THE SOCIAL WORLD.

A Brilliant Cluster of Weddings for the Near Future.

Parties to Take Place—Woodbridge Church Entertainment—Party on Stockton Street—Personal Notes.

With the gradual decline of the year social festivities are assuming a more formal aspect. September has been a delightful month—a breathing-space of mingled retrospection and anticipation. With Tennyson's maiden, society has been "standing with reluctant feet" on the dreamy borderland of reminiscence and possibility. Yet, as we stand and gaze, the distant possibility melts into a present issue, and we are floating from the brook to the river, soon to mingle in the tumultuous sea of winter's gayety. No more cultured delight exists than the exercise of hospitality; and the all-important destinies of our daughters and sons find no more wholesome atmosphere than that afforded by intelligent social intercourse. Fathers and mothers wisely rejoice in the social enthusiasm around them, nor do they themselves forget the obligations of "auld acquaintance" and the agreeable prospect of new friendships. Therefore is the latter end of the year, when rain-clouds gather and evenings grow long, peculiarly the season of home parties, although it will be some time yet before these become general. In the meantime there are numerous fashionable weddings, hall parties and other events which will make October a particularly interesting month.

The ladies of Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church will give a welcome greeting to the new pastor, Rev. Angelo Canoll, in the lecture-room and parlors of the church to-morrow evening.

Miss McPherson entertained a limited number of friends most agreeably last Friday.

The many friends of Lieutenant and Mrs. James H. Parker deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their lovely child.

The reception of the "Mummy Princess" at the Bohemian Club on Saturday was made the occasion of appropriate festivities.

A number of young gentlemen of the Western Addition have organized under the name of the Ivy Leaves. Their initial reception will take place at the residence of Mr. Westerfield on October 3d. A delightful time is promised.

One of the most delightful parties of the season was a garden party given last Friday evening by Miss Mamie Soule at her home, on Oak street, Oakland.

The Committee of Arrangements of the Friday Night Club request that immediate replies be forwarded in response to the circulars issued by them. Possibly a few circulars may be issued later. It has been decided to hold the regular meetings, and probably a Christmas ball pendre, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Prompt ness regarding the circulars already issued is particularly requested.

Engagement Notes.

The wedding of Rev. L. L. Wirt, Superintendent of the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society, and Miss Harriet Benton, niece of Rev. J. A. Benton, D.D., of the Pacific Theological Seminary, will take place at the Plymouth avenue Church, Oakland, Monday evening, October 6th.

Miss Anne Tallant, daughter of Mrs. D. J. Tallant, will be married to-morrow at noon to Mr. Austin C. Tubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tubbs at the residence of the bride's mother, on Bush street.

Miss Dora Baldwin and Lieutenant Frank Winn, U. S. A., are to be married at the Congregational Church on Tuesday evening, November 4th. The church ceremony is to be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Boardman, 1759 Franklin street.

The bridesmaids are to be Miss Susie Tompkins, Miss Maude Tubbs, Miss Helen Hager, Miss Sadie Mayhard, Miss Carolan and Miss Maude Forbes. The groomsman will be Lieutenant Mills, U. S. A. The ushers are to be army officers.

The engagement is formally announced of Mr. Norman Biddle and Miss Lizzie Ashe, eldest daughter of Mrs. Caroline Ashe and granddaughter of Admiral Farragut.

The marriage of Mr. Hugh Tevis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tevis, and Miss Alice Boalt, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. H. Boalt, will be solemnized in November.

The wedding of Mr. Pierson Durbrow and Miss Elizabeth Alice Dodge will take place next Thursday evening.

The wedding of Miss Marie Bucknall and Mr. James Appleton Maguire will take place in St. Luke's Church, on Van Ness avenue, at 8:30 o'clock, to-morrow evening. After the ceremony an informal reception will be held at the residence of the bride's parents, 1121 Laguna street, to which only relatives have been invited. Miss Helen Walker will be the maid of honor, and Miss Etta Cole and Miss Eleanor Wood will act as bridesmaids. Mr. George E. Maguire will assist the groom as best man, and the ushers will be Messrs. Frank Vail, Nicholas Kittle, W. Harvey Jordan and John O. Blanchard.

The engagement is announced of Miss Minnie Moore and Lieutenant William E. Sewell, U. S. N. Miss Moore is the daughter of Chief Engineer John Moore, U. S. N., in charge of the Engineering Department, Mare Island Navy-yard, and Lieutenant Sewell is in charge of the Navigation Department.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Barrett Prager and Mr. le Grand Cannon Tibbitts will take place at St. Paul's Church, Oakland, on Wednesday, October 8th, at noon.

The marriage of Miss Helen L. Keller, eldest of Judge Israel Lewton, and Mr. James Kelly of San Jose will take place next Wednesday.

The wedding of Miss Hattie Gage and Mr. Clarence M. Mann will take place at the residence of the bride's parents next Thursday evening.

The engagement of Miss Florence Desmond to Mr. T. B. Jackson of San Jose is announced.

The engagement is announced of Miss Moore, daughter of the great Western plow manufacturer, to Mr. William Dwight Wilson, son of Mr. Erastus Wilson of St. George, S. I.

Mr. Leonard W. Holbrook of Nevada City will be married to Amelia M. Aithens of Hollywood soon.

The engagement of Miss Lulu Hartman of this city and Mr. S. B. Goodman of Fresno is announced.

The engagement is announced of Mr. S. Meyrbach to Miss Miriam Goldstein. The wedding will be at home Sunday, October 5th, at 1019 Leavenworth street.

Miss Agnes Hanscom and Miss Harry Taylor were married in Marin Wednesday evening in Alameda.

To-morrow Mr. Harry B. George and Miss Anita Roberts will be united in marriage at the Bungalow Cottage, Beach Hill, Santa Cruz.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Hilton Welford, son of a prominent shipbuilder of Liverpool, England, to Miss Frances M. Heaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heaton, of this city.

Free Masons at Del Monte.

A party of Free Masons from San Francisco organized a pleasant excursion to the Hotel del Monte on Saturday, returning last night and this morning.

During the afternoon of Saturday Brandt's Orchestra entertained the guests in the parlors with choice selections and in the evening a hop was enjoyed till midnight. Yesterday was devoted to exploring the neighborhood and the party was generally delighted with their visit.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whittier, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McAtee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyers, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. George de Golia, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Blake, Mr. L. S. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderslice, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Stodmuller, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. M. Russell, Miss Russell, Miss Boss, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Backus, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Dr. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. F. Veen, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spaulding, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bunker, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baldwin, Mr. W. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. General Wall, the Misses Wall, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. C. Hobbs, the Misses Chalmers, Mr. John Hopst, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wells, the Misses Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gloss, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Field, Mrs. L. Muir, the Misses Hammond, Mr. R. T. Kimball, Mr. A. Powell, the Misses Powell, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Reardan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crim, Mrs. Crim, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sadler, Miss Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Kron, Mr. H. F. Kron, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Fox, Miss Fox, Major and Mrs. V. D. du Boise, Mr. L. E. Spear, Mr. W. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Eisner, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wright, Miss Osborn, Mr. L. Osborn, Mr. C. W. Coburn.

A Church Entertainment.

A pleasant gathering took place Friday evening in the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church, the occasion being that of an entertainment in aid of the fund for carpeting the Sunday-school room, in which the entertainment was held.

The exercises were presided over by the Superintendent of the school, Mr. James Graham, the programme presented being as follows: Solo, Miss Irene Delaney of the infant class, with chorus by the rest of the class; vocal duet, "Low and Sweet," Miss Kittie Dobbins and Miss Bertie Lloyd; reading, "The Gossips," Miss Lily Heuer; recitation, Miss Pearl Spencer; piano solo, Miss Fannie Ager; recitation, "Dick's Custard," Mr. Gustav Heuer; flute solo, Mr. Edgar Brown; vocal solo, "The Heart Bowed Down," Miss Belle Hill; recitation, Miss Annie Dewoody; dialogue, "The Arithmetic Lesson," Miss Mary Brookes' class; piano solo, Miss Emma Ager; recitation, Miss Annie Wall; piano duet, Miss Ella Nisbit and Miss Gertie Brown.

During the intermission which followed the flute solo, ice-cream and cake were distributed and some time was spent in social intercourse, the presence of the genial pastor, Rev. H. H. Dobbins, adding materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

The San Rafael Operetta.

A delightful entertainment was given on Friday evening at the San Rafael Opera House. It was given for the benefit of the San Rafael Free Library and was eminently successful. The following amusing programme was sendered: Overture, Suppee, "Il Jacobi, or the Poisoned Peanut," an opera tragadi, scene laid in Petaluma, time, nineteenth century, libretto in a furrin tongue. Il Jacobi (a retired bootblack), Sanford Bennett; Lucy Ann (the maid of his choice), Mrs. Martin Schultz; Sophronia (a young lady with furtune, feeling and stove clothes), Miss Sadie Tibbey. Intermission. Operetta of "Penelope; or, the Milkman's Bride." Pitcher (a policeman who knows his business and attends to it faithfully), Thomas J. Duffy; Tosser (a full private, a very full private, after dinner), Sanford Bennett; Penelope (a maiden fair to see), Miss Sadie Tibbey; Mrs. Croaker (a model mistress), Mrs. Martin Schultz; Charles (a milkman with the milk of human kindness), C. Clark. Accompanist, Mr. Martin Schultz of San Francisco.

The Ford-Brophy Wedding.

Mr. James M. Ford, a brother of School Director Ford, and Miss Nonie E. Brophy, eldest daughter of Mr. John T. Brophy of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. Father Smith at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Tenth street. A brother of the groom was best man and a sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid. After the nuptial mass a bright reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, followed by a sumptuous breakfast. The happy pair will reside on Tenth street when they return from their bridal trip in the south. Their wedding gifts were handsome and included: $1000 check, Mr. John T. Brophy; $500 check, Mr. T. J. Ford; $500 check, Mr. William B. Ford; diamond set, present of the groom.

An Anniversary on Sixth Street.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Kreutzfeldt were tendered a serenade at their residence, 568 Sixth street, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of their marriage. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. D. Jagels, Mr. and Mrs. Max Schnuttenhaus, Mrs. Kreutzfeldt, Mrs. J. Brunji, Mr. William Reeck Jr., Mr. J. Bock, Mr. John Koster, Miss E. Brunji, Mr. William McVey, Miss K. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wulff, Mr. D. Jagels Jr., Mr. C. Jagels, Miss J. Davison, Mr. Charles Stearns, Miss John Kroger, Miss Louis Bottasaina, Mr. Pedro Dittmar, Mr. W. C. McBain, Mr. F. Robinson, Mr. M. Rohrbacher, Mr. J. Jenken, Mr. L. Dods, Mr. J. Brunji, Mr. J. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller, Mr. J. Berghoff, Mr. L. Lierman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hanson and Mr. H. C. Senram.

The Fairmount Lodge Entertainment.

The third lemonade social and entertainment of Fairmount Lodge, No. 108, Knights of Pythias, took place on Friday evening at Excelsior Hall, 2319 Mission street. The lodge is in excellent hands, and its socials are well worth attending. On this occasion there was a good contingent of friends present.

The following programme was pleasingly rendered: Remarks, Mr. K. Board; piano solo, Master Raymond Wood; recitation, Miss Smith; banjo solo, Messrs. Reed and Roche; piano duet, Mrs. Calderwood and Miss Hammond; recitation, Mr. F. E. Webb; recitation, Miss Paulsen. Dancing, varied with the service of pleasant refreshments, was afterward indulged in till a late hour.

The officers of the lodge are: G. I. Drew, P. C.; A. Smith, C. C.; W. K. Board, V. C.; F. C. Collin, K. of R. and S.; J. E. Parmelee, M. of E.; M. W. McMillan, P.; G. E. Lindemann, M. at A.; I. F. Hurlbut, I. G.; John O'Donnell, O. G. The committees on the evening were composed as follows: Arrangement Committee—W. K. Board, Chairman; G. E. Lindemann, J. E. Parmelee, E. E. Parmelee, M. W. McMillan; Floor Committee—G. E. Lindemann, S. Calderwood, E. E. Parmelee.

Party on Stockton Street.

Last Thursday being the anniversary of Mr. James Kitterman's birthday, his friends celebrated the occasion in an enjoyable manner by tendering him a surprise party at his home, 1316 Stockton street. The evening was made pleasant with games, recitations and dancing. At 12 o'clock the guests sat down to a sumptuous supper. The parlors were richly decorated with flowers, whose fragrance and beauty were in pleasing accord with the innocent gayety that prevailed. The guests departed full of pleasure. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Kitterman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duddy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duddy, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith, Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. M. Smith, Miss Maggie Glover, Miss Minnie Kitterman, Miss Lizzie Gorman, Miss Minnie Glover, Miss Cora Fisk, Miss Gerty Smith, Miss Susie Smith, Mrs. May Duddy, Mr. J. Olympia, Mr. A. Silvey, Mr. George Glover, Mr. C. Dryer, Mr. George Kitterman, Mr. C. Glover, Mr. Wessell, Mr. D. Daily, Mr. E. Cook, Mr. E. Smith, Masters James and Ed Kitterman, Mr. Billings, Mr. John Dryer.

The Mauzy Musicale.

A large audience enjoyed the following programme at Byron Mauzy's warerooms last Thursday evening, given under the direction of Mr. W. J. Bachelder: Ladies' quartet, "Russian Medley" (Rees), Miss Mellie Chase, the Misses Sedgley, Mrs. Bachelder; tarytone solo, "Ye Gallants of England" (Gatty), Mr. Meyer Cohn; cello solo, "Russian Fantasie" (Kummer), Dr. A. Regensburger; contralto solo, "Caricinogie" (Donizetti), Miss Leckie Sedgley; soprano solo, "Should He Upbraid" (Bishop), Miss Mellie Chase; baryt one solo, "Garden of Sleep" (De Lara), Dr. A. Regensberger; contralto solo, "Expectancy" (Buck), Mrs. Olive Reed Bachelder; duet, soprano and alto, "O Wert Thou in the Cold Blast" (Mendelssohn), the Misses Sedgley; soprano solo, "Thou Art Like Unto a Flower" (Rubinstein), Miss Phoenie Sedgley; ladies' quartet, "O Tell It Her" (Rees), Miss Mellie Chase, the Misses Sedgley, Mrs. Bachelder.

Parties to Take Place.

The Beulah Club will entertain on Friday evening next at Mission Music Hall, on the corner of Howard and Twenty-first streets.

The Oleta Club have issued handsome invitations for their fifth anniversary souvenir ball, to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 18th prox.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 1 will give an ice-cream social at Union-square Hall on Thursday evening, October 9th.

The Alcazar Dramatic Club, which was recently thoroughly reorganized, is rehearsing the comedy of "Our Boys" for production in November. It will be for the benefit of St. Bridget's Parochial School, and the club's best talent is being selected for the occasion.

The October programme for the entertainment of the Native Sons of Vermont, to be given at Odd Fellows' Hall Friday evening, October 10th, is likely to prove an interesting one. Nine young ladies in Grecian costume will illustrate the "Dio Lewis System" for the first time in this city.

Phœnix Council, No. 730, American Legion of Honor, will give an entertainment and social at Washington Hall, 35 Eddy street, Wednesday evening, October 15th.

A dramatic and musical entertainment will be given at St. Peter's Hall, on Columbia street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth, next Thursday and Friday evenings.

The second anniversary souvenir ball of the National Club will be held on Saturday evening, October 18th, at B'nia B'rith Hall.

Young Ladies' Institute, No. 2, will hold their third annual reception Tuesday evening, October 1st, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Nyaya Club will give their fifth anniversary party at Mission Opera Hall, October 17th.

The Pigs in Clover Club has issued invitations for its eighth party, to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday next.

A new and select club entitled the "Buffaloes" has been organized among a number of recent visitors to Santa Cruz. They will give their first invitation hop at Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening next.

The County Monaghan Social and Benevolent Club has issued invitations for its sixteenth annual ball, to be held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1252, K. and L. of H., will give another of their evenings at home on Wednesday evening next at Union-square Hall, 421 Post street. The change of locale is to be noted.

Unity Social Club will hold its twelfth annual Simchats Torah ball at Odd Fellows' Hall Sunday evening next.

A calico social will be given by James A. Garfield Corps, No. 21, W. R. C., at Pioneer Hall to-morrow evening.

The first entertainment and necktie party of Bickerdike Camp, No. 2, Daughters of Veterans, will be given at Ruby Hall, Red Men's Building, to-morrow evening.

A social and literary entertainment will be given by San Francisco Council, No. 182, Order Chosen Friends, at Washington Hall, 35 Eddy street, to-morrow evening.

The Minuet Club will give their sixth monthly hop at Irving Hall to-morrow evening.

Court Defiance, No. 7540, A. O. F. of A., will give their third anniversary ball at B'nai B'rith Hall on Wednesday evening next.

The Del Montes have issued invitations for their eleventh hop, to be given at Odd Fellows' Hall on October 7th. Special preparations are being made for the event.

The pupils of Anderson Academy will give a party next Saturday evening at their hall, corner of Seventeenth and Noe streets.

The third party of the popular Peerless Club will take place Tuesday evening, October 14th, at Union-square Hall.

The pupils of Hinman's Branch Academy will give their second anniversary party on Monday evening next at Mission Music Hall. Some special tableaux are promised.

La Grippe Club will give their second party an Union-square Hall on Friday evening, October 10th, instead of the 16th.

Irvine's dancing classes will give their monthly social next Saturday evening at Mission Opera Hall.

The second annual entertainment and social of the Orlando Literary and Social Club will take place Friday evening, November 7th. The one-act farce entitled "Sarah's Young Man" will be produced with the following ladies and gentlemen in the cast: Messrs. M. G. Jonas, B. Kahn, B. Livingston, and the Misses Carrie Jacobs, Sue Solomon and Blanche Lavison. Dancing will follow.

Society Personals.

Miss Annie Shearer, daughter of Dr. Shearer of Santa Rosa, is the guest of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Gibson.

Owing to a recent severe illness Miss Adele Bagley has gone to San Diego, accompanied by her father, Mr. D. B. Bagley of the Bank of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Willis have returned to this city for the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. John Ross Russell left San Francisco Thursday evening for their future home in Detroit. Mrs. Russell will be greatly missed in this the home of her childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Paige, Mr. Cutler Paige and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Monteagle have returned to San Francisco from Bilthedale.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Tallant have returned from Santa Cruz, and are at the Occidental Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Harrison of Baltimore are passing a few weeks at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Grant, who have been spending the summer season at their cottage in San Rafael, will return to their Bush-street residence about the first week in October.

Lieutenant John L. Schon, Fourth Infantry, U. S. A., has been granted two months' leave of absence, commencing November 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Harrison have left for a six weeks' visit to the Eastern States.

Mrs. Hathaway and the Misses Hathaway of Sycamore Park are at a downtown hotel, and will receive on Mondays in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph B. Spence, Miss Arcadia Spence and Miss Ada Sullivan have been passing the week at the San Felipe Ranch.

General and Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., Miss Cecilia Miles, Miss Sherman, Miss Hoyt, Captain Eli L. Huggins, U. S. A., Lieutenant Charles B. Gatewood, U. S. A., and Lieutenant Marion P. Maus, U. S. A., arrived in Chicago on September 20th, after their trip through the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Simpkins and Miss Alice Simpkins have returned from Monterey.

Mrs. A. M. Parrott and maid and Mr. and Mrs. C. de Guigne and family have gone to the Hotel del Monte, where they expect to remain about a month or six weeks.

Mrs. William M. Stewart left Reno, Nev., a week ago for Washington, D. C.

Mrs. M. L. Clawson, Mrs. J. M. Allen, Miss Gertrude Allen and Miss Minnie Shoebridge of Salt Lake City are visiting this city and are at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Walkington will occupy their apartments at the Palace Hotel next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roesch have removed to their new and beautiful residence, 2513 Howard street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second. Formerly owned and occupied by Mrs. Eva Speckels.

Miss Mamie Leisen has returned to the city from an extended visit to Mrs. Dr. Brink of Soquel.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Jackson (nee Adams) have returned from their wedding tour and are at their residence in Oakland.

Miss Maud Hollingsworth of Oakland is visiting Miss Bowen at Santa Cruz. Miss Nellie Hollingsworth is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Co-mo Morgan has given up her Eastern trip.

Miss Susie Russell has returned to Sacramento from Bolinas, where she has been spending the summer.

Colonel and Mrs. W. R. Smedberg and Miss Nellie Smedberg will return from the East in about a month.

Miss Cora Cadue is passing a couple of weeks at the Hotel Vendome in San Jose.

Mme. Crabbe and Miss Louise Crabbe have returned to the city after a prolonged visit to San Rafael.

Mrs. A. S. Levy of Christchurch, New Zealand, en route for Europe, is paying a visit for a couple of months to her brother, Mr. Isidor Schwartz, of 704 Van Ness avenue.

Misses Ida M. and Marguerite Hiester have returned from their visit to their friend, Miss Kate Hyland of "The Old Cabin Home," Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Frank will leave for the East about the middle of October, and will be accompanied by Miss May E. Pope and Miss Edith Taylor, who will remain away about three months.

Miss Annie Ferguson has returned to her home in Fresno after a pleasant visit here and at Santa Rosa.

Miss Lena Binding has returned from a visit to Mrs. William B. Collier at Clear Lake, and is now at San Rafael.

Miss Bessie Shreve has been enjoying a visit at Monterey.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Badlam, Miss Maude Badlam, Miss Maude Perry, Mr. A. U. Badlam and a few other friends left on Friday for Weir, "Arcady," the beautiful summer home of Mr. Badlam, which is picturesquely situated in the mountains back of St. Helena.

Major and Mrs. Benjamin Woodworth will return to Fresno on Sunday, after passing three months here at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mrs. Jeremiah Clarke and Miss Lottie Clarke have been paying a visit to Lieutenant and Mrs. C. G. Lyman, U. S. A., at Fort Bowie, Ariz., while en route to New York.

ARMY NEWS.

Presidio Gossip—Battery Practice—To-Morrow's Review.

The Presidio and its surroundings presented a lonesome appearance yesterday, as the soldier boys took advantage of their weekly holiday to come into town and the citizen element was deterred from visiting the post on account of the evident approach of a rainstorm. The gentlemen of brass buttons who happened to be around have not yet got over their homesickness, and while the artillery still regret their parting from New York friends, the cavalry, strange as it may seem, sigh for the sandy plains of Arizona and New Mexico. The moist breezes of the Golden Gate are to blame for much of the lingering trouble, as there are but few of the men who are not sufferers from colds and kindred ailments.

Battery practice with the heavy guns and mortars has been going on all of the week with most gratifying results. So far each of the four batteries stationed here has fired twelve shots, and the targets have been repeatedly demolished. This has been the case repeatedly when the mortars have been fired, as shells falling within twenty-five feet of the target work its complete destruction. The artillery practice begins at 8 o'clock each morning, and is a very interesting sight.

The cavalry have mounted drills every morning from 9:45 to 11:15 o'clock, but artillery drills have been abandoned since battery practice began.

To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock the regular monthly muster and inspection of the garrison will be held, and the interesting ceremony of a review will take place, in which the artillery, light artillery and cavalry will participate. Lieutenant Colonel Graham will be the reviewing officer.

FULL-DRESS SUITS FOR HIRE, suitable for balls, parties, weddings or receptions, on reasonable terms, at Original Misfit Clothing Parlors, northwest corner Post and Dupont streets.

An Indian woman refused to cook a meal for her man last Tuesday, when he picked up a scythe handle and beat her so badly that she cannot live. If some Indians had not interfered he would have killed the woman, but they dragged him to jail at Ovilla, Wash., to wait for the result of the brutal beating.

The Jealous Flowers.

"I am sad," said the Rose,
And the Violet said,
"Bring the frost, bring the snows,
I would I were dead."

"Sweet belles of the garden,
I worship ye both.
Why, Violet, murmur?
Why, Rose, art thou wroth?"

Then the irate flowers whispered
"The cause, do you see?
Is that SOZODONT'S fragrance
Is sweeter than we."

Breezes in the Spice Islands

Are not laden with more fragrance than a breath rendered pure and aromatic with SOZODONT, which restores whiteness to yellow teeth and soundness to defective ones. Neither man nor woman can hope to carry any point by the force of persuasion, with a mouthful of unclean, discolored teeth and an unpleasant breath. SOZODONT remedies both these repulsive physical traits, and is pre-eminently healthful as well as effective.

GROWING OLD.

OH, I am not old, though my years may be many,
And time has left frost on my hair;
Each winter adds more, but I care not a penny,
My heart feels no frostiness there.

Oh, I am not old, though the shadows grow longer,
The bright sun before me I see:
With shadows behind me, my faith will grow stronger,
My heart knows no thrall, it is free,

Oh, I am not old, although time has been etching
With many a line on my face.
'Tis strange that no beauty is found in his sketching;
I am glad that my heart has no trace.

I feel I am young, though the letters grow dimmer
When reading the story of old;
They may fade quite away and leave but a glimmer,
My heart shows me letters of gold.

I can not be old while my young heart is bounding
And throbbing with kindness and love;
The years will drop off when my last call is sounding,
And no one grows old up above.

—E. C. R. in Inter Ocean.

MARRIED AT SIGHT.

WE HAD been upon the Mediterranean station for about a year when our commander ordered the ship to head for Marseilles.

I was then a young midshipman, and enjoyed the leave on shore in a foreign port with boyish delight. There were six in our mess, and we managed to get shore leave so as to be together when it was possible to do so. This was the case one fine Sunday in the month of December, as mild and summer-like in the south of France as a New England May day.

The singular experience of one of our number I have often told since about the mess table or campfire, but have never put it into print.

We were strolling on the square known as Le Cours St. Louis, a sort of permanent flower market, where the women sit enthroned in tent-like stalls of wood, encircled by their bright, beautiful and fragrant wares, while the manner of arranging the stalls, so that the vender sits raised some six feet in the air, gave a novel effect to the scene.

While we were idling away the hour in Le Cours St. Louis, with these roguish and pretty flower venders, we were all thrown into a state of amazement and curiosity by the appearance of a young girl of about 17, who rushed among us with a startling speed, and who, hardly pausing to regain her breath, said in excellent English:

"You are Americans, and, I trust, gentlemen. Is there one among you who will marry me?"

"We will all marry you," was the instant response, accompanied by hearty laughter.

"Ah, you are in sport, but I am in earnest. Who will marry me?"

The second time there was no joke after all. The girl was positively in earnest and looked at one and all of us as coolly, yet earnestly, as possible.

"Here, Harry," said one, who was rather a leader among us and addressing Harry, "You want a wife," and he gave our comrade a slight push toward the girl.

For some singular reason Harry took the matter much more in earnest than the rest of us and regarded the new-comer with a most searching but respectful glance. Approaching her he said:

"I do not know exactly what you mean, but I can understand by your expression of face that you are quite in earnest. Will you take my arm and let us walk to one side?"

"Yes, but I have no time to lose." And taking his arm they walked away together.

We looked upon the affair as some well-prepared joke, but were a little annoyed at the non-appearance of Harry at our rendezvous on the quay. Our leave expired at sunset, and we dared not wait for him, as Captain D—— was a thorough disciplinarian, and we did not care to provoke him and thus endanger our next Sunday's leave.

On board we went, therefore, leaving Harry on shore. When we reported, the question was, of course, asked, where Midshipman B—— was, to which query we could return no proper answer, as we really did not know. He knew perfectly well that we must all be at the boat-landing just before sunset.

Harry did not make his appearance until the next day at noon, when he pulled to the ship in a shore boat, and, coming on board, reported at once to the captain, who stood upon the quarter-deck, and asked the privilege of a private interview.

The circumstances connected with the absence of Harry were very peculiar, and as he was one of the most correct fellows on board, he was granted by the captain, who retired to his cabin, followed by the delinquent. After remaining with the commander for nearly an hour he came out and joined us.

"What is the upshot of it, Harry?" we asked.

"Well, lads, I'm married—that's all."

"Married?" asked the mess, in one voice.

"Tied for life!" was the answer.

"Hard and fast?"

"Irrevocably."

"To that little craft you scudded away with?"

"Exactly. As good and pure a girl as ever lived," said Harry, earnestly.

"W-h-e-w!" whispered one and all.

"How did old Neptune let you off?" we all eagerly inquired—that being the name the captain went by on board.

"He is hard on me," said Harry, seriously. "What do you think he demands, lads?"

"Can't say; what is it?"

"If I don't resign he will send me home in disgrace. That's his ultimatum."

"W-h-e-w!" again from all hands.

Harry told us his story in a desultory manner, interrupted by many questions and ejaculations, but which we will put into a simpler form for the convenience of the reader.

Julie Meurice was the orphan child of a merchant, who had been of high standing during his life, and who left a handsome fortune to endow his daughter on her wedding day, or, if not married before, she was to receive the property on coming to the age of 20 years. Her mother had died in her infancy, and her father, when she was 10 years of age, placed her in a convent to be educated, where she remained until his death, which occured nearly six months previous to the period of our sketch.

After his death Julie became the ward of her uncle, by the t-nor of her father's will, and the period of her educational course having just closed at the convent. Hubert Meurice, the uncle, brought her home to his family from that place. Mourice, it appears, was a scheming, calculating woman, and knowing that Julie would be an heiress, she tried every way to promote her intimacy with her own son, who was an uncouth and ignorant youth of 18 years, without one attractive point in his character.

Hubert Meurice, the uncle of Julie, was a sea captain, whose calling carried him much away from his home. During his absence his wife treated Julie with the utmost tyranny, even keeping her locked up in her room for days together, telling her that when she would consent to marry her son Hubert she would release her and do all she could to make her happy. But to this Julie could not consent. Imprisonment even was preferable to accepting her awkward and repulsive cousin.

One day she overheard a conversation between her aunt and her hopeful son, wherein the mystery of her treatment was solved.

The boy asked his mother what was the use of bothering and importuning Julie so.

"If she doesn't want to marry me, mother, drop the matter. I like Julie, and she would make me a nice little wife, but I don't want her against her will."

"You are a fool," said the mother. "You know nothing about the matter. Her father's will endows her with a fortune at her marriage, even if it be at 17, just her present age. At 20 she receives the fortune at any rate. Now, don't you see, if you marry her we are all fixed for life?"

"Does Julie know about the money?" he asked.

"No, of course not."

"It's a little sharp on her," said the boy.

"I'm looking out for you," said the mother.

"Just so," mused the hopeful.

"I am resolved that she shall marry you, and that is why I keep her locked up, so that she may not see some one she would like better. Your father is expected home next week. I want you to be married before he returns. He approves of it, but is a little too delicate about pressing matters so quickly. I know that no time is like the present time, so I have been making arrangements to bring this about immediately. I have got a Protestant clergyman who will perform the ceremony first, and then you can be married at any time afterward in the Catholic church, to make it valid on her side, for her father was a Catholic."

This was enough for Julie. She understood the situation fully now, and saw that her aunt would hesitate at nothing. The poor child feared her beyond description, and had yielded to her in everything save this one purpose of her marriage with Hubert.

Julie was a very gentle girl—one upon whom her aunt could impose with impunity. She had no idea of asserting her rights, much less of standing up for them. But she was thoroughly frightened now, and resolved to escape at any cost from the tyranny which bound her. No fate could be worse, she thought, than to be compelled to marry that coarse, vulgar and repulsive creature.

The next day after Julie had heard this information was Sunday, the gayest day of the week in Marseilles, and, fortunately, Julie succeeded in making her escape from her aunt's house. Still undecided where to go, and in her desperation fearing that at any moment she might be seized and carried back, she had wandered into the flower-market, where she came upon us, already described.

As she explained to Harry afterward, she was intent only upon escape, and believed this to be her last chance. When she saw a half-dozen young Americans, who seemed perfectly respectable, the idea that positive safety lay only in marriage dawned upon her, and she actually ran toward us, as we have related, the moment the thought developed itself.

Harry became more and more impressed with Julie's story as they walked along, while he was delighted by her innocent beauty and manifest refinement. It was all like a dream, almost too romantic for truth. Our "fate" sometimes comes to us in this singular fashion, he thought. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune"' Suddenly he turned to her and said:

"Dare you trust me with your happiness?"

She looked at him thoughtfully with her soft, pleading eyes. Her brain was very busy; she remembered what awaited her at home, what had driven her thence, and then, in reply to his sober question, she put both of her hands into his with childlike trust.

They wandered on. Julie had always plenty of money in her purse, and they strolled into a little chapel on their way, where they found a young clergyman, who could not resist their request to marry them, backed by ten golden napoleons, and so, though reluctantly and advising proper delay, he performed the marriage ceremony, aided by the sexton and his wife, who each received a napoleon.

As an inducement, Harry had also told the clergyman that he was just going to sea, and that he must be married before he sailed, that not even an hour was to be lost.

"Perhaps I am saving the girl's honor," said the young clergyman, as he finally consented.

Julie came out of the chapel the wife of Harry B—, who went with her to the Hotel du Louvre. From here he sent a pressing note to the American Consul, who came to him early the next morning, and by the earnest persuasion of Harry the consul agreed to take the young wife to his own house until matters should be settled as it regarded their future course. In the consul's house Julie found a pleasant and safe retreat for the time being.

Whatever might be said with regard to the propriety of the young folks' conduct, it could not be undone. They were irrevocably united as husband and wife. Harry was forced, however, to resign his commission. By the aid of the consul Julie's rights in relation to her fortune under her father's will were fully realized, and she came almost immediately with her young husband to America.

Harry B—, by means of proper influence, once more entered the navy, the second time as Lieutenant, and now wears a Captain's epaulets.—Boston Globe.

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Preliminaries for the October Reunion. The Committees.

The General Committee in charge of the twenty-first annual picnic and reunion of Division No. 2, A. O. H., to be held at Shell Mound Park October 16th, met at Irish-American Hall yesterday afternoon, John J. Meehan presiding, and appointed the following committees:

Music Committee—M. C. Gorham, Richard Keegan and Lawrence Boyle; Prize Committee—Thomas B. Cusick, John Kenny, Captain P. J. Meehan, P. Madden, Dr. W. D. McCarthy, Dr. J. J. Quigley, D. Smith, John de Courcey, Peter F. Dillon, Andrew Mahoney, Jerry Kelleher, M. J. Flaherty, Thomas Tierney, Owen McEnaney, James Madden, John D. Murphy, Bernard Wynne, M. Fitzgerald, Charles Dillon, Peter O'Brien, Bernard Reynolds, Charles Jones, Dr. P. J. O'Neill, Patrick Lydon, James M. Daley, Patrick McGrath, Richard Keegan, Daniel Sheehan, Thomas Higgins, Con Daley, James Sullivan, John Collins, James Connolly, Bartley Lee, Terrence J. Clancey, Frank Monahan, Bryan Cassidy, William Dolly, Samuel McFadden, William Doyle, John J. Mahoney, John Ryan, M. F. Donleavy, John Kenny and Richard Keegan.

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