THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Some of the Bright Happenings of the Opening Season.

Engagement Announcements—Novelty in an Oakland Cotillon—Abbott Reception.

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The gay time is opening well and the prospect lies fair before us. Several fashionable weddings loom on the horizon and dances and fetes innumerable wait in store. Never have our daughters seemed brighter or the men more enthusiastic, and, clearly, in the coming by-and-by there will be numerous engagements to announce, born of the merry season of 1890-91.

The ladies of the Semper Fidelis Society of Calvary Presbyterian Church have a great treat in store for the public. They have been corresponding with Mr. Edward Fabian, the distinguished elocutionist and basso of New York, with the result that he is to appear in a special "concert and evening of humorous and serious readings" at the church in this city on Thursday evening, the 20th inst.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at St. John's Church on last Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. A. J. Raken, formerly of this city, but now residing at Riverside, and Miss Georgie Pierce. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Connelly. Only the parents and relatives of the happy pair were present. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Southern California.

There is some talk of a base-ball match between the Bohemian Club of this city and the Athenian Club of Oakland, the proceeds be devoted to some deserving charity.

The Women's Educational and Industrial Union have decided to call their entertainment promised for December "A Musical Fete." It will include characteristic songs and dances of many lands. It is rumored that many novel and original features are in course of preparation. Among the national scenes to be represented are a German "Kirmess," "Venitian Serenade," "Minuet de la Cœur," and Swedish wedding of the seventeenth century, with appropriate music, stage-setting and costumes. There will also be a grand finale, the nature of which has not yet been made public.

Mrs. Frank Dexter will give a house party at her Saratoga residence, "La Cantera," during the Thanksgiving holidays.

A most delightful musicale was given by Senor Molera last week in honor of Senor Echeguren and his family.

Sir Thomas and Lady Hesketh, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sharon have arrived in this city. Before their departure from New York they were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Janin at their Thirty-fifth-street residence.

Simpson Lyceum will give its regular monthly entertainment in the parlors of Simpson Memorial Church this evening. A choice literary and musical programme has been prepared, including a lecture on "Hash," by Hon. George T. Bromley.

Engagement Notes.

An interesting wedding will take place next Thursday, the principals being Miss Anita I. Boole and Mr. John Dempster McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. McKee, the former being the only surviving partner of Tallants Bank in this city. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride in Ross Valley, Marin County.

The event of the week in society will be the wedding of Miss Dora Boardman and Lieutenant Frank L. Winn, U. S. A., at the First Congregational Church next Wednesday evening. It will be followed by a reception at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Boardman, 1750 Franklin street. The distinguished personnel of the bridal party has already been given in these columns.

At Grace Church on Saturday evening, the 15th inst., Miss Alice Boalt, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. H. Boalt, will be married to Mr. Hugh Tevis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tevis. Miss Butler of Philadelphia and Miss Chabot of Oakland will be the bridesmaids, and Mr. Lansing Kneeland will be best man. There will be four ushers, Mr. A. H. Small, Mr. Perry Eyre, Mr. Edward McAfee and Mr. Will Sherwood. A reception will follow the ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents, on Haight street, to which only relatives and a few intimate friends will be invited.

The engagement of Mr. James L. Tucker and Miss May Bourn is announced. Miss Bourn is a sister of Mr. W. B. Bourn, the well-known mining capitalist. Miss Bourn is well known in local society, where she is very popular. Mr. Tucker is a son of Hon. Beverly Tucker of national reputation. He is now Assistant Appraiser in this city.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lily Hathaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hathaway, to Mr. William C. Tait of this city.

The marriage of Mr. N. P. Conrey, the well-known young attorney, and Miss Winnie Wells, daughter of Rev. A. J. Wells, both of Los Angeles, will occur this month. Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Mr. W. T. Adams of Utah and Miss Corinne Damon of Napa. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, the 8th inst.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Brod and Mr. M. S. Abrams, both o this city.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lizzie Hyams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hyams, to Mr. Benjamin Scharff. The will receive Sunday, November 9th, at the residence, 1215 Octavia street.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Leander Dabney, formerly of this city, and now of Montana, to Miss Laura Hellyer of San Jose.

The engagement of Miss Estelle Johnson and Mr. Felder Brown, son of Mr. R. R. Brown, both of Los Angeles, is announced.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Elvon E. Leighton of Oakland and Miss Sunnie F. Stocker of Los Gatos.

The engagement is announced of Miss Clara L. Smith, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers of this city, and a popular and prepossessing young lady, to the Rev. H. C. Minton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of San Jose.

The Abbott Reception.

On last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. William Abbott of 311 Haight street entertained at their home the members of the Central M. E. Sunday-school Board and a few friends.

A pleasant feature of the evening was a quotation given by each guest. Games, songs and social chat made the hours pass only too quickly, and, after a bounteous repast, the guests departed about midnight.

Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Case, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Bovard, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Crary, Mr. and Mrs. Rolla V. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Longworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Emmal, Mr. and Mrs. James Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Case, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sundberg, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moscrop, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Weigel, Mrs. Lizzie J. Watt, Mrs. Caroline Heath, Mrs. A. Hillman, Mrs. L. Wood, Mrs. Henry Z. Jones, the Misses Alice and Mattie A. Heath, Miss Blanche Flagler, Miss Maggie Stewart, the Misses Susie and Stella Burton, the Misses Lizzie and Mamie Drysdale, the Misses Carrie and Susie Abbott, Miss Etta Wood, Miss Minnie L. Taylor, Miss Marian Bray, Miss Susie W. Nicoll; Messrs. E. L. Snowdon, F. H. Jackson, G. W. Drew, E. M. Bixby, C. A. Parmelee, William M. Abbott, Robert Patterson, Thomas Hodge, R. T. Marrack, Charles Helfelder, J. J. Morris, Master Edwin Rolla Abbott.

The Watts Cotillon in Oakland.

Anything in the form of a novelty is a distinct gain in entertainers' eyes, as well as in those of the guests. Of such was the "library cotillon" given by Mrs. Robert Watts on Friday evening at her residence in Oakland.

The cardinal point of the library cotillon is an intellectual sympathy. All the ladies are secluded, on arrival, in a special apartment, and there draw up a list of books representing the favorite author of each of their number. This list of books, minus the names of the fair patronesses, is then submitted to the men, awaiting in fear and trembling, in another room. Each swain proceeds to choose some congenial work, thereby attaching to himself for the evening the maiden of that particular book. The idea often works out most amusingly; for who would suspect demure Gladys of choosing "Bit and Snaffle," or giddy Phyllis "Locke on the Understanding"?

The cotillon was a delightful success. With bright decorations, a delicious supper and an assemblage of eager and congenial young people it could not be otherwise. Among the belles of the occasion were: Miss Claire Ralston, Miss Hubbard, Miss Shepherd, Miss Hunt and Miss de Fremery.

The Pearl-Gatherers' Social.

On Tuesday evening last the Pearl-gatherers' Society, connected with the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, and consisting of the children of the Sabbath-school and a number of the members of the church, held their fifth quarterly social, when the following programme was presented and received with much pleasure by those present: Recitation, Joseph Moat; recitation, "Bedtime," Ada Overstreet; vocal solo, "The Violet," Jessie Haskin; recitation, Annie Moat; vocal solo, Amanda Josephie; recitation, "Happiest Land," Victoria Downer; song by choir, selected; recitation, Lulu Jeffris; vocal solo, Miss Ellis; recitation, Mary Smith; dialogue, "Three Graves," E. Smith, George Ahlborn; recitation, Daisy Johnson; vocal solo, "Nearer My God to Thee," Maud Wright; Boehm solo, William Brown; duet, Annie Moat, Lulu Lewis; reading, selected, Miss Rose Grubb; duet, Miss Simms and Mrs. Hughes; recitation, James Dott; recitation, Mazie Dott.

At the conclusion of the musical and literary exercises all were invited to seats at the beautifully decorated and bountifully supplied tables, prepared for the occasion by Miss Lizzie Grubb. There are now sixty members enrolled. The officers for the present quarter are: Harry Overstreet, President; Paul Ellis, Vice-President; Percy Windom, Secretary; Lulu Lewis, Treasurer; Advisory Committee — Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Overstreet, Miss Grubb, Miss Gamble and Mr. Angel.

The society meets in the parlors of the church every Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and great interest is manifested in the cause of Christianity.

The Cheesman-Melendy Wedding.

On Wednesday evening last a quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Melendy, 840 Grove street, when their daughter, Miss Lelia Whaites Melendy, was married to Mr. Thomas Cheesman, Rev. Dr. Stebbins officiating. Only relatives and a few intimate friends of the family were present.

The bridesmaid was Miss Cora Parsons, and Mr. Fred Harriman acted as groomsman. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Congratulatory telegrams were received from friends not residing in the city.

After the ceremony an excellent supper was served, and at an early hour Mr. and Mrs. Cheesman left for the Palace Hotel amid showers of rice. They will spend the honeymoon at Los Angeles.

The McGrath-Lods Wedding.

On Wednesday evening, the 22d ult., at Mission Dolores Church, in the presence of a large number of their relatives and friends, Miss Mamie E. Lods and Mr. James H. McGrath were united in marriage by the Rev. Father O'Connor. Miss Julia Heffernan was the bridesmaid and Mr. H. McAuley served as best man.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. Charles L. Lods, the chief superintending carpenter of the Spring Valley Water Works. The groom is a member of the local firm of Adams & McGrath and a brother-in-law of Mr. M. J. MacGrath, the well-known attorney of this city.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered the newly married couple and invited guests at the residence of the bride's parents, 120 Diamond street. The health and future prosperity of the happy couple were repeatedly pledged in flowing bumpers of France's choicest wines until the hour of 1 had arrived, and Mr. and Mrs. McGrath departed for their future home, 914 Treat avenue.

A feature of the evening, and one which added considerably to the pleasure of all present, was a grand serenade at 11 o'clock by the Mechanics' Fair Band.

Mr. and Mrs. McGrath were the recipients of numerous handsome and costly presents from their many friends.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Lods, Mr. and Mrs. James H. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Wheelan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitz, Mr. and Mrs. William Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Francis McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tinkham, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bogala, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Heffernan, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. MacGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Mullner, Mr. and Mrs. Chevalier, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. William Farren, Mr. and Mrs. George Bogala, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Angel, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. William Largan, Mr. and Mrs. James Heffernan, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Heffernan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Luhn, Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr, Mrs. C. Stapleton, Mrs. Spring, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. M. McGrath, Miss Julia Heffernan, Miss Carrie Hogan, Miss Annie McGrath, Miss Julia Harrington, Miss Aggie Largan, Miss Urden, Miss Mollie McGrath, Miss Mollie Farren, Miss May Harrington, Miss Annie Harrington, Miss Susie McGrath, Miss Katie Heffernan, Miss Agnes Kelley, Miss Frankie Callaghan, Miss Lillie Lods, Miss Carrie McGrath, Miss Julia Lods, Miss Katie Qunlan, Miss M. Harrington, Miss May Reagan, Miss Ella Hammil; Messrs. H. McAuley, D. McKay, Joseph McGrath, Daniel Harrington, Thomas Davidson, Alexander Lynn, William Carr, John McGrath, Bart Kendricks, Thomas McGrath, Charles Scullenger, Mr. Monaghan, Thomas Jones, Mark Hackett, William Hopkins, J. Robinson, Edward Adams, George Lods, Robert Pierce, John Flood, J. W. Stapleton.

A Sunday-School Social.

On Friday evening the lecture room of Howard-street M. E. Church was crowded with scholars and friends of the Sunday-school, it being the occasion of the first Sunday-school social.

The exercises were presided over by Assistant Superintendent A. O. Donogh, who caused much merriment by clever remarks. The following programme was rendered in a style that reflected great credit upon the persons who had charge: Piano solo, Master Morton Dewitt; recitation, Master Harry McConahey; recitation, Miss Matheson; vocal solo, Master Hiram Mills; recitation, Miss Franc Hewlett; short address, Superintendent A. R. Over; recitation, Master Frank Kennett; instrumental solo, G. Garden; solo and chorus, Miss Mabel Perkins and Miss Leech's class; recitation, Miss Kenneth; short address on "Sunday-School Work," Hon. James W. Whiting; recitation, Miss Annie Collins; recitation Mattie Morgan; "America," by the audience.

The adjoining rooms were then thrown open and all were invited to partake of the luxuries prepared by the ladies of the school. Rev. S. V. Leech delivered a short address, and the children played various games before departing for home, voting the entertainment one of the most pleasant that has taken place in the church for a long time.

A Wedding Anniversary Surprise.

A pleasant surprise parts was given to Officer E. B. Carr and wife on last Tuesday evening in Saratoga Hall, it being the anniversary of their wedding. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carr, Major and Mrs. M. C. Brydges, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. F. M. Truworthy, Mrs. David Short, Mrs. Croll, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Katie Brydges, Miss Kittie Gorman, Miss May Schanley, Miss Clark, Miss Effie Murphy, Miss Mollie Short, Miss Russell (of San Jose), Miss Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Carr, Miss Julia Murphy, Mr. M. J. Carr, Doctor Fowler, Mr. M. Cook, Mr. McPherson, Mr. H. Rivers, Mr. Richard Murphy and many others.

Party on Bush Street.

A pleasant party assembled one evening last week at the new residence of Mrs. Rodust, 1411 Bush street, at which songs and recitations, and last, but not least, a splendid repast helped the guests to forget the troubles of daily life. Among those present were: Mrs. Rodust, Miss Rodust, Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel, Miss Anna Wetzel, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Schlinghein, Miss Emma Schlinghein, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. Arthur Becker, Mr. William Grossheim, Mr. E. Zachan and many others.

A Picnic to Pine Grove.

A very select party of young folks started from Post street at 8 o'clock last Sunday morning in the picnic wagonette Young America, drawn by four spanking grays, for a ride to Pine Grove, New Crystal Springs. After a fine drive of five miles around the bay the party arrived at Pine Grove where lunch was served.

Dancing and games were then indulged in, pretty prizes being given for the latter. The party then took their departure for home, driving along the road in the moonlight.

Among those present were Mrs. M. Deering, Mrs. M. Lewis, Miss Lizzie Walsh, Miss Belle Curtis, Miss G. Dougherty, Miss Annie McDonald, Miss Lill Plate, Miss Rosa Roth, Miss E. D. Klotz, Miss Alice Twichell and Miss Nellie Clemindice; Messrs. J. G. Jeffress, E. L. Cumming, W. M. Cannon, A. Burt, E. Deering, W. H. Ross, L. J. Maunold, Horace Stevens, Dr. J. C. Hennessey, Dr. W. A. Harvey and Professor G. C. Munsod.

The Court Twin Peaks Social.

One of the largest and most successful socials that ever took place in Eureka Valley was given last Wednesday evening. The occasion was the third anniversary entertainment and ball of Court Twin Peaks, No. 7556, A. O. F., at Rohweder's Hall, on the corner of Noe and Seventeenth streets. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with a select audience.

Chief Ranger Alexander Smith opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks on the progress and standing of the court and the universal principles of the order, after which the following programme was most ably rendered by the various ladies and gentlemen who took part, most of the numbers being deservedly encored: Piano duet, the Misses Lizzie and Hattie Gimpel; song, Mr. Andrew Bogart; song, Mrs. Buck; recitation, "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell," Brother George Monck; song, cavatina, from "Roberto de Diablo," Mrs. George Monck; duet, "Life's Dream Is O'er," Mrs. Grinnell and Miss Denning; recitation, "Only a Cripple Soldier," Mr. Alexander Smith.

At the close of Mr. Smith's selection Chief Companion W. E. Kimball stepped forward and presented him with a large floral design in the name of the ladies of Twin Peaks Circle, the Chief Ranger responding in a few apt words. Comic songs by Mr. Mathew Kelly followed, after which a uniform drill took place. Dancing was then commenced and continued till early morning.

The following gentlemen are responsible for the evening's remarkable success: Officers—A. A. Pler, S. C. R.; W. T. Hammond, Treasurer; J. J. Hoar, S. B.; Alexander Smith, C. R.; E. E. McDivitt, F. S.; James Norton, S. W.; J. Terrill, J. B.; W. T. Plevin, R. S.; W. T. Britton, J. W.; W. E. Kimball, J. P. C. R; Committee of Arrangments—A. A. Pler (Chairman), E. E. McDivitt, Peter Koppin, W. T. Plevin, George Monck; Reception Committee — James Ernest (Chairman), W. T. Hammond, Peter Koppin, William A. Crocker, David Smith, Raymond Harris, J. Terrill, Frederick Kimball, J. Dallas; floor manager, E. E. McDivitt; Floor Committee—Captain Marshall, A. A. Pler, W. T. Plevin, J. J. Hoar, Charles H. Amey.

Parties to Take Place.

The Signal Corps, Second Brigade, N. G. C., have issued invitations for a select party at Union-square Hallion Thursday evening, the 13th inst.

Yerba Buena Parlor, No. 84, N. S. G. W., have issued invitations for a full-dress ball to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Thursday next.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1252, K. and L. of H., will give another of their pleasant "evenings at home" Thursday evening next at Union-square Hall.

California Drill Corps, No. 2, N. S. G. W., will give an exhibition drill and ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Friday evening next.

The third session of the Vigilantes will be held at Mission Opera Hall, Friday evening next.

The second annual party of the Orlando Literary and Social Club will be held at Union-square Hall on Friday evening next. "Sarah's Young Man" will be presented, followed by dancing.

The Calliopean Musical and Literary Society will give its next entertainment and dance on Friday evening next at Lunt's Hall, corner of Bush and Polk streets. The change of locale will be observed.

Young Men's Institute No. 7 will give their fifth anniversary ball at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 18th inst.

The second anniversary souvenir ball will be given by the Fremont Club at Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday evening, the 15th inst.

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

An entertainment and hop will be given by Fremont Parlor, N. D. G. W., at Irving Hall, 139 Post street, next Thursday evening.

Evans Council, No. 52, O. C. F., will give an entertainment and ball for the benefit of their first Past Grand Councilor, C. L. Wiggin, at Washington Hall next Wednesday evening.

Young Ladie's Institute No. 3 will give an entertainment and social at Mission Opera Hall on Wednesday evening next.

The County Monaghan Social and Benevolent Club will give another quarterly social and entertainment at Metropolitan Hall on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst.

Bronson Howard's American comedy entitled "The Henrietta" will be given a production on Friday evening, November 21st, by the Bohemian Dramatic Club. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

The monthly entertainment and dance of the Society of Progressive Spiritualists will be held on Saturday evening next in Washington Hall, 35 Eddy street.

La Volta L and T Society will give an "evening at home" at Mission Hall, Saratoga Building, on Friday evening, the 28th inst.

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

A dramatic entertainment will be given at Saratoga Hall in aid of St. Bridget's Parochial School, Tuesday evening, November 11th, when the comedy, "Our Boys," will be presented by the Alcazar Dramatic Club.

The Native Sons of Vermont give a ball at Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, the 14th inst. A select programme of fancy dancing will precede the grand march. The affair promises to be a great success.

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

The Vernons will give their second anniversary ball on Thursday evening, November 27th, at Union-square Hall.

A social will be given by the San Francisco German Ladies' Relief Society on Sunday, the 16th inst., at Irving Hall.

The Edwin Forrest Dramatic Club will present "The Octoroon" at Saratoga Hall Wednesday evening, December 3d.

The Nyaya Club will give its eleventh hop at Mission Opera Hall on December 17th.

The Spiders and Flies will give a special souvenir ball at Odd Fellows' Hall toward the end of November.

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. McAllister of Devisadero street have returned to this city after sojourning at Menlo Park and other places.

Mr. W. J. Casly of Santa Clara has arrived in New York and was entertained at dinner on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Belden, formerly of San Jose.

Mrs. Joseph Marks, Mr. Joseph Livingston, Miss Eva Castle and Mr. Arthur Castle returned from their European tour on Friday. They were accompanied by Mr. Louis Hirsch from New York, the recent troubles in Central America having prevented his departure for Guatemala.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Simpkins, Miss Alice Simpkins and Mr. Harry L. Simpkins, who were to have gone East last Sunday, postponed their departure for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Donohoe Jr. will reside at 2117 Pacific avenue during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Osment have returned from the East and have taken apartments at the Hotel Pleasanton for the winter.

Mrs. F. E. Spaulding and Miss Curtis of Helena, Mont., are visiting the city and are at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Mr. R. H. Sprague will return from New York in about a week.

Mr. E. M. Greenway has left for a three weeks' trip in the East.

Mrs. M. K. Dyer has been visiting friends in Stockton.

Lieutenant-Commander J. J. Brice, U. S. N., and wife are at the Hotel del Monte, Monterey, for health and recreation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Bennett have left for Santa Barbara and other southern points. They expect to be gone two weeks, and upon their return will hold a reception.

Mr. Horace Sperry has been visiting in Stockton.

Lieutenant-Colonel O. D. Greene, who recently arrived from the East, has taken his position as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of California.

Mr. Charles Low, son of ex-Governor F. F. Low, has been visiting in Woodland.

Lieutenant Charles H. Grierson, son of General Grierson, and bride are at Del Coronado.

Mrs. Dr. Ruggles of Stockton, wife of Professor Ruggles of the State University, has been the guest of Rev. John Kirby's family in Alameda for the past few days.

Mrs. Hagar of Oakland, accompanied by her little daughter, is visiting Mrs. Alexander Chalmers of Stockton.

Among recent visitors to Del Monte are: Mr. C. O. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis, Mr. John R. Spring, Mr. and Mrs. William Alvord, Mr. C. H. Dunsmoor, Mr. L. O. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chadborne and Mr. Hugh Tevis.

Mrs. Thomas Breeze, Miss Breeze, Miss Louisa Breeze and Mr. W. Breeze will leave next Tuesday for New Haven, Conn., to remain there during the winter. Mr. Breeze will resume his studies at Yale.

Mr. A. de la Torre Jr. will spend several weeks in Haywards for the benefit of his health, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton A. Reid.

The following San Francisco people are at present quartered in Paris. Most of them will spend the winter in Italy and the south of France: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tubbs, Miss Tubbs, Mr. Alfred Tubbs, Mrs. James Irvine, Mr. James W. Byrne, Colonel Byrne, Mrs. M. V. Baldwin, Mrs. Joseph A. Ford, Mr. D. O. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dodge, Lieutenant and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Buckbee, Mrs. Gustave Sutro, the Misses Sutro, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swabacher, Mrs. Isaac Hecht, Mr. and Mrs. Will Crocker, Mrs. Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillig, Mr. Frank Unger, Mrs. Annie Toland, Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, Mrs. M. A. Green, Miss Amy Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ryer, Mrs. W. Gillig.

Changed His Tune.

Lawyer—Madam, I'm sorry to say that I don't see the ghost of a chance for you to break your uncle's will.

Woman—Well, to be frank with you, I don't see a ghost of a chance to pay you for what you have already done if the will isn't broken.

Lawyer—On second thought, madam, I think the will can be broken.—Munsey's Weekly.

Improving a Quotation.

Callowchump (who objects to some of the old man's observations)—Where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise.

Oldboy—Yes, young man; and where impudence is wit, 'twere folly to be bright.—Texas Siftings.

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.

Susan la Flesh, an Indian girl, who graduated in medicine after going through the Hampton (Va.) school, is practicing among her tribe, the Omahas, and with reported success.

YOUR VIOLIN.

Your violin! Ah, me!
'Twas fashioned o'er the sea
In storied Italy—
What matter where?
It is its voice that sways
And thrills me as it plays
The tunes of other days—
The days that were.

Then let your magic bow
Glide lightly to and fro—
I close my eyes, and so,
In vast content,
I kiss my hand to you,
And to the tunes we knew
Of old, as well as to
Your instrument,

Poured out of some dim dreaming
Of lulling sounds, that seem
Like ripples of a stream
Twanged lightly by
The slender, tender hands
Of weeping willow wands
That drop where gleaming sands
And pebbles lie.

A melody that swoons
In all the truant tunes
Long, lazy afternoons
Lure from the breeze,
When woodland boughs are stirred,
And moaning doves are heard,
And laughter afterward
Beneath the trees.

Through all the chorusing
I hear, on leaves of spring
The dip and pattering
Of April skies.
With odorous fragrant and sweet
As baby angel feet
Might make along a street
Of paradise.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

MARIETTA'S IDEAL.

MARIETTA POLLI stood at the corner of one of the side streets of Naples, past which the great post road from Gaeta to Policrasta ran. She had her small, rough table near by, and she played her guitar, singing the while to her accompaniment. Her entire property consisted of the already mentioned rough and rudely painted table, a colored saucer that stood upon it, and in which the passers by now and then dropped a coin, and her guitar—for by profession she was a street singer.

Every morning found Marietta at her stand. She placed the empty saucer upon the table, and taking the guitar sang, from 7 until 8 o'clock, sacred songs, from 8 until 12 o'clock songs from the best-known operas, then from noon until evening national love songs. During the evening she sang a miscellaneous collection of character songs. As soon as it grew dark a small lamp with a red shade was lighted and placed upon the table near the saucer. As the clock struck the hour of 11 Marietta blew out her light, drew the strap of her guitar over her shoulder, emptied the saucer of its contents into her pocket, and hanging the lamp on a bracket fastened in the wall above her head raised the table to the top of her head and walked off. Her nights were spent in the hall of a house which was regularly closed at 12 o'clock. In this hall a shoe-mender kept his working-bench, and it was upon this bench that Marietta made her bed. Marietta was one of a family. Her mother made her living by selling pocket-handkerchiefs, opera-glasses, cigars, spectacles and any other such things which her light-fingered boys picked from the pockets of strangers and residents alike.

Mme. Polli understood the business well, and knew how to keep the boys at work. But some days trade was not good and then they had to go hungry. Once a week they all met at the "grand promenade" ground. There Marietta gave each boy an orange and some chestnuts and to the mother some money. Soon she would leave them and disappear among the crowd. The boys passed their nights in boxes, under baskets, or on the ships in the harbor. At noon they always joined their mother in one of the numerous "macaroni kitchens," where they delivered their wares and fed themselves upon macaroni cooked in oil, stewed apples and fried fish, all of which they procured for 50 centesimi, and, if business had been brisk they would spend 60 or 70 centesimi. Then they left, parting each from the other as they lived until this family of Polli, whether it was right or wrong, making the most of their talents.

Marietta was the most respectable of them all, for she dressed well, spent her nights regularly upon her bench and also earned quite a sum of money. Her business consisted in what she made in much as three lires a day during some parts of the year, and they often wondered whether it could be that she carried the money and what became of it. This was a question which puzzled both mother and brothers, but only in times of great needs were cards made upon Marietta's face, and then she gave sparingly, but yet enough.

Marietta's beauty was well known. From her father, who by birth was a Roman, she inherited her wonderfully fine figure, her clear, broad forehead, and her beautiful eyes. From her Sicilian mother her Roman nose, the small, firm mouth and the wealth of black curly hair, which blew about her when she threw back her head in the act of singing, and the melancholy look which came into her eyes as she sang, but which changed into a smile if by chance some passer-by favored her with a bit of money.

With men in general she had little to say, yet, as she passed along in her singing, her neighbor upon the corner (who sat all day behind a basket of dried pumpkin seeds, across the top of which was arranged a board upon which the seeds were displayed) would stop a moment now and then to talk. The profession of street singer had even among her class a certain social standing and she was thought to be a good Micnigan and had the respect of all, many a wealthy family helping her by gift of clothes. Even the sick "Principal Marquis" as he passed her stand each morning upon his way to the Palazzo used to speak to her and he left her at his death ten hundred lires.

Marietta demanded a great deal of respect, and strangers who dared to smile upon her received only cold looks and scornful frowns. Even the most flattering remarks upon her beauty were without avail. A suitor from the Hotel de Rome with his gold braided coat was dismissed with a great deal of contempt. This was occasioned somewhat by Marietta's ideal. Her great wish, and that which possessed both heart and mind of the Neapolitans of her standing, was that of being a proprietor of a one-horse coach, which can be driven through the entire city and which both rich and poor alike might use. Marietta not only dreamed of some one who might own one, but Sunday afternoons, when she did not sing, she, dressed in her light blue holiday dress, with the pale yellow kerchief and red gold hoops in her pink, shell-like ears, would pay one lire for a drive from one end of the city to the other and back, being the entire course.

So great was her happiness in this ride that as she rode along she gazed out as proud as a queen, her eyes sparkling, and she as joyous as it were her very own. Many were the young men who were pleased with Marietta, and many were the offers which she rejected on all sides, for none possessed the one thing necessary. Whether all coachmen came into the world married was a question Marietta often asked herself. She displayed a great deal of tact with these carriage-drivers, for no sooner had she taken her seat in the carriage that she ascertained whether they were married, and she was in great desp air in not being able to find one unmarried.

So time passed on, but no driver came in Marietta's way who wanted to make her his wife. The much dreaded five-and-twenty years crept nearer. At this age Italian women begin to lose their beauty, and Marietta thought with horror that she could not hope to be an exception. She knew that when another year came she could no longer stand at the street corners without being laughed at. The profession belonged to youth and beauty alone, and she had no other way by which to earn her bread. When should she do? At a school she had never been, and she was not rapid enough with her hands to procure an engagement in a factory. Then, too, in Naples there are not so many ports to be had, and what there were, were filled by underpaid girls. To be a water-carrier was the only thing left, and yet in every second house could be found many doing the same thing, and the business was almost overrun anyway by boys. To do as her mother did she could not, for she knew that was right and prided herself upon her honesty. There came an idea to her. From a friend who had traveled she learned that in Switzerland there were women doctors and women telegraph operators, and the friend, after telling her of several other positions held by women, ended by saying:

"They were employed at the railroad stations."

Now Marietta thought that if all these places were filled by women, and as no coachman came for her, why should not she offer herself as a coachwoman? It would be a perfectly respectable vocation, and no one could say her nay. Then, too, one would have the pleasure of riding all the long day through, and all the while receive pay for doing it. Then, as first coachwoman in Naples, she would be very much more admired than as a street singer, and in a short time she could give up and live upon the interest of the money that she had earned. This was the conclusion to which Marietta came, after hours spent in deep and earnest thought. It was not anything strange to her, a street singer; so when she had arranged it clearly in her mind she was very happy. She took her bank-book to the wife of the shoe-mender to reckon her interest for her, and she found—a fact which Marietta well remembered—that she had 930 lires that she had saved from the money gathered on the street, and which was held in safe-keeping for her at the National Bank.

To be Continued.

A party of Marquette explorers has discovered a rich vein of Bessemer iron on the Breitung estate near Crystal Falls, Mich. The vein is over fifty feet wide.

FIGHT ON AN ENGINE.

The Engineer and Fireman Grapple in a Death Struggle.

A fight, to the death, between the engineer and fireman of an express-train, speeding through the country at night, is a bold conception of a modern novelist.

The fireman is jealous of the engineer; one night, crazed with drink, he hops on fuel until the boiler is likely to explode. The engineer pleads with him, then expostulates, and at last attempts to prevent further addition. Then the fireman grapples the engineer and tries to throw him from the engine; a terrible struggle ensues. The fight is for life! They speak no word, but with teeth clenched, strive one to precipitate the other to the ground.

Meanwhile the train rushes on. The engineer, finally growing weak, endeavors to reach the regulator, to stop the train and summon help. Too late! The crazed fireman guesses his plan, stiffens himself for a superhuman effort, lifts the exhausted engineer from his feet, exclaiming:

"Ah, you want to stop the train! Now, out you go."

With this he flings the engineer out—but the latter clings to him, he cannot shake him off, so both go out together! Drawn under the wheels, they are found headless, two bloody trunks clinging in a death embrace! And the train, ungoverned, rushes on in darkness!

Here the story ends; the fate of the train is left to the imagination. It is easy to see that the chances are a hundred to one it rushes on to destruction. So with the person having chronic kidney complaint—it is almost certain to result in Bright's disease, then death, for the doctors admit they have no cure for it. But a certain cure may be had. Note what Sumpter Heard, of Frederick, Md., says, in a letter of May 19, 1890: "For five years I had been the victim of Bright's disease, at times suffering the severest pains. I tried many kidney remedies, and consulted as many physicians, but was not benefited and at last became tired of what seemed to be and was a useless expenditure. I began taking Warner's Safe Cure and was relieved at once. The old symptoms recur occasionally, but I find relief only with the above remedy, which I regard as the best of proprietory medicines."

A MONKEY FIGHT.

Amusing Description of a Prize-Ring Contest in New York.

Coming down First avenue this morning was an Italian carrying under his arm an elliptical board. Perched upon his shoulders were two monkeys, tricked out in red coats and black trousers. At Ninth street he placed the board on top of a coal-box and sprinkled it with sawdust from a pocket of his overcoat. He then gave a command in Italian to the monkeys, and down they leaped from his shoulders on to the board.

At another command they took off their little red coats and passed them to their master. The one thing that looked rather incongruous about these pugilists—for such they were—was that instead of the fighting belt their little black trousers were held up by diminutive suspenders. The two little fighters now retired to their respective corners, folded their arms with dignified solemnity and blinked at the big crowd around them.

The Italian brought forth a set of tiny boxing-gloves, each measuring about an inch across the palm, and not more than two inches from wrist to finger tips. He put them upon the paws of the monkeys, and then with a courteous wave of his hand, he commanded his proteges to shake hands. They advanced to the middle of the ring, shook paws and promptly assumed pugilistic attitudes. They boxed pretty well for monkeys; in fact, much better than a pair of girls could. One fellow had a longer reach than the other, and in the first part of the fight he knocked his adversary down twice by blows upon the mouth.

But the latter had more grit, and the fight gradually turned in his favor. Meanwhile the Italian was passing around the hat, and every one gave something. The crowd, all worked up with the exhibition, cheered the fighters and shouted all sorts of advice to them. But the little fighters were too much interested in each other to heed any suggestions. They pummeled away for five minutes, when both began to weaken, and their master then declared the fight a "drawn."

He then assisted the