THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Passing Through a Period of Comparative Peace.

Engagement Announcements—Frank-Hyman Nuptials—A Golden Wedding—Parties to Take Place—Brief Notes.

As Easter draws nigh society slowly concentrates itself once more in the metropolis. The period of rest is not without its peculiar charms. Many have been employing the comparative quiet to balance up social accounts, and informal calls and cosy chats have done much to smooth over any little inequalities of the past season and to develop new ideas and new plans for future enjoyment. Then again, in the serene quietude of Lent sweet charity scarcely needs to raise her voice to attract attention, and the Art Loan Exhibit has been profiting accordingly. Reflection, too, seems favorable to confidences, and confidences to the evolution of engagement announcements, which begin to promise a rich upspringing of weddings this spring.

The officers of the Presidio are making arrangements to give a large reception there soon.

The Misses Sherwood entertained a number of friends most enjoyably on Thursday evening at their residence on Post street.

An orange festival will be given at Grace M. E. Church, on the corner of Capp and Twenty-first streets, Dr. McClish, pastor, next Thursday evening. The principal features of the evening will be an old-time sewing-bee by six little women, also Miss Sallie Goss and twelve pupils in orange costumes.

Mrs. Scott gave a remarkably pleasant drive-whist party on Friday evening at her residence, 1216 Washington street. Among those present were the Misses Whittier, Mr. and Mrs. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Misses Forrester, Mr. H. Barron, Messrs. Scott.

An enjoyable dramatic representation and ball, for the benefit of Mr. Henry Maret, was given on the evening at the San Francisco Turn Hall, on Turk street. Those taking part in the play were: Otto Mahl, Charles Meritzen, Gretchen Bartmann, Henry Maret, Elsie Herten, Anna Tebly, George Ernst, O. Carque, Emma Planz, William Frey, Marie Fröhlich, Herman Baum, William Mantz, F. Straub, Christian Meyer, Albert Hoffman, Ferdinand Munch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobs gave an enjoyable little "at home" on Saturday evening at their elegant residence, 1130 O'Farrell street. It was in honor of their daughter, Miss Estelle Jacobs, who charmingly received the limited number of friends. The floors were canvassed for dancing and recitations and music varied the evening's informal entertainment. A delicious supper was served by Cusin about midnight and dancing was afterward resumed till about 3 o'clock.

Following is the corrected cast of "Giroflé-Giroflá" to be produced on Tuesday, the 7th prox., at the Grand Opera House, for the benefit of the Art Association: Giroflé-Giroflá, Mrs. Mary Wiman Williams; Aurora, Mr. H. J. Stewart; Paquita, Miss Marie Williams; Marasquin, Mr. Donald de Vigne Graham; Mourzouk, Mr. George A. Hall; Bolero, Mr. Louis Sloss Jr.; Pedro, Mr. H. Hamilton; Pistache, Mr. Alfred Moulin; Valanciennes, Mr. George W. Nagle.

Colonel Peter J. Donahue entertained ex-Governor Downey and a few other friends at dinner on Thursday evening at the Hotel Nadeau, Los Angeles.

Engagement Notes.

Among the interesting marriage ceremonies of the near future will be that of Miss Brownie Sedgwick, the accomplished daughter of Hon. John Sedgwick and sister of Mrs. T. T. Dargie of Oakland, to Mr. Frederick A. Merritt, a nephew of the late Dr. Samuel Merritt. The wedding will take place in about six weeks at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Dargie, and the recent bereavement in Miss Sedgwick's family will make the ceremony a very quiet one.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maggie G. McGovern, daughter of the late Philip McGovern, to Mr. Samuel J. Ruddell, the official head of the Chinese Bureau of the Custom-house in this city, and the popular Captain of Company H, Second Brigade, N. G. C. The ceremony will take place shortly after the lenten season in St. Mary's Cathedral.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Joseph M. Strauss to Miss Rose B. Feig.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Allison of Watsonville and Mr. Arthur Dresser, formerly of San Jose, but now of Watsonville. The marriage will take place about the 15th inst.

There is considerable merriment among the intimate friends of Miss Lila le Fevre of Alameda over a mistake that has appeared in print. Her sister, Miss Jennie le Fevre, instead of herself, was reported soon to be married to Mr. A. Stenbiht, the well-known architect.

The engagement of Miss Florence Gleason and Mr. R. T. Vandervoort of Pasadena is formally announced.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Josie Jacobs of Portland to Mr. Morris Bloom of this city. The ceremony takes place at the residence of the bride's parents in Portland on March 15th.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Alba Houser and Mr. John B. Franklin of Los Angeles.

A marriage has been arranged between Miss Flora Ackerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ackerman of 808 Tenth street, Oakland, and Mr. Charles Feltenheimer of Moberly, Mo.

The engagement of Miss Estelle Hagan, a former pupil of the Annie Wright Seminary of Tacoma, is announced, to Lieutenant Wholley of Fort Sherman.

On the 15th of March Mr. E. C. Sterne, will be married to Miss Bertha Kaufman, youngest daughter of Mr. Alex Kaufman. The ceremony will take place at the Concordia Club rooms in Portland.

The engagement is announced of Miss Susie E. Woodward, only daughter of Mrs. J. Brandt of Portland, Oregon, to Mr. F. O. Downing of the Alaska Gold Mining Company, formerly with Goodall, Perkins & Co. of this city. Both are popular young people and prominent in society circles in Portland, where they reside.

Miss Ida McKenney of San Jose is to be married in July to a gentleman residing in Portland, Oregon. The young lady is the eldest daughter of the late Hon. D. C. McKenney, District Judge of Lander and Nye counties. She was born in Austin in the State of Nevada.

The Frank-Hyman Wedding.

A notable wedding on Tuesday was that of ex-Assemblyman Louis J. Frank, Secretary of the S. H. Frank Tanning Company of Redwood City, to Miss Tessie Hyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hyman of the firm of Hyman Brothers of Honolulu. The ceremony was solemnized at the handsome residence of the bride's parents, 1946 California street, which had been artistically decorated throughout under the supervision of Miss Mary Bates.

Rev. Dr. Falk Vidaver performed the ceremony in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. Congratulations followed and many were the good wishes showered upon the lovely bride and her fortunate husband. An elaborate wedding supper was afterward served and the celebration of the auspicious occasion was prolonged to a late hour with appropriate festivities. Ballenberg's Orchestra furnished music throughout the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank have left for a Southern trip and will thereafter take up their residence at Menlo Park.

A Coming Entertainment.

Miss Kathlynne Heron is slowly convalescing from a threatened attack of brain fever. Since last September she has been unable to fulfill any engagements. Her physique has been unequal to the strain made upon it by her intensity and intellectuality. A benefit will be tendered her at Irving Hall, Saturday evening.

The entire programme will be rendered by young ladies, pupils of Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson, as follows: Recitations by Miss Kathryn Daly—"The Story of the Faithful Soul" (Adelaide Proctor), "Miss Murphy Consults a Medium" (Henry Hatton); dramatic monologue, "Behind the Curtain," cast—Mrs. Bellamy (imaginative and timid), Miss Sadie Di Kenson; recitations by Miss Elizabeth Phillips—"The Passing of a Hero" (Nora Perry), "The Secrets of the Heart" (Arthur Dobson); comedy scenes from "The Hunchback," Miss Helen Florence Meyer; recitation by Miss May Holmes, "The Story Sir Bedevere Told" (Tennyson); recitation by Miss Kiihua Beveridge, "Tomorrow at Ten" (Nora Perry); dramatic monologue, "A Woman's Retaliation" (transcribed and arranged from the French by Mrs. Snell Poulson—first presentation on any stage), cast—Madam (a youthful wife with a grievance), Miss Gibbs, Monsieur (invisible but emphatic); comedietta, "A Startling Announcement" (Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson—first public presentation), cast—ten young artists embryonic and incognito.

Some eighty of the leading society ladies of San Francisco and Oakland are among the patronesses of the entertainment, which insures its social as well as artistic success.

The Dolchy Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dolchy pleasantly celebrated their golden wedding last evening at the residence of the latter's sister, Mrs. D. Lemery, 332 Shotwell street.

The happy pair were married in 1841 in New York City, and although both bear the inevitable imprint of an opulent half-century, yet their many friends hope to congratulate them on many future anniversaries together. They have been the parents of twelve children, three daughters being now living—one in this city, another in Pomona and the third in Los Angeles. Mrs. Dolchy is also a happy great-grandmother, and was surrounded by many of the younger branches on this occasion.

The parlors were handsomely decorated, a noted feature being the floral tributes sent by friends. A large number of friends called to offer their congratulations and good wishes to the respected couple, and many handsome presents were received.

An interesting object shown by Mrs. Dolchy was her wedding-ring, which, by the natural attrition of fifty years, had been worn completely through, and would scarcely bear handling. A similar destiny had touched the wedding certificate, fragments of which were scanned by many interested and sympathetic eyes.

The Sons of Vermont.

The Vermonters will give their March entertainment and dance next Friday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall. As the first under the new management considerable interest attaches to the meeting, a feature of which will be the appearance of a new soprano, Miss Jeannie Winston from Los Angeles. The new President, Mr. F. Dillingham, is a true-blood Vermonter, being a son of Paul Dillingham, the distinguished Governor of that State, and brother of ex-Governor Dillingham, also of Vermont. The association—a purely social one—is twelve years old, and while in the first place composed of native sons of the Green Mountain State, is always open to applications from the general public for social membership. Its monthly entertainments are among the most marked social events in the local category.

A Pleasant Birthday Party.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Miss Lena Greninger, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Greninger, the occasion being the anniversary of her birth. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and other amusements.

The guests were kindly received by Miss Lilly Trueworthy and Miss Pauline Greninger, after which dancing was inaugurated under the able management of Professor J. Hanes. At about 11 o'clock the grand march was formed by the hostess, escorted by Mr. Rob O'Connell, who then led the way to an elaborately prepared supper-table, upon which attention was centered for the time being, after which dancing and games were resumed until the small hours, when all dispersed well pleased with their evening's enjoyment and wishing their kind hostess many happy returns of the day.

Among the ladies present were: Mrs. Trueworthy, Mrs. Edelman, Mrs. Truen, Miss Emma Greninger, Miss Lilly Trueworthy, Miss Birdie Nelson, Miss Pauline Greninger, Miss Jeanie Ross, Miss Annie Beaton, Miss K. Trueworthy, Miss Kittie Beaton, Miss Julia Greninger, Miss Josie Waleom, Miss Galverer, Miss Lillie Blair, Miss Tittle, Miss Ardlington, Miss Ulmer, Miss Heuer, Miss Maud Hirleman, Miss Helen Reid, Miss Emily Hainque, Miss Birdie Camp, Miss Thierbach and Miss Edelman.

Among the gentlemen were: Messrs. R. O'Connell, H. Flood, C. Root, C. Derham, F. L. Rickoff, Frank Watson, G. C. Caglere, J. Graves, Will Hynes, O. von Rhein, W. Carr, J. W. Holmes, De los Murphy, George Granier, A. Euler, Harry Dolt, F. Wilson and C. Huck.

Farewell Party at Hollister.

For the past eight years Mr. W. B. Winn has ably managed and conducted the Free Lance at Hollister, San Benito County. During this time he has zealously advocated according to his lights the best interests of the community. Having recently disposed of that journal in order to engage in business in San Francisco, a few friends assembled at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Tebbetts on Saturday evening to bid his estimable wife and himself adieu, the evening was most enjoyably passed with vocal and instrumental music and all the amenities of social intercourse. Those present were: Mrs. Breen, Mrs. Hall, Miss Conover, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk and Mr. Will Acton.

Party in Oakland.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered to Miss Elizabeth Ward on the occasion of her twentieth birthday anniversary, at the residence of Mrs. Jerona Greer, 860 Thirty-fourth street, Oakland.

The entertainment opened with an address by Master Warren Greer, followed by banjo solos by Mr. E. C. Mullen, Mr. William O'Connor, Mr. Jacobs and several piano solos by Miss May Greer. Dancing followed until 11 o'clock, when a bounteous supper was served to the guests.

The following well-known people were present: Mr. and Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Miss Maggie McGowan, Miss Woodworth, Miss Lena Glover, Miss May Greer, Miss Detrich, Miss R. Silvery, Miss M. Molin, Miss May Brooks, Miss Eliza Ward, Miss Neva Farno, the Misses May and Carrie Brown, Miss Josie Folster; Messrs. W. O'Connor, W. Summers, R. B. McAlister, D. Corey, Henry McCready, T. McGowan, C. Gates, W. Merrick, Vincent Bailey, W. Greer, Warren Greer, R. Jacobs, M. McDonald, Robert O'Laughlin, W. Smith. The entertainment ended with a song, dance and banjo selection by Messrs. E. C. Mullen, William O'Conner and Mr. Jacobs.

Parties to Take Place.

An entertainment will be given at Irving Hall on Saturday evening next for the benefit of Miss Catherine Heron by Mrs. Edna Snell Poulson, assisted by the following talented young ladies of the senior class of Snell Seminary, Oakland: Miss Eva Doyle, Miss Ella Shaw, Miss Sadie Dickenson, Miss Dora Craig, Miss Lulu Brim, Miss Gertrude Lampson, Miss Elizabeth Phillips and Miss Emma Campbell.

Golden State Parlor, No. 50, N. D. G. W., will give an entertainment and dance at Irving Hall, Post street, on Friday evening, April 3d, when the drama of "California in Throw back Of the Mexican Yoke" will be presented.

Young Ladies' Institute No. 14 will give an entertainment and social at Union-square Hall on Easter Monday evening, the 30th inst.

Alcatraz Circle, No. 58, C. O. F., will give their first anniversary ball at Union-square Hall next Saturday evening.

Unity Lodge, No. 273, I. O. B. B., will give its fourteenth anniversary ball at B'nai B'rith Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Phœnix Council, No. 789, A. L. of Honor, will hold an entertainment and social at Washington Hall, 35 Eddy street, on Wednesday evening next.

The La Voltas will be "at home" in Minerva Hall on Friday evening next.

The Scandinavian Society will give a special ball next Saturday evening at Saratoga Hall in celebration of its second anniversary.

Pocahontas Council, No. 3, I. O. R. M., will give a grab-bag party and social entertainment at Ruby Hall, Red Men's Building, this evening.

Social Council, No. 46, O. C. F., will hold its regular monthly social on Thursday evening next in Washington Hall, Red Men's Building.

A fan party will be given by the pupils and patrons of Professor A. A. Sanders and Professor A. M. Canel next Thursday at Union-square Hall, 421 Post street.

A maple-sugar party will be given by Irving's dancing classes at Academy Hall, 927 Mission street, next Wednesday evening.

Starr King Lodge, No. 19, Legion of the West, will hold its regular monthly euchre party next Wednesday evening.

The Heliotropes will give their inaugural hop at Union-square Hall on Tuesday evening, the 31st inst.

The Del Montes have issued invitations for their eleventh hop, to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Tuesday evening, April 7th. As usual, it will be an evening-dress affair.

Invitations are out for the second select hop of the Nydias, to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 31st inst.

The Berlins will give their first party after the lenten season at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening, April 1st.

California Lodge, No. 113, Sons of Benjamin, will give a Purim ball on the 22d inst.

The Clover Club has issued elegant invitations for its eleventh reception, to be held at Union-square Hall on Friday evening, April 3d. Dancing will be confined between the hours of 8:30 and 12 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. All invitations, which have been limited to about 100 couples, must positively be presented at the door.

Templar Rebekah Lodge will hold an open meeting Saturday, the 21st inst. A fine programme will be followed by dancing.

The Racquet Club has issued invitations for its sixth anniversary party, to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall April 4th.

The Elite Club will give its eighth anniversary social at B'nai B'rith Hall on April 4th.

The Peerless Club will give its first anniversary party at Odd Fellows' Hall Thursday evening, April 9th, instead of Tuesday evening, April 7th, as announced.

Hesperian Parlor, No. 137, N. S. G. W., will hold their second anniversary party at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wednesday evening, April 8th.

Young Ladies' Institute, No. 3 will give a dramatic entertainment Wednesday evening, April 8th, in Union-square Hall. The drama is entitled "Cast Adrift," and the female characters will be assumed by members of the Young Ladies' Institute, No. 3.

The "Tourists" will give their second party at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 21st prox.

Society Personals.

Mrs. E. B. Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gillig have left for New York, where they intend to reside henceforth.

Lieutenant and Mrs. E. J. Dorn, U. S. N., from the Patterson, are in Los Angeles visiting relatives.

Mrs. G. M. Whitley of Suisun is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lieutenant C. M. Perkins, on Mare Island.

Lieutenant-Commander George A. Norris and Mrs. Norris are expected here about the end of the month. The Omaha is en route from China to Panama to receive a new crew, and will probably arrive here about that date.

Mrs. Ramona Hilliard and family have returned home to this city, after a pleasant three weeks' visit in San Luis Obispo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crocker have returned home from a pleasant trip of a few weeks in the south.

Mrs. Theresa Fair will probably spend Easter at Del Monte. She will not go East again until next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Follis have purchased a cottage in San Rafael which, after submitting to extensive improvements, they contemplate occupying during the summer season.

Mrs. Isaac Trumbo is being entertained at the home of her mother in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yates have been residing for the past seven months in Chislehurst, Kent. Mr. Yates, however, spends much of his time in his studio in London.

Mr. Tallant, who accompanied his mother, Mrs. D. J. Tallant, and his wife on their trip to Coronado, returned on Friday to his home in this city.

Mr. Lansing Mizner is confined to his house with a severe attack of rheumatism in the foot.

Mr. G. W. Hume, Mr. L. C. Hume and Miss Hume of Oakland are at San Diego.

Mr. P. J. Donahue is at Redondo Beach.

Mr. John A. Hooper has returned home from the south.

Among the visitors at Redondo Beach is Mr. G. W. Chandler.

Dr. and Mrs. Paolo de Vecchi will pass much of the summer in San Rafael.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Follis have purchased a place at San Rafael, and are making extensive additions to the residence. They will reside there during the summer months.

Mr. Frank Unger was here on a visit last Saturday. He is with the Gilligs in Sacramento at present, and will shortly return to Europe with them.

Miss Adele Martel has returned from a visit to the Martel Villa, near Mountain View.

Lieutenant Qualtrough left for a month's visit to the East on Thursday evening last.

Mr. Charles A. Baldwin is visiting New York City.

Second Lieutenant Sydney A. Cloman of the First Infantry, who arrived here on Wednesday in command of Company G, is the man who captured Bad Hand. This Indian is the one who killed Lieutenant Casey, and Lieutenant Cloman has been congratulated on his capture.

Mrs. W. H. Mills, her two daughters and the Misses Doyen and Sharon have returned to the city after a pleasant visit to Los Angeles and vicinity. While in the south they were storm-bound in Azusa and Ontario. Their experience in crossing San Gabriel was filled with "moving circumstances" and imminent perils. They traversed the bowlder-cumbered torrent on a Studebaker farm wagon that toppled on two wheels as it was met broadside by the foaming torrent; but happily they reached the farther shore in safety.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Van Wyck and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marshutz have been visiting at the Redondo Beach Hotel.

Miss McKarron of Angeleno Heights, Los Angeles, comes to San Francisco next week for an extended visit.

Assistant Surgeon W. E. Hopkins, who is on leave from Fort Columbus, N. Y., is at 215 Geary street.

Mr. George D. Dornin of this city was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wetherby of Pasadena last Monday.

Mr. H. B. Isaacs, a banker of Washington, is at the Richelieu.

Mr. W. B. Forman is visiting in San Luis Obispo.

Miss Adele Stoneman of Los Angeles is being entertained by Mrs. Charles Sonntag at the Hotel Pleasanton.

Lieutenant F. S. Rice, First Artillery, U. S. A., has gone to Fresno.

Mrs. Joseph Rucker is making preparations to return to-day to San Jose after a visit to her friends in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Rucker contemplate occupying the new home they have been erecting in Santa Clara County in a couple of weeks.

COAST ITEMS.

Brief Notes From Pacific States and Territories.

The estate left by the late George Tuppy, Treasurer of Nevada, was worth $15,000.

The total output of bullion at the Tacoma smelter during February was 3200 bars valued at $55,155,120.

A cloudburst flooded the ranch of J. R. Garnett in Colusa County last Monday and drowned five mules.

F. Mitchell took a contract last week to plow 4000 acres of wheat land in Merced County. He will use a steam outfit.

D. S. Pinner of Mendocino has 6000 eggs hatching in incubators. He is getting ready to start another batch of 2000.

A small cyclone swept over a portion of Yuba County last Friday and did considerable damage to farm buildings and fences.

A serious landslide blocked all trains at Tunnel 17 in the Tehachapi Mountain on Friday. It will take twenty-four hours to clear the track.

A Stockton minister was operating a small printing press the other day when he got his little finger in the way of a stereotype piece. He is now minus a joint of that finger.

When the levee at Yuma gave way the Colorado River torrent was ten miles long by thirteen miles wide, says the Sentinel, and in less than twenty minutes the water was nine feet in Main and Gila streets.

The Gilroy Gazette says: Sugar beets planted among two-year-old trees near Watsonville by the owner of the beet-sugar factory field a net profit over all expenses of $805. Not a bad help toward the orchard expenses.

The Monterey Enterprise says that work on the Junipero monument is proceeding rapidly. Carving has already begun and the back and robes have already been carved out; also part of the head and face. It will not be long before the work is completed.

The Indian hunters of British Columbia are not to be trifled with or cajoled out of a good thing. None of them will ship on sealing schooners these days unless they are paid $7 for each belt taken. Six schooners were waiting for crews recently off the coast but the Siwashes refused to go on board unless their terms were signed.

For twenty years John V. Towt has lived a quiet life in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties as a farmer. He received a telegram last week from New York announcing the death of his father whose will gives him $630,000 with an allowance of $600 a month for his life. Mr. Towt married in Monterey County and has a wife and five children.

The sheep in Grant County, Oregon, are so nearly free from disease that the practice of fall shearing will soon not be necessary, and will doubtless be entirely abandoned. The stock inspection law has been of great benefit to sheep-raisers of the country, for without it, says the Grant County News, they never would have got the better hand of the sheep pest.

The Yuma Sentinel of Sunday, February 29th, got out a special edition that was written, set up and printed on the street. Editor Dorrington modestly says: It is not what we would have been pleased to make it, but under the circumstances it is as well as we could do, moving four times and the disarrangement of everything has made us much trouble and work and not helped the paper.

The Reno Journal says: Captain Warner, Indian Agent, has been informed by the Indians that one of their number, who was a witness before Justice Linn at the preliminary examination of men arrested by Constable Upson a few weeks ago for selling whisky to Indians, has been poisoned. The Indian received two small flasks of whisky, which he drank and in a few hours was a corpse, the supposition being that the liquor was poisoned.

The Ontario Observer is responsible for this: H. C. Oakley's pumpkins attain a size so large that it cannot be loaded into a wagon. It is concluded that he would have to get a smaller variety of pumpkins or quit the business, but as he was about to resort to the latter alternative a happy idea struck him and he straightway began training the vines up to a roof of a shed. In a few weeks the roof of the shed was covered with mammoth pumpkins, which he was enabled to roll into a wagon and market.

Says the Truckee Republican: The Southern Pacific Company has lately completed at the shops in Sacramento a compound locomotive for freight service. In a trial trip from Sacramento to Colfax it was pronounced a success, being much lighter on fuel than the machines now in use, and doing the same work. The intention is to send her to the Tehachapi Pass for a ten days' trial. The conjectures for the success of the engine are few, and the result of the test is looked for with interest by engine men.

The Way to Make Ice.

"That must be a curious process, the manufacture of ice," said a Chicago man to a resident of New York, who was talking about the manufacture of artificial ice.

"Do you understand the philosophy of it?"

"No. I never saw one of those machines, and never had the thing explained to me."

"Well, you see," observed the philosopher, "they have a kind of tank."

"Yes."

"And they fill that tank about two-thirds full of water."

"Yes! What then?"

"Why, then they freeze it."

"Oh!" exclaimed the disgusted Chicagoan. "That's it, is it? I had an idea that they boiled it."—Texas Siftings.

Of every million people in the world 800 are blind, and the other 999,200 cannot see their own faults.—Oil City Blizzard.

ONE SEASIDE GRAVE.

Unmindful of the roses,
Unmindful of the thorn,
A reaper tired reposes
Among his gathered corn;
So might I, till the morn.

Cold as the cold Decembers,
Past as the days that set,
While only one remembers
And all the rest forget—
But one remembers yet.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

AUNT ABIGAIL'S WILL.

It was Abigail Varley's threescore-and-tenth birthday. She was a rich widow, childless, and with no known relations save two gentlemen cousins.

Never was cousinly attachment more beautifully illustrated, or cousinly jealousy less amiably exemplified, than in the daily walk and conversation of these two collateral kinsmen. They bestowed so much affection on their common relative, that they had none left to waste between themselves.

Both were several years younger than the lady, with a fair prospect, according to the course of nature, of surviving her; and how to supplant each other in her will, which she had at last begun to talk seriously of making, was the problem which at present engaged their attention.

On the morning in question, when Cousin Roger called to wish Cousin Abigail the usual "many happy returns," he was not a little chagrined to find Cousin Dick there before him. However, he presented his annual gift and went through his annual speech without missing a word; and seeing Tabby, the cousinly cat, perched snugly on his rival's knee, by way of not being outdone in cousinly attention he took up Pompey, the cousinly poodle, though dogs were his abomination.

"Well, Cousin Abigail, I hope your health continues good," said Cousin Roger patting Pompey's head and glancing suspiciously at Cousin Dick, whom he devoutly wished at Jericho.

"Not so good latterly as it has been. The fact is," the old lady continued, "I have been thinking seriously of sending for Mr. Parker, with a view to settling my worldly affairs without delay."

"Oh, there is no need of haste, cousin," broke in Dick; "you have many years before you yet," mentally adding, "What has possessed the old ninny to put it off so long?"

"Well, well, I suppose there's no hurry about it," said Cousin Abigail.

"And yet," Cousin Roger ventured to hint, "it is always well to be prepared; none of us can tell the minute or the hour, you know."

"And, after all, calling in a lawyer is not so serious a matter as calling in a doctor," said Cousin Dick facetiously.

The conversation was interrupted by the entrance of a young and beautiful girl, at whom Cousin Dick stared with a surprised and troubled look.

"Pardon me, ma'am," she said in a voice remarkably sweet and gentle; "not knowing you were engaged, I came to see if you wished me, as usual, to read to you to-day."

"Presently, dear," Mrs. Varley answered in a tone that plainly hinted that her visitors would not be pressed to stay if they offered to go.

After an awkward pause the two cousins took their departure together.

"Who is that girl?" inquired Roger, as soon as they reached the street.

"You may well ask," said Cousin Dick; and stopping, he whispered something in his companion's ear, at which the latter started suddenly.

"Good heaven! the resemblance is certainly striking. But what is to be done? Do you think the old—Cousin Abigail, I mean, suspects anything?"

"Not yet, I think; but no time is to be lost. I have a plan which it would be well for us to talk over together."

And the two hurried rapidly along.

Mrs. Varley had occasionally found the time long heavy on her hands, and so had advertised for a person to fill the post of "companion" to an aged lady. It was thus that Hester Darling had become an inmate of the house.

At as early an hour as was seemly on the morning following that on which we introduced them to the reader Roger and Dick again presented themselves before their cousin.

"We have thought it our duty, cousin"—began Dick.

"Our bounden duty," put in Roger.

"As painful as it is imperative," Dick continued.

"To put you on your guard, ma'am," Roger ventured.

"Against a deceitful and designing person," exclaimed Dick.

"Who is no better than she should be!" shouted Roger, indignantly.

"Upon my word, cousins, I do not comprehend a syllable you have uttered," said Mrs. Varley, "nor shall I be likely to if you both keep talking at once. Come, Dick, you seem least excited. What is the meaning of all this?"

"What means, may I venture to ask," said Dick, "did you take to ascertain the character and antecedents of the woman at present sheltered beneath your roof?"

"Why, none," replied the good lady. "Her young and truthful face were recommendation enough on which to give her a trial."

"We have ascertained her to be a most abandoned creature," proceeded Dick, "and have hastened proper to at once acquaint you of the discovery. Should she deny the accusation we are prepared with abundant proofs."

And the two cousins took their leave, with an air of exalted virtue.

Mrs. Varley was a lady of the strictest propriety and severest morals. Much as she pitied the poor and friendless girl she must be promptly freed from this foul and dreadful charge or cross her threshold never to return.

She went directly to Hester's chamber.

"You must tell me your past history, child," said Mrs. Varley in a determined but not unkindly tone.

"Oh, madame, I pray you pardon me, but I cannot, cannot tell it."

"Then it has been one of shame and guilt?"

"For a time, of shame, madame," answered the young girl, with flushed cheek, "but never of guilt."

This was what caused Mrs. Varley to start so suddenly and stagger half fainting to a seat at Hester's dressing-table?

"Who—whose likeness is that?" she exclaimed, in a scarce articulate voice, pointing to an open miniature on the table.

"My mother's," Hester answered.

"Then you are Florence Marvin's child?"

"That was, indeed, my mother's name."

"More, you are the daughter of my only brother, George Haywood, for Florence Marvin was his wife."

With a stifled cry, she who had believed herself alone and friendless in the world fell on her kinswoman's neck, and wept tears of mingled gladness and sorrow.

Her story, which Hester had refused to confide to a stranger's ears, she now willingly imparted to one from whom she felt she had no longer a right to withhold it.

That her brother had married in opposition to her father's wishes, and been disinherited in consequence, was already known to Abigail Varley; but what distant spot he had selected for his home and what had befallen there she never learned.

The story was sad enough.

After a few tollsome but not unhappy years—they were spent in the loved society of his wife and child—a fire calamity had fallen upon George Haywood. He came under suspicion of a fearful crime. A network to circumstances too intricate for man's wit to disentangle environed him, and he was condemned to die. The stern judgment was carried into effect, and the executed murderer's despised widow sought concealment for herself and child in a change of place and name. Long, long years afterward the truth was discovered; but the judicial murder had passed among the things irrevocable. The poor widow died at last—died broken-hearted, but with one consolation: she had lived to see her husband's innocence vindicated.

"And this, my poor child, is the shame of which you spoke?"

"My life has known no other."

Not many days after, Hester was sent to one of the best seminaries in the land, for she had yet time to avail herself of opportunities hitherto beyond her reach. Her aunt and she kept their own counsel. Cousin Roger and Dick only knew that the object of their solicitude had disappeared, and probably congratulated themselves on the success of their virtuous stratagem.

After a time, Mr. Parker, Cousin Abigil's lawyer, was sent for; and after that the good lady seemed wonderfully revived in health and spirits. At her next birthday the prospect of "many happy returns" produced anything but a happy effect on the two expectant cousins, who began to think that, after all, the life tables might be fallible. But her time came at last; and within a decent period after the sad event, Cousins Roger and Dick were duly summoned to attend the reading of Abigail Varley's will.

They were a good deal startled at the sight of their old enemy, the strange girl.

Poor Tabby, as if seeking consolation in her bereavement, leaped upon the knee of her old friend Dick, who stroked her back pathetically, but a little nervously. Pompey, who took things more philosophically, stretched himself out for a snooze at the feet of Roger.

Mr. Parker, drawing from his pocket the document, proceeded to read it. The introduction was long and formal. But, hark! there's something coming now.

"To my cousin, Richard Figgins"—

Richard looked at Roger in triumph.

"I give and bequeath"—

You could have heard both their hearts beat.

"In consideration of the natural love and affection which I have long observed between them"—

Dick looked puzzled.

"My favorite cat Tabby"—

Dick gave Tabby a furious stroke the wrong way.

"And no more of my estate."

With a fling that betokened a most emphatic renunciation of the legacy, Tabby was sent mewing and spitting to the furthest corner of the room.

"To my cousin, Roger Smith—"

It was Roger's turn to triumph.

"In consideration of the like natural love and affection—"

Roger began to feel suspicious.

"I give and bequeath my dog Pompey, and no more of my estate."

With a violent kick Pompey was sent spinning after the cat; and the fear of her who had so long kept the peace between being no longer before their eyes, the pent-up enmity of years found vent in an uproarious fight, in the noise of which the voice of the old lawyer was almost drowned; but the words, "the rest and residue of my estate—niece, Hester Haywood," were sufficiently audible, and Cousins Dick and Roger stayed to hear no more.—Ex.

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C Z Knapp & wf, N York
D Dacker & w, N Rochelle
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J D Raymant, Los Ang
A Ouo, Milwaukee
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T P Robb, Glenwood
Mrs C F Yoong, N Jersey
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G Cassett, Boston
G W Balch, Detroit
W G Tuttle, Chicago
W B Linnis, New York
J M Lakeman, Grass Valy
G L Lansing, Boston
A D Grover, Boston
B E Shattuck, Boston
L H Galencia, Boston
J F Baumard, Cincinnati
Miss Eva Baumard, Cinci
Miss Ethel Baumard, Cin
T Thompson, Chicago
H C Clase, Chicago
A M Sydam, New Jersey
Dr S Eden, New Jersey
W F Hunley & w, Iowa
Miss Mary Huntley, Iowa
W F Hundley, Iowa
T F Reynolds, Denver
George Kelly, Denver
G McCall, Wisconsin
J W Taggart, Sta Barbara
E Agassiz & w, Seattle
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Miss M Jamieson, Pittsbrg
Mrs J Bury, Chicago
A A Wells, Chicago
H M Tifford, New York
Capt J J O'Connell, U S A
H H Hatfield, San Mateo
W Butterfield & w, Bostn
L P Lowe, Colorado Spgs
J Cochran, Colorado Spgs
G McKnight, Chicago
J W Sutter, Chicago
R R Calvin & wf, Chicago
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Miss Anderson, Colo Spgs
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F Fisher, Seattle
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Agnes H Armstrong, Chgo
Miss Armstrong, Chicago
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C J de M Bon, France
Miss C E White, Boston
S H Nettleton & w, Toledo
J L Copeland, San Diego
J N John, Philadelphia
H G Otis, Los Angeles
J W Paris, Cincinnati
S C Evans, Cincinnati
J Blake, Montana
J R McDonald & w, Seattle
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Miss H Mikisell, Canada
Miss L Mikisell, Canada
Miss B Mikisell, Canada
Miss R Mikisell, Canada
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