

Colonel Gilbert Pierce, the late minister to Portugal, once picked up in his arms a young lady who stood hesitating at the corner of a street in an Indiana village, unable to cross it, because a shower had filled it with a rushing torrent of water. The young lady submitted without protest while the colonel strode gallantly through the torrent until he deposited his fair charge on the opposite sidewalk, with dry feet. "Sir!" she then said, indignantly, "are you aware that you have insulted me?" "I was not aware of it," replied the colonel, "but seeing that you are right, I beg to make amends." So saying, he picked up the protesting damsel and restored her to the point where he had first made her acquaintance.

They had been friends at school. But the ways parted, and the one succeeded while the other failed. A. slept on the park benches, and B. reposed in Fifth Avenue. One day A. presented himself at the door in Fifth Avenue and sent up his name. To the surprise of the footman, he was admitted. "My dear old friend," said B., the millionaire, "why this raggedness?" A. told the story—how this and that and the other had gone against him—till tears dropped from the eyes of the millionaire (B.). A minute's silence while B. leaned his head on his hands. Then, "Will you kindly ring the bell?" A rang it, and with streaming eyes the millionaire said to the footman: "Show this gentleman out; he's breaking my heart!"

Augustus Thomas, long a successful playwright and now author of the novel, "The Witching Hour," comes from Missouri. The University of Missouri has notified Mr. Thomas that at the next commencement the university will confer upon him the degree of LL. D., the degree which it recently gave to Mark Twain. The president of the university, in presenting him for the honor, referred to Mr. Thomas as the most distinguished living son that Missouri has with the exception of Mark Twain.

After a scorching day's work old Ben Smith lighted his corncob pipe and sat down on the little wharf to rest. Near him lay an alligator, the visible result of his labors. A tourist from the north approached and loftily remarked: "Ah, I see you have an alligator." No answer. "It is amphibious, is it not?" The tone nettled the old man. "Amphibious, h—!" he growled. "He'd bite yer arm off before ye could say Jack Robinson!"

A pretty girl, in a hammock slung in an apple orchard, awoke suddenly and frowned at the young man who stood before her. "You stole a kiss while I was asleep!" she exclaimed. "Well," stammered the young man, "you were sleeping so soundly—you looked so pretty, so tempting, I—yes, I admit I did take one little one." The girl smiled scornfully. "One!" said she. "Humph! I counted seven before I woke up."

J. Barton King, the Philadelphia cricketer described the manner and customs of the English lodging-house. In lodgings, it seems, the landlady gouges one frightfully. A friend told how he once rebuked his landlady. She came to him with his spirit case. "Whisky all gone, sir," she said. "Shall I get you another bottle?" "Yes, I wish you would," said he, "it's your turn."

In developing the idea of truthfulness, a teacher asked the question, "What is the best thing in the world to do, and at the same time the hardest?" A little girl raised her hand timidly. "Well, Emma?" "To get married."

IN TOWN AND OUT.

Mrs. F. A. Druchl entertained at a tea at her residence on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Hugo Druchl.

Mrs. Arthur Bird entertained at a dinner at her home on Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. A. Cunningham was the hostess at a tea at her new home on U street on Tuesday afternoon.

All social events planned at Fort Douglas for the holidays have been indefinitely postponed.

The marriage of Miss Julia Cullen and Mr. Garret Wilkin took place at the home of the bride at

city and Washington with the Misses Alice and Mary Wall. After the first of the year they will go to Florida for a stay of a couple of months.

Miss Hollister Hancock has returned from Redlands, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Jones will return here immediately after the holidays.

Judge W. H. Dickson has gone to St. Louis.

Miss Luvera Snow of Chicago will spend the holidays in this city as the guest of Mrs. J. F. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newhouse will entertain at dinner at their home on Friday evening.

The wedding of Miss Frances H. Trent, daugh-



Mrs. Arthur H. S. Bird

high noon on Tuesday, Bishop Seanlan officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Kate Groo and Mr. Nelson Maynard was best man for Mr. Wilkin.

Miss C. Geannette Murray, the sister of Mr. Leigh C. Murray, who is at present the guest of the Jack Rooklidges, will remain here several weeks.

The wedding of Miss Emma Douglas and Mr. Newell K. White will take place in Payson Christmas week.

President Hyrum Dunn of the Idaho Northern is spending a few days here. He will return north to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Hardy of Spencer, Idaho, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wood.

Col. and Mrs. E. A. Wall and Miss Wall have gone to New York to spend the holidays in that

ter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Trent, and Mr. Harold M. Power, which took place at East Auburn, California, on Tuesday, was the most notable out-of-town affair of the week having a local interest.

The bridge club was entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Levis Evans.

Mrs. G. R. Bothwell entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Margaret McClure will spend the holidays with friends in Vermont.

Mrs. Jennie Cohn and Miss Stella Cohn have returned from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Porter will have as their guests during the holidays, Mrs. Porter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bersbach of Chicago.

The German club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. G. B. Pfoutz.