

SOCIETY WAITS FOR XMAS

Easy with the Preparations for Gay Holiday Festivities.

TUDENTS COMING HOME FROM COLLEGE

Record of Social Events of the Week Just Past and Prospectus of What is in Early Store.

Social Calendar.

MONDAY, December 18—Hon. Tom Card club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howe. Drill and informal hop by Omaha Guards.

WEDNESDAY, December 20—The King's Daughters at the home of Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, a dance at Thurston's Billiard parlor.

WEDNESDAY, December 21—The Winter club, a dance. FRIDAY, December 22—A luncheon at Mrs. Webster's.

SATURDAY, December 23—Mrs. Burt, a luncheon complimentary to Mrs. Edna Cowin.

Another letter of a local society belle so clearly depicts the state of Omaha social doings that the epistle is given verbatim:

"OMAHA, Dec. 16.—Eleanor Dear: Where do you suppose I am writing to you? In the kitchen, with your humble servant swinging her feet from the kitchen table (don't be shocked) with Jack to entertain and Mary Jane nearby from the 'mess' which she is pleased to term my cooking. And it all came out of a bet—wager, I mean.

The other night when we were enjoying the delicacies of Mrs. Gallagher's dinner Jack whispered to me that he knew it was an art to cook such cake, at which I tossed my head and informed 'His Ignorance' that all one needed was a cookbook, the ingredients, a cook stove, with a little spice of common sense, and behold, a cake was the result. Well, he is from Missouri. So I am to win five pounds of Allegretti's (have one, my dear), and Jack is here to see that Mary Jane does not so much as stir her finger to help. As if I needed help? I am making a smashing cake; one of those puffy, yellow affairs, you know, and Jack is to eat it. Poor Jack! But just so he doesn't take it for a carriage seat or tomatone, the way those horrid newspaper stories read, I shall not care what he says.

"I am being with Christmas presents. If it were not for the men it wouldn't be so bad. But what can you get for them that they will appreciate, I wonder. If you spend hours and hours making a beautiful glove-holder or embroidering handkerchiefs, it really doesn't appeal to them. Why, Jack, I actually told the last Christmas that I would have been much cheaper to have bought the holder Ruth had made. The ingrate! All this 'Ruth Ashmore's Talks to Girls' about our little personality being worked into our gifts is all a bore. I wonder if Ruth really went on old maid, or where do you suppose she captured that model of a husband, though, candidly, I'd hate a man who went home precisely at 10, who bid me a very good evening and talked me to death about laws and principles. Anyway, Ruth's dead now and Jack can stay five minutes now. There is so little stir this week. There was Mrs. Cornish's dinner, of course, which was just as successful as all her entertainments prove to be. The Chaffin-Dish club has started again. You know it was one of the most popular clubs last year and it is fun. You just show off your culinary art in the daintiest rows and in the midst of the most charming—oh, the cake! I'm the envy of mamma and Mary Jane and Jack—why, Jack looks at me with open-eyed admiration. There is no one else to be envied, for just in front of me as I write. Don't tell me a cook book and common—

"Why, Eleanor, the cake! (two hours later) I wasn't born to cook, anyway, though possibly sunshine cake is supposed to bob up and then they are thick and sticky and it stood mountains high. If only Jack—but what do you suppose? Oh, well, I wasn't born to cook, as I said before.

"Perhaps I am a gossip monger. Anyway the story is not good to write in a letter. The name of the dessert is 'The Apollo is the hero, a pretty little visiting girl, the heroine. He wished her to enjoy 'The Christian' with him. To make him happy, she accepted. With Friday night came that ever-memorable Christmas Eve. The Apollo is a carriage, but he had promised to spend a half hour with her before the play, and as back-bite comes high, he decided to telephone for one who when they were ready to start. Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like Apollo. He fairly beamed on the conductor as he held his fare, and with the blood of a Greek athlete, surging through his veins, he swung from the moving car into a puddle of water. Apollo beamed on himself as his temper was ruffled, but he held himself to the nearest pump, where he might wash and be clean, while the gentle zephyrs played ball with his hat. He made his way to the house where she was to have spent the day. Of course it was the theater. Apollo could want of his little 6-year-old daughter, a cousin of hers by the way. Paterfamilias explained that the little tot had had some to bed, but—gone to bed? and he was to have taken her to the theater. Apollo's temper became both pucker and

truffed. Well, after long expostulations, Eleanor dear, Apollo learned his mistake and betook himself next door, where she greeted him with a ravishing smile and, 'You are late,' 'I know,' he said. 'Late' he hanged, 'under his breath, or something quite as bad. But they finally reached the theater in time to hear Betty say, 'Why, he is a cough-drop,' and he thought so too. Betty told Eleanor.

"Somebody say little secrets have such an annoying way of becoming public? If it were not for that I should tell of something that looks like an engagement between a charming Omaha girl and a young man from Iowa in the Corned-beans during the holidays. They will be gala times, and bring your prettiest frocks. Ever yours, 'MADGE.'"

Cornish Dinner Party.

Saturday evening was the scene of a delightful dinner party at the home of Colonel and Mrs. A. N. Cornish in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lyde Barker. Mrs. Cornish presided and Mrs. Barker acted as hostess.

Two Surprise Parties.

A merry company of neighbors surprised Mr. Joseph Redman at his home on Corby street, Thursday evening. The time was spent with music, cards and dancing. A delightful supper was served during the evening.

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