee; Simon Cardozo, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jackson, I. N. Cardozo, P. N. Cardozo, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. William Lester, Miss Sara Cardozo, city. Mr. and Mrs. Silber left that evening for the East.

A Joint Birthday Celebration.

The ladies of the First M. E. church Friday celebrated the birthday anniversaries of Dr. Cyrus Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, who yesterday attained their seventy-eighth and seventy-sixth birthdays respectively. The double event was celebrated by a largely attended reception at Dr. Brooks' residence, on Mound street, Dayton's bluff.

Pleasure Was Trumps.

Miss Josie Friend entertained a party at progressive euchre Tuesday evening. There were seven tables played. Among the guests were Misses McConley, Vitt, Mitsch, Metzger, Bickel, Lahe, Schweizer, Kerst, Finks, Michel and Hemsch; Messrs. Michel, Fransen, Winter, Kersh, Prendergast, Schweizer and Hemsch. Miss Fink and Mr. Michel won head prizes; Miss Lahe and Mr. Metzger lone hand prizes, and Miss McConley and Mr. Schweizer the booby prizes.

At the Play.

J. Horman tendered the following little misses a box party at the People's theater yesterday afternoon: Misses Winnefred M. Hausam, Laura A. Hausam, Katie M. Horman, Elsie K. Hausam, Lillie B. Horman, Ætna M. Horman, Laverne G. Horman, Pearl I. Hausam.

A Leaf.

Miss Agnes Murphy gave a party at her home, 251 Fairfield avenue, last week in honor of her guest, Miss Emma Cjollon, of Rosemount, Minn.

A New Euchre Club.

A number of euchre players met at the residence of A. Belcher, 597 Como avenue, last Monday evening, to organize a progressive euchre club. Mr. J. C. McCall, who was elected president, decided that the winner of the head prize Monday evening, be given the privilege of naming the club. Accordingly, Mrs. Belcher carrying off the honors, christened the society the "Northern Belle." The booby prize was won by Mrs. F. Bedell.

Drive Whist.

The Ours Drive Whist club was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. B. F. Elleson Monday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stach, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden, Dr. and Mrs. Dorris, Dr. and Mrs. Shimonek, Mr. and Mrs. Knox, Mr. Trankey, Miss King and Mr. Kenna.

The Ideal Social Club.

The usual enjoyable hop of the Ideal Social club took place last Tuesday evening at Select hall. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bascom, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kenyon, Dr. and Mrs. Glidden, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb; the Misses Burkhard, Brabec, Scott, Jones, Rogers, Kyle, Confair, Reinecker, Pinska; Messrs. Burkhard, Kyle, Cartmel, Reinecker, Redman, Goggin, Anderson, Gray, Scott, Burke, Townsend, Clifford, Ege.

The Unexpected.

A very pleasant surprise party was given L. Holland, of 175 Elm street, by his young friends Wednesday evening. Dancing and card playing were the features of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served at midnight. Among those present were Messrs. Brose, Dorion, Goodenough, Wilkinson, O'Brien, Malloy, Jones, Derrick, Lemper, P. Grathwol, J. Grathwol, Morgan, Misses T. O'Brien, A. O'Brien, Gellatry, Derrick, Madden Mayhom, M. Grathwol, H. Grathwol.

A few nights ago a surprise party was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Mills, by twelve couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haag were surprised by a number of friends last Tuesday evening. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hand, Misses Annie Haag, Follie Franke, Mary Han, Annie Han, Josie Holl, Lena Kohr, Messrs. Fred Smith, Wolf, Haag, Solomon, Einworth, Schubert and Vogel.

ON THE HORIZON.

Pleasures That Have Been Planned for the Coming Week.

"Checkmate" and "Freezing a Mother-in-Law," the dramatic performance arranged under the management of Col. Bend, will be given next Friday night. The proceeds will go to the building fund of Christ Church guild.

A Promised Concert.

The Church Choir Choral club will present a programme of both secular and sacred music at the First Baptist church next Friday evening. Following is the programme:

PART FIRST.

Overture—"Der Freischueltz.....Weber
Frederic Archer.
Anthem—(a) "Praise Ye the Father," (March Romaine).....Gounod
By the Club.
(b) "Oh How Amiable".....Barnby
Master Ernest Beldan and Club.
Andante—"Clock Movement".....Haydn
Frederic Archer.
Anthem—(a) "O Zion That Bringeth Good Tidings".....Stainer
(b) "Praise the Lord, O My Soul".....Caleb Simper
Master Ernst Beldan and Club.
Fantasia—"The Storm".....J. Lemmens
Frederic Archer.
Part Song—(a) "Drop of Rain"..J. Lemmens
By the Club.
(b) "Sweet and Low".....J. Barnby
By the Club.

PART SECOND.

Concerto (D minor) Adagio Presto—Organ and Piano. Scherzando, Mendelssohn
Mrs. Frederic Archer and Frederic Archer.
Solo—"Ave Maria".....Bach-Gounod
Organ, Piano and Violin obligato.
Master Ernest Beldan.
Organ—Preludo and Fugue in D....J. S. Bach
Frederic Archer.
(a) "Thus Speaketh the Lord of Hosts".....Stainer
Master Ernst Beldan.
(b) "In Jewry is God Known"—
Dr. Clark Whitfield
By Quintette—Master Ernest Beldan, first soprano; Master George Seibert, second soprano; Master Robert Wood, alto; J. F. Merrill, tenor; Charles De Lacy, bass, and the club.
Duet—"The Lord Is a Man of War" (Israel in Egypt).....Handell
Overture—"Guillaume Tell".....Rossini
Frederic Archer.
Finale Hymn—"America." The audience is requested to rise and join in the singing.

A Church Benefit.

At the concert to be given at Dyer's music rooms in St. Paul next Tuesday evening for the benefit of the First Universalist church, the following programme will be rendered:

Quartette—"How Sweet the Moonlight Sleeps".....By the choir
Mr. McCaskey, Miss Murphy, Mr. Willoghby, Mr. Bigelow.
"The Lost Chord".....Master Ernest Belden
Duet.....Mr. McCaskey, Mr. Bigelow
Tenor Solo—"The Pilgrim"..Mr. Willoughby
Piano Solo.....Miss Richards
"Angels Ever Bright and Fair"—
Master Ernest Belden
Contralto Solo—"Cavatina Mercadante".....Miss Murphy
Baritone Solo—"Venice Sleeps"—
Mr. Bigelow
Soprano Solo—"Das Zauberleid"—
Mr.