

MEN'S PRESENTS.

If it's to be a present of a Mackintosh, Umbrella, Bath Robe, Smoking Jacket, or Scarf, you will gladly read of additions to stock at the Palais Royal. We have secured best goods at surprisingly little prices, on sale tomorrow at 8 a.m.



\$3.00 instead of \$5.00 for the Mackintoshes, as illustrated. New assortment of Wool Blanket Robes from \$4.48 to \$16 each, and Smoking or House Jackets from \$4.50 to \$15—and note that 10 per cent discount is allowed. 100 dozen Scarfs of best silks in all shapes, secured to distribute at 39c, instead of 50c each. 1,000 boxes, each containing six pairs 25c quality half hose, at only \$1 per box. A bargain table near G street entrance, on which are to be broken lots of fine Neckwear, Suspenders, and Mufflers, at only 25c for choice. Rare bargains for early visitors.

Read This Letter.

Office of the FLORENCE MANUFACTURING CO., No. 51 Broadway, New York, Dec. 18, 1896.
Mr. A. LISNER, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir—Your telegram to express sets today less 50 per cent received. After considering the matter, taking into account the lateness of the season, we concluded to accept your offer. We enclose bill of numbers which we have shipped. Wishing you a good trade and a happy New Year, we remain yours, very truly,
FLORENCE MFG. CO. (Ely.)

LADIES' PRESENTS.

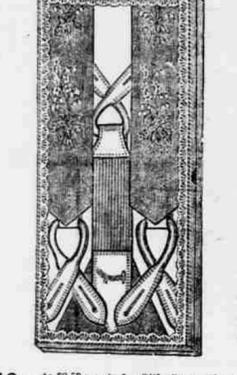
Why not furs, especially when \$2.79 will buy a mink or wool seal collarette, like in the illustration. It is a handsome, silk-lined neckpiece, worth twice the price asked. The muff is \$1.48 instead of \$2.50—and other furs proportionately cheap, only because winter weather hasn't come before Christmas and the furrier got scared. He didn't think of chilly March winds—but we did, and so will you. You'll find that we are also distributing cloth jackets, capes, wrappers and warm skirts at less than the cost of the materials. This third floor is crowded with such practical presents for women and children.



98c for Sterling Silver Match Box, as illustrated. Also in every detail like those sold for \$1.50 at the jewellers. Note that the words "Sterling Silver" are stamped on each box, which is guaranteed to be 999.9 fine. Initials engraved free of charge, but not delivered before Christmas.



50c for this combination book and card case. Another style with straps is also 50 cents. Both well made of good leather.



50c for \$2.50 a pair for Silk Suspenders—suitably made. The best made are here—but without the fancy prices.



\$2.85 for Sterling Silver Hair Brush. Design as illustrated. Also six others more elaborate. Note that the brushes are set in genuine wood. Identical brushes sold for \$4.75 and \$12.25 at the jewellers.



\$1.50 pair for warranted 10-karat gold sleeve buttons. The illustration is one of twenty styles. \$2.50 at the jewellers.



75c for fancy box containing half dozen Men's Handkerchiefs, with initial, in style as illustrated. All initials now here—but for how long?



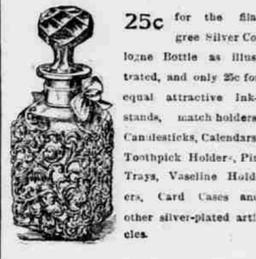
25c for pocket knives considerably larger than the illustration. The words "Sterling" is on each and each is "8 setting" is the best produced. Most jewellers ask 50c but some claim them worth 75c.

Florence Toilet Sets

AT Half Usual Prices. The original letter and the goods shall be on bargain table tomorrow to right of G street entrance. Regular prices, \$1 to \$3.50 set. Tomorrow's prices, 50c to \$1.50 set. Each set consists of Brush, Comb and Mirror, each a work of art not less than an article of necessity, suitably boxed for presentation.



The Surprise of the Season. \$1.35 Dresden Lamp with Art Globe.



25c for the fine silver Cologne Bottle as illustrated, and only 50c for equal attractive fountains, match holders, Canteenets, Calendars, Toothpick Holder, Pin Trays, Card Cases and other silver-plated articles.



\$1.98 for Ladies' Silk Umbrella with handles making them look worth 15. Initials free. And only \$1.98 for 60¢ silk Mackintosh with 2-inch military cape. Guaranteed water proof.



69c instead of \$1 for Fan as illustrated and for others of silk, lace, and gauze, plain and painted.



50c for this Quadruple Silver Mustard Pot, with glass interior. Sold for \$1 at the jewellers. For sale here in jewelry department, near G street entrance.



\$1.44 for this Flannelette Wrappers with velvet and broad trimming. All sizes. Regular patterns will recognize our favorite \$1.98 wrapper, reduced to \$1.44.



\$4.98 for Carlsbad China Tea Sets of 16 pieces, with decorative ones, as illustrated. \$6.00 is the usual price for such sets. Basement.

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ON THE EDGE OF THE SEASON

Society Looks Forward to a Gay Close of the Year.

BRIDES AND DEBUTANTES

Last Week was Prolific of Both and That to Come Will Equal It—Several Notable Entertainments Last Night—Two Weddings of Interest Soon to Occur.

The coming week will show a great falling off in formal entertainments, but the one to follow will be unusually gay and the year will go out to the music of many dances.

The Misses Booth will give a tea on Monday to introduce Miss Katie Booth, the daughter of the Senator from North Dakota.

The Brazilian Minister and Mme. Mendonca will give a diplomatic dinner Monday evening.

Mrs. Gordon McKay will give a tea Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Edes, a tea Friday afternoon. Mrs. Boardman, a dance Friday evening.

The Guatemalan Minister and Mme. Lazo Arriaga entertained a distinguished company at a diplomatic dinner last evening at the location on Eighteenth street.

The appointments were in orchid pink, the table being covered with a pinnacled cloth of fine texture, exquisitely embroidered and laid over pink silk. Hand-some vases of crystal and silver were grouped in the center, holding pink orchids and a garland of the same delicate flowers further adorned the table, which was lighted by candles under pink and silver shades.

Sixteen covers were laid and the guests were the British Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote, the French Ambassador and Mme. Patenotre, the Chilean Minister and Mme. Gana, the Argentine Minister and Mme. Garcia Merou, Senator and Mrs. Sherman, Lieut. and Mrs. Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Thurber, Mrs. Julian Ames, and Assistant Secretary of State Ades.

Gen. and Mrs. Draper entertained at one of the handsomest dinners of the season last evening, in honor of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress, with a few additional guests.

The service used was entirely of gold and the pink candles were in gold candleholders under pink and gold shades. A platen of bridehood roses rested on an oblong mirror in the center of the table and separate sprays of roses were scattered gracefully about the board.

The name cards were in water colors, each having a sketch of a dainty twentieth century girl about the name of the guests, who were Senator Lodge, Hon. George Lyman of Boston, Representatives Simpkins, Wright, Gillett, Knox, McCall, and Moody of Massachusetts, Speaker Reed, Representatives Daltell of Pennsylvania, Dingley of Maine, Cannon of Illinois, and Henderson of Iowa.

Mrs. Draper was the only lady present, and wore a very handsome gown of heavy white silk, embroidered in true love knots of gold spangles, with exquisite pearl ornaments.

Lieut. and Mrs. William H. Emory presented their only daughter, Miss Blanche

Emory, at a small but elegant tea at their residence on Rhode Island avenue yesterday afternoon. The debutante is one of the most accomplished of the season's brides. She has lived abroad for much more than half her life, and promises to be very popular in diplomatic circles. Mrs. Emory was assisted in receiving by a number of the season's debutantes, among them Miss Gana, daughter of the Chilean minister; Miss Sartoris, the Misses Irene and Louise Sheridan, and Miss Elizabeth Davis.

The guests were from among the prominent members of official and resident society.

Mrs. Sowers gave a very handsome dinner to young people at her home on New York avenue last evening, complimentary to her debutante daughter, Miss Nellie K. Sowers. Owing to her continued indisposition Mrs. Sowers was unable to attend. Mrs. Joseph E. Washington presided. The guests were Miss Letitia Stevenson, Miss Jane Fuller, Miss Mattingly, Miss Burroughs and Miss Sowers, Mr. Charles McKerny, Dr. Ashford, Lieut. Kephart and Mr. Dodge, of Boston.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise White of Pennsylvania and Mr. William White of this city, the wedding to occur at St. Thomas' Church on the evening of January 20.

Miss White was a debutante of last season, having been presented to society by her aunt, Mrs. William A. Stone, of Q street, with whom she spent the greater part of the winter.

The wedding will occur at Miss White's home, on Q street, her parents now residing in Washington.

Miss Martha Hitchborn has invitations out for a luncheon complimentary to Miss Baker, to occur December 31.

Mme. Bakmetteff, the wife of the charge d'affaires of Russia at the court of Greece, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Beale, for the past six weeks, will return to Athens early next month. During her visit she has been the recipient of much attention from her Washington friends, but until recently has declined all formal invitations.

Mrs. Sartoris gave one of the handsomest luncheons of the season in her honor on Tuesday, the other guests being Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Dent, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. William Emory, Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mrs. Julian James, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Heath and Miss Edes.

On Wednesday afternoon this same distinguished visitor was the guest of honor at a very handsome tea given by her cousin, Mrs. George Boomer, of 1717 Massachusetts avenue. The spacious home of the popular hostess was thronged from 5 until 10 o'clock by the most distinguished members of Washington's official and resident society.

Last evening Mme. Bakmetteff was the guest of honor at a dinner given by General and Mrs. Draper.

Madame de Bengio, wife of the charge d'affaires of Colombia, has issued invitations to a 5 o'clock tea for Thursday, January 7, at her home, 1728 I street.

Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Harmon, and Miss Morton received informally on Wednesday afternoon, though the public Cabinet receptions will not begin until January.

Mrs. Francis, wife of the new Secretary of the Interior, was at home for the first time on Wednesday afternoon, and greeted a large number of distinguished visitors.

Mrs. Francis received her guests informally and in the evening, December 29, at St. Paul's church, with Cardinal Gibbons to officiate. Owing to the recent death of the father of the groom-elect, which occurred in Paris, the wedding will be celebrated very quietly, and the invi-

teations to the church have been limited to one hundred, while less than thirty guests have been invited to the breakfast.

There will be no bridesmaids and the bride will be escorted to the altar by her uncle, Mr. Charles McCauley, of Baltimore, Messrs. Charles McCauley, Frank Andrews, Walter Van Rensselaer Berry and Richard Wallace, all of this city, will serve as ushers.

A strange fatality has seemed to attach itself to the most interesting love affairs of the present season.

The breaking off of the Belknap-May match, owing to a difference of faith, and family opposition, just when a brilliant wedding was supposed to be at hand, the postponement of Miss Bonaparte's marriage, which was to have taken place with much pomp and splendor, on December 10, and the sad termination of the engagement of the Countess Eschery and Mr. Arthur Dickens Kerr, whose sudden death, a few weeks ago, was a shock to society.

With such precedents as these, what wonder that Mrs. Frederick de Courcy, May, late of Washington and New York, declined to await the coming of her present, distinguished husband, the Count d'Andigne, and crossed the ocean herself to meet him in Paris, where they were married last Saturday.

Mrs. May was one of the many charming widows of Washington, and very rich in her own right, having been a Miss Coleman of California, and a granddaughter of the millionaire O'Brien, of that State. She still owns a handsome home in this city, which is now leased to Attorney General Harmon, and is one of the most exquisitely furnished homes in Washington.

The Count d'Andigne is said to be a well-preserved bachelor of fifty odd years, without debts, and the possessor of one of the oldest names and titles of France.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lamb, of Michigan City, N. D., will spend the winter in this city at No. 231 North Capital street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Young, of Rhode Island avenue, will leave Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. Young's parents in Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss Lora McIntosh and Miss Marie Belknap, of Chicago, who have been visiting Miss Mary Hill, of E street, northeast, left yesterday for their homes in the West.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sarah Alexander to Mr. Gus Eichenberg. Miss Alexander will be at home this evening, from 7 to 10 o'clock.

WEDDINGS OF THE WEEK.

There has been a noticeable falling off in weddings in the last two weeks, and the indications are that there will be few of these happy events to chronicle in the weeks to come.

Wednesday continues to be the favorite day, showing that the majority of brides hold to the old rhyme.

Several interesting weddings occurred on Wednesday. The handsomest being that of Miss Maud Tracy and Mr. John Parsons Wade, at St. Andrew's Church at 8 o'clock. This was a military wedding of much distinction, the groom, best man, and eight ushers all being officers of the United States Army, and wearing full dress uniform.

The eight attendants of the bride wore exceedingly modish gowns in white or gaudie, over white or yellow silk, with sashes of satin ribbon to match, four being in yellow and four in white. Each bridesmaid wore a floral bouquet of yellow and white carnations, and the maid of honor, the young sister of the bride, carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and yellow orchids.

A large and fashionable assembly witnessed the ceremony, and were seated by the following ushers: Capt. Michler,

Lieuts. Craig and Parker, of the Fifth Cavalry; Lieut. Guignard, of the Fourth Artillery, and Lieut. Callan, of the Fifth Artillery.

The bride, who is a tall and distinguished looking blonde, entered on the arm of her father, her gown being an especially handsome one of white moire with high bodice trimmed in duchess lace. Her tulle veil was fastened with pearl ornaments, and instead of the usual bridal bouquet she carried an ivory handkerchief, book from which the marriage service was read.

The groom and his best man, Lieut. Joseph P. Tracy, of the First Artillery, met the bride at the church rail. The bridesmaids also entered through the vestry and met the ushers as they passed up the aisle in advance of the bride, forming themselves into a picturesque group in the large chancel. The maids were Misses Elizabeth Tracy, a sister of the bride; Miss Frances Porter of Towanda, Pa.; Miss Gertrude Sheldon of New York; Miss Eginon of Kentucky, and the following Washingtonians: Misses May Katin, Jennie Hunt, Rittenhouse and Frost.

Dr. J. H. Perry, rector of St. Andrew's, performed the marriage ceremony.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barr Rigby Tracy, of 1508 Q street, where the same attractive color scheme of white and yellow prevailed. An orchestra of stringed instruments played in a palm-screened alcove in the hall. Among the guests were the father of the groom, Col. James F. Wade, U. S. A.; the General of the Army and Mrs. Miles, Col. and Mrs. Sumner of Fort Myer, Col. Stanley of the Soldiers' Home, Col. and Mrs. Babcock, Capt. and Mrs. Fuger, Col. Wilson, Capt. and Mrs. Howe, Capt. and Mrs. Rittenhouse, and Mrs. Catlin, Miss Miles, the Misses Chamberlain, Col. and Mrs. Gilmore, the Misses Hunt, and Miss Belknap.

Lieut. and Mrs. Wade left at midnight for an extensive honeymoon trip, after which they will reside at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Cook, No. 1921 G street northwest. The contracting parties were Daisy Violet Cook and Daniel E. Garges. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Bart of St. Matthew's church. Promptly at noon the bridal couple entered the drawing room, where, amid palms and most fragrant flowers, the ceremony took place. The bride was stylishly gowned in dark green cloth, trimmed with ermine. Only the immediate families and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony and were present at the breakfast. Among them were Secretary and Miss Morton, Prof. and Mrs. Willis Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr, Prof. and Mrs. E. F. Andrews, Dr. J. A. McLean and Mr. James P. Cromwell.

Another interesting wedding of Wednesday was that of Miss Agnes Carolyn Bryant, daughter of Mr. Carolyn O'Brien Bryant of Montgomery county, Md., which occurred at the Church of the Epiphany at 8 p. m. The groom was Mr. Frederick Bolton Simpson of New York.

The bride's attendants were the Misses Mary and Jennie Stone, Miss Ethel North and her sister, Miss Amy Bryant. The first three wore effective gowns of white organdie over white silk, while the last named young lady, who acted as maid of honor, wore pale blue organdie over silk of the same shade. Five-year-old Florence Stone, a flower girl, walked immediately preceding the bride, who entered on the arm of her father.

The groom and his best man, Mr. Charles Gregg, of Philadelphia, joined the wedding party at the chancel gate and Dr. Randolph McKim, rector of the Epiphany, read the marriage service. The bride's gown was a handsome and becoming one

of white satin, elaborately trimmed in pearl passementerie and Duchess lace. The ushers who seated the guests were Mr. John E. Jones, Mr. Harry Conway and Mr. William E. Stone.

There was no reception, but the bride's father and the wedding party drove to the Hotel Raleigh, where a wedding supper was served. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Simpson departed on a wedding trip of several weeks, after which they will reside in Cuba, N. Y. The bride's going-away party was of green cloth, with stylish hat to match.

surprise party by the members of the organization on Wednesday evening, at his residence, No. 1000 I street southwest.

Mr. Herrmann was presented with roses and carnations, in honor of his twenty-first birthday, the bouquet being tied with navy blue and white ribbons, the colors of the club.

Dancing was enjoyed in the large dining-room, to the strains of an orchestra stationed in the library. At midnight refreshments were served.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Schlotterbeck, Mrs. Alice Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Herrmann, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Herrmann, Miss Emma and Mrs. Schneider, Miss Ella Wright of Baltimore, Miss Katie Bishop, Miss Gertrude Street, Miss Emma Herzig, Miss Amelia Lambrecht, Miss Rosa Diller, Miss Lottie Goebel, Miss Clara Williams, Miss Cora Jarboe, Miss Annie Schmittmann, Miss Rosa Waldorf, Miss Frances Stiefel, Mr. Louis Schuman, Mr. Theo. Philz, Mr. Otto Ketch, Mr. T. Walter, Mr. Almon Ewing, Mr. John Horner, Mr. S. H. Keyser, Mr. J. Donnelly, Mr. Leo Schenkel, Mr. Fred Heilig, Mr. Joseph Ryan, Mr. John Kaiser, Mr. Otto Mibel and Mr. James Bishop.

On next Saturday Miss Corinne Farlow will leave after the performance at Faby's, New York, for a flying visit home, and will be very pleased to receive her friends informally on Sunday evening, at her residence, No. 70 M street northwest.

Those Who Will Entertain

During the holidays should consult F. Freund, the caterer, 815 10th st. He personally looks after all the details of every supper or luncheon, no matter if it be simple or elaborate. Rich fruit cake at prices in keeping with the times. It

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DIED.

JOHNSON—On Thursday, December 17, 1893, at 1:50 o'clock P. M., at Winthrop Heights, D. C., Rev. Horace E. Johnson, aged sixty-four years.

His funeral will take place Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

MILLER—On Thursday, December 17, 1893, at 1:10 p. m., Julius Miller, aged fifty-nine years.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 820 Small street northwest, on Saturday, December 19, at 9 o'clock a. m. Burial will be at St. Mary's Church at 9.30. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MARRIED.

BURKE—FIELDS—On July 9, 1896, at Jersey City, N. J., by the Rev. Henry Trenton, Theresa A. Burke and Thomas M. Fields.

