Society's leaders have been too busy with Christmas shopping and family reunions to attend to social duties during the past seven days. They have been partaking of the common lot—elbowing and jostling in crowded shops, worrying over the selection of holiday gifts, and snatching indigestible downtown luncheons in true American fashion. The general effect has been one of gayety, to be sure, but auspicious society gatherings have been scarce. The reception tendered Rear-Admiral Beardslee by the officers and ladies of the Presidio on Friday evening was really the only important event of the week, aside from the usual private dinners, theat r parties and Christmas-tree festivals. Few there are among the local swell set who have not also had matters philanthropic on hand in connection with the Christmastide, which no one but themselves could possibly have attended to. There were generous bags to be filled for various hospitals and charitable institutions, Christmas trees to trim for kindergartens and day homes, appropriate offerings to be thought out and presented to needy families, nurseries to be decked, and home circles to be supplied with feasting and merry-making. All these obligations were met, although times may be hard and purses slim.

And what is true of the society leaders may also be said of the fair young debutantes. They have been happy and busy in behalf of others, planning little surprises, making light the burdens of the poor and sipping high ly here and there of the social sweets. Society has undoubtedly done its share in casting a rosy glow over the Christmastid , and its echoes of good cheer reach far out, making happier the desolate ones of earth. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that the Christmas week has been devoid of large social functions. Neither is it unusual, inasmuch as a Californian Christmas is invariably made up of a large share of charitable enterprises, both of a public and private character. The whole-souled San Francisco woman is nothing if no generous, and Christmas finds her enjoying the rapture of the little ones and ready to bestow a portion of her kindliness outside her own cheerful home circle.

The coming week promises to be one of unusual activity. Weddings, which by the way have been surprisingly scarce for this season of the year, will be "revived," no less than four being set down during the next few days. Miss Cora Caduc and Henri B. de Marville will be united in marriage at St. Luke's on Wednesday. This evening Miss Hilda Macdonald and Duke F. Baxter will be wedded quietly at the home of the bride's parents on Scott street, and to-morrow afternoon Ruben B. Hale of this city will wed Miss Leonelia May Johnston in San Jose. In addition to these events, the Friday Evening Club will give its second cotillion at Odd Fellows' Hall; the Monday Evening Dancing Class will hold a meeting this evening and the Terpsichoreans will dance the cotillon on Thursday. In addition to these events there will be a number of private receptions, matinee teas and theater parties.

Monday was absoutely devoid of private gatherings. Christmas tree festivities were in order in all parts of the city, and the coming of Santa Claus was looked for in almost every household.

On Tuesday evening a highly enjoyable and artistic dinner was given by Mrs. Frances G. Vaux, the sculptor, at her residence on California street, the guest of honor being the well-know author and writer, Mrs. Helen Campbell, of Indiana. The dining-room and table were beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers and smilax, and a most elaborate menu was served. The other guests were: Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson, Mrs. D. D. Colton, Paul Tyner and Walter J. Bartnett.

The wedding of Miss Eva G. Kennedy and Frank W. Jewett, a well-known journalist of Sonoma County, was an event worthy of mention on Tuesday. The event occurred in Santa Rosa at the residence of the bride's mother. Rev. B. F. Sargent performed the ceremony. Miss Mabel Kennedy, sister of the charming bride, acted as maid of honor and Bert Jewett officiated as groomsman.

Wednesday was given up almost entirely to rest and recuperation after the festivities of Christmas day. The officers of the department of California tendered a reception to Brigadier-General Forsyth, U. S. A., at the Presidio in the afternoon, which was indeed an enjoyable event. The assembly hall was handsomely decorated and the band of the Fifth Artillery discoursed music during the reception hours and during the dancing which followed. A large number of officers and ladies were present at the reception.

An enjoyable dinner party was given at the Hotel Richelieu on Wednesday evening by A. Bissinger in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Swift of Chicago. Covers were laid for eight and a most enjoyable time was had by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox of Van Ness avenue entertained a small party of friends at dinner on Thursday evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of the host. The decorations were all in crimson, and the cards were of the same hue, with the monogram of the host and the names of the guests in raised gold letters. The guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Lundborg, George T. Bromley, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Newton, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Miller, Miss Isabel Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sweetzer, Captain and Mrs. Reed, Miss Duff and E. B. Pomroy.

Mrs. E. B. Spalding entertained at luncheon Thursday the ladies who assisted her at the lunches given in aid of St. John's Episcopal Church. The residence at 3300 Washington street was tastefully decorated, daylight being entirely excluded. Red candles and lamps with red shades were used to illuminate the interior. The guests were: Mrs. Herold, Mrs. Alvina H. Wilson and the Misses Weston, Noble, Hands and Spalding.

There was a fashionable wedding at noon Thursday at San Jose, the contracting parties being Miss Grace M. Spencer, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Francis E. Spencer, and Dr. J. Underwood Hale Jr. The wedding took place at Trinity Church and was a very pretty one in every respect.

Mrs. Paul Jarboe gave an enjoyable theater party on Thursday evening at the Baldwin in honor of Miss Ida Irwin of Chicago. After the performance a supper was enjoyed. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Tobin, Miss Laura McKinstry, Miss Bates, Miss Alice Ames, Clement Tobin, W. R. Heath, Mrs. Tobin, Addison Mizner, J. F. J. Archibald and Charles N. Felton Jr.

Mrs. Frank Sullivan gave a children's fair on Thursday evening at her residence on Van Ness avenue. It was a pronounced success socially and financially.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis gave a delightful theater party at the California Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold, Mrs. E. A. Hatch and B. H. Bruce being the guests of honor. At the conclusion of the performance the party drove to the Davis residence, on Van Ness avenue, where a dainty supper was served in the beautifully decorated dining-room. Before supper Mrs. E. A. Hatch sang in her usual sweet voice "Deep in the Heart," after which a duet, "See the Pale Moon," was nicely rendered by Mrs. Hatch and Mr. Bruce. The ladies were very pretty in their holiday gowns, the hostess in ruby velvet, Mrs. Arnold in blue satin and Mrs. Hatch in black and white silk.

The third assembly and cotillon of the Entre Nous Club was held at the Palace Hotel on Friday evening. The attendance as usual was quite large and the decorations cut no unimportant figure. Flowers were placed in the handsome ballroom and the adjoining compartments in great profusion, and smilax was interwoven in every chandelier. The figures danced were the "Entre Nous," "Parisian Rounds" and "Grand Chain and Circles." Fifty couples participated in the german, which was led and managed by Sanford G. Lewald.

The following participated in the first and second sets: Wallace Alexander and Miss Eva Worth, George A. Rigg and Miss M. M. Stewart, Walter S. Lyon and Miss Jessie B. Lyon, Arthur D. Naylor and Miss Elizabeth Cudworth, Dr. E. R. Bryant and Miss Grace E. Bertz, James T. Ludlow and Miss Lizzie Lobelman, Louis W. Lovey and Miss Aimee Woodworth, George W. Adams and Miss Leah S. Young, Gaston Roussy and Miss Julia Novella, David W. Wise and Miss Jessie Taggart, J. H. Desmond and Miss Minnie Ludlow, Fred H. Parks and Miss Camilla Redmond.

At the conclusion of the german a short programme of dances followed.

Miss Carrie Taylor entertained a number of her young friends at an informal tea on Saturday afternoon at her parents' residence, 2128 California street. The affair was given in honor of Miss Pope, and charmingly did the young hostess do honor to her fair guests. The decorations were plentiful and artistic, and the hours from 2 o'clock until 4 were very pleasantly spent in conversation, the enjoyment of music and a delightful repast.

The wedding of Miss Deming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Deming, and Samuel M. Schwan of New York took place in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sacramento, on Saturday. The bride was attended by her sister and the groom by Walter L. Dean. The ushers were William Chapin of Sacramento, S. H. Bordman, Frank Owen and George E. Hall of this city. The church was filled, and among the San Franciscans present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. K. Nuttall, Miss Ethel Smith, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Newlands, Frank L. Owen, George Hall and S. H. Bordman.

The Theata Iota Pi gave an elaborate banquet last Saturday evening, which was followed by a box party at the California Theater to witness Miss Martinot's performance in "The Passport." Among the young gentlemen comprising the fraternity are: Messrs. G. A. Christenson, G. D. O'Donnell, T. O'Connell, C. A. Cross, E. J. Cross, F. J. Sutton, F. E. Kendall, H. Herzer, H. Kinsey and J. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Levy celebrated their golden wedding yesterday by holding a reception between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock at their residence, 1025 Washington street. Their many friends called during the afternoon and extended congratulations to the happy couple.

On Friday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, at the second german of the Friday Night Club, Miss Ella Hobart will lead with E. M. Greenway. The affair will doubtless be the most successful of the season.

The Dancing Club will also give its second party at the Palace Hotel Friday evening. Miss Ayers, Miss Mills, Mr. Hall and Mr. Everett will have charge of the affair.

On Friday evening the Saturday Morning Orchestra will give a benefit concert at the Auditorium. Fritz Scheel will direct the orchestra.

The congregation of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin will hold its Christmas-tree festival to-morrow evening in Mrs. Pixley's ballroom, on Union and Fillmore streets.

Mrs. Joseph S. Tobin will give a dinner party at her residence this evening in honor of her charming sister-in-law, Miss Beatrice Tobin. At the conclusion of the dinner the entire party will attend the meeting of the Monday Evening Dancing Class at Lunt's Hall.

The Terpsichoreans will give one of their delightful parties on Thursday evening. The german will be danced under the leadership of E. M. Greenway.

The Concordia Club will see the old year out and the new year in this evening at its hall. There will be dancing, supper and an entertainment.

The Cotillion Club has issued invitations for its charity ball to be given at the Palace Hotel next Monday evening in aid of the Children's Hospital Fund.

The lady managers of the Maria Kip Orphanage will give a private view of the paintings of their loan exhibition to-morrow afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock, at the old hall of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sutter street.

Mrs. George Arnold has extended invitations to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter, Mrs. Wright, Robert Baxter, Mrs. E. Hatch, Colonel Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman to watch the old year out and the new year in at her residence on Washington street this evening.

The Brownie Club of the Girls' High School will give its second party this evening at the residence of Miss Frances Milroy, 836 Fulton street.

The weddings this year are certainly not all molded on the one-time conventional pattern. In a recent marriage ceremony in New York the bride entered the church on the arm of the groom instead, as is usually the case, meeting him at the altar. The first part of the ceremony was gone through with the couple standing below the chancel step, and not until the part of "who giveth this woman to be married to this man" did they go forward to the chancel rail. The bride's father, who was the minister, performed the double duty of marrying and giving away. But the ceremony was an impressive one withal.

In the records of London society they have the habit of naming each season after its principal attraction, as, for instance, they have the cowboy year, when Buffalo Bill was the idol of the great world; the slumming year, when ladies forsook ballrooms and opera to invade the slums and dens of crime, vice and indigence. Then came the skirt-dancing year, which has hardly yet seen its close, and now they have the bicycle year, which seems to have taken as complete possession of English women as it has of Americans.

BETROTHALS.

Announcement is made of the betrothal of Miss Annie de Houle Irwin, daughter of Colonel B. J. D. Irwin, U. S. A., to Edward S. Adams of Chicago.

The engagement in Berlin has been announced of Miss Paula von Oertzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans F. von Oertzen of Kittendorf, Germany, to Dr. George F. Nuttall of this city.

The engagement is announced of Miss Fleeta Cumming, sister of Mrs. William H. Avery, to William H. Harris.

The engagement is announced of Miss H. Caben to George Borchardt. They will receive on next Friday afternoon at 1044 Golden Gate avenue.

The wedding of Miss Clarisse Sheldon, niece of Mrs. Hippolyte Dufard, and Cutler Paige will take place in February.

The wedding of Miss Cora Caduc and Dr. Henri B. de Marville will take place at St. Luke's Church on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weiss of 613 Gough street wish to announce that their daughter, Miss Beckie, will be at home to her friends next Sunday afternoon, January 6, before her departure for Chicago, where her marriage to Mr. Sam W. Sincere takes place.

The wedding of Miss Gertrude Severance and Mr. Charles Sawyer will take place in Honolulu on January 29.

Miss Jessie Barton will be united in marriage to Mr. George D. Baird on Friday evening in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church. Their residence on January 15 will be in St. Louis, Mo.

The engagement is announced of Miss May H. Lawrence of this city to Arthur E. Jackson of Santa Monica. The wedding will take place to-morrow at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. H. Lawrence, at 910 Steiner street.

The wedding of Miss Leonelia May Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Johnston, to Ruben B. Hale, will take place at San Jose to-morrow afternoon.

PRIVATE RECEPTIONS.

An enjoyable surprise party was given to Cæsar Lippi on the 22d inst. at his residence, 1012 Twenty-third street. The affair was arranged in honor of his birthday and unknown to him. The parlors were tastefully decorated with evergreens and choice cut flowers. Sweet music, dancing, recitations and games occupied the attention of the guests until midnight when an excellent supper was served.

After the repast the guests took up dancing again, which lasted until an early hour in the morning.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lippi, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dittmer, Mr. and Mrs. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Gerkins, Mr. and Mrs. Buschi, Mr. and Mrs. Cima, Mr. and Mrs. Pio Lippi, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Fernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Galvin, Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. M. Linkogan, Mrs. Podesta, Miss Zeme Fernandez, Miss M. Galvin, Miss A. Reichart, Miss Bertha Sonntag, Miss J. Jurgens, Misses Jennie, Erna and Hilda Lippi, Mr. Georgi, Mr. Silvestri, Mr. Linget, Messrs. Rino, Chace, A. Cox and Joseph Lippi.

An Anniversary Party.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Cook celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their residence, 937 Valencia street, Friday evening, December 21. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the large parlors were crowded with friends who spent an enjoyable evening in conversation and music. Supper was served from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Among those present were: Captain and Mrs. A. F. Spear, Miss Mamie Spear, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Soper, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dawson of San Jose, Mrs. E. D. Silsby, Mr. E. H. Silsby, Miss Minnie Silsby, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kase, the Misses Hunt, Captain and Mrs. George Boyd, Captain and Mrs. J. C. Young, Captain and Mrs. Trask, Colonel and Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Parker, Fred Parker, E. McEwen, Dr. A. M. Flood, Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Gene, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wisewell, Mr. and Mrs. Reiser, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Norman, Miss Alice Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Hanibal Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brann, George Trask, Mrs. Trask, Miss Nillie Trask, Mr. and Mrs. W. Munns, Miss Addie Munns, Fred Hare, Miss Eva M. Hare, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kyle, Miss Belle Kyle of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Doe, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pollard and Mrs. M. W. Pollard of Oakland, Charles Haake, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelly, Miss Mabel Gray, Miss Kendall, Mrs. S. E. Vaslet, Frank Vaslet, Miss May Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. Renshaw Wilson.

The Staude Birthday.

A very pleasant gathering was held at the Staude residence on Sunday evening, the 23d inst., on the occasion of the coming of age of J. Staude Jr. Vocal and instrumental music and games wer the order of the evening, among which was specially enjoyed a trio by Mrs. Edson, Mr. H. Staude and Mr. J. Staude, also a vocal solo by Miss Bach. At 11 P. M. the assembled guests adjourned to the artistically decorated dining-room, where an elegant repast was served.

Among those present were: Mrs. Edson, Mrs. J. Staude, Miss Gausz, Miss A. Schnabel, Miss M. Hagemann, Miss L. Bach; Messrs. Staude Sr., C. Edson, H. Staude, J. Bach, C. Staude, E. Wagner, J. Staude, E. Winkle.

The Hambleton Birthday.

An enjoyable party took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hambleton, at 63 Sixth street, Thursday evening, the occasion being the coming of age of their eldest son, Fred Hambleton. The rooms were artistically decorated and singing and dancing were kept up until the "wee sma' hours" of the morning. Owing to the weather some of those invited were unable to attend, but those who were present, about thirty in all, spent a most enjoyable evening.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sinn rt, Mrs. Taylor, W. Hambleton, Mr. Rickey, Mr. Whittle, F. Mott, Mr. Whitmore, Miss Burham, Miss Andeson, Miss Holton, Miss Fields, Miss Hennessey, Miss Smart, Mr. de Turvelle, Miss de Turvelle, Miss Ramson.

The Leavy Masquerade.

A masquerade party was given in honor of Miss M. Church of Sonoma by Miss H. Leavy at her residence, 233 Twelfth street, on last Thursday evening. A pleasant evening was spent in dancing and other enjoyment. The comic recitations of Ed Durkin were received with applause and formed one of the features of the evening.

Among those present were: Miss H. Leavy, Miss M. Church, Miss Greenleaf, Miss G. Ashe, Miss Bailey, Miss B. Baya, Miss C. Chipman, Miss A. Dash, Miss Jackson, E. Durkin, Mr. Phillips, C. Drury, I. Heywood, J. Scott, I. Williams, Mr. Ferguson, J. M. Martin.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

Miss Gertrude Lowenthal gave an enjoyable Christmas party to a number of her little friends and schoolmates on Christmas eve at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lowenthal. A heavily laden Christmas tree was the center of attraction during the evening, and the little ones were liberally supplied with appropriate gifts from old Kriss Kringle. Music and games were enjoyed for several hours, after which a dainty little supper was served in the dining-room, which was tastefully decorated with palms, evergreens and choice cut flowers.

Among those present were: Miss Rosalie Lowenthal, Miss Jennie Morris, Sidney Lewis, Sanford Rogers, Miss Doris Bernstein, Miss Fay Morris, Louis Goldstein, J. Rogers, Miss Rosalind Bernstein, Forrest Bryant, Miss Lowenthal, Miss Alice Schultz, Edward Bryant, Miss L. Seligman, Master Schultz, Miss E. Schultz and Henry Wolff.

One of the pleasantest Christmas entertainments which have taken place this season was held in Mozart Hall on Market street on Friday evening last under the auspices of the First Cumberland Church, of which Rev. J. P. Dickson is pastor. The hall, which was beautifully decorated with holly and bunting, was filled to overflowing by the relatives and friends of the young participants. The cantata of "Dorothy's Dream" was produced, with Miss Bella Sharp, a beautiful young miss of 12, in the leading role of Dorothy. Miss Amy Dickson as Maud, the young hostess, surpassed herself in gentleness, and Miss Sidney Little, as her friend, showed careful training in her part. The rest of the numbers were well filled and gave great credit to the teachers and scholars. Miss Edith Irving, as the accompanist, displayed a fine touch and showed the young lady to be a finished musician. At the close candy was distributed to the children and all went home well pleased.

A reunion of old friends was held Christmas night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith, 65 Langton street. The halls and rooms were tastefully decorated with evergreens and other seasonable paraphernalia befitting the occasion. Music and dancing were in order until a late hour, when a dainty repast was served by the genial hostess. Gray dawn was above the city when the guests departed with "Auld Lang Syne."

A very pleasant party was given to Miss May Gunison on Christmas night by her mother at the family residence. The evening was spent in dancing, singing and games and at 11 o'clock a sumptuous supper was served. The festivities were continued until a late hour.

Among those present were: Miss May Gunison, Miss A. Casey, Miss E. Michael, Miss E. Samuels, Miss M. West, Miss J. Burns, Miss N. Sullivan, Miss Helen Cornfeld, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Nelson, H. Stark, J. Miller, S. Rupert, S. Jacobs, T. Herring, P. Cornfeld, John Brown, U. Nelson, Henry Cohn and Morris Curran.

Quite a neat sum was realized at the annual children's Christmas-tree festival and ball given at Saratoga Hall on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Scandinavian Society of this city. The little ones were in their element during the early part of the evening, and toys and candies were distributed plentifully. At the conclusion of the Christmas-tree festivities the floor was cleared, and the older folks enjoyed themselves until the early hours of Sunday morning.

The twenty-eighth Christmas festival of Emanuel Mission Sunday-school was held on Saturday afternoon in Kent & Bruce's Hall, 928 Harrison street. The exercises were in charge of Mrs. James Woodworth, the wife of the superintendent, all preparations for the festival having been under her direction. The chief attraction of the programme was a piece entitled "The Workers," the parts being sustained by: George Peterson, Annie Forbes, Lena Schmidt, Becky Kuntz, Callie Alsop, Joseph Firth, Nellie Wilson, Amy Peterson and Ruby Warren. Nellie Wilson and Ruby Warren sang a "Lullaby," Gertie Smith, Gertie Berlinez and Ruth Firth gave a kindergarten song, Clara and Carrie Alsop sang a duet, Daisy Falconer recited "Barbara Frietsche" and Irene Alsop "Six Little Rabbits."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Thomas Aquinas Reading Circle gave one of the most enjoyable literary and social affairs of the season on Wednesday evening last at Mission Music-hall. The circle has been in existence a year and this was its initial "at home." It proved a great success in every way. The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants, and the charming costumes of the ladies added greatly to the festive scene. The literary programme was followed by dancing and refreshments were served. The programme was as follows: Overture (selected), Miss Retta Kelly; essay, "Self-Culture, Miss M. F. Lorigan; vocal solo, Miss Burlington; piano solo, "Moszkowski Valse de Brilliant," Miss Adelaide Eisen; recitation, "The Monk's Magnificat," Miss Louise Krieg; piano solo, "The Brook," Miss M. Coonan; comic specialties, Frank McGlynn; vocal solo, Mr. Flood; violin solo, Miss Conlon; vocal solo, Miss McDonald.

The Mystics gave their first theater party at the Baldwin on Christmas night. The members and their friends were present in large numbers and the performance was keenly enjoyed. The next party will be given at the Tivoli this evening.

An enjoyable ball was given on Saturday evening last at Garibaldi Hall by the ladies of Mazzini Circle 106, C. O. F. The attendance was large and the programme of dances was highly enjoyed.

The first annual souvenir ball of the Rosalie Club on Saturday evening at B'nai B'rith Hall was an enjoyable affair in every way. The attendance was large, and some of the costumes were decidedly handsome.

The domino party given by Social Circle No. 118, C. O. F., attracted a very large attendance on Saturday evening in Social Hall, 102 O'Farrell street. The living pictures, presented under the direction of Miss Lottie Beaumont, were one of the principal attractions of the evening. An enjoyable dance followed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Laura McKinstry will leave in about two weeks to visit friends in the East.

Marcus Rosenthal has returned from an extended visit to New York.

Mrs. M. Lang of Portland is at the California Hotel and will be at home Mondays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levison of this city have spent fully six months on this coast among their old and new friends, by whom they were entertained in the typical California style of genuine hospitality. They are leaving now for the East and Europe, and on their return here will settle permanently in their earliest home.

Mrs. W. D. O'Kane and her son Mervyn left left Saturday on a visit to friends in San Jose.

Colonel and Mrs. E. E. Eyre and Miss Mary Eyre will receive on Mondays in January at the Palace Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Drysdale of British Columbia will spend the winter in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oxnard left on Thursday last to visit Southern California for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. B. Bourn has been spending a month at her country place near St. Helena.

Colonel and Mrs. J. B. Wright returned to Sacramento last Sunday after spending their honeymoon in the Eastern States.

Mrs. H. J. Stewart is recovering from her recent attack of pneumonia.

Miss Kathryne Smith, after a short visit to friends in this city, has returned to her home in San Jose.

James Brett Stokes left on Saturday to visit Paso Robles.

Miss Jennie Dunphy and Miss Viola Piercy are in Paris at present.

A. H. Small has returned from a month's sojourn in Honolulu.

Mrs. Charles Simpkins and Miss Alice Simpkins are at the Hotel del Monte for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Wallace are now occupying their new residence on Clay and Laguna streets.

Charles N. Felton Jr. and George Nash expect to leave for Japan about the middle of January.

Miss Marian Hoff will return to New York during the present month in company with Miss Etta Birdsall of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hopkins are in New York at present.

Mr. W. F. Goad has returned from his visit to New York.

Mrs. John D. Yost and her daughter, Miss Mabel Yost, will leave next Saturday for New York.

Miss Elizabeth Ashe is expected to return from New York in about two weeks.

Mrs. S. W. Sanderson and her two daughters, Miss Sibyl and Jennie Sanderson, left Paris last Friday for New York City, where Miss Sanderson will appear in opera during the coming season.

Mrs. E. B. Perin was in New York during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Alice Owen left on Saturday for Los Angeles to visit her cousin, Miss Herold.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Sprague are expected from the East in a few days.

Mrs. John Boggs and Miss Alice Boggs, after passing the holidays at Colusa, will return to the city next week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tubbs are residing at the corner of Buchanan and Sacramento streets, where they will remain until March.

Colonel and Mrs. J. G. Chandler left on Saturday for Los Angeles, where they are to live permanently.

Mrs. D. D. Colton will leave for Europe in the near future, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Henry McL. Martin, and family.

Mrs. J. T. Swift and Mrs. Norris will be at home at 824 Valencia street on Thursdays during January.

Miss Burke of San Jose is the guest of Miss Cora Caduc.

Miss Jessie Newlands was the guest of friends in Sacramento last week.

Mrs. Duncan McNee and family and Mrs. Helen S. Golden have gone to Honolulu to be absent two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Glasser have moved from their Hayes-street residence to the St. Nicholas.

Mrs. J. A. Folger, Mr. and Mrs. Le Grand, C. Tibbitts and Mr. E. R. Folger have returned to Oakland after an extended tour of Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. Wagner are residing on the southeast corner of Buchanan and Washington streets.

Mrs. William H. Keith and Miss Eliza D. Keith are passing the holidays in San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Murphy and Mrs. A. J. Pope returned from the East Sunday, the 23d inst.

Mrs. Henry J. Crocker expects to leave soon on a visit to Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Sharon are now journeying on the Nile. They left Paris late in November.

Robert Noble, U. S. A., is again stationed at Angel Island, after three years' absence at Annapolis.

Miss Genevieve Goad is back from Colusa.

Mrs. Ida A. and Miss Winifred Harper of Palo Alto spent the holidays in the city. During their stay they were guests at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Thorn have returned from Cragthorn, where they spent their twelfth consecutive Christmas.

COMING EVENTS.

The ladies of the Red Cross German Benevolent Society will give a masquerade on Saturday evening at Saratoga Hall.

San Francisco Council No. 7, Y. M. I., will hold a complimentary literary and social entertainment at Washington Hall, 35 Eddy street, on Friday evening next.

The Mystics will give their next party at Union-square Hall, January 15.

The Young Ladies' Sodality of the Sacred Heart Church will give a magnificent production of the three-act opera, "Genevieve," on Friday evening, January 25. The cast is made up of members of the society, with a chorus of fifty voices. The affair will take place at the Mowry's Hall.

The Barbers' Protective Union of San Francisco will hold their seventeenth anniversary ball at Turners' Hall, 323 Turk street, January 13.

The Fidelia Verein will give a prize masquerade at the Mechanics' Pavilion this evening. Several handsome prizes will be offered for the best costumes.

Mission Parlor, N. S. G. W., will give an entertainment at Sutro Baths this afternoon.

The Pacific Dancing Club will give an anniversary and souvenir party at Odd Fellows' Hall on January 8.

On January 25 the Entre Nous Cotillion will give a fancy dress german in Maple Hall, Palace Hotel.

The Club of '95, formerly known as the "Club of '94," will give its regular monthly reception and ball on Monday evening, January 14, 1895, at the corner of Grove and Laguna streets. Strictly invitational.

The first anniversary of the Past Chief Companion Association No. 1 will be observed at Social Hall, 102 O'Farrell street, next Saturday evening.

A charity entertainment will be given by the Alcazar-Bohemian Dramatic Club jointly on Monday evening, January 28, at Mowry's Opera-house, corner Grove and Laguna streets, on which occasion will be produced Frazer's romantic drama entitled "A Noble Outcast." Dancing will follow under the direction of the Verdis.

The Apollo Dancing Club will give a party on Wednesday evening, January 19, at Mission Opera-hall.

The Rocklin Finn Band will give a New Year's ball to-morrow evening at Academy Hall, 927 Mission street.

The Good Templars of this city will hold a reception on New Year's day, from 3 to 10 P. M., at the O. C. F. Hall in the Alcazar building, 120 O'Farrell street. All friends of temperance are cordially invited.

The Deux Temps Dancing Club will give its initial hop on Monday evening, December 31, 1894, at Mowry's Opera Hall. Dancing will be interspersed with recitations and vocal solos.

Alta Parlor No. 3, N. D. G. W., will hold a public installation of officers Saturday evening, January 5, on which occasion they will be "at home" to their friends at N. S. G. W. Hall, 24 Fourth street.

Great preparations are being made for the third annual ball of the Knights of the Red Branch Rifles, which takes place at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening. The guests will see the old year out and the new year in with appropriate ceremonies.

The Vorwarts Turn Verein will hold a festival on the evening of January 13.

There will be a public installation of officers of Amity Rebekah Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F., in Eureka Hall, Odd Fellows' building, on Saturday evening, January 5.

CANDLES ALL COLORS.

One of the Secrets of a Dainty Boston Miss.

One day at a little luncheon party the waxpaper sprite unbosomed herself thus to friends:

"You have asked me how I get so many and such beautiful candles, and how I can afford to light them as the dusk dawns on, and even touch a candle to their feathery tips if the atmosphere is dull and the day gloomy. Well, I'll tell you, and to illustrate what I say we will work as I talk, making an object lesson in candle-making."

Just here a servant entered with a chafing dish, a dozen composition candles, a ball of candle wick and some coloring substance.

"Now, you see," chattered the hostess, while her fingers worked busily, "I have here just common white candles that cost a mere song. And I shave them with this sharp knife into this chafing-dish. The alcohol lamp will speedily make them into liquid wax, as you will notice as I shave. Now I have finished and the dish is full of the thick liquid wax. Now, you see, I stir a little of this pink dye—bought at the drugstore—into the liquid and then I add this little drop of oil, for fear the mixture would be too thick.

"Now," turning to a little cabinet, "here is a candle-mold. I bought it at a fancy drygoods store. It holds three candles. And through the center of each section I run a strip of candle-wick and tie at each end. So! Now I am ready for the wax. Ethel, dear, turning to the young lady at the left, "will you pour it in with this deep spoon, while I stir it all the time? And you, Maude, on my right, hold the mold steady! There, one is filled. Now fill the other."

In a few minutes all the molds were full, and then, setting them away, the hostess produced another set of molds which also were filled. And another and another! Soon there stood firmly on the window ledge enough candles to stock the most becandled apartments.

"Now," continued the hostess, when she could find time to speak, for the filling had been such rapid work, "you see I have plenty of pink candles. Now, I'll deepen the color to red. The druggist told me just how to do it. See! It is a lovely carmine. Now, we'll soon have a brilliant set of these. Then, if we want to do so, we can add blue and have purple, as red and blue makes that shade. When I want white candles I leave the mixture clear and simply pour it in my pretty molds like this. And sometimes I make gray candles and again yellow ones, and then add blue to make green.

"There is still another surprise," chatted she. "Here are some dainty candle sticks—are they not so? That I made out of brass wire. I twisted it with the aid of a few tools; and now I'm going to make souvenirs for this luncheon. See, the candles are now firm," slipping a couple out of their tin molds, "and notice how nicely they fit in the sticks. You see they are made to order. Allow me, Ethel, to present you with the purple set. And you, Maude, let me give you the carmine ones. And here is the pink set for you. And the white set for you!"

And so the luncheon souvenirs were given out. And the young women went home, rejoicing not only in pretty gifts, but in the knowledge of having learned a very fine and useful household accomplishment.—Boston Globe.

Pocket-knife blades are very unevenly tempered. Even in so-called standard cutlery some blades are hard and some are soft. For the latter there is no remedy, but the temper of the hard ones can easily be drawn slightly. Take a kitchen poker and heat it red-hot. Have the blade that is to be drawn bright, and hold it on the poker for a moment. When the color runs down to violet blue stick the blade in a piece of tallow or beef suet until cold.

In the cemetery at Barnstable, Mass., is the following inscription: "Here lyeth interred ye body of Mrs. Hope Chipman, ye wife of Elder John Chipman, aged 45 years, who changed this life for a beer ye 8 of January, 1683."

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