EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

A Number of Interesting Weddings Set for the Near Future.

SOCIETY AT SAN RAFAEL.

Entertainment of the Epworth League. Marriage of Dr. A. E. Baldwin and Miss Essie McEvoy at Redwood City—Hall Parties to Take Place—Notes of Prominent Doings at the Resorts.

At the leading resorts there have been few "big affairs" to chronicle of late. San Rafael witnessed one of its brilliant hops on Saturday evening; small entertainments of a pleasant nature have been the rule at Santa Cruz and the Garden City, while Monterey is looking forward to the arrival next Thursday and Friday of the members of the new Country Club. From all there are consistent reports of fine weather and no appreciable abatement of the influx of guests.

Mrs. E. B. Crocker of Sacramento has given $1500 to the W. C. T. U. toward the erection of a building for free kindergartens, library and evangelistic work.

Mr. Lendall M. Gray, formerly of San Leandro, and who has been for many years connected with the steamship business in this city, was united in marriage yesterday at 1 o'clock to Miss Estella Mulford of this city. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mrs. Gardner, 1613 Howard street, and was a very pretty affair. The happy couple have gone to Monterey for their wedding trip.

The marriage of Miss Lily Laird of Angels Camp and Mr. Moses Atendt took place last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, 621½ Post street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Kron entertained several friends from this city at dinner very pleasantly recently at their summer residence at Santa Cruz.

Miss Birdie A. Price, well known both in Oakland and San Francisco, was united in marriage, May 19th, at Youngstown, Ohio, to Mr. Bert Hopkins, a prominent gentleman of that place. The young couple will make their future home at Youngstown.

Mrs. R. M. Widney entertained a company of ladies to a very delightful luncheon last Friday afternoon at her residence in Los Angeles, among the guests were Mrs. Gen. Beale, Mrs. Wm. Miss B. C. Truman, Mrs. I. N. Van Nuys and Mrs. J. S. Van Doren.

At Monterey among the more frequent visitors to the beach or swimming delights intent, are: Dr. W. L. Tevis, Mr. L. O. Kellogg, Miss Boalt, Miss Hanchett, Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Birdie Fair, Miss Sadie Hecht, Miss Alice Bird, Miss Chabot, Miss Bessie Ellis, Miss Blair, Miss Grimes, Mrs. Jerome, Mr. Walter L. Dean, Mr. Fred Webster, Lieutenants Faison, Strother and Cloman, Mr. E. S. Schmiedell and Messrs. W. A. and Thomas Magee.

Engagement Notes.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Mattie Belcher, only daughter of Hon. Isaac S. Belcher of the Supreme Court Bench, and Mr. Allan Cooley, of the firm of White, Cooley & Cutts of Marysville. The wedding, which will take place privately at the residence of the bride's father, 948 Haight street, next Wednesday morning, will be followed by a reception from 12 until 3 o'clock.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mahan for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Sereta Isabelle Mahan, and Mr. Felton Taylor of the firm of Taylor & Snook, which will take place at their residence, 2001 Eddy street, on Wednesday evening next.

The marriage of Miss Nellie J. Noyes and Mr. Frank Lyman Howell will take place at the Presbyterian Tabernacle, Golden Gate avenue and Polk street, at 8:30 o'clock to-morrow evening.

The engagement is formally announced of Miss Jessie Howell, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. W. Howell, of this city, to Mr. Harry J. Hull of Seattle, Wash. The wedding will take place next Thursday at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, on California street, near Fillmore.

The wedding of Miss Blanche Hubbard, daughter of Mrs. C. V. Hubbard, and Mr. Fletcher Bryer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Washington M. Ryer, will take place next Thursday.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Charles Adam of this city and Miss Luna Compton of San Jose.

The marriage of Miss Blanche Figel, daughter of Mr. S. Figel of this city, to Mr. Harry S. Kohn of Montgomery, Ala., will take place this evening at the family residence, 3415 Washington street.

The engagement is announced of Mr. T. P. Hogan of this city and Miss Irzzie Monaghan of San Jose.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lena Genesier of this city to Mr. H. Stark Chase of Seattle. The marriage will take place in the early autumn at the residence of the bride's parents.

The marriage of Mr. H. Starr and Miss Bell Northup of Carson was at Santa Rosa on the 9th inst. The happy couple will take possession of their new home in Carson.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Charles Bell of this city and Miss Mary Millar of Dixon. The wedding will take place at an early date.

The marriage of Mr. Charles H. Chase of Seattle and Miss Frankie E. Anderson, daughter of Professor W. W. Anderson, principal of Hopkins Academy, will take place next Wednesday afternoon. A reception will follow the ceremony.

The wedding of Miss Annie Shrakkart and Mr. R. Isenbruck will take place Tuesday evening, August 26th, at St. Paul's Church.

Hop at San Rafael.

The new regular weekly hop at the Hotel San Rafael, last Saturday, was unusually brilliant. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Goad, Miss Goad, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmiedell, Mr. T. B. Berry, Miss Alleen Goad, Miss Genevieve Goad, Mr. W. A. Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge, Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Mary Barter, Miss Alice Barber, Miss Alice Decker, Miss Jennie Cheesman, Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Ames, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Goodman, Dr. and Mrs. Southard Allman, Miss May Hollister, Mr. Ogden Hoffman Jr., Mr. Southard Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Alexander, Captain and Mrs. Millership, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Griffith, Miss Alice Hager, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kittle, Miss Lucia Kittle, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Grant, Miss Speary, Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Morgan, Mrs. L. A. Santolia, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Howard, Mrs. Russell J. Wilson, Captain and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Waters, Miss Adele Waters, Miss Romale Wallace, Miss Carrie Taylor, Miss Edith Taylor, Mr. A. B. Williams, Mr. William Babcock, Mr. Harry Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, Miss Bessie Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Heathcote, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. E. N. Bee, Mr. and Mrs. William Lichtenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lichtenberg, Mr. and Mrs. John Bogers, Mr. and Mrs. George Graham, Miss Alice Bogers, Mr. and Mrs. George Hyde, Miss Berdie Hyde, Mr. Henry C. Hyde, Mrs. S. L. Bee, Mr. F. A. Wheeler, Mr. Frank J. Carolan, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sweeney, Mrs. Hall McAllister, Miss Eva McAllister, Mr. Elliott McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dean, Miss Sarah Dean, Mr. Henry W. Redington, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sonntag, Miss Lucie Edwards, Miss Georgie Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Eb Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney V. Smith, the Misses Smith, Miss Abbie Scott, Mrs. Alexander Forbes, Miss Edith Forbes, Miss Kate Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tompkins, Miss Susie Tompkins, Miss Julia Tompkins, Mr. George C. Jennings, Mr. A. H. Loughborough, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Perine, Mr. Robert Oxnard, Mr. W. R. Sprague, Mrs. James Otis, Miss Helen Otis, Mr. and Mrs. P. McBean, Mrs. Cosmo Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mayo Newhall, Mr. A. H. Small, Mr. and Mrs. S. Harrison Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Speyer, Mrs. Isaac Friedlander, Miss Fannie Friedlander, Miss May Friedlander, Mr. T. C. Friedlander, Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Garniss, Rev. William Story, the Misses Story, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Fritchard, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Girvin, Miss Mae Girvin, Mr. E. H. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred B. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Tallant, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gerstle, Miss Gertrude Hyde, Miss Mamie Hyde, Mr. J. Henry Deering, Mr. Fred W. Sharon, Miss Rosalia Block, the Misses Amoureaux, Mrs. Forbes Johnson, Miss Sallie Hume, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kentfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crockett, Miss Caro Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Parrott, Miss Mamie Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Donahue, Miss Rose Donahue, Miss Gertrude Ames, Miss Alice Ames, Mr. E. H. Sheldon, Mr. W. A. Douglass, Mr. N. G. Kittle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holloway, Mr. E. L. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. George Hyde, Mr. Charles S. Haswell, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Cushing.

The Epworth League Entertainment.

The Epworth League of Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church gave their first entertainment and social in the lecture-room and parlors of the church last Friday evening. As this was the first appearance of the league in a public way great interest was centered in the occasion, and the spacious rooms were crowded with the members and friends of Simpson Church and many young people from Central and Howard-street Methodist Churches.

The decorations were beautiful, and, in addition to the floral pieces and natural plants that adorned the platform, were two beautiful gilt-framed charters, resting on oxidized metal easels, and draped with India silk scarfs—one being the charter of the Epworth League, Chapter 1563, and the other of the Junior League, Chapter 228.

The lemonade booth, in the northwest corner of the lecture-room, was a thing of beauty. A pair of heavy chenille portiere curtains formed the canopy, while the tables were completely covered with evergreens and flowers. Miss Julia Renwick was in charge of this department, and at the close made a good financial showing.

The President of the league, Mr. C. B. Perkins, presided, and in his opening address spoke of the organization of the society, its marvelous growth and the enthusiasm it had aroused in the young people of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Organized in May, 1889, it now has 3150 chapters and over 200,000 members. The President gave an interesting sketch of the organization of the Methodist Church and its present strength in this country, and the values of its church property, universities, etc. A musical and literary programme, previously given in these columns, was then presented, all of which was warmly received and enthusiastically encored.

During the rendering of the programme the following telegram was received from Rev. Dr. Izer, pastor of the church, who was unexpectedly called away on important church business the evening previous: "To the Epworth League of Simpson Memorial M. E. Church: From 500 miles away your pastor, proud of the Christian zeal, church loyalty and genius for successful work of his young people, slips into the programme of your happy hour to offer loving greetings and warm congratulations up on your first literary and social, greatly regretting his unavoidable absence, prays God bless our Epworth League. [Signed.] G. W. IZER." This telegram was received with enthusiastic applause. After refreshments had been served the audience was delighted with some sweet solos and Park Band music from the phonograph, with Mr. R. D. Childs as master of ceremonies.

This successful entertainment was under the management of the following committee, assisted by the members of the different departments: Miss Emma F. Graves, head of the Literary Department; Miss Della Delano, head of the Social Department; Mr. H. E. Spooner, head of the Entertainment Department.

Among those present were the following: Bishop and Mrs. C. H. Fowler, Rev. Dr. Hammond and Mr. Harry Hammond, Rev. Dr. Bovard and Mrs. Bovard, Mrs. Izer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Humphreys, Mr. William Mosgrove, Mrs. S. Mosgrove, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. S. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hasty, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Miss Sarah Bagley, Miss A. Bagley, Mr. Bagley, Mr. and Mrs. Oatman, Mr. Henry Mahan, Mr. Charles Mersfelder, Mr. R. Frankhin, Mr. J. Coffin, Miss Alma Berglund, Mr. A. Abraham Berglund, Miss Belle Harcourt, Mrs. M. Burley, Mr. Robert Burley, Mrs. A. S. Stimpson, Mrs. A. M. Field, Mrs. William Perkins, Mrs. H. Rosecrans, Mrs. W. Rosecrans, Mrs. H. Earl, Miss Eleanor Earl, Mr. W. Earl, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. James Saunders, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. George Saunders, Miss Nellie Brackett, Mr. J. G. Bleun, Miss Mary Bleun, Miss Alma Kirkwood, Miss Della de Lano, Miss Jeanette Anderson, Miss Cora de Lano, Mr. Carl Fowler, Mr. Edward Jones, Mr. Forest Wyman, Mr. Roscoe W. Perkins, Mr. H. E. Spooner, Mr. Irving M. Izer, Miss Bertie Leeds, Miss Katie Leeds, Mrs. Delano, Mrs. George Perkins, Miss M. L. Perkins, Miss Jane Gray, Miss Jessie Anderson, Miss Katie Anderson, Miss Emma S. Geares, Miss Annie Perkins, Miss Gussie Menke, Miss Sadie Forsyth, Miss Maud Maguire, Mr. Bert Tregise, Mr. W. J. Barnes, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Haywards, Miss Ethel Perkins, Miss Mab I Perkins, Mr. J. E. Wyman, Miss Alice Richards, Miss Effie Spooner, Mr. W. F. Clark, Mr. H. Kirkwood, Miss Elsie Duncan, Mrs. Robert Hewson, Miss Hewson, Mrs. R. Temby, Miss Johns, Miss Lena Thomas, Mrs. H. E. Skinner, Miss Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Worden, Miss Katie Stackpole, Miss L. Stackpole, Mrs. R. Palmer, Mrs. Lemuel Poole, Mrs. George McAllister, Mrs. William Currie, and about 100 children from the Sabbath-school.

The Baldwin-McEvoy Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Essie McAvoy and Dr. A. E. Baldwin took place at the residence of Mrs. B. McEvoy in Redwood City last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends were present. Rev. Dr. W. Stow of Menlo Park was the officiating clergyman, Miss Maggie Leahy was the bridesmaid and T. E. Byrnes of San Mateo the best man. The bride was attired in white and having their relatives taken the party returned to the "Cabin," where all did full justice to the bounteous repast prepared by Miss Rose Anderson. After a short rest the gentlemen strolled down to the waterfalls, where photos were taken and the party returned home, via the "slide," in time for dinner. The following were among the party: Miss Emily Boland, Mrs. C. McGuigan, Mrs. M. Neiger, Miss A. Neiger, Mrs. J. Licett, Miss Sarah Waid, Miss Rose Anderson; Messrs. Harry T. Kelly, Joseph C. Freese, John W. Flynn, Joseph P. Scherer, W. H. Taylor, F. Aguew, Frank Aguew, Henry Humbert, Frank Licett, Joseph Anderson, Frank Leahy, Frank Scherer, W. H. Litett.

Wedding at San Jose.

Several San Francisco friends attended the wedding on Saturday last at San Jose of Mr. Frederick Humberg and Miss Sadie Lucas, the latter the daughter of old residents of the Garden City. The ceremony took place at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother. Miss Nellie Humberg was the bridesmaid and Mr. Henry Humberg acted as best man. Rev. Father Kelsey performed the sacred rite, which was followed by a sumptuous wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Humberg came to San Francisco for a brief stay, and will reside with the bride's mother in San Jose. Among those present from this city were: Mr. and Mrs. Godkin, Miss Mamie Godkin, Miss Addie Godkin, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. Robert Lucas, Miss Minnie Humberg, Mr. Henry Humberg.

Parties to Take Place.

The Young Men's Institute of this city will give a special entertainment on the 4th prox. at the Grand Opera House, and a ball at the Mechanics' Pavilion the following evening.

The Catholic ladies' Club of Sacramento, 11, will give their quarterly entertainment and social at Saratoga Hall on Thursday evening, the 31st inst. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the sisters in charge of St. Joseph's Home for Incurables.

An opening reception will be held at the San Francisco School of Oratory at Pythian Hall, 1605 Polk street, to-morrow evening.

The monthly entertainment of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, which meets each Sunday morning at 909½ Market street, will be given in that hall next Sunday evening.

A reception will be tendered to the Powell-street Presentation Convent, at Irving Hall, on the 27th prox., by the New California Dramatic Company.

General John F. Miller Camp, No. 3, Division of California, S. of V., will give an entertainment and social at Union-square Hall next Friday evening.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 2 will give a promenade concert and entertainment at Saratoga Hall next Wednesday evening. A presentation will take place.

Bay City Lodge, No. 619, K. and L. of H., give their monthly social at Washington Hall, this evening.

Golden West Circle, No. 43, C. O. F., will give an entertainment and ice-cream social at Shiels' Building, 32 O'Farrell street, on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 10 are making extensive preparations for their coming entertainment and social, to take place on Wednesday evening the 13th prox., at Irving Hall.

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Mr. C. M. Nichols of East Oakland is at the Hotel Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Merrill are spending this month in Napa Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McGreeley and Miss Winnifred McGreeley, of Oakland, are spending a week or two at Boulder Creek and Santa Cruz.

Miss Edith Taylor will go down to Del Monte this week.

Miss Lillian Waters was expected to arrive yesterday from Japan on the steamer China.

Mrs. Charles J. Torbert, Miss Mollie Torbert and Miss Agnes Burgin have returned from Monterey, where they have been staying a couple of weeks.

Miss Alice Hager will visit Del Monte this week.

Installation of Officers.

Oriental Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., held its public installation of officers on the 9th inst., for which the hall was tastefully decorated and the affair well attended. The following officers were installed by the D. D. G. M., Mary C. Seymour: Mary M. Ewing, N. G.; Annie Howlett, V. G.; Sophia Hutton, R. S.; Julia Kammerer, Treasurer.

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A ROSE LEAF.

THE rose by any other name
As sweet would be;
But oh, it bears love's lovely flame
When named by thee!

As wind-blown roses scattered lie
Upon the ground,
A thousand thoughts now fondly fly
Where thou art found.

Gather them quickly, ere they stray
Too far apart;
And hide them as a sweet bouquet
Within thy heart!

M. M. PURSEL IN New York Sun.

THE LINK THAT SEVERS.

NO one disputed the fact that Cosmo Loring was a rising painter of great promise. He had already given irrefutable evidence of his real talent by producing several small pictures, which had sold remarkably well, taking into consideration that he was yet unknown, and even some of the exclusive picture-dealers of Bond street had notified their intention of giving him orders. But Loring, with a highly strung artistic temperament, was possessed of an equally potent ambition, and would not consent to imperil the future and dwarf his brush to the production of mere potboilers. He fully intended to make his mark in the higher spheres of his art, to become famous, to write the magic letters R.A. after his name, and to achieve success not by patronage, but his own merit.

He was certain that he had in him the making of a great artist, and was equally conscious—a much rarer knowledge—that he had as yet a great deal to learn before he could scale the altitudes that were his goal. At thirty, with a fairly good social position, a goodly number of friends, many would-be patrons among the fair sex—for he was clever and handsome—he renounced his sedu ctive attractions offered by London drawing rooms and the easier acquisition of wealth through the disposal of inferior pictures, and determined to spend three years in Italy in hard study and conscientious groundwork. He went to Rome, where he took rooms on the fifth floor of a house in the Via Babuino, visited all the studios, frequented the galleries, and spent the rest of his time before his easel at home in incessant toil. As the months passed he felt the development of his natural gifts, and realized that he had neither misjudged his power nor indulged in delusive hopes for the future.

Among the numerous art students of all ages and both sexes haunting the public and private galleries of Rome and copying the best pictures was a dark-haired, pretty young girl, whom chance had frequently made his neig bor, and who attracted his attention not so much by her personal charms as by her absorption in her work. The accidents of propinquity had resulted, first, in a slight bow of recognition as they arrived in the morning; then in a quick pleased look and smile when they met again after a few weeks' interruption, followed almost insensibly by an exchange of small courtesies—the adjusting of an easel, the lending of chalks or tubes, and the acquaintanceship then began drifting, as it could not help doing, into a quiet, easy good fellowship. Loring learned that Eileen Donovan was an Irish girl living in Rome with her aunt, the widow of an Italian sculptor, who had elected to remain in her adopted country, and had sent for one of her impecunious brother's numerous children to live with her. Eileen was as simple, merry and unaffected as she was pretty and fond of painting; the long hours of assiduous application never seemed to bring weariness to her limbs or cloud the snare like of its eyes and the brightness of her smile. She was frankly confidential with Loring.

"I mean to make myself quite independent," she said to him with pride of self-help, "and to earn my own livelihood. I shall sell my best copies to wealthy tourists, and when I am rich, quite rich, I shall persuade Aunt Lorenzo to go back with me to England, and there I shall paint original pictures for my own pleasure."

"And glory," added Loring, with a smile.

"The words gave a thrill of pleasure to the girl.

"So you think I have talent?" she said eagerly, with an upturned look of her soft eyes.

"I am sure of it," answered Loring decisively.

And it was no flattery. He recognized in the young student more than ordinary capabilities; she had a correct eye, a delicate touch, a remarkable gift of coloring, and a bold, correct execution.

In course of time he was presented to Signora Lorenzo and made welcome by her. In their simple surroundings the artist felt happier than in mistakably fashionable London, and Loring found a grateful relief to his solitary labors in the enjoyment of their quiet, sympathetic society. Was it the subtle charm emanating from Eileen's fair face the delight of finding a mind absolutely responsive to his—having the same enthusiasm, the same aspirations and ambitions, an equal love of the same art? Perhaps it was partly due in part to it—or was it the unconscious gratification of receiving the constant flattery of undivided admiration that made Loring fall in love with Eileen? Perhaps all combined to make her so lovely in his eyes, and almost as soon as the girl had become aware that he was all in all to her he asked her to be his wife.

His work in Italy had come to a close and together they started for England, enjoying, however, a lingering honeymoon among the Italian lakes on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring were not long in finding a small house with a large studio in the northern suburbs of London, and not much longer in making the pleasant acquaintance of brother artists and intelligent patrons of art. The canvases Loring had brought with him from Italy elicited much genuine praise, and when his little wife timidly ventured her own attempts, they were unanimously pronounced excellent.

"Do you know what your friend the Royal Academician said to me one evening?" she asked exultingly of her husband. "He declares that we might together emulate some of the old masters."

"Come, come," said Cosmo, smiling, "this is drawing the long bow."

"No, no," she protested, "let me finish; emulate them, because I could paint replicas of all your pictures, and the public would not know the difference. Is that not glorious, dear? I am so proud!"

Not very long after this, however, Loring, who was still lover-like in his attentions to his wife, suddenly discovered that she was pale and not looking well; he attributed it to overwork, and strongly advised her to leave off painting for awhile. He laughingly pretended that she had never felt better in her life; but he insisted on her giving up her paints and brushes with such imperative pertinacity that she yielded, hoping finding some compensation for the sacrifice in the thought of her husband's exaggerated love and care for her. Meanwhile he was preparing to win his spurs, and the next year of his life The Vigilantes will hold their second session on Tuesday evening, the 8th prox., at Mission Opera Hall, 2129 Mission street.

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Mr. C. M. Nichols of East Oakland is at the Hotel Coronado.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Merrill are spending this month in Napa Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McGreeley and Miss Winnifred McGreeley, of Oakland, are spending a week or two at Boulder Creek and Santa Cruz.

Miss Edith Taylor will go down to Del Monte this week.

Miss Lillian Waters was expected to arrive yesterday from Japan on the steamer China.

Mrs. Charles J. Torbert, Miss Mollie Torbert and Miss Agnes Burgin have returned from Monterey, where they have been staying a couple of weeks.

Miss Alice Hager will visit Del Monte this week.

Installation of Officers.

Oriental Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 90, I. O. O. F., held its public installation of officers on the 9th inst., for which the hall was tastefully decorated and the affair well attended. The following officers were installed by the D. D. G. M., Mary C. Seymour: Mary M. Ewing, N. G.; Annie Howlett, V. G.; Sophia Hutton, R. S.; Julia Kammerer, Treasurer.

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turned to go, and Eileen felt the nervous, triumphant pressure of his hand on her arm, as he passed like a conqueror through the portals that had opened wide to receive his work. He could not see that her eyes were moist with a deeper emotion.

The sum realized by the sale of the picture enabled Loring to visit Germany, and place himself in the hands of the best oculist in the world. The treatment to which he was submitted was a long one, but at the end of a twelvemonth the cure was complete, and he was told that shortly he would be able to handle once more the brush that had made him famous.

"Not before I have seen again the picture to which I indirectly owe my recovery," he said to Eileen.

"But it is in America already," she said hurriedly.

"What of that? Let us go to New York."

"So long a journey?" she pleaded.

"It will do me good—nothing like sea air."

He would not be gainsaid, and they sailed for America. The news of their arrival had preceded them, and Loring received one of those transatlantic receptions which are so unsparingly lavished on distinguished Europeans. He bore somewhat impatiently with speeches and interviews, and lost no time in calling on the millionaire who purchased his treasure. With consummate tact, after showing the way to his private gallery, the New York banker, pointing to a large frame in the place of honor, said smilingly to the husband and wife:

"I will not intrude on this happy meeting—you will find me in the library when you have done." He withdrew, and, to Loring's intense relief, left them alone.

A few quick strides brought him before the picture; a latent dimness of vision, increased by emotion, seemed for a moment to prevent a clear and complete view, yet he felt that he had before him a superb work of art. Two or three times he passed his fingers over his eyes, then his expression changed from intense exultation to a startled surprise.

"What is this?" he said.

"Your picture, of course; don't you recognize it, darling?" said Eileen, drawing close up to him.

"My picture! That my picture? No, no; I remember it too well. I have seen it in every detail in the night of my blindness. I could paint it over again, line by line, touch by touch. This one has been tampered with by a stranger."

"No, no, you mistake, Cosmo. What matter? Besides, have you forgotten? Was the picture not called the best of the year, and you the greatest living painter?" faltered Eileen imploringly.

He turned to her, took both her hands, and looking into her upturned face, trying to read the faithful eyes that had ever been so faithful and so fond, he said in a voice that was tremulous and broken:

"Eileen, if you have ever loved me, I command you to tell me who touched that picture, who took advantage of my blindness to change, alter and add to it, who has by so doing made me a recipient of honors that are not mine! God knows what I had done was worth that!" he said, relinquishing her hands and gazing at the picture, conscious, however, that there was no falling off in the real painting compared with the one of which his imagination had kept so vivid an impression.

Eileen crept lovingly into his arms, and, with her head on his breast, said gently:

"Can't you guess, darling? Let me explain. When your dear eyes were so bad, when you feared would work in spite of all, your hand could not obey your will; the colors got mixed and the outlines were lost; the idea—the grand idea—was there, but the execution failed. Well, when it would have driven you mad to know that the picture could not be sent as it was to the academy, I, your pupil, your wife, repainted it in secret." He started. "Yes," she continued, still nestling in his arms, "I followed your directions, worked as you taught me to work by your example, and," she added with a happy laugh, lifting her face to the level of his—"and your friends were—the public did not know my painting from yours! Kiss me, love."

He kissed her as she desired, but without another look at the picture he left the gallery and the house.

From that day Cosmo Loring hated his wife."—Boston Home Journal.

COAST ITEMS.

Brief Notes From Pacific States and Territories.

The cannery at Colton gives employment to 300 workmen.

The people of Hanford are happy at owning a new railroad de ot.

The strike of the coal miners at Gallup, N. Mex., has been settled by arbitration.

Thomas Wellmouth, a lorger, was killed at Joy's Mill, near Healdsburg, on Friday.

Red Bluff seems to be harboring fire-bugs, as two fires were started in one day recently.

Lewis, Cox & Co. are supplied with wood and water by a new V flume, three miles long.

George Reeves of Lemoore sold nine car-loads of pears last week to a Boston fruit-dealer.

Washoe County, Nev., is the only one that has catured the Democratic ticket in the elections of 1890.

Owing to the high price of quicksilver, some of the old mines in Napa County are to be reopened.

The Oregonian says one result of the failure of the rice crop in Japan has been to call for heavy shipments of Oregon flour.

A three-year-old girl named Watt fell into a tub of scalding hot water at Salem, Oregon, last Wednesday and was killed.

James Doherty, a prominent contractor of Phœnix, Ariz., was robbed by his son William on Friday, while gambling.

Milner McLain went hunting near Olympia, Wash., on Friday morning. In a few hours he shot two large cougars and captured a lively cub.

Chief Hunter of the Umatilla Reservation traded off seven cayuse ponies recently for a new wife. Homily's harem now contains three "klootchmen."

The Sonoma Morning Journal has been sold by Painter & Tingle to some newspaper men of St. Paul, Minn., for $20,000. In future the Journal will be independent in politics.

The people of Snohomish, Wash., have a policeman that they have to feed. He stands 7 feet in the air, weighs 380 pounds in his stockings, and can do 100 yards in 11⅗ seconds.

People in Crook County, Oregon, who eat fruit must be very healthy, for apples, peaches sell for 20 cents a pound and cherries are sold at 25 cents a pound, or three cherries for a nickel.

Says the Pioche Record: The Italians who have been contracting on Bunker Hill find it difficult to get men to do the necessary work. Efforts to get thirty men from Eureka failed. None were to be had there.

The piles that support the Northern