THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Resume of Recent Happenings in Society Circles.

Engagement Announcements—An Opera to Be Produced by Native Daughters—A Prima Donna Wedded—The Future.

The past week has been a notable one in the social annals of the Pacific Coast. The President of the United States, members of his family and a few intimate friends, have been our guests and their reception and entertainment were in all respects worthy of our reputation for hospitality. On the part of the Chief Executive there was remarked an appropriate absence of any personal or other leanings and he and his little band depart genuinely surprised and delighted with the kindly interest they encountered on all sides. With San Francisco and her sister cities, including all those where cordial attentions were proffered, the party expressed themselves as particularly pleased. The only regret heard is that the visit was so short and that the exigencies of numerous engagements compelled such celerity of movement from place to place—an unavoidable state of things which must often have seemed a real misfortune to our distinguished visitors. After the deluge a period of comparative calm may naturally be expected. Still, we have the Bachelors' german this week, with several weddings, some private parties and ball entertainments to anticipate with pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crocker entertained Mme. Sarah Bernhardt at their residence on California street on Sunday last. Covers were laid for six, and the distinguished tragedienne is said to have been entirely delighted with the compliment thus paid to art in her person.

Society is looking forward with much interest to the initial cotillion to be given by "The Bachelors" on to-morrow evening in Pioneer Hall. The arrangements are said to be on a sumptuous scale, and invitations to be of an almost incredible value.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Beaver gave an exceptionally pleasant bridal reception at their home, on the northeast corner of Washington and Taylor streets, on Saturday afternoon, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Beaver (nee Pierce), who was recently married in Santa Clara.

A meeting of the alumnæ of Mills College, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of that institution, will take place next Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Stock celebrated their crystal wedding yesterday.

The opening of the season by the Pacific Yacht Club will take place on Saturday next. A hop will be given, and the guests will go over to Sausalito on a special steamer, leaving the wharf here in the evening at 7 o'clock.

The elegant residence and grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCreary, at Tenth and L streets, Sacramento, were illuminated last Thursday night, and presented an unusually brilliant spectacle. The occasion was the eleventh of Mr. and Mrs. McCreary's silver wedding anniversary. Among the guests were a large number of ladies and gentlemen from San Francisco.

A hop will be given at the Hotel Mirabeau next Friday evening.

Mrs. J. B. Waddeck gave an elegant luncheon Wednesday evening at her residence, on South Olive street, Los Angeles, in honor of her guest, Miss Emma Loupe of San Francisco.

A testimonial concert will be tendered to Mr. Alfred Wilson next Friday evening, at Metropolitan Temple. Among those who will assist are: Mme. Emilia Tojetti, soprano; Mrs. Mary Winan-Williams, mezzo soprano; Mrs. Charles J. Dickman, contralto; Mrs. H. J. Stewart, pianist; J. H. Rosecrans, violinist; Mr. Lubchevich, J. Hughes, baritone; Adolfo Lada, violoncello; George H. Little, organist; R. Fletcher Tilton, accompanist; Mrs. L. Larendon Lazarus, elocutionist, and the Cosmopolitan Quartet: Alfred Wilkie, first tenor; C. A. Rowland, second tenor; William C. Stadtfield, first bass; Wilhelm Nielsen, second bass.

This week the eyes of the social world in Los Angeles will be turned toward the Festival of Roses, which opens Wednesday in Illinois Hall. This festival promises to be the leading event of the social season and one of the most artistic flower shows ever given in that city. The services of more than 100 ladies have been secured and the result cannot be otherwise than favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. O'Kane gave a delightful angling party on Thursday evening at their residence, 2119 Broadway.

Several weeks ago in Los Angeles a few well-known ladies got together and organized what is known as the Woman's Club. The objects are to establish quarters at one of the seaside resorts where working-girls may spend their vacation during the hot months. At present poor girls cannot afford to go to the hotels and fashionable boarding-houses, and the ladies in charge of this venture intend to establish a place where they can get board and rooms at reasonable rates.

A pleasant May-day picnic was participated in by a number of young folks, kindly chaperoned by Mrs. F. S. Hayes, who conveyed the class from Pacific Heights School to the Cliff House beach on Friday.

A rose fete will be given for the benefit of the Toilet Fund of the West Oakland Central Free Kindergarten at the residence of Mrs. Howard, 266 Alice street, Oakland, on Saturday, May 16th, from 3 until 7 o'clock.

Engagement Notes.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maggie Kittle, daughter of Mrs. N. G. Kittle of Pacific avenue, on the corner of Steiner street, to Mr. George Boyd, a young lawyer and member of the firm of Hayne & Boyd. Mr. Boyd is one of the handsomest members of General Dickinson's staff, and the bride-elect is very popular in society.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bandmann have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Antonia Florencia Bandmann, and Mr. John Perey Rothwell, which will take place in Grace Church at 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, May 13th. It will be followed by a reception from 9 until 12 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, 514 Lombard street.

The engagement is announced of Miss Daisy Crowell, daughter of Mr. A. E. A. Crowell, and a sister of Mr. Marshall A. Newell, Marine Secretary of the California Insurance Company, to Mr. Alpheus Bull Jr., son of the late capitalist, and a civil engineer by profession.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nellie Brower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brower of East Oakland, to Mr. Charles Beecher, son of the well-known Stockton banker of that name and a near relative of the late Henry Ward Beecher. The wedding will take place to-morrow.

Mr. Charles S. Melvin of East Oakland and Miss Georgie Houxhurst of Livermore will be married in July. Mr. Melvin, who is a son of Dr. S. H. Melvin, is building a handsome residence in Highland Park in anticipation of the forthcoming nuptials. Miss Houxhurst is a niece of Mrs. Pope of Highland Park.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lily Ortmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ortmann, to Mr. Thomas Sullivan. The wedding will take place June 3d at St. Dominic's Church.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Clarence Gray and Miss Agnes Hamilton of Oakland.

The engagement is announced of Miss May Rawling, eldest daughter of Mrs. John Rawling Sr. of Grass Valley, to Mr. John C. Smith of this city, formerly of Grass Valley. The wedding will take place on the 10th inst.

Miss Kate Morris and Mr. Frederick Cleaves of Alameda will be married in the Congregational Church there on next Thursday evening.

The engagement of Miss Emily Clise of Seattle and Mr. Edward M. Grant of Petaluma is announced.

The betrothal is announced of Miss Lena Gilbert to Mr. Samuel Damner, both of this city. They will be at home next Sunday afternoon and evening and Wednesday evening, May 13th, at 825 Howard street.

The engagement is announced of Miss Wilhelmine Havemeyer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Havemeyer of "Fair Lawn," Riverside, to Mr. Barrett Eastman, son of Colonel and Mrs. Francis A. Eastman, formerly of Chicago, but now of Los Angeles.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Jenny Stone of Gilroy and Mr. A. C. Goodspeed of Santa Clara, to take place at the bride's home in Gilroy to-morrow.

The engagement of Mr. Robert J. Widney, son of Judge Widney, one of the earliest settlers in Los Angeles, to Miss Clara Carran, only daughter of Mr. T. J. Carran, a well-known attorney who is a member of one of the oldest families of Cleveland, Ohio, and at one time occupied a seat in the State Senate is announced. The marriage will take place in July, after the return of Mrs. Widney and family from Boston to Los Angeles.

The engagement is announced of Miss Josephine Wheeler, daughter of Mr. Thomas Wheeler of Oakland, to Mr. Jerome Percy Churchill of Yreka. The wedding will take place in June.

"The Pirates of Penzance."

At last it is definitely announced that Alta Parlor, No. 3, Native Daughters of the Golden West, assisted by members of the San Francisco Operatic Society, will produce Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful opera, "Pirates of Penzance," on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Bijou Theater.

The parlor has on previous occasions shown itself possessed of remarkable dramatic talent, and it has been an open secret that its membership comprises a whole mine of musical aptitude. With the co-operation of members of the Operatic Society, which has already won praise, a specially delightful evening may be anticipated. As far as is known the cast will be as follows:

King.....Mr. Rohrer
Frederick.....Mr. A. Luttringer
Samuel.....Mr. A. L. Auradon
Major-General Stanley.....Mr. A. F. Schleicher
Edward.....Mr. Newton Williams
Mabel.....Miss Kind
Edith.....Mrs. J. W. Madden
Kate.....Miss Grace Williams
Isabel.....Miss Walter
Ruth.....Mrs. C. L. Parent Jr.

The play is in active rehearsal, an excellent chorus and professional orchestra having already developed largely under the direction of Signor F. Delleplane.

Marvin-Kewen Wedding at Menlo.

Miss Maye Kewen, a daughter of the late Judge E. J. C. Kewen and a sister of Colonel Perrie Kewen, was married to Mr. William T. Marvin last Wednesday at high noon in the little chapel at Menlo Park. The groom is a son of Hon. Edgar Marvin, United States Consul at Victoria, B. C., and a nephew of United States Senator Charles N. Felton. He has a legion of friends and his bride is very popular in society circles here and in Sacramento. The drill corps of young ladies which she organized recently in this city in behalf of a worthy charity was only one of the many instances of a kindly esprit and original force most successfully exerted. She is a beautiful tall blonde of stately carriage and is highly accomplished.

The ceremony was performed in the flower-perfumed chancel by the Rev. Dr. Stowe. The ushers were Mr. Harry M. Holbrook and Mr. C. A. Adams. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Eyre as maid of honor and Miss Phœbe Brown and Miss Della Magann as bridesmaids. The groom was supported by his cousin, Mr. Charles N. Felton Jr.

The ceremony concluded, the bridal party and a limited number of friends present proceeded to the residence of Colonel and Mrs. E. E. Eyre, where an elaborate wedding breakfast was served. The same day Mr. and Mrs. Marvin came up to the Palace Hotel, leaving on Thursday for Redondo Beach. On the 10th inst. they propose starting for Victoria, B. C., where Consul Marvin has an elegant new home in readiness for their reception.

The wedding gifts were remarkable for their rich nature and elegance of form.

Tobin-Plaisted Wedding at Vallejo.

Little Gracie Plaisted, the California prima donna, was married very quietly on Saturday afternoon at North Vallejo to Mr. William T. Tobin of that city.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father by the Rev. Mr. Bollard in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The petite bride was prettily dressed in gray, and wore a very becoming little hat. There were flowers in profusion, and the wedding gifts were numerous and handsome. Mr. Tobin is well known in Vallejo, and is a popular man there.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the couple left on a short trip, but will return in time to receive their friends, for which purpose they have set apart the first three Thursdays of this month, and will entertain callers at the Bernhard House, North Vallejo.

The bride has no intention of giving up her theatrical career, and will continue to be known on the stage as little Gracie Plaisted.

The Golden West Club Entertainment.

The third anniversary entertainment and ball given by the Golden West Club took place last evening at Turn-Verein Hall on O'Farrell street.

The following programme was enjoyed by a large audience: Overture, Professor D. Foley and A. Rosenfeld; remarks, David Gross, C. R.; remarks, S. Mayer; recitation, Little Tillie Savannah; vocal solo, Miss Fannie Ososke; banjo trio, George Sullivan, John O'Brien, F. Hana; violin and piano selections, Miss Ida and Master Walter Gladding, Miss Gladys Luther and Ed Barker; recitation, I. Philo; the pleasing entertainers, J. White and R. Dillon; mandolin solo, Miss H. Gorfinkel; famous comedian, George Parker; musical selections, orchestra. Dancing was subsequently indulged in.

The committees of the evening consisted of: Committee of Arrangements—Charles Stockwitz (Chairman), Robert Rotholtz, H. Rosencrantz, Jacob Albert, Abe Bearwald, George Alexander, M. Sena, George J. Stockwitz, A. Glass; Floor Director, Charles Stockwitz; Assistant Floor Director, H. Rosencrantz; Floor Committee—Robert Rotholtz, George J. Stockwitz, David Gross, Abe Bearwald; Reception Committee—Jacob Albert (Chairman), M. Sena, George Alexander, Charles Rotholtz, William Stockwitz, A. Glass, J. Luxemburg, Jacob Gorfinkel.

A Picnic to Glenwood.

A very enjoyable time was spent by a number of students of the Pacific Business College, who went with an excursion party to Glenwood, Santa Cruz County, on May day. Among those present were: Miss Minnie Peachy, the Misses Eva and May Gooch of San Leandro, Miss Carrie Martin, Miss Mattie Armstrong, Miss May Greenham, Miss Flora B. Martin, Mrs. A. A. Milchinn and Mrs. Martin; Messrs. Zoe Harris, A. Peachy, E. E. Dingley of East Oakland, Eugene L. Scott, A. J. Gooch of San Leandro, Maurice E. Asberson.

A Pleasant Party.

The calico social of the Anderson Dancing Academy given last Saturday evening at the hall corner of Seventeenth and Noe streets was undoubtedly one of the most pleasant affairs of its kind during the week.

The ladies with hardly an exception were attired in light summer dresses of calico, challie and sateen. The effect was a very pretty one and added greatly to the brilliancy of the occasion. There were many handsome faces.

Every one seemed particularly happy. Samuels' Orchestra officiated. Mr. Donald McKenzie acted as floor manager for the occasion. During the evening the Jersey and Berlin were introduced as extras to the regular programme and were loudly encored.

The Picnic Season.

A special union picnic of the United Ancient Order of Druids will take place at California Schuetzen Park, near San Rafael, on Wednesday next.

The British Benevolent Society will hold their twenty-sixth annual excursion and picnic at Shell Mound Park, Berkeley, on Saturday, May 23d, in honor of Queen Victoria's birthday.

Parties to Take Place.

A special entertainment and ball under the auspices of the Improved Order of Red Men will be held on the evening of Tammany day, the 12th inst., at Saratoga Hall.

The Sports Club has issued invitations for its sixth party to take place at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 22d inst.

Golden State Parlor, No. 50, N. D. G. W., will celebrate their first anniversary at Union-square Hall on Thursday evening, the 14th inst.

On Monday evening next, the 11th inst., a novel entertainment will be given at Emmanuel Baptist Church, on Bartlett street, near Twenty-third. The attraction is entitled "A Walking library, or Characters from the Bible," but outside of that nothing is known. The finest talent has been secured.

A literary and musical entertainment will be given by Loyola Assembly, No. 1, Young Men's Catholic Union, at Metropolitan Temple, Friday evening, May 22d, at 8 o'clock.

The first entertainment and ball of the Abajo Club will take place at Golden Gate Hall, Pacific avenue, between Polk street and Van Ness avenue, May 14th.

Mrs. Winnie Ellette's merry comedy, "The Private Secretary," will be reproduced by the Lyceum Comedy Company Saturday evening, May 16th, at Mission Music Hall, corner Twenty-first and Howard streets. The performance will be followed by dancing.

Home Council, No. 14, Order of Chosen Friends, will give an entertainment at Excelsior Hall, 2319 Mission street, Tuesday evening, the 12th inst.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1252, K. and L. of H., has issued invitations for a promenade concert and ball to be held at Mechanics' Pavilion on Thursday evening, the 14th inst. Special arrangements, including the erection of portable parlors, made entirely of manufactured paper, will be made for the comfort of guests.

The ladies of Simpson Memorial M. E. Church, corner of Hayes and Buchanan streets, will give "The Courtship of Miles Standish, Illustrated," besides other tableaux and views of statuary, on Friday evening, the 15th inst.

The seventh initiation of the Commercial Alumni Association will take place on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst., at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The first anniversary of Borromean Council, No. 129, Young Men's Institute, will be celebrated by its members with a reception at Mission Opera Hall Friday evening, May 22d.

The Pandora Dramatic Company will produce "May Blossom" on the 14th inst.

The Home Social Club of '91 is completing arrangements for an extensive yachting party on the bay May 17th.

The first anniversary reception of Borromean Council, No. 129, Young Men's Institute, will take place at Mission Opera Hall on Friday evening, May 22d.

The Bulkoes' farewell party for the season will take place on June 19th.

The American Legion of Honor councils of the city will give an entertainment complimentary to the Grand Council of the order, to convene in this city on Wednesday next at Odd Fellows' Hall. The exercises will consist of short addresses by the Rev. Thomas Filben, G. O., and Hon. Robert Ferral, music and recitation, to be followed with dancing.

The Delta Club will hold a ball and dancing contest for the championship of the Pacific Coast next Friday evening at B'nai B'rith Hall.

Bonita Circle, No. 104, C. of F., will give their regular monthly social at Mangel's Hall, northeast corner of Twenty-fourth and Folsom streets, Friday evening next.

The La Voltas will be at home to their friends Friday evening next in Minerva Hall.

The Nyaya Club will give their thirteenth hop to-morrow evening, at Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Vendomes will give their next party at New Bersaglieri Hall, corner Stockton and Union streets, on Saturday evening next.

The members of Fremont Parlor, No. 59, N. D. G. W., will give an entertainment and hop in Washington Hall to-morrow evening. A very pleasing programme has been prepared for the occasion.

On Thursday evening, next, at Odd Fellows' Hall, San Francisco Council, No. 7, Young Men's Institute, will hold their sixth annual entertainment and social.

Young Ladies' Institute, No. 7, will hold their third anniversary party at B'nai B'rith Hall to-morrow evening. The committee is an energetic one, and they promise a pleasant evening to all who attend.

California Drill Corps, No. 2, of California Parlor, No. 1, N. S. G. W., will give a complimentary ball at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening.

The Calliopean Musical and Literary Society will give an entertainment and dance at Lunt's Hall on Friday evening next.

The fifth annual drill and exhibition of the Boys' High School Cadets, to conclude with dancing, will take place at the Mechanics' Pavilion on Friday evening, next. The cadets are attached to the First Infantry Regiment, N. G. G. A feature of the exhibition will be the observance of "A Day in Camp."

There will be a New England dinner and bazaar at Trinity M. E. Church, corner of Market and Sixteenth streets, on Thursday afternoon and evening next. A brief musical programme will be rendered in the evening, and every effort will be made to make those who attend have a pleasant time. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

Society Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kittle and Miss Lucia Kittle, who have been spending the winter months at the Palace Hotel, have returned to their home in Ross Valley.

Mr. Frank S. Johnson, who has been spending the winter at the California Hotel, moved over to his residence at San Rafael last week. Mr. Johnson will have as his guests this season his mother and sister, Mrs. Captain Glass. The ladies are expected to arrive from Washington, D. C., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Belknap of Sausalito have moved into "Owl Ridge" cottage, formerly "Fairview."

The artists, Messrs. Charles Rollo Peters and Emile Carlson, will soon go into camp at Mill Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McLaren are at the Cazadero Hotel on their wedding tour.

Sir Claus Spreckels came up from his country seat at Aptos on Friday. On the 10th inst. he will leave in his private car for New York en route for Europe, where he will spend six months in recreation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lockland of Honolulu are sojourning at the Oriel.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have returned home to Los Angeles from this city, where they have been passing the winter. Mrs. Rhodes is a niece of Colonel and Mrs. R. S. Baker.

Mr. C. C. Thorne was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Moody at their villa near San Mateo yesterday.

Mrs. H. B. Bissell and the Misses Julia and Therese Bissell left on Friday for San Rafael, where they will pass the summer.

Mrs. Whitcomb, formerly Miss May Miller, was to arrive Saturday from New York to visit her father, Mr. Samuel Miller, for a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Prentiss have gone to the Hotel Rafael for the summer season.

Mrs. Lloyd Tevis and family will pass the month of June at Santa Barbara, and will be at Monterey during July and August.

Mrs. George W. Lynch and Miss Nan Lynch, after a pleasant visit to relatives, have returned to their home in Portland, Oregon.

Miss Theresa Stanford is visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren, at 1223 Washington street.

Mr. Charles G. Hooker and the Misses Hooker left on Wednesday for a visit to the Hotel del Monte.

Mrs. Samuel W. Holladay, accompanied by Mrs. Blackwell, has returned from England to her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mizner and Mrs. Tewksbury are at the Hotel Rafael for the summer.

Mrs. Caleb T. Fay and Mr. Charles S. Fay, now in Southern California, are expected here this week, when they will go to the Hotel Rafael for the season.

Mr. R. H. Sprague and the Misses Sprague went over to San Rafael on Wednesday last for the summer.

Mrs. J. B. D. Irwin and the Misses May and Ida Irwin left last Wednesday for the East en route to Europe, where they will pass the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oxnard, now at the Del Monte, will return to their residence in San Rafael this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bourn and the Misses Bourn will soon leave for the East, and intend to be away all of the summer.

Mr. Rudolph Herold Jr. and Captain Werner Staut will occupy their cottage "Wildidle" at Sausalito during the summer.

REST.

Written for THE MORNING CALL.

In the quaint old Mission church-yard
The dead in quiet sleep;
No sound can break their slumbers
At the mountains' rugged feet.
The stream of life flows by them,
Unheeding where they lie,
By the great St. Francis guarded
Beneath the western sky;
At rest from toil and trouble,
Past grief and sighs and tears,
Life's weary waiting over,
Its doubts, its hopes and fears.
The aching heart is peaceful,
The tear-dimmed eyes are dry;
The weary brain, the tired hands
Forever resting lie.
Ah, welcome, death! so peaceful,
So gentle thy caress,
That death is only living
And living only death.
Thy sable pinion's shadow
Blots out cruel memory's sting,
And we rest in sweet forgetting
Beneath thy sheltering wing.

POLLY STOCKWELL.

QUEEN EDITH.

Queen Edith they called her, and certainly never did a sovereign rule her subjects so cruelly as the fair-haired girl her lovers. Squire Rathburn's son, it was said, had wandered away to Florida and died there because he could not win her for his wife.

Three years passed away when a handsome stranger beeame the guest of Rathburn manor. Queen Edith, ever on the lookout for fresh conquests, laid her snares for him. They became intimate friends and Edith was at last forced to acknowledge that she had lost her heart. Suddenly, however, the young man grew cold in his attentions and was inclined to favor Queen Edith's rival.

One night at a party she heard excited voices in the conservatory:

"You may talk of vengeance, father, for her jilting me three years ago, but I tell you that I love her."

"Are you a fool?" retorted the squire—and Edith heard him now—"a fool! who can learn nothing from experience? I thought your Southern tour had cured you of your boyish penchant, and that you would try to make her suffer as you suffered when you went away. Does not your Rathburn pride rise in rebellion against another capitulation and refusal!"

"I think she now returns my love."

"Oh, she does, does she!" exclaimed the squire, still angrier. "She loves you now, the vixen! She who sent you off to Florida to die, and would have danced upon your grave if her atrocious actions could have killed you. And she flirts to-day with the same utter recklessness of the pain she causes others, as when you were ensnared before. And she would be a coquette if she should married her. I know it, just the same. How can you, Charley?"

Trembling Queen Edith listened for the answer which came at last with power to send the lifeblood back upon her heart and brain in scorching tides of fire. The words were simply these:

"Father, I see the force of your warning, and must yield the point. A flirt I cannot marry, and I shall live and die a bachelor."

How she succeeded in escaping from the conservatory Queen Edith never knew; but she did escape in some way, and, pleading illness, begged to be taken home. And there for days and weeks she tossed and moaned in the wild delirium of fever. After the fever left her she was quite weak and helpless, and a darkened room seemed quite a matter of course. She marveled greatly, though, after she grew stronger, why not a ray of light was ever suffered to enter, and at last she asked her mother.

"No light!" exclaimed her mother, in surprised excitement. "No light! Why, cannot you see me?"

"How can I, in this darkness?" cried Queen Edith.

The groan that burst involuntarily from that mother's heart told her the truth. For her the sun would shine no more forever. I think she prayed for death.

Squire Rathburn and Charley heard of her misfortune speedily. There was one stormy scene in the old Rathburn mansion, but Charley conquered and over he went to see Queen Edith.

They took him to her room and placed her hand in his, whispering his name. For one instant her pale features lighted with a joyous smile and a faint pink dyed her cheeks; then she grew paler than before. They softly left the room, those who had brought him thither.

"Oh, Edith," he murmured, sinking on his knees beside the couch of suffering, "I love you! Will you let me care for you through all the years of darkness this side of heaven?"

Queen Edith's cheek grew pink again and again the color faded.

"I am blind," was all she said.

"I know it, darling, but I do not care for that, only for your sake. I will be eyes for both."

"But I am a flirt! Dare you venture to marry me?"

"Neither do I care for that," he said. "I love you—I lay my heart once more before you; trample on it again if you will. I cannot help it."

Of course she did not. Of course Queen Edith yielded to his importunity, and as soon as the roses returned to her cheeks once more they were married. The regally beautiful woman who now presides over the happy household at the Rathburn mansion is Queen Edith; but her eyes are sightless no longer. She sees her husband and children ever before her. And he has never had a cause to sorrow that she was once a flirt.

SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT.

He—May I kiss you just once? She—No. He (unabashed)—How many times?—Life.

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Lord Algernon—I really consider it my duty to marry some American girl. Ethel—A duty for revenue only, is it not?—Life.

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Briggs—Poor Robinson. After his wife died he married her dressmaker. Griggs—How are they getting on? "I understand that he still owes her the money."—N. Y. Sun.

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"Can you cook?" he asked anxiously, ere he popped the question. "I don't know," she answered, "but I—I can try." "Not on me," he rejoined, reaching for his hat.—New York Sun.

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Office-boy—Mr. Goldsell, the book-keeper swore at me this morning. Head of Firm—Swore at you? That was inexcusable. I had instructed him to kick you down stairs.—Jewelers' Weekly.

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An Appropriate Nickname: Lady to Tramp—What is your name? Tramp—They call me Keely Motion. Lady—Why do they call you that? Tramp—Because I wont work.—Springfield Graphic.

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No Discount on Kisses: Maude—How can I ever repay you for your kindness? George—With kisses. Maude—How much do you value them at? George—I'll take them at their face value.—Puck.

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Tomkins—Why do you call the new Treasurer of the United States Nebekernezzar? Lumpkins—Because he has been turned into Uncle Sam's pasture with the rest of the cattle.—Chicago Times.

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"If—if you only knew what the bill was for," sobbed the young wife, "you would be ashamed to scold me so about it." "What was it for?" demanded John. "My birthday present for you," said the sad little wife.—N. Y. Sun.

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In the spring a man always thinks it is cheaper to buy a lawn-mower and trim all his lawns himself. In the heat of July he always knows it is cheaper to hire a laborer to do the job—but he can't persuade his wife.—Somerville Journal.

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"Am I on the books, sir?" asked the bridge policeman, with awkward humility. "It doesn't make any difference whether you are or not," St. Peter growled; "we can't have loiterers on this cloud extension. Move on!"—New York Sun.

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Cupid Under Arrest: Mr. Pullman (about to propose)—Miss Sanford, I am now going to say what I wanted to say an hour ago. Can you not guess, from my eyes, what it is? Miss Sanford—Do you mean "Good Night?" You look sleepy.—The Epoch.

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Gus de Smith is courting the daughter of his landlady, but she does not reciprocate. He has at last become reckless, and on her repeated refusal to listen to his suit he said to her: "Miss Fannie, I'll give you until the 15th to love me; if you don't do it then I'll move out on the 1st.—Texas Siftings.

DRESS SUITS for hire, suitable for balls, parties or weddings, at reasonable rates. Original Mack Clothing Parlors, northwest corner of Post and Dupont streets.

SEA AND SHORE.

The Steamer Emily Sails With a Non-Union Crew.

Queer Musical Instruments—How German Sailors Enjoy Themselves—Stopped the Ball With His Nose.

The fine weather yesterday brought out more than the usual crowd of water-front visitors, and the street fakirs, including the blind negro with his tambourine, drew large crowds. The water-front preachers were there, as usual, but were not molested, as the hoodlums found plenty of attractions elsewhere.

Travel across the bay was heavy, several thousands going to the picnic at Glen Ellen. For the first time since she has been afloat the big ferry steamer Ukiah was fairly crowded with passengers, and the gates had to be shut to prevent any more going on board.

The crowd at the ferry was tremendous and kept the ticket-sellers on a jump; the waiting-rooms were jammed, and thousands had to wait outside until the crowd within had gone on board.

A NOVEL ORCHESTRA.

Crowds of people thronged the wharf at Green street most of the day and were highly entertained by the musical efforts of the crew of the German ship C. H. Watjens. The Watjens is the only merchant ship in the harbor that has a band on board, and some of the instruments would make a fortune for their owners if placed on exhibition. Most of them were made on board, and a great deal of ingenuity was displayed in their manufacture.

The bass-drum, for instance, consists of a cask, with heads of canvas, painted in fantastic colors; the tambourine, made of a hoop, also has a canvas head; for a triangle a bar of steel, bent into the required shape, serves the purpose; strings for the big bass viol are made from marlin; the flute and piccolo are made from bamboo, and the snare-drum was created from a small copper vessel with leather heads. In addition to the above-named instruments are two accordeons and a jewsharp.

Early in the day several kegs of beer were provided and, after the crew had finished washing their clothes and hung them out to dry, they settled down to enjoy themselves. Judging by the vast amount of noise they made and the quantity of beer they disposed of they were quite successful. The marine concert concluded by the entire crew of twenty-four men singing "Die Wacht am Rhein" with orchestral accompaniment. The performance was loudly cheered by the large crowd on the dock.

The Watjens is the ship that sprung her mainmast in the English Channel while on the passage to San Francisco and put into Plymouth for repairs. The captain and crew are proud of the fine vessel, especially as she was built entirely in Germany of German material.

A NON-UNION CREW.

The steam schooner Emily went to sea about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a crew of non-union men. Early in the morning Captain Robinson applied at the North Harbor Station for police protection, saying that Lombard-street Wharf, where the vessel was lying, was crowded with members of the seamen's union, and he was afraid they would board the schooner and take his men away by force.

An officer was sent down but found his presence not needed, as there were only four or five men on the wharf, and they had made no hostile demonstration. The Captain made several trips to the station afterward, and at last Captain Dunleavy went down the vessel himself but found everything quiet on the dock, and not a single union man in sight. Just before the steamer left the second mate picked up his clothes and came ashore, giving as his reasons that he did not want to go to sea with a crew not one of whom could steer.

It was stated that when the vessel returns she will be libeled by the six men who formed her crew on the last trip. The men claim that they have $31 50 coming to each of them, which the captain refused to pay, and also that they were worked overtime for which they also received no pay.

THE RACERS.

The boat clubs did not do a great deal yesterday, in spite of the smooth water and warm sun.

The Pioneers had a crew out in their whitehall in the forenoon. The Ariels' barge, with a pick-up crew, was also out, but did not stay long. The South Enders also went out in their barge for a spin, and then put in the rest of the afternoon playing hand-ball.

The new barge for the last-named club will not be down from Vallejo until the 15th inst., as it has been decided to let the varnish harden thoroughly before putting her into the water.

The South End Club intend having a big spread in the near future, the details of which will be given next week.

BASE-BALL GAME.

A large crowd gathered at the foot of Vallejo street to see a ball game played by two nines picked up along the front. The game was somewhat exhilerating, as the players nearly came to blows several times. One of them tried to catch a sky-scraper, but it slipped through his hands and landed on his nose, smashing that prominent part of his anatomy over a considerable portion of his face, much to the satisfaction of the onlookers, who yelled themselves hoarse with delight. The score at the end of the game stood 6 to 11.

DIED AT SEA.

During the voyage of the British ship Golden Horn to this port, one of her seamen named Peter Loftus died suddenly while the vessel was off the Horn. The poor fellow went below to get his breakfast at 8 o'clock, when he was taken sick just as he entered the forecastle. Everything possible was done for him, but he died before 9 o'clock and the body was buried that evening. Loftus was a native of London.

Among the vessels that came in yesterday were the steamers Los Angeles from Eureka, with 27 passengers, and the Coos Bay from San Pedro.

The following vessels went to sea, the ships J. B. Brown and Two Brothers, and the barks Alden Bessie, Bonanza, Detroit and Sumatra.

DIAMOND JO'S PARTNER.

A Simple Request Made of Him by the Famous Miner.

A tall, dignified-looking man, smoking an extra long cigar and wearing a peculiarly shaped sealskin cap, walked nervously back and forth in the Grand Pacific rotunda, unconscious that he was the cynosure of all eyes. The 10-carat diamond that sparkled in his tie was brandishing so many spears of light that Sam Parker thought he must certainly be from darkest Africa, says the Chicago News. The wearer of that sparkler was J. M. Daily of Denver, Colo., and a man with a history that would fill an octavo volume.

In conversation with a reporter Mr. Daily had this to say:

"I have been for ten years the business partner of 'Diamond Jo' Reynolds, and it was to attend his funeral that I came here. The newspaper men have all taken a hand at writing anecdotes of Jo, the one man of the United States who might have been a successful Jay Gould had he wanted to depart from his self-made business rules, but I can tell one that illustrates the character of the veteran financier more perfectly, to my mind, than any yet announced. Several years ago Jo's son Blake, who subsequently died, came out to Colorado to 'learn something.' Diamond Jo brought him up to the mine office one day, and gave me instructions to see that Blake was informed upon every subject pertaining to mines and mining, etc. Well, I 'sized up' the young man and concluded he would never take kindly to mining details.

"'Isn't there some other business that might be more congenial to Blake?' I suggested.

"'Mines are good enough for his father,' retorted 'Diamond Jo.'

"'But I don't know what to teach him,' I replied.

"'Jim, all I will ask of you is taht you teach Blake that there are just 100 cents in $1, and it will be time well spent if it takes you two years.' Well, I admitted the logic of the orders, but I felt apprehensive of my powers as financial professor."

Mr. Daily remarked, when the subject of superstition was introduced in some inexplicable manner, that he was most forcibly reminded of the old saw, "When the house is finished the hearse is at the door," by a visit to a town not a thousand miles from Denver, where lives a well-known public character, a man of immense wealth, who recently startled the town by building a beautiful and costly stone residence. Upon the granite fence which surrounds the spacious grounds he spent enough money to almost build another house. But the tall granite portices of the portals do not overlook a beautiful bronze gate, such as one might imagine there would be there. The owner has a gate of rough pine planks, and not for architectural effect, either. It looks very much like a make-shift for a door in an unfinished house. The eccentric rich man avers that, as long as he refrains from finishing that gate, just so long the hearse will be kept from before his door.

"That is a sample of the Centennial State's superstitions," concluded Mr. Daily.

LIGHT FROM DARKNESS.

Marvelous Optical Surgery Gives Sight to a Blind Child.

COLORADO SPRINGS, April 22.—Born with her eyelids firmly closed, yet able to an extent to distinguish between bright light and total darkness, six-year-old Myrtle Higbee of Denver yesterday underwent a marvelous operation in optical surgery at the State School for the Deaf and Blind here. After administering an anæsthetic the surgeons carefully dissected her eyelids, parting them with a scalpel and forceps until the eyeball was reached. It was found then that the eye was turned very much inward. The cornea was slightly opaque and flattened.

The eyelid was firmly adhered to the surface of the eyeball by fibers of connective tissue, and these had to be cut one at a time until the eyelid could be turned back. As the little patient began to show signs of heart failure from the anæsthetic it was decided not to operate upon the left eye; so the lids of the right eye were bound back with sutures and bandages applied.

If further adhesion can be prevented the child has a very favorable chance of getting much more light, probably enough so that she will be able to distinguish the larger objects and can avoid running into them. It will be ten days or two weeks before the operation on the other eye can be performed, and it will be a week or more before the value of the last operation is fully determined, but so far it is a thorough success.—Philadelphia Record.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

Gen J Lockman & w, N Y
J A Burten & w, Illinois
J W Burton, Illinois
G T Nevins & w, SanJose
G H White, Boston
R E Vanderveer, N York
H H Markham, Sacto
J B Wright, Sacto
W C Van Fleet, Sacto
M R Higgins, Sacto
W E Dargie & w, Oakland
W H Anderson, England
S Feicher & wf, Mass
H H Pitceer, Livermore
W Mendenhall, Duluth
D E Buchanan & wf, Portland
M T Tarkey, Alameda
W Strang, Sausalito
Frank Wright, Chicago
A Jacobs, Denver
Mrs S W Knapp, Ogden
M G Holmes & w, Chicago
W A Johnston, Pittsburg
Miss MR Johnston, Pa
Emma Butterworth, Pa
M E Butterworth, Pa
J Butterworth & w, Philadelphia
Gertie Maddigan, Boston
F T Platt, Boston
B J Sprague & wf, Boston
W M Coward, Woodland
E Canfield, Stockton
M E Uadern, Stockton
J Stern, Belleplain
J W Wood, Pasadena
E Bain, Wisconsin
Mrs E Bain, Wisconsin
J Rees & w, Pennsylvania
Mrs E L