



THE CHATTER-BOX



SOME months ago the shocking edict from Paris reached this side of the Atlantic that Fashion's latest decree was that the smart women was to go corsetless. Another way that women were to do their bit to help win the war, for the whalebone was to be used for other purposes. Not only whalebone, but steel, forms the fighting deck of the good cruiser corset, and thus steel, the great sinew of war, was to be released for Mars by Venus in this new ruling. We are told that in days gone by whalebone was used in the manufacture of archery bows, and also of whips,—both, we must grant, fighting instruments. Steel ships today are plowing the ocean in defiance of the kaiser's sea snakes, while steel transports are carrying fighting men across, steel battleships and cruisers are waiting grimly outside the waters of the Kiel canal daring the "High Sea Fleet" to emerge, and steel bayonets are flashing "over the top" while steel bullets and shells crash against the fast tottering ramparts of kaiserism, militarism and Hindenburgism. Thus the edict helps all round!

Well, the women did not take kindly to the edict and were far from ready to give up their figures at this stage in the game, for imagine the gay soldier lad who left a trig, Venus-formed spouse at home, and on his return would find all traces of shapelessness gone and his wife resembling a sack of substitutes!

No, Fashion, and the demands of war, must not press the matter too hard for the time will come when modern Eves will flatly refuse to give up their harness and armor plate at such awful cost as loss of figure—even though the steel may be needed to harness the Hun!

ALONG with the preserving season, and hay fever time, comes word that a certain little maid can't make up her mind which of four suitors she will choose for life companion. For the past year, so runs the tale, the four have devoted their time and money to making her life one merry whirl and all think it about time little Mary should make up her mind. Now two of the beaux wear uniforms and Mary can't decide, so it seems, whether the khaki of the army lad, or the immaculate white ducks of the navy are the most attractive. If left to herself she might make a choice, but listen, Mary has a mother, as most nice girls do, but as wise Solomon knew, there are "Mothers and Mothers."

Well, Mary's ma is of the type that is ever ready to sing from the house

tops the praise of Mary, of Mary's beaux, of Mary's clothes, and of Mary's conquests, until the neighbors are ready to drop a safety curtain, or have a hurried call to the telephone to interrupt the praise fest. So time will tell who is to hold the lucky number and it may be that Mary will wed the sailor sweetheart, be a fair daughter of the regiment, the diplomatic wife of a some-day author or just the plain every-day bride of the T. B. M. Be that as it may, she must not linger too long in the garden of love for remember sometimes the best fruits are plucked up and a lonely lemon oft remains where golden pippins have hung.

THE recent announcement of the engagement of Miss Margaret Frances Jenkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Jenkinson, and Edmund Judge Kearns, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearns, was read with a great deal of interest by the many friends of the young couple. The wedding will take place the latter part of the month and promises to be one of the most interesting matrimonial affairs of the season.

MRS. RUSSELL P. HARTLE was the honor guest at a beautifully arranged afternoon tea presided over by Mrs. Joseph Nibley Tuesday afternoon at her home on Federal Heights. Mrs. Hartle is spending a couple of weeks with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Hamilton, enroute to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, where she will join Major Hartle. The attractive living rooms were effectively decorated with a profusion of garden flowers and in the dining room a pretty gold and purple combination was chosen for the decorations of the tea table. A large hat basket filled with purple asters and golden French marigolds formed the attractive centerpiece and the ribbons corresponded in shades of purple and gold. Mrs. Nibley was assisted during the afternoon by Mrs. Horace Whitney and the receiving hours were from 4 until 6 o'clock.

A DELIGHTFUL social affair of the week was the large tea given by Mrs. Fredrick L. Stauffer Tuesday afternoon in honor of the wives of the visiting members of the medical association and their guests. Scarlet and pink gladioli decorated the living rooms and in the dining room a rosy pink decorative scheme was followed. The tea table was covered with a lace cloth over pink silk and held for a centerpiece a basket of pink asters tied with an airy bow of pink maline and the effective table was lighted with pink cathedral candles held in silver candlesticks.

Assisting Mrs. Stauffer in receiving

and presiding at tea during the afternoon were Mrs. H. N. Mayo, Mrs. Fredrick W. Taylor, Mrs. Ezra C. Rich of Ogden, Mrs. Edwin R. Rich of Ogden, Mrs. D. C. Budge of Logan, Mrs. Stephen L. Richards, Mrs. E. E. Wilcox, Mrs. Emerson F. Root, Mrs. W. S. Ellerbeck, Mrs. J. C. Landenberger, Mrs. Ross Anderson, Mrs. R. Hampton, Mrs. J. W. Snow, Mrs. F. H. Leaver, Mrs. J. G. Barnes and Mrs. E. L. Skidmore.

THE Catholic Womans' League entertained at a large reception Tuesday evening at the Ladies' Literary club in honor of Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph S. Glass. A delightful musical program was given by Mrs. Marsh Booden Boothby, Miss Gladys Wickins, and Miss Romania Hyde. Early autumn flowers were used for the attractive decorations of the room and the affair was given under the auspices of the entertainment committee of the league which includes Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. A. Fred Wey, Mrs. J. S. Kilken, Mrs. F. B. Scott, Mrs. Harry Lambrecht, Mrs. J. J. Burke, Mrs. E. V. McKeever, Mrs. J. G. Guerin, Mrs. Henry Welch and Miss Florence Halloran.

ONE of the large social affairs of week was the dinner given by Major and Mrs. A. J. McDonald at their quarters at Fort Douglas Monday evening in honor of Mrs. I. N. Farnham of Los Angeles, who is the guest of Captain and Mrs. Albert O. Younglof, and of Major McDonald and Lieut. Phiefer, who have recently received promotions. The table was prettily decorated with crystal baskets filled with pink and white asters and at the corners of the table were brass candlesticks filled with yellow candles and shaded in a deeper hue of yellow.

An informal dancing party followed the dinner and the guests who enjoyed the delightful affair were Col. and Mrs. George L. Byram, Col. Eugene Northington, Capt. and Mrs. M. S. Game, Capt. and Mrs. A. O. Younglof, Captain Soderblum, Lieut. and Mrs. Clarence Kingman, Mrs. N. A. Glendenning of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, Miss Genevieve Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parish, Lieutenant Vandertif, Lieutenant Browning, Lieutenant Edwards, Lieutenant Schortz, Lieutenant Stevens, Lieutenant Wright and Lieutenant Edwards.

MISS VIRGINIA GIBSON entertained at a prettily arranged luncheon Wednesday afternoon at her home on Thirteenth East street in honor of Miss Mary Dern, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dern who will leave in the near fu-

ture for Vassar. In the center of the table was a large basket filled with petunias in the gay shades of crimson and purple, at the corners of the table were silver candlesticks filled with deep red cathedral candles. Bridge followed the luncheon and the guests included Miss Katherine Marshall, Miss Leah Burton, Miss Belle Livingston, Miss Rae Lewis, Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Blanche Boyer, Miss Ruth Shipp, Miss Williamette Thompson and Miss Isabel Bacon.

IN honor of Miss Dorothy Young, whose marriage to Murray Wells Whitney will take place next Wednesday, Miss Edna Williams entertained a dozen close friends of the bride elect at a kensington Tuesday afternoon at the William's home on Second South street. The tea table was decorated with crystal bowls of French marigolds and the hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. T. A. Williams, and sister, Mrs. H. G. Richardson.

MRS. HOWARD H. LAWSON received informally Thursday afternoon at her home, 123 N street, in compliment to Mrs. Wesley King who has spent a few days in the city enroute to Defiance, Ohio, where she will make her home during the absence of Captain King in France. During the afternoon a number of the friends of the honored guest called.

MRS. A. H. ENSIGN entertained the members of her bridge club at a 1 o'clock luncheon Tuesday afternoon at the Ensign home on T street. Sunflowers in low bowls decorated the small tables where luncheon was served and the special guests of the afternoon and the club members included Mrs. Elizabeth J. O'Brien, Mrs. Charles A. Quigley, Mrs. A. H. Warren, Mrs. A. K. Tiernan, Mrs. A. E. Annis, Miss Margaret Gibbons, Miss Kate Halloran and Miss Jean Hyde. The club members are Mrs. A. Fred Wey, Mrs. Noble Warrum, Mrs. Elmer Darling, Mrs. J. G. McAllister, Mrs. B. O. Mecklenburg, Mrs. W. G. Grimsdell, Mrs. W. H. Dunn and Mrs. Ensign.

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