EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Some Interesting Announcements of Late Prominent Engagements.

SUMMER RESORTS OF SOCIETY.

Several Notable Weddings This Week—The Lewis Surprise. Party on Folsom Street—La Grippe Soiree—Many Hall Parties to Take Place—Miscellaneous Notes and Personals.

August opens with the promise of several interesting weddings, which will, doubtless, attract many wanderers at least temporarily to town. But as long as the skies remain favorable there will be no general dispersal at the leading resorts. Without any large entertainments of late these fashionable centers have each their special spells of never-failing enchantment, and many of our people continue to slip away from daily formalities and evening fogs to these favored regions, where it is "always afternoon." Santa Cruz is likely to be lively this week with its military and Masonic visitors. Besides the weddings referred to numerous ball parties are announced to take place in this city, where the usual delightful family gatherings and expeditions may be looked for.

To-day the Mecca Nobles of the Mystic Shrine arrive and will be tendered a reception at the Palace Hotel in the evening.

Mr. D. N. Friesleben of Oroville was married to Miss Ella Marcuse of this city yesterday. To-day the happy pair sail for Europe for a bridal tour of some six months or more.

The Friendly Circle of the King's Daughters will hold its second anniversary in Central M. E. Church, Mission street, between Sixth and Seventh, on Monday evening, August 11th. Besides an interesting programme, Mrs. J. G. Clark, State Secretary of the King's Daughters, and Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, Superintendent of the Golden Gate Kindergarten Association, will address the meeting.

Dancing and swimming are the favorite delights at Del Monte. Among the most constant water-nymphs are Miss Hopkins, Miss Hanchett, Miss Alice Rutherford, Miss Birdie Fair, Miss Clark, Miss Ellis and Miss Regua.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Curtis were recently tendered a pleasant farewell reception at the parlors of the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church prior to their departure on a six months' vacation.

The First Artillery Regiment of Sacramento arrived in Santa Cruz yesterday. The men, about 600 strong, under the command of Colonel J. W. Guthrie, are occupying Camp Orton. They will remain eight days and much pleasant entertainment is being prepared for them.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie will be tendered a "welcome home" reception this evening at the church parlors on Van Ness avenue.

The pleasant moonlight evenings of late have been enjoyed at San Rafael and Sausalito, and both agreeable drives, strolls and minor entertainments have been the rule. Tennis has temporarily declined at the northern and risen at the southern resort, where bathing has of late also obtained of late. Both resorts, especially San Rafael, are well patronized by society people from this city, who desire a change from the salt breezes of the Pacific.

The Sheridan Dramatic Club is rehearsing "My Partner," to be given at Saratoga Hall in the near future.

Mr. George Ladd Ecker, with the firm of McAfee, Baldwin & Hammond, and Miss Minnie Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry of 1518 Devisadero street, were married last Tuesday evening, the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. E. T. Lyons, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, officiated. Mr. W. A. Bates acted as best man and Miss Nellie Derrick as bridesmaid. It was a pretty wedding. Mr. and Mrs. George Ladd Ecker left for the Palace Hotel, and on Wednesday started for a tour through the Napa Valley.

Engagement Notes.

The wedding of Mr. Thomas T. Dargie of Oakland and Miss Bessie Sedgwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sedgwick of this city, will take place next Thursday evening at St. Luke's Church.

The wedding of Miss Christine Barreda, daughter of Mrs. F. L. Barreda, and Mr. Charles A. Moore, is announced to take place next Wednesday. Among the bridesmaids will be Miss Rosalie Block, Miss Boardman, Miss Helen Otis, Miss Anna Head. Miss Rose Barreda will be maid of honor.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Edward Carroll, son of the late John Carroll of Sacramento, to Miss Virginia Hanchett, sister of Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. A. H. Rutherford. Mr. Carroll is one of the most popular young business men in Sacramento, and his fiancee is a well-known society young lady of this city.

The engagement of Mr. Maurice Casey, the sole surviving executor of the McLaughlin estate, and Mrs. Kate F. Dillon, both of this city, is announced. The marriage will take place quietly this week. Mrs. Dillon is a sister-in-law of the late Mrs. Charles McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bullen have issued invitations for the wedding of their ward, Miss Louise Gauthiom, and Mr. Louis Pattengill, which will take place at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, on Mission street, between Sixth and Seventh, at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

The wedding of Miss Nellie E. Hopkins and Mr. Charles McLachlan will take place at the residence of Mr. W. W. Main, 909 Oak street, on the 15th prox.

The marriage of Miss Emily A. Squires and Mr. Charles E. Wiggins is set for the 20th of this month.

The engagement of Mr. C. Y. Pettinger of this city, to Miss Lea Rosman of Seattle, is announced. The wedding will occur September 14th, and the happy pair will reside in Seattle.

The engagement of Mr. William Gerchen and Miss Maggie McCue is announced, the wedding to take place in the near future.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Hattie Fleischner and Mr. Sol Blumauer. The ceremony takes place next Wednesday evening at the Concordia Club Rooms, Fortson street.

The engagement is announced of Mr. W. J. Hanley of East Oakland to Miss Vina Currier of this city.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Charles Oberdeener, of the firm of W. Oberdeener, to Miss Carrie Meyer of 2229 Geary street.

Mr. F. Dulzaino of the steamer San Rafael will be married to-day to Miss Etta C. Dexter of San Leandro.

The engagement is announced of Mr. James S. Naismith of Oakland to Miss Lizzie A. Crops of Syracuse, N. Y. The wedding will take place at Syracuse in October.

The engagement is announced of Mr. W. F. Bowers of the Gutta Percha Rubber Company of this city and Miss Jennie Waters, a society belle of Oakland.

La Grippe Club Party.

The initial dance given by La Grippe Club last evening at Hinman's Hall was well attended and proved highly enjoyable. A notable feature was the Moonlight York, introduced under the title of the "Influenza" in the neat programmes. The party was a strictly dress affair, and some of the ladies' gowns were particularly becoming. Following composed the various committees: Floor director, Mr. Marshall Neuman; Reception Committee—Messrs. I. Bizer, L. Gilbert, A. Waltenstein, L. Goodman; Floor Committee — La Grippe Club.

A Pleasant Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis, on Verdi street, recently, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Lewis, whose husband prepared the surprise previous to her departure for Los Gatos, to spend a few weeks with friends.

The spacious parlors of the elegant home presented an attractive appearance, and the large gathering of invited guests were hospitably entertained. Excellent music was furnished for dancing, which was indulged in for several hours, while many instrumental and vocal selections were also rendered by the unusual talent found to be present. After the evening had been most enjoyably passed a bountiful supper was served, including all the delicacies of the season. The happy gathering did justice to the excellent repast, and appreciated the pure wines. Dancing was resumed for a short time, when many of the guests took their departure by the last train for San Francisco, and the residents of Alameda also left for their homes, all being profuse in their expressions of regard for the genial host and amiable hostess who had so hospitably entertained them.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarty of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Redford of San Francisco, Mrs. L. W. Schroeder, Mrs. Lillian Carlile, Miss Annie Ryan, Miss May Spellman, Miss Maggie Ryan, Miss Josephine McCarty, Miss Maggie Kiregan, Miss Aggie Lewis, Miss Lucy Schrader, Miss Laura Weintraut, Miss Emily Putzman, Miss Jennie Schrader; Messrs. Harry Lewis, Thomas Chandler, Daniel Williams, William Jordan, W. T. Tierney, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Paulsen, Mr. Johnson.

Party on Folsom Street.

A very pleasant party was given at Miss Rosenberg's home, 1516 Folsom street, on Tuesday evening. The parlors were tastefully decorated. The guests assembled at 9 o'clock to participate in the festivities. Dancing, singing and games were the features of the occasion. After dancing all proceeded to the dining-room, where a sumptuous repast was spread. Among those present were: Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Clara Sternberg, Miss Mary Kolb, Miss Flora Green, Miss Esther Cohen, Miss Maggie McInerny, Miss Fannie Rosenberg, the Misses Adler, Miss Lena Cotton, Miss Hattie Bernard, Miss Julia Rosenberg; Messrs. A. Ludkin, L. Green, D. Cohn, S. Rosenberg, W. Cohn, A. Green, Mr. Scham, M. Green, Mr. Goldberg, J. Rosenberg, M. Marks.

A Picnic at Laundry Farm.

A very pleasant private picnic was given by the Jolly Emeralds at Laundry Farm, Sunday, July 20th. Games, dancing and singing were the features of the day. Among those present were: Miss Rose Walmer, Miss Rose Steinburg, Miss Maggie Carpenter, Miss May Kennedy, Miss Dora Phillips, Miss Bessie Walmer, Miss Lizzie Bryant, Miss Liddie Dadley, Miss Mamie McBride, Miss Nettie Hart, Miss Annie Brady, Miss Jessie Ritchie, Miss Kaggie Bridgwood, Miss Katie Bridgwood, Miss Kittie Hughes, Miss Mamie Conroy, Miss Annie Kennedy, Miss Mamie Breman, Miss Roby Dempsy, Miss Sallie Shanlan, Miss Katie Dempsy, Miss Katie Dagnet; Messrs. Max Moses, S. Wisman, G. Rotter, N. Walmer, P. Haberlin, N. Ryan, M. Kelley, J. Cosgrove, D. Wren, F. O'Neill, J. Brown, J. McSorley, N. Marnell, N. Boyd, P. Sargent, D. White, J. Donohue, C. Curran, J. Conlin, C. Harris, D. Mallay, T. Beebo, J. Talley, J. Burk, H. Stokes, Mr. Cragan.

Party on Mission Street.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss E. Maloney, at 648 Mission street, Saturday night. There were present: Miss Katie Morgan, Miss Minnie Harkins, Miss Emma Watts, Miss Emma Burge, Miss Ada Burge, Miss Minnie Burge, Miss Sadie Tultock, Miss Lillie Tullock, Miss Eva Tullock, Miss Mary Cane, Miss Lottie Duffy, Miss Marie Tyrrell, Miss Mattie McCann, Miss Daisy Adams, Miss Mary Duddy, Miss Annie Coughlan; Messrs. J. McKenna, C. Neil, J. W. Coffin, F. Dwyer, W. Taylor, J. Cook, F. Merrell, F. Burns, J. H. Harris, W. Wall, H. Andrews, Anthony Manders, W. McPherson, N. Bulens, A. Alzena, E. Larmer, H. D. Connors, J. P. McCabe, W. C. Passelle, Thomas Maloney, George Tullock, L. Bernard, J. Campbell, Frank Lee, J. A. Farrell, W. Crossfield, Hon. E. P. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Louisa Knight.

A Royal Argosy Entertainment.

Friday evening Alpha Lodge, No. 1, Royal Argosy, spent a most enjoyable evening. The members and their friends assembled at 8 o'clock and after the rendering of a very fine programme refreshments were served. Dancing and playing games followed and the guests departed at an early hour highly pleased with the hospitality of the members of Alpha Lodge. The following Committee of Arrangements deserves a great deal of credit for the success of the entertainment: Brothers Coon, Swales, Hughes; Sisters Kohn, Dannenfelzer and Roberts.

Parties to Take Place.

The Young Men's Institute of this city will give a special entertainment this evening at the Grand Opera House and a ball at the Mechanics' Pavilion to-morrow.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1252, K. and L. of H., will give their third anniversary ball at Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday evening next.

Pocahontas Council, No. 3, Degree of Pocahontas, I. O. R. M., gives an entertainment in Ruby Hall, 320 Post street, this evening.

Liberty Relief Corps, W. R. C., will give a literary and bon-bon party on Friday evening next at Pfaul Brith Hall.

The Vigilantes will hold their second session Friday evening next at Mission Opera Hall.

Loriley Social Club, C. of F., will hold their third anniversary on Sunday next at the San Francisco Turn Verein Hall, 323 Turk street.

The Byron Comedy Company will give its second entertainment and social at Irving Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Tahoe Chieftains' League, No. 3, will give a ball in honor of the Great Council of California, Improved Order of Red Men, and to the members of the order in general, at Union-square Hall to-morrow evening.

The pupils of Hinman's Branch Academy will give a bonbon party at their hall, corner Howard and Twenty-first streets, this evening.

U. S. Grant Lodge, No. 11, U. E. A., will hold its first coupon social on Friday evening next.

A family social will be given by Burnaby Lodge, No. 194, Order Sons of St. George, at its hall in Shiel's building, 32 O'Farrell street, on Saturday evening next.

The second party of the Peerless Club will take place at Union-square Hall, on Friday evening, the 22d inst.

The California Amateur Players' Club is rehearsing "A Russian Honeymoon," which will be produced the 1st of September.

The Del Montes have issued invitations for their second evening hop, to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. Evening dress is called for and Blum's music will be on hand.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 10 will give an entertainment and social Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Irving Hall.

Court Justice, No. 7172, and Court Inter Nos, No. 7353, of the ancient Order of Foresters of America, will celebrate Foresters' day by giving a ball in Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, the 15th inst., the anniversary.

The second party of the Zig-Zag Social Club will be given at Mission Opera Hall on Friday evening, the 15th inst.

A complimentary benefit will be tendered Mr. Charles F. Blackie by his numerous friends, at Irving Hall, on the 17th inst.

The ladies of James A. Garfield Relief Corps will hold their next open meeting on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst.

The membership of the Aldine Musical Club will give their twelfth anniversary party at Union-square Hall on Thursday evening, the 21st inst.

Commercial Mutual Benefit Association of L. E. S. will hold its third anniversary ball on Tuesday evening, September 2d, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Society Personals.

Miss Lillie O'Connor has returned from a visit to Mrs. Theresa Fair at Monterey.

Mr. R. B. Hume leaves on the Umatilla to-day for a trip to Puget Sound and vicinity.

Mr. Elisha Dyer has been visiting again in this city from New York.

Miss Maude L. Berry has returned to her home on Van Ness avenue from a visit to Fresno.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Brigham and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Stoney are summering at Lake Tahoe, near Tallac. Near Tahoe City Mrs. E. B. Crocker of Sacramento has been a pretty summer home.

Assistant Bishop Nichols has made arrangements to take up his residence on Vernon Heights, Oakland.

Mrs. H. Jay Hanchette of Los Angeles is visiting her brother, Dr. E. M. Griffith, of 1050 McAllister street.

Professor Louis F. Lejeal will leave St. Marys, Pa., on the 5th inst. for Erie, where he will be the guest of Mr. John Spafford.

Mr. J. W. Rourke of the Bank of California is visiting Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sperry of Stockton arrived in New York Thursday from their European trip.

Mr. Lloyd Tevis has returned from his Eastern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spreckels and party left Coronado Beach for this city yesterday.

Mrs. G. H. Bancroft, of Los Angeles, a nephew of Mr. H. H. Bancroft of this city, is staying at Santa Barbara.

Mrs. M. L. Smith and Miss Mabel Gray are traveling in the northern country.

Major J. P. Clark and family have gone down to Capitola.

First Lieutenant B. S. Wever, U. S. A., of Fort Gaston, visited Santa Cruz yesterday from Monterey.

Mrs. M. M. Estee is making a short stay in town from Hedgeside, her country residence in Napa County.

Mr. C. H. Kohl arrived here recently from Philadelphia on a visit to his parents, Captain and Mrs. William Kohl, of San Mateo.

Mrs. J. D. Peters of Stockton, accompanied by Mr. S. Peters and Mrs. H. D. Peters Jr., is a guest at the Occidental Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jewett have purchased the residence of Mr. Samuel G. Murphy, on the corner of Bush and Jones streets. They have been at Monterey during the past week.

Rev. Roderick Stebbins of Milton, Mass., son of Rev. Horatio Stebbins, is making a short visit in the city.

Mr. Hans H. Kohler returned to the city last Wednesday after an absence of several months' duration in Central America.

Mr. and Julius Sonnenburg (nee Reis) have secured a residence on California street, near Pierce, which they are preparing to occupy.

Mrs. L. N. Breed and Miss Breed have returned to the Hotel Pleasanton after a six weeks' trip through the northern part of the State.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Beers are in the city from their St. Helena home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Blakeman will soon return to the city after a long visit at the White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. H. Bowie is entertaining Miss Mann at her attractive home in San Mateo.

Mr. William H. Keith is in New York en route to Europe.

Senator A. P. Williams is one of a party enjoying an outing at Webber Lake.

Misses Blanche and Hilda Castle are with Mrs. Crowell at Undercliffe, Belvidere Island.

Thomas Beck has been spending the week with his family at Watsonville.

Mrs. Louis Marshall and the Misses May and Edith Thorne have returned from a visit to the Hotel Vendome in San Jose.

Mrs. H. W. Maass returned on Saturday from a month's visit to relatives at Lompoc, and will be "at home" on Wednesdays as heretofore.

A GREAT DIAMOND SWINDLE.

How Two Philadelphia Pawnbrokers Worked a Young Dealer.

Some recent offers of rewards for the recovery of diamonds and jewelry indicate that the sly and agile summer-resort burglar is making the most of the season's opportunities. Coincident with the offers of rewards the police authorities of the various cities of the country are furnished with as complete and detailed statements of the robberies as can be made and with descriptions of the stolen property. The circumstances of a conspiracy in 1880 to despoil the diamond-dealers of this city of a large amount of stock have just come to light. A clever young Philadelphia Hebrew had made a great reputation as a salesman and upon the strength of it and a small capital launched into business for himself. Two pawnbrokers of the Quaker, City who knew of his high standing in the trade, proposed to him to buy as large a quantity of diamonds as he could in New York and pay his entire cash upon them as he could get the gems for. They proposed to make good his checks on a Philadelphia bank for whatever cash payments he had to make. The young merchant yielded. He came to New York and bought $60,000 worth of precious gems, paying upon them only about $4000. The pawn-brokers took the gems and in about a month told the young Hebrew merchant that they would have to go into bankruptcy. The diamond dealer acquiesced and went to his lawyer and told him to put him through an assignment, with an offer to pay 10 cents on the dollar. With many alleged misgivings the Philadelphia lawyer undertook the job. The young diamond-dealer had a story of pocket-picking on the cars, of gambling losses and losses on the race track to tell to account for the disappearance of his money within a month after the purchase of the gems, and the lawyer told him it would not be believed and that if it was true it would send him to prison. But the young man persisted in his determination. His offer was rejected and he was arrested for obtaining goods under false pretenses and put under $60,000 bail, which he was unable to furnish. Then he told the whole story. Under threat of exposure and prosecution the pawnbrokers wakked into the lawyer's office one day, where they met their would-be victims and restored $30,000 worth of the gems and the proceeds of the sales of the remainder. With the restoration of the gems the prosecution ceased. The young Hebrew went into substantial exile in the West, and is said to have profited by the dear lesson that he gained in the big diamond case. The pawnbrokers, having had no reputations to lose, continued on unmolested in the same old way.—N. Y. special to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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THE CHOICE OF A MAN.

I REGRET little, I would change still less.
Since there my past life lies, why alter it?
* * * * * *
"And I have labored somewhat in my time
And not been paid profusely."
—Andrea Del Sarto. R. BROWNING.

"I mind how love repaired all ill,
Cured wrong, soothed grief, made earth amends."
R. BROWNING.
—Christmas Eve and Easter Day.

You had your choice, and you took your stand—
Wealth and fame might be won; in your hand
The world would have laid its richest prize,
But you turned from the world. Do you now despise
What it could have given? You are not great,
But poor and unknown; it is now too late.

Ah! but I know what you might have done—
Have stained your soul ere the stake was won,
Have lied, and cheated, and felt no shame,
In the eager race for riches and fame.
Though none may know it save she and I,
You let the world and its pomp go by.

Hold, my friend, you are greater now,
Unknown, unnoticed, than if your brow
Were bound with laurel and bay, for you
Have fought the fight, and tried, and true,
You smile as you weigh the gain and the cost,
Her love you have kept, and the world that you lost.
F. P.
—The Academy.

MARY RAVENEL.

BY AMY RANDOLPH.

"HOP-PICKING?" said young Durell, as he took a rosy August apple from his pocket and fed it leisurely to the beautiful white horse against which he leaned. "Why, yes, it is rather a romantic business, if you look upon it from a romantic point of view. You're an artist, eh? Come to sketch our little bits of rustic scenery? But there's nothing particularly picturesque about our hop-fields. Just sunshine, and the gold-green of the clusters, and the curling tendrils reaching out for something to grasp at, and the air so blue and clear that one can almost see the straight lines of the sunshine. Of course, it looks pretty to me, for I was born and brought up in it—but—excuse me—I can't see what there is specially worthy of an artist's pencil?"

Mr. Raymond smiled.

"Do you see those long perspectives of green alleys," said he, "with the figures running in and out? And the old woman sitting among the fragrant heaps, with the scarlet cloak and the two little toddlers at her feet? And yonder teeble, bent old man, with water-cans on his shoulder? Why, there are a hundred bits of green here, to say nothing of the background."

And Raymond took out his mill-boards and color-boxes, set up an impromptu easel and began diligently to paint.

Squire Durell's son looked on with an amused smile. To him, the machinery of the great hop farm was the real business of life. Artists and such like were merely pleasure-seekers, who disported themselves airily along the outskirts of creation.

"You'll find some very pretty faces here," said Durell, "if you care for sketching that sort of thing. People come here from all parts of the country in hop-picking time. Gypsies, tramps, respectable poor workers who don't object to turning an honest penny, young people who come here for the frolic of the thing, and poor old wretches who think that every season will be their last. It's healthy, the doctors say. At all events, it's profitable. In hop season there isn't a cottage, a farm-house garret, nor even a barn untenanted. There are tents, a white sprinkle of them, down in the meadow by the river, where people sleep at nights. You are staying in this part of the neighborhood? No? My father will be very glad to see you up at the house if you will honor us by becoming our guest tonight."

And raising his light straw hat Daniel Durell went his way, the beautiful, satin-skinned white horse following like a docile kitten at his heels.

"Hugh," he said, to a servant who had just come down with a hamper from the house, "take a cup of hot coffee and two or three of these white rolls, with my compliments to that gentleman in the linen coat yonder, is sketching under the trees. And Hugh!"

"Sir?"

"Did you carry the sardine sandwiches and the basket of apricots and the fresh milk to the young girl in black?"

The man nodded.

"She didn't want to take 'em, Mr. Daniel," said he. "She was all for calling me back. But I minded your order, sir, and made off as fast as I could, pretending not to hear."

Durell smiled. "That's right," said he. "And don't forget the cold meat and slices of brown bread for luncheon. He grows feebler and feebler every day, and there was nothing but the heel of a loaf and a black cheese rind in his dinner basket, for I saw it myself."

"It's all right, sir," said Hugh.

And then Durell, going up to the great house, shrewdly noting all the hop-pickers by the way, passed on and under the shadow of the vines, in the dolce far niente of the noon intermission, finally came into the great, cool room, where the scent of cheese-making filled the air, and the muslin curtains floated to and fro in the breeze.

The squire himself sat there, gouty, but cozy, in his red-flannel and cold cotton, with his crutch and a bottle of port at his elbow; forced hot-house peaches scented the atmosphere; a plate of devilled tongue, with curry sauce, supplied the fiery element, and delicate cutlets, breaded and fried in egg, were brought in, hot and savory. The old gentleman's face brightened at the sight of his son.

"It has seemed a long day without you, my boy," said he. "Sit down; sit down. Do you know, Daniel, I've been thinking all the morning that I wish you'd bring a wife home to the old place? She would be company for me when you are gone. Why don't you think of it, my lad?"

"I have been thinking of it, father," said the squire's son. "But what would you say, sir, if I were to marry a poor girl?"

The squire set down his glass of iced claret. Evidently this was a new view of matters.

"A poor girl, Daniel!"

"But a good girl, father, and as sweet and lovely as yonder half-opened rosebud. You will perhaps laugh at me," he added, "but I believe I have lost my heart to one of our hop-pickers."

"Daniel!"

"Her name is Mary Ravenel, sir; I never saw her before this season. She is picking hops with her aunt, or some elderly relative—a pale and fragile-looking girl, but as beautiful as a dream. And—I love her."

"The old squire nodded his head.

"I can trust you, my son," said he, "and whoever you choose to bring here will be as welcome as the flowers of May."

While all this time, the artist, strolling idly along to observe the various groups, came upon a pale-faced girl in black—a girl with large, melting, wine-brown eyes, straight, pure features, and tender, dark hair, overhanging her forehead like a mist of jet.

"Miss Ravenel!" he cried, in amazement.

"Yes," "Miss Ravenel," she smiled back. "You are astonished to see me here. But the doctor declared that hop-picking would be the very thing for me. So Aunt Verna brought me, and here we are. And I am really accomplishing wonders in the hop-picking line! Sit down here and eat some of these delicious hothouse grapes. They are sent to us daily by an unknown factor. That is," as Aunt Vera smiled meaningly, "not exactly unknown. It is Squire Durell's son. He will persist in sending all these delightful things, although I tell him, over and over, that I have no need of them. I believe he thinks I am a starving dressmaker, or something of the kind," with a blush and a smile. "But, oh, he is so good! And I like him so much! Now show us, please, what you have been sketching."

Mr. Durell came down, in the warm red glow of the summer sunset, to the willow-shaded reeds of the river where Miss Ravenel liked to sit when her day's work was done.

"I have brought you some of the rare orchids from the conservatory," said he. "You told me the other day that you liked flowers."

"I am so much obliged to you," said she, gratefully. "But, Mr. Durell, I have something to tell you."

"Stop a minute," he said. "I have something to tell you—that I love you—that I want to make you my wife. Dear Miss Ravenel, are you surprised at this? Have you not seen it growing out of my heart by degrees? My father is old and infirm, but he is ready to welcome you with all paternal love, and—"

"You really love me?" she cried, with wide-open eyes. "Me, a poor, pale little hop picker?"

"You, my queen and my ideal!"

"Then," she said, all smiles and blushes, "I think I ought to reward you by loving you a little. And I think I do, nay, I am quite certain of it."

"My darling! Oh, my darling!" he murmured.

"But wait, you have not heard what I am," she urged.

"You are Miss Ravenel, from Philadelphia."

"I am General Ravenel's daughter. I am here by the doctor's orders, not because I need the daily wages of a hop-picker. But you wont like me any the less, will you, for that?"

Mr. Durell stood amazed. Miss Ravenel, the Philadelphia beauty, the great heiress!

"We are stopping at the Clancliff Hotel," said she. "I have my phaeton and ponies there. I will drive up to the house to see your father, since he cannot come to me."

"But I thought you were poor girl, hiring one of these tents at so much a night," said Daniel, in perplexity.

"That's where you were mistaken," said Miss Ravenel, smiling. "But the hop-picking has done me a deal of good. Aun Verna says my cheeks are redder than they used to be; and I must be better, because—"

"Well?"

"Because I feel so happy," said Mary Ravenel, coloring like a rose.

And so Daniel Durell found his life's treasure out among the garlanded hop-poles.—N. Y. Ledger.

EXPRESSIONS OF THE EYE.

The Latest Imported Fad Is the Culture of Woman's Chosen Weapon.

Woman's weapon is her eye and the latest importation is a code for the manipulation of that organ. Within a certain range, says the Boston Transcript of recent date, the female of our species has an instinctive perception of the manner in which her optical apparatus should be employed upon her complementary creature in pantaloons, but science has reduced the subject to exact terms. Charts have been prepared—Washington girls are studying them—showing that the eye has 729 distinctive expressions, conveying as many different shades of meaning.

The proper thing to do is to procure one of these charts and reproduce with your own eyes the 729 expressions before a mirror. When you have mastered them all, try them on other people and see how they work. It is popularly imagined that the eyeball itself is an expressive thing, but, as a matter of fact, the ball of the eye has scarce any expression at all. That all depends upon the lids and brows. The upper lid does the intellectual; its position is regulated by the sort of thinking you are doing. The lower lid expresses, by its drawing up or otherwise, the senses. The eyebrows are emotional, and so on.

All this, however, is only the beginning. Certain it would appear that young ladies of the future, trained to make eyes on exact principles, will be much more seductive creatures than hitherto. But you must not be surprised if you find a Washington girl winking at you; it is ten to one that she is practicing the novel science of ocular expression.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The city of Hamburg has a surplus of $2,250,000.

"I sell cigars in seven languages" is a sign in Philadelphia.

Reading, Mich., has a girl 17 years old who has been married four years.

The census men have found three citizens of Taylor County, Fla., who own thirteen dogs each.

The people of Munich consume the enormous quantity of 485 quarts of beer per head per annum.

Schoharie, N. Y., according to the last census, has about 4000 less people than she had forty years ago.

A great cruiser named the Cecille, just launched in France, has a speed of nineteen and one-half knots.

At the present rate of consumption the white pine of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota will be exhausted in twenty years.

Severe quarantine regulations have been established at the port of New York in view of the yellow fever now raging in Havana.

At the marriage of Miss Kilmer to Mr. Butler at Rock City Falls the other evening the arriving guests drove through nine miles of Chinese lanterns.

Ham and Eggs or the Hog and the Hen is the name of a new publication in the interest of swine-breeders and poultrerers, which has made its appearance at Topeka.

Three locomotives have been shipped from this country to Palestine for the new railroad between Jaffa and Jerusalem. They are named Jaffa, Jerusalem and Ramleh.

Some practical but inartistic German has made up a compound of sugar and condensed milk and tea, from which a cup of tea can be had by simply pouring on boiling water.

A Scotch physician has discovered that playing on a bagpipe wears away the player's front teeth in four years. The effects on the people that hear the noise come sooner; their teeth are set on edge and their patience worn away in about four minutes.

Charlie Jackson, an eight-year-old lad of Marlboro, Mass., last week picked up a pocket-book containing $15,000 in gold certificates and checks. He found the owner, a sea-captain, soon after, and returning the pocket-book to him was handsomely rewarded.

The Baltimore American relates that a couple from Pocahontas, W. Va., who went to Cumberland, Md., to get married, were delayed 50 hours in having the ceremony performed, because the groom was not old enough by that number of hours to get a license.

Frank Hopkins of California, who has been visiting the Ottoman Empire, declares that the sale of women there has not been stopped and they carried on a little more privately. He quotes Circassian beauties at $2000 apiece and Nubian maidens at about $100 apiece.

Of the 3,321,000 people who crossed the Brooklyn bridge during the month of June 3,022,000 were carried in the cars. The most interesting feature of the Brooklyn bridge business report is, however, that they spent $2723 for "illegal expenses" and but $1000 for coal.

A big real estate deal at Newport is interesting the cottagers there. It is the place known as Finesterre, and the price paid is between $425,000 and $450,000. It was owned by the heirs of Gardner Brewer, a Boston merchant, and goes to the wife of H. M. Brooks of New York.

The most thoroughly disgusted man in Kansas is Dr. Burton, of Andover. He spent $12 and a large amount of work on the cultivation of Russian mulberry trees, and the one tree that survived developed into a healthy sycamore. The doctor has returned to his patients.

Near Memphis there are two brothers who closely resemble each other. "Hello, duplicate," remarked the younger to the elder, as they chanced to meet the other day. "Hello, counterfeit," replied the elder, and then they both helped to break an original package.—N. Y. Tribune.

An explorer who has been collecting specimens from the sea bottom and also watching the habits of marine animals says that artists are wrong in representing divers as walking upright, as his experience shows that it is necessary to walk with the body inclined forward at an angle of forty-five degrees.

Perhaps the most wonderful currant bush ever seen is owned by R. Lonnen of Mayville, N. J. He found the bush growing wild in the woods, brought it home and planted it by the side of the house. The bush has grown up the side of the building to the height of about 20 feet, and is about 7 feet wide, bearing currants as large as an ordinary cherry.

American naval officers who have adopted the cholera belt in the tropics find it so beneficial that they often retain it in all latitudes. It is simply a broad band of flannel worn night and day the year around tight about the waist, so as to protect the stomach from sudden changes in temperature. It is an excellent preventive of stomach disorders.

By the English law heirlooms are exempt from probate duty, so the Duke of Hamilton paid nothing on the treasures of his palace when he came into possession in 1885. But when he sold them they ceased to be heirlooms, it appears, and the Board of Inland Revenue has shocked his Grace with a sudden demand for £18,000, or 3 per cent on the £300,000 realized from the Hamilton palace sale.

An English woman resident in Syria reports the discovery near Beyroot of a bedstead made of gold and silver and inlaid with precious stones. An inscription upon it in English characters states that it belonged to Eleanor, Queen of England. The bedstead was discovered in a cave, and is supposed to have been placed there for security when Edward I left the East.

W. J. Ayers and his divorced wife were married in Chicago the other day. Their wedding-cards bore this startling and original line: "Whatever God joined together let not run put asunder." During their former wedded life Mr. Ayers became so dissipated that his wife could not live with him, so she got a divorce. Ayers reformed, and for a couple of years has been a Prohibition exhorter.

What St. Valentine Loves.

St. Valentine loves the beautiful curls
That nestle around her brow,
And the hazel eyes that laugh beneath
He loves, he will allow.

St. Valentine loves the cherry lips
That part in loving smiles,
And he loves the merry dimple, too,
That every one beguiles.

But most St. Valentine loves the pearls
That gleam beneath those lips.
'Tis SOZODONT that makes them fair
As the sails of the summer ships.

Gemmed With Pearls.

A mouth gemmed with pearls flashes radiance every time it opens. The contrast between the ruby of lovely lips and the pearly teeth they inclose has winged the fancy of many a poet. SOZODONT, fair ones, is the thing that most contributes to adorn the feminine mouth. It is pure, it is aromatic, it restores the natural color of teeth incrusted with yellow tartar. No gritty or other objectionable ingredient contaminates it. Its odor is balmy, and its purifying operation thorough.

GERMANY'S NEW RIFLE

Wonderful Penetration — Low Trajectory—Length of Range.

The German military authorities have again issued a new rifle to their entire active army. It was only in 1888, says the New York Tribune, that the German army was armed with magazine rifles, but owing to the discovery of a better and more powerful smokeless powder, the present rifle is a greatly altered one, and much more destructive. The rifle manufactories of Spandau, Dantzig and Erfurt have been busy at the manufacture for the last year and a half, and must have worked with great activity, for seldom has a large army been rearmed in so short a time. With regard to the Reserves and Landwehr, first levy, they will probably be armed by April 1, 1891.

The chief characteristics of this new rifle are: It is to be used as a repeating rifle, and not as a single loader; its bore is smaller than of any previous military rifle, being only three-quarters of an inch. Its range is 3000 yards, and it is actually sighted up to 2000, or nearly 1000 further than the old rifle (only two years old, however), in use in Germany. Its flatness of trajectory, penetrating power and certainty of aim are considerably increased, and its projectile, as well as its barrel and the separate parts of its lock, are quite different. The weight of its ammunition is slight, and the new smokeless powder has a much stronger driving power than that hitherto in use. This gives the bullet a velocity of 680 yards a second at twenty-seven yards from the muzzle.

To prevent the overheating of the barrel, consequent upon the rapid firing, the new rifle has received a barrel-case invented by Major Mieg, which is drawn over the barrel proper while in red-hot condition. The cartridges are packed in cases of five, which are constructed on the Mannlicher system.

The bullet itself is a new improved projectile. It consists of a steel-cased, nickel-plated, leaden bullet shaped like the section of a round lead-pencil, tapering to a fine point. With an elevation of 32 degrees the extreme range, 3000 yards, is reached, a range which is equal to a considerable field-artillery range.

From the musketry instructions that have been issued with the rifle, the following is laid down as the table of penetration, and is certainly extraordinary: It penetrates dry deal 32 inches at a distance of 110 yards; at 440 yards, similar wood 18 inches thick; at 880 yards, 10 inches; at 2000 yards, 2 inches; and at 330 yards, iron plates 7.25 of an inch thick. The depth the shot penetrates into newly thrown up sand amounts, at 110 yards, to about 36 inches; at 440 yards, 20 inches; at 880 yards, 14 inches, and at 2000 yards to 4 inches.

This new table of penetrations is bound to bring about a change in the prosaic bread and earth work regulations for the protection of infantry in action or field fortification. The first sight of this rifle is good up to 330 yards, and has its point-blank range, that is, the range at which the point sighted and struck coincide, at about 280 yards.

In the hands of thoroughly drilled and steady troops it may be used with effect within a range of 280 yards; up to 380 yards, every shot ought to hit a kneeling opponent; up to 550 yards, a kneeling file—that