

SOCIETY PERSONAL PEOPLE INTERESTING EVENTS

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AMERICAN PRIMA DONNAS DOMINATE WORLD'S MOST CRITICAL AUDIENCE; N. Y. PREFERS HOMER AND FARRAR TO EUROPE'S BEST



Louise Homer (left) and Geraldine Farrar.

New York, Dec. 6.—While American art may lag behind that of Europe in some respects, foreign critics of Uncle Sam and his people are admitting that at least two prima donnas who are natives of the United States—Geraldine Farrar and Louise Homer—have few peers and no superiors among the great prima donnas of other lands. These two and another American woman, Olive Fremstad, are the dominating figures of the operatic season which opened recently in New York.

Geraldine Farrar at thirty-one has reached the very pinnacle of success; and yet critics have noted that she has grown constantly in her parts and they believe she will continue to do so for another ten years. She was born in the dull little Massachusetts town of Melrose in 1882; fifteen years later went to Paris to study; made her debut at the Royal Opera in Berlin as Marguerite when she was nineteen, and returned to America five years later, after she had established a European reputation and become the avowed favorite of the Prussian capital.

In America Miss Farrar has met with tremendous popular favor. She has a hold on the average American. There is something in her personality, in her beauty and enthusiasm which captivates the American who is proverbially bored by the art in which she excels. A critic has said of her that "she is the only artist—and she is always an artist—one can think of who might be able to hold through a performance the howling throngs that crowd the league ball parks in Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Chicago, New York—and this not by singing 'The Last Rose of Summer' or 'The Swanee River,' as earlier prima donnas used to do."

Mrs. Louise Homer for thirteen years has been the principal contralto at the Metropolitan opera house, and during that time no other contralto has pleased the critical audiences of this city as she has. Others have surpassed her in single roles, but not one has sung so many parts so well or maintained so high a standard as she has. Today she is in the very prime of her powers.

Mrs. Homer is a native of Pittsburgh and the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Before she was out of her teens she went to Boston and studied voice under Whitney and harmony under Sidney Homer, who later became her husband. In less than four years she was singing in opera with the greatest artists of the time at Covent Garden, London.

LITTLE TALKS ON BABYHOLOGY

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the soap, the baby is lifted from the water, dried quickly with an old soft towel and powdered. The drying should be done by patting not by hard rubbing, and the creases be dried before the talcum powder is applied.

You will notice that I have not spoken of washing out the baby's

mouth. Doctors seem to agree that the practice is apt to cause thrush and other affections of the mucous membrane. It is extremely easy to tear the delicate lining of the mouth, and Nature has provided a cleansing element in the saliva which gathers in the baby's mouth.

The healthy baby will soon learn to enjoy a bath properly given and show eagerness for it. The delicate baby should be bathed under direction of a physician. He may order a sponge bath only, or an oil rub. Children suffering with any form of skin disease should not be bathed unless the doctor orders it. Eczema and ring-worm are both aggravated by soap and water bathing.

But the healthy baby should have his morning bath between his 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock feeding. It sends him off drowsy to his morning nap. When the baby is a year old, the hour of bathing may be changed to 5:30 in preparation for his night's sleep. In this way the child's entire being demands a bath, the sensation of cleanliness, and when he is able to bathe himself he will do it as mechanically and regularly as he removes his clothing to rest.

Many mothers ask whether a baby should have a cold sponge after the warm bath. The word "baby" is elastic. A child under two years is not strong enough for the application of cold water. After two years, a sturdy child can be gradually accustomed to a cold shower or douche, by reducing the temperature at which it runs from the tap. But always the warm bath should be given first for cleansing the pores. The cold water serves merely to stimulate circulation and ward off colds.

The most important habits of cleanliness are inculcated in a child by the mother's own care of the baby's diapers. If the baby is kept dry and clean from birth, he will fret when he is wet and soiled. And from fretting over discomfort from uncleanness he will grow into habits of cleanliness. He will learn regularity and self-control.

The careless, untidy mother has no right to expect Nature to provide her with a fine, healthy child. He may be well proportioned and healthy when he comes into the world, but he will soon lose strength and health if he is not kept clean. Badly rinsed clothing causes eruptions, for the remains of soap, sal soda and lye irritate the baby's tender skin. Carelessly washed diapers cause chafing and nervous affections. Eczema germs will find a lodgment in inflamed creases that ought to be dimpled, pink folds of healthy skin. A dirty or scaly scalp itches, and itching keeps the baby awake, making him nervous and fretful.

I know mothers who spend hours sewing on lace and embroidering tiny frocks, yet who hurry through the process of bathing. This is a grave injustice to the child.

And now that the South has practically everything it wants in the way of prestige, official and otherwise, in

the affairs of the country, we are not willing to divide the Democratic party, which gave us this prestige, and affiliate with a rump organization like the Bull Moose party, especially since our people's devotion to the Democratic party is based on principle. You'll have to go elsewhere for recruits, Mr. Beveridge.—Montgomery Advertiser.

Monday is bargain day at The Crystal Pharmacy. 10 cakes Ivory or Octagon soap for 25c with each cash purchase of \$1.00 or more.

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GIVE ME NOT LOVE.

By Ethelwyn Wetherald.

Let me not be a slave,
Upstretched to crumbs—or loaves—
dropped from above;
It is not love I crave,
It is the power to love.

She who gains love gains what?
A treasure that she may or may not hold;
A flower, a flame, a blot,
A memory under mould.

She who gives love gains all.
Her love her kingdom is and Jewelled crown,
Her star, her flawless wall
Of strength when forts are down.

Let me not be a slave
Upstretched to wine—or less—flung
from above.

It is not love I crave,
It is the power to love.

A SURPRISE PARTY FOR CARLISE BLISS.

A very delightful evening was spent Friday, when the children of the Little Bayou gave Miss Carlise Bliss a surprise party. It was kept a secret until that night when they walked in. Games were played and at 8 o'clock the refreshments were served, and then games again till 9:30, when all went home very happy, after having had a very pleasant evening.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leads and Misses Esther Peake, Laura Phillips, Annie Appleberg, Evelyn Hungerton, Ethel Montanari, Edna Murchia, Alma Clark, Ruby Lee Bliss and Eessie Bliss and Carlise Bliss, Messrs. Francis Peake, Frank Montanari, Wirt Myers, Athel Appleberg, Ross Phillips, Lyall Peake, Henry Montanari, Willie Murchia.

PARENTS-TEACHERS' COUNCIL OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The council of the grammar school will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Let every member come and bring another grammar school parent. This done, there would be present one hundred and fifty of the four hundred parents who should belong to this council.

The teachers' number on the pro-

gram will be a talk by the principal, Miss Pauline Reese to the parents. The parents' subject will be, "How Parents Hinder the School Work of Their Children." Discussion.

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Nabisco wafers
Roast turkey with dressing
Mashed potatoes Cranberry jelly
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Sunday, December 7, 1913.

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