ACTIVITIES OF CLUB WOMEN

Congress of States Societies Elects Officers—Women's League for Animals Plans Work Horse Parade for Memorial Day.

Congress of States Societies.

On Thursday afternoon, May 7, the Congress of States Societies held its annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria. The election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian; first vice-president, Mrs. Gerard Bancker; second vice-president, Mrs. Roscoe T. Raney; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles D. Hirst, and Mrs. J. W. Sargent, Mrs. Henry H. Sevier, Mrs. N. B. Slingerland and Mrs. Edward Burton Williams, directors.

After the business meeting a programme was presented. Mrs. J. T. Sargent, the newly elected president of the Maine Women's Club, spoke for Maine, and Miss Susan Ketcham for the art interests of Indiana. California was represented by Miss Lucy Priber, who gave violin solos. Miss Lois Fox, representing Texas, entertained with readings. Mrs. Robbins A. Lau, first vice-president of the Society of New York State Women, spoke for New York, and Mrs. Roscoe T. Raney, president of the National Society of Ohio Women, spoke for Ohio. Mrs. N. B. Van Slingerland, representing Michigan, read some original poems.

Annual Meeting of Daughters of 1812.

The National Society, U. S. D. of 1812 (New York State) held its annual meeting at the Hotel McAlpin on Monday, May 4. The forenoon was given up to reports of the officers and chairman. The membership chairman reported that twenty new members were enrolled during the last year. It was decided that the New York State Society should buy a room in the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington. This will cost about $6,000 and will be known as the New York State Room. At 1 o'clock there was a club luncheon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Washington L. Mann, and at 2 o'clock an open meeting of the society, when the annual election was held. Mrs. Homer Lee was re-elected vice-president and Mrs. Thomas J. Gordon and Mrs. Joseph P. Ryan were respectively elected corresponding secretary and auditor.

The National Associate Council will be entertained in New York City in 1915, when the presidential election of the National Society will be held. Mrs. William Gerry Slade is now president.

Universal Sunshine Society.

The Universal Sunshine Society (Mrs. Clarence Burns, president) will hold its annual meeting and luncheon at the Hotel Manhattan on Tuesday, May 12. The business session is called for 10 a. m. and luncheon at 1:30. Mrs. P. F. Frost will be chairman of luncheon; Mrs. F. H. Dean, of the musical programme, and Miss Isabel Dutcher, of badges. Guests of honor will be Sir Frank and Lady Cohen, of Glasgow, Scotland; Mrs. Moody Bliss Gates and Mrs. Noble McConnell. Delegates from several states and cities outside of New York will attend the meeting. Among those present will be Mrs. Theodore Macdonald, Mrs. F. B. Walker, Mrs. George Cohen, Miss Elizabeth Blakeslee, Mrs. M. Ellis, Mrs. Frank Parker, Mrs. William Hoffman, Mrs. W. Lindsay, the Misses Hill, Mrs. C. Baldwin, Mrs. E. Ashley, Mrs. J. Sulley, Miss Edith Granger, Mrs. George Eason, Mrs. Thomas Wallace, Mrs. Hamilton N. Downing, Mrs. H. W. and T. L. Bennett, Mrs. Solon Palmer, Mrs. Eddy Palmer, Mrs. Ruel Darling, Mrs. E. Mapes, Mrs. J. J. Cisco, Mrs. George Howes, Mrs. R. H. Green, Mrs. Frank Churchill, Mrs. T. Y. Crowell, Mrs. B. G. Dutcher, Miss C. Hunter, Miss Shay, Mrs. C. Van Etten, Miss Margaret Bennett, Mrs. P. A. Green, Mrs. E. H. B. Watson, Mrs. John Wise, Mrs. Alex. Saunders, Mrs. Frank Drummond, Mrs. George Perkins Lawton, Miss Virginia Jones, Mrs. E. C. Hubbell, Mrs. W. B. Ringrose, Mrs. M. May, Miss Van Buren, Mrs. F. H. Jerome, Mrs. Hollenberg, Miss Gray and Miss Hicks.

Mothers' Club Ends Season.

The New York City Mothers' Club (Mrs. Julius P. Cahen, president) will hold its May meeting in the auditorium of the Young Women's Christian Association, 600 Lexington av., on Monday, May 11, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Dr. Naomi Norsworthy will speak on "Children's Faults—Causes and Remedies." Mrs. Ida Benfey Judd will read a story for mothers, "Making a Man of Him," by Haryot Holt Dey. This is the last Mothers' Club meeting of the season, and all who are interested in the work of the club are invited.

New York Browning Society.

The New York Browning Society will hold its annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Wednesday, May 13. At 1:30 o'clock p. m. the president, Miss Gibson, will call the meeting to order, and at 2:30 Mrs. Kate Upson Clark, as chairman of the day, will take charge of the programme. The speakers will be the Rev. Samuel V. Cole, D. D., president of Wheaton College and the Boston Browning Society; the Rev. Philip S. Moxom, D. D., of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. John A. Lefferts, of Elizabeth, N. J. Lyrics will be sung by Mrs. Henrietta Speke Seeley, with the composer, John W. Worth, at the piano.

Plans for Work Horse Parade.

Preparations are being made for the eighth annual work horse parade, to be held under the auspices of the New York Women's League for Animals on Memorial Day. Mrs. James Speyer, president of this organization for the care of animals, is personally superintending the entries. A silver medal will be given by Mrs. Speyer to the winners of the first prizes. Last year over 3,000 teams and horses were entered, including the horses in the city departments and horses and teams entered by private owners.

Other members of the organization are Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, Miss Ella Mabel Clark, Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. J. Dineley Prince, H. C. Holt, Mrs. John H. Winkley, Gordon Knox Bell, Robert G. Mead, Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. Frederick W. Whitridge, Miss Maria H. Dehon, Mrs. Edith Wharton, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Miss Edith M. Aims, Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mrs. Grenville Parker, George Blumenthal, John L. Cadwalader, Elbert H. Gary, Lawrence L. Gillespie, John Clinton Gray, Madison Grant, James Gordon Bennett, Clarence H. Mackay, Edwin G. Merrill, Frank A. Munsey, Professor Henry F. Osborn, Frederick C. Penfield, James Speyer, Frank K. Sturgis, De Lancey Nicoll, William D. Guthrie, Archer M. Huntington, William Jay, Thomas F. Ryan, A. D. Juilliard, Edwin S. Marston, Ogden Mills, John G. Johnson, Jefferson Seligman, Henry W. Taft, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Frank A. Vanderlip, Richard Welling, Clark Williams, Robert Goelet, Adolph Lewisohn, Douglas Robinson, M. Taylor Pyne, Stuyvesant Fish, Henri P. Wertheim, Edwin A. Seasongood and Thomas F. McCarthy.

N. E. Women Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the New York City Colony of the National Society of New England Women was held at the Waldorf. There were two sessions. The first was given up to the preparation of the informal ballot, after which the official ballot and the annual reports were presented. The following officers were elected and installed for the coming year: Mrs. Hamilton Downing, president; Mrs. John F. Yawger, first vice-president; Mrs. John Douglas Walton, second vice-president; Mrs. Stephen D. Stephens, recording secretary; Mrs. Augustin Sackett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. H. Tenney, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Minton Dyke Clark, treasurer. Managers: Mrs. Griffith George Williams, Mrs. William R. Eakins, Mrs. Edward S. Robinson, Mrs. Theodore F. Seward, Mrs. Newcomb C. Barney, Miss Sara Palmer, Mrs. Duane H. Clement, Mrs. J. Swinburne. The chairman of the various committees are: Mrs. Henry Alloway, house committee; Mrs. Charles Scammell, literary; Miss Florence Adams, entertainment; Mrs. Frances Wandell, press; Mrs. Edward Robinson, auditing; Mrs. James Warner, cards; Mrs. Eugene Howard, music; Mrs. Richard H. Green, tri-centennial.

Michigan's Daughters Elect.

Michigan's Daughters, Mrs. Nellie B. Van Slingerland, president, will hold their annual meeting and election of officers in the rooms of the Michigan Society on Tuesday, May 12, at 2:30 o'clock.

MRS. THOMAS J. VIVIAN,
President of the Congress of States Societies.

Daughters of Revolution.

The executive board of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, State of New York, Mrs. Everett M. Raynor, regent, will meet at the Hotel Belmont on Friday, May 15, at 3 o'clock.

The 125th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington was observed by the society. A wreath was placed on the statue of Washington at the Sub-Treasury Building and Mrs. Raynor read an account of Washington's journey to New York. After the exercises a luncheon was held at Fraunces's Tavern.

Californians' Annual Luncheon.

The annual luncheon of the National California Club will be held at the Claremont, 128th st. and Riverside Drive, on Tuesday, May 19. The luncheon will be was announced that Mrs. Hamilton Ormsbee had been nominated as candidin charge of Mrs. George E. Gordon, of 17 East 95th st., and Mrs. Milton V. Snyder, of 27 Washington Square North. This will be the last regular meeting of the season.

New Home for Gamut Club.

The Gamut Club, whose quarters in the Gibson Studios were entirely destroyed by fire on February 15, has secured a new home at 69 West 46th st. Miss Mary Shaw, the president, announces that the rooms, which are now being decorated and furnished under the personal supervision of Miss Amy Mali Hicks, will be open for inspection of members after May 10. A housewarming will be given on a date to be announced later, at which Miss Frances Starr, a member of the club, will assist Miss Shaw in receiving members and their friends.

Froebel Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Froebel Society was held at the Rusurban on Monday, May 4, at 2:30 p. m. The programme was in charge of the Froebel Chorus, Mrs. Stuart Close, director. Mrs. Jean Slee Starr gave dramatic readings.

Feminist Forum at Yonkers.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Feminist Forum at the Warburton Theatre, Yonkers, during the last week. Among those present were Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, president of the Yonkers Suffrage Association; Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Mrs. Charles Israels, Miss Mary Shaw, Mrs. William J. O'Sullivan, ex-leader of the 23d Assembly District; Mrs. Carl Osterheld, Mrs. H. A. Robinson, vice-president of the Yonkers Suffrage Association; Mrs. Francis X. Donoghue, Mrs. Joseph F. Daly, Mrs. Leo Baekland, Mrs. C. Arthur Dunlavy, Mrs. Hiram W. Taylor, Mrs. F. E. Farrington, Miss Sara McPike, Miss Lucille Vance, Mrs. Belle Smith-Bruce, Dr. Sue Radcliff and Mrs. J. T. Gibson.

Mary Arden Shakespeare Club.

The Mary Arden Shakespeare Club will close its regular meetings on Thursday, April 14. This meeting, which will be for members only, will be devoted to the planning of the programme for next year's work, the appointing of chairmen and general detail work.

D. A. R. Church Service.

The annual church service of the Washington Heights Chapter of the D. A. R., Mrs. Samuel J. Kramer, regent, was held at the Church of the Intercession, 155th st. and Broadway, on Sunday evening, May 3d. Rev. Milo H. Gates, chaplain, preached the sermon.

Ohio's Daughters Elect Officers.

The Daughters of Ohio will hold their annual election Monday at the Waldorf-Astoria. The following names are proposed for office: President, Mrs. James H. Proctor; first vice-president, Mrs. E. B. Hollister; second vice-president, Mrs. D. C. Haynes; third vice-president, Mrs. William A. Cummings; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Samuel A. Drew; fifth vice-president, Mrs. J. Lynn Eddy; chairman of executive committee, Mrs. M. M. Reynolds; recording secretary, Mrs. William J. Cauthers; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ernest K. Coulter; treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Sullivan; auditor, Miss Marie Townsend; historian, Mrs. J. B. Taylor; members of the executive committee, Mrs. D. T. Larimore, Mrs. John W. Dorn, Mrs. Charles B. Burkett, Mrs. Robert B. Hamilton and Mrs. Harold Remington.

Fortnightly Shakespeare Club.

The regular meeting of the Fortnightly Shakespeare Club took place on Friday afternoon, May 1. Miss Ella Pelletrau gave a talk on Shakespeare and methods of studying his works. This club, which was founded by the late Mrs. Anna Randall Diehl, in 1874, is making plans for an active season next winter. Those desiring to become members may address Mrs. Sidney Lawrence Hall, 320 St. Nicholas av.

Gotham Club.

The next regular meeting of the Gotham Club, Mrs. A. A. A. Brooks, president, will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 2:30 o'clock at the Hotel St. James. The topic for discussion will be "Suffrage in 1915."

Poets' Day at Gridiron Club.

Tuesday will be poets' day at the regular waffle party of the Gridiron Dinner-Dance Club, to be held at 4 o'clock at the Hotel Astor. Among the guests of honor will be Edwin Markham, Katherine Ward, Dr. Edwin Leibfreed, Countess de Castlevecchio, Mrs. Thomas Slack, Mrs. George W. Howes and Mrs. Chauncey V. Crapo.

Cambridge Ends Season.

The Cambridge Club held its last meeting of the season on Monday, May 4, at the home of Mrs. Llewellyn Wray, 1141 Dean st., Brooklyn. At this meeting it date for second vice-president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. After the business meeting the programme was presented under the chairmanship of Miss Nellie T. Layell. Dr. Rossiter W. Raymond, president of the Institute of Mining Engineers., was the speaker of the afternoon. His subject was "Our Natural Resources and Our Federal Government." Miss Kempshall, founder of the club, gave a talk on "Life and Living." Mrs. Mildred Howson Hartley sang several solos.

Daughters of Union.

The annual meeting of Charter Chapter, Daughters of the Union, was held at the home of Mrs. John T. Halliday, 924 West End ave., on Wednesday, May 6. After the annual reports had been given the election of officers took place, with the following results: Regent, Mrs. William R. Stewart; first vice-regent, Mrs. Henry Alloway; second vice-regent, Mrs. A. Sumner Rose; third vice-regent, Mrs. John J. Fields; recording secretary, Mrs. James McCullagh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert H. Davidson; registrar, Mrs. Victor Fredrickson; historian, Mrs. John D. Haney. Mrs. Louis A. Schmidgall, Mrs. Leonard M. Davis, Mrs. Daniel P. Duffie, Mrs. Alfred H. Masury, Mrs. John T. Halliday and Mrs. Herman G. Conrad were elected directors. The chairmen appointed to serve for the season of 1914-'15 were Dr. Frances Monell, entertainment; Mrs. Malcolm McLean, membership; Mrs. Gerard Bancker, hospitality, and Mrs. Thomas J. Vivian, press.

After the business meeting Mrs. Frank Cronise opened the programme with an address. The music, in charge of Miss Edythe M. Clover, consisted of soprano songs by Mrs. J. M. Marshall, accompanied by Miss Alice McShane.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Charles H. Masury, president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the Union. Mrs. Masury reported that in the three months she has held office four chapters have been started in Massachusetts and state regents appointed for the following thirteen chapters: New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Maine, District of Columbia, Washington and Virginia.

Women's Henry George League.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Henry George League was held on Wednesday evening, May 6, at the clubrooms, 47 West 42d st.

Cameo Club Banquet.

On Wednesday evening, May 6, a banquet was given by the Cameo Club, Mme. Clarence de Vaux-Royer president, at the Hotel St. Denis. The guests of honor were Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Madison Cawein, William Butler Yeats, Dr. Frank Crane, Miss Florence Guernsey, Dr. Charles A. Miller and Clinton Scollard. The hostesses were Baroness von Stamler, Baroness Bazus, Mme. Garrique, Mrs. Elmer Black, Mrs. Fairfield Mortimore, Mrs. Minor Arnold, Mrs. Alfred Wagstaff, jr., Mrs. Ida Platt, Mrs. Frank Lent, Mrs. F. M. Carter, Mrs. C. R. Glenn, Mrs. A. G. Heaton, Mrs. Kneeland, Mrs. Hall Brown McCandless and Mrs. William Owens. The speakers were Miss Florence Guernsey, Mrs. Alfred Wagstaff, Clinton Scollard and George H. Plimpton.

Philomath Club.

The third annual luncheon of the Philomath Club, of New York City, was held at the Marseilles Hotel on Monday, May 4. Among those who spoke were Mrs. Herbert E. Anstie, Mrs. Frank H. Merrill, Mrs. Burton Tompkins, Mrs. E. E. Cooley, Miss Jean Kimball and Mrs. C. L. Graham. The luncheon was followed by installation of officers. The officers are Mrs. S. Babcock, president; Mrs. E. S. Delamater, vice-president; Mrs. H. E. Anstie, recording secretary; Mrs. L. H. Chesebrough, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. J. T. Durham, treasurer.

Chicago Woman's Club.

The annual breakfast of the Chicago Woman's Club was held Saturday, May 9. The reception was at 12:30 and breakfast was served at 1 o'clock.

Colonial Dames of America.

On April 30 the annual meeting and luncheon of the Colonial Dames of America was held at the Colony Club by invitation of the society's two vice-presidents, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Humphreys. The reports of the year were read and interesting reports were given from the branches at Baltimore, Philadelphia and Shreveport. The work for the coming year was discussed and tea was served after the meeting.

Among those present were Mrs. Cheeseman, president of the society; Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Delafield, Miss Sistare, Mrs. J. Muhlenberg Bailey, Mrs. Keith Pinckney Walker, Mrs. Edward C. Delafield, Miss Williamson, Miss Byrd, Mrs. Stettinius, Mrs. Floyd, Miss Morse, Miss Borrowe, Mrs. de Rassloff, Mrs. Henry Sanford, Mrs. Lewis G. Morris, Miss Kriesels, Mrs. Struthers, Miss Struthers, Miss Gilpin, Mrs. Dixon and Miss Reim.

Colorado Cliff Dwellers.

Governor and Mrs. Bradford Prince of New Mexico entertained the New York Chapter, Colorado Cliff Dwelling Association, Mrs. Gilbert McClurg, regent, Monday May 4, at their home, 20 Broadway, Flushing, Long Island.

THACKERAY AND THE BOY

In his delightfully written autobiography, "A Boy I Knew and Four Dogs," Laurence Hutton tells, among other interesting events of his boyhood, of his meeting with the first great man he ever knew. Speaking always of himself as The Boy, Mr. Hutton says: "Quite a little lad, he was staying at the Pulaski House, in Savannah, in 1853—perhaps it was in 1855—when his father told him to observe particularly the old gentleman with the spectacles, who occupied a seat at their table in the public dining room, for, he said, the time would come when The Boy would be very proud to say that he had breakfasted and dined and supped with Mr. Thackeray. He had no idea who or what Mr. Thackeray was, but his father considered him a great man and that was enough for The Boy.

"He did pay particular attention to Mr. Thackeray, with his eyes and his ears; and one morning Mr. Thackeray paid a little attention to him, of which he is very proud indeed. Mr. Thackeray took The Boy between his knees, and asked his name, and what he intended to be when he grew up. He replied, 'A farmer, sir.' Why, he cannot imagine, for he never had the slightest inclination toward a farmer's life. And then Mr. Thackeray put his gentle hand upon The Boy's little red head and said, 'Whatever you are, try to be a good one.'

"To be blessed by Thackeray is a distinction The Boy would not exchange for any niche in the Temple of Literary Fame; no laurel crown he could ever receive would be able to obliterate or to equal the sense of Thackeray's touch, and if there be any virtue in the laying-on of hands, The Boy can only hope that a little of it has descended upon him.

"And whatever The Boy is, he has tried for Thackeray's sake 'to be a good one.'"

SPRING HAS TAKEN LENOX BY STORM

Gardens and Lawns Make Brave Showing Already—Influx of Cottagers Begins.

Lenox, May 9.—The spring resurrection of Lenox is complete. Shutters have been taken down and the lawns about the big houses have been carefully prepared for the season. In the gardens horticulturists are busy. Roads have been redressed and sidewalks trimmed and the town polished up to a high degree for the coming of the summer colony.

Already the influx of cottagers who annually arrive for the blossoming time has begun. Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward Haven came up early in the week to Tagleside, in Stockbridge, where Mrs. Haven has her own flower beds, which she plants and cares for. Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Gould arrived at North Point for their second season. This estate on the Pittsfield road will be greatly developed by them this year. At Mahanatuck farm, in Stockbridge, Dr. and Mrs. Lemuel Bolton Bangs's country place, its owner is settled for the season. Newbold Morris is busy overseeing his handsome place, Brookhurst, at which Mrs. Morris will shortly arrive. Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Sedgwick, of New York, are at the Mansion, in Stockbridge, for several weeks, after which Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sedgwick, now in Boston, will be the season's occupants.

Servants are now at Sunnyside, Mrs. George Griswold Haven's estate, and at Sunnyridge, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Griswold Haven, preparing those cottages for the use of their owners.

Hildreth K. Bloodgood and Mr. and Mrs. J. Macy Willetts have been passing some time at New Marlboro, where they have estates and to which they go the last of May for the summer. Mrs. August Belmont, whose Glad Brook farm has been her source of recreation for two years, has been there getting the house and farm ready for the annual coming of the Belmonts.

In Tyringham there has been many visitors to overlook their properties. Mr. and Mrs. Banyar Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. George Tiffany and Miss Susan E. Peck have passed a part of the week on their estates. The question of gardens and shrubbery and improvements has occupied their time.

John Alden Spoor has been in Pittsfield to make preparations for the coming of his family the last of the month at Blythewood. Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Salisbury are also preparing to occupy Tor Court there. Mrs. Herbert Spencer Johnson has arrived at her country place in Dalton. Miss Olivia Phelps Stokes will enter into ownership of her new estate, Under Ledge, the last of next week.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry P. Jaques have been in Lenox seeking a country place for the season.

The Berkshire Hills express, on the New Haven, will begin its schedule on the 16th and will be run in two sections when travel requires.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, jr., have been at their estate on the lake, where after the close of Yale University in June they will be domiciled.

Musical Entertainments.

Umberto Sorrentino, the Italian tenor, will be the soloist at the inauguration concert to be given by the Easton Symphony Orchestra, of Easton, Penn., in Armory Hall, on Wednesday evening, May 20. He will sing "Che gelida manina," from "La Bohème," and a group of songs. During the present season Mr. Sorrentino has sung for some of the most important organizations. Miss Annie Friedberg, his manager, says that he has been engaged already for a great many concerts and recitals in the United States for next season and will appear in all the large cities here.

In preparation for the stupendous task of singing the entire Mass in B minor, solos as well as chorus numbers, the two hundred members of the Bethlehem Bach Choir are having frequent rehearsals in Packer Memorial Church, Lehigh University, where on May 29 and 30 the ninth Bach festival will be held. They will render all of the parts of the mass given in other festivals by four or five professional soloists, as well as their regular chorus work. For the first day's festival programme, of the Magnificat, Motet and other numbers, soloists have been announced by Dr. J. Fred Wolle, conductor, as follows: Sopranos, Mrs. Helen Boice Hunsicker and Miss Lucy Brickenstein; alto, Miss Maude Sproule; tenor, Nicholas Douty; bass, Horatio Connell.

The Fashionable Dinner

Long and heavy dinners are entirely out of fashion, for, though accorded the importance due to the principal meal, dinner is now considered only the prelude to, and not the chief event in, the evening's entertainment. People do not want to waste a couple of hours or so at the dining table when bridge is to follow or they are going on to the opera or a theatre, a dance, or perhaps a succession of festivities. The fashionable "short dinner" consists of clear soup, fish, a roast—usually lamb at this time of year—a bird or a vegetable course, a sweet, a savoury and dessert. It is not usual to provide a choice of dishes in any course; one only, and that of the best, is the rule. Even the dessert is generally limited to grapes, pineapples, strawberries and the delicious peaches, nectarines, etc., that come from afar. Many people, by the way, do not care for the extremely expensive forced strawberries, which really have very little flavor.

One wine only, and that sparkling, is served throughout even a large and formal dinner, for comparatively little wine is drunk now, and many people prefer the more dietetic whiskey and soda or merely one of the table waters, which should always be available. Dry champagne is still the favorite wine, but unless the very best brands are given a good sparkling hock or moselle should be served. Sound claret may be offered at dessert, but is seldom taken, and a choice of liqueurs should be afforded with the coffee.

THE LAMBS' GAMBOL

Members Promise the Best Entertainment Ever This Season.

The greatest of all-star gambols is what the Lambs promise on the date of their entertainment at the Metropolitan Opera House, Friday, May 22, and Saturday matinee, May 23. So great is the interest and so large the demand for seats that it has been decided to hold a public auction sale for the first choice of seats and boxes. This auction will take place at the Hudson Theatre at 3:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, and will be conducted by several popular comedians as auctioneers, including De Wolf Hopper, Raymond Hitchcock, Andrew Mack, Frank McIntyre, Frank Lalor and others; and if any one wants to enjoy a delightful afternoon of real, spontaneous impromptu comedy this will be the opportunity. Every one is invited, and it is expected the Lambs will realize a large amount in premiums before the actual opening of the box office at the Metropolitan on Monday, May 18.

Conforming to custom, the programme will open with a minstrel first part, but with many novel features added. Magnetic De Wolf Hopper will be the interlocutor, and the end men will include such comedians as William Collier, Raymond Hitchcock, Andrew Mack, Frank McIntyre, Frank Lalor, Nat Wills, Charles E. Evans, Irvin S. Cobb, Macklyn Arbuckle, John E. Hazzard, William H. Crane, Douglas Fairbanks, Thomas A. Wise and others.

An attractive dance number, "The Book of Life," will include several of the "leading ladies" of the club, and another little operatic novelty, full of color and charm, will be "A Rainbow Cocktail."

The serious note of the programme will be a modern morality play, entitled "Experience," written by George V. Hobart. This will be played by William Elliott, Frederick Perry, Digby Bell, Effingham Pinto and a large company of stars.

There will be songs and monologues by individual stars, such as Irvin Berlin, Nat Wills and others, and a "surprise" number, of which announcement will be made later. Other important star acts are being made ready, and new and attractive features will introduce all the brightest stars of this club of stars, including David Belasco, Wilton Lackaye, Burton Holmes, James O'Neil, Edward Abeles, Bruce McRae, Henry Woodruff, George Broadhurst, J. Hartley Manners and others too many to mention.

John Philip Sousa will march at the head of his large band during the free minstrel parade of stars just preceding each performance, and will also conduct the symphony orchestra, having written a military march and opening overture for the Lambs' great national festival.

WOODEN SILK DRESSES

Blankets Are Made, Too, from the Bark of Trees.

Silk dresses are now being made from wood. There is the cleverly "mercerized" cotton, for instance, but machinery and chemicals have gone a step even beyond that in rivalling the art of the silk-spinning worm. The process of making silk yarn from a spruce log is a remarkably speedy one, and the results astonish you when you see the wood thrown carelessly into a great vat to appear a few hours later in shining thread. The wood is first cut into thin sheets, after which it is put into a tank for chemical treatment. It is chewed and mashed by the machinery and "digested" by the strong chemicals until it closely resembles molasses in color and consistency. The solution is then forced through well heated tubes, each with an outlet containing just as many perforations as there are to be filaments in the thread. Simultaneously it is sprayed with a chemical which "fixes" the thread, shrinking and hardening it. But to the wearer of silk, a garment made from wood pulp looks every bit as good as the product of the silkworm.

An American inventor has manufactured for himself and wears a fancy waistcoat of pinewood fibre, and looks forward to the time when wooden suits will be generally worn. The wood is, of course, not in its usually crude form, but it is first reduced to pulp, then drawn into threads and woven like cloth. Cloth of this kind wears like leather, and is cheaper than the cheapest cloth. The value of the material thus spun is that it dyes extremely well, the colors coming up admirably, and it is, as a matter of fact, a good imitation of silk. Some of the cloth has been shown to spinners, who would scarcely believe that it had been produced from wood pulp.

The people of Tibet have for a long time now worn clothes constructed of wood.

In Ecuador the bark of a tree which grows on the slopes of the Andes is utilized for making blankets. Usually the blanket is six feet long and five feet wide, and is as soft and pliable as though it were made from flannel. It is about the thickness of a good flannel blanket, and can be rolled up and put in a strap without hurting or injuring it. This tree or bark blanket is merely a strip of bark cut from a section of the trunk of the demajagua tree. The Indians make a cutting around the trunk to get it, and they prepare it by soaking it in water until it is soft. It is then pounded so that the rough outside can be stripped off and the inside alone left. The inside is of fine fibres, so joined together by Nature that it makes a beautiful blanket, warm enough to be used as a cover, and soft enough for a mattress.—Tit-Bits.

Lesson in Politeness.

The captain of a certain large sailing vessel is probably the most polite officer in the whole mercantile service. He has, however, a great idea of his importance, and loses no opportunity of impressing it upon his crew. In particular, he insists upon being addressed as "Sir" by every one on board. One day a new hand joined the ship, and a short time after leaving harbor, being a seasoned old salt, he was intrusted with the wheel. The captain came up and put the usual question:

"How's her head?"

"Nor-by-east," answered the old tar, very gruffly.

"My man," suavely answered the captain, "on this craft when one of the crew speaks to me he gives me a title of respect. Don't you think you might do so, too? Now, how's her head?"

"Nor-by-east, I tell yer," shouted the tar, displaying not a little irritation.

"I'm afraid you don't quite understand me," responded the captain, good-humoredly. "Let me relieve you at the wheel, and then do you take my place and ask me the question. I will then show you how it should be answered."

They accordingly changed places.

"'Ow's her 'ead?" roared the tar.

"Nor'-by-east, sir," replied the captain, with gentle emphasis on the "sir."

"Then keep her so, my man, while I goes forrard and has a smoke," was the startling rejoinder from the old reprobate, who calmly commenced to suit the action to the word.—Tit-Bits.

The Revolt of the Women

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The time has come to define feminism; it is no longer possible to ignore it. The germ is in the blood of our women. The principle is in the heart of our race. The word is daily in the pages of our newspapers. The doctrine and its corollaries are on every tongue. The hope of it, often unrecognized and denied, lies inherent in the soul of every woman. The dread of it rests heavily upon the ignorant, the timid, the unduly conservative, and those who have outlived the capacity for unfamiliar thinking.

EXAGGERATED IDEAS NULLIFIED.

But what is feminism? Is it, as the superficial allege, the desire of some women to assume the work and the places and the power and the responsibilities and the rewards of men? Some women desire these things, no doubt. But this is not feminism.

Is it the desire of a few experimental spirits to abolish marriage, and substitute for lifelong monogamy temporary relationships dissoluble at will? This is the dream of a scattered few, especially in Germany, where a small group is experimenting in public. But it is not feminism.

Is it the suggestion of certain reckless ones to abolish the home and have the state bring up our children in order that women may be free to experiment variously with life unhampered by the schemes of mere nature? This has been seriously set forth by several daring writers, and is occasionally advocated by irresponsible orators at gatherings of the ultra-advanced. But it is not feminism.

IMPRACTICAL DEFINITION BANISHED.

Nor can feminism be defined by any of the numerous other suggestions of impractical imaginations spurred to abnormal activity by sudden release from the thought conventions of the past.

Granted that most of the so-called feminist writing and speaking so far have dealt with the schemes of visionaries. But visionaries and fanatics are always the first and the loudest in any public cause. The social reorganization now in slow, orderly progress throughout the civilized world was heralded two decades ago by anarchists and nihilists.

DISMISSAL OF IRRESPONSIBLES.

Granted that the opponents of feminism seem to have, in the silence of all others, authority for their assumption that the theories of these hasty irresponsibles are the theories of the movement itself. But the hastily terrified are as fatuous as the hastily enthused. Neither deserves credence of the seer.

Let us, then, ignore these impractical doctrines of the hasty. Let us fish for our definition in the still waters beneath the troubled surface. Let us study the Revolt of the Women not in the souls of the volatile few, but of the earnest millions of wives and mothers and workers who are thinking silently in their homes. Here alone shall we find the attitude upon which to base our substantial definition, for these are the women who eventually will determine the fact.

And here, first of all, we find that feminism does not mean the usurpation by women of the place and the power of men. Psychological sex differences absolutely must have their way in the end, despite prophets and propaganda, and none but dreamers will deny it. When women have all the rights they demand, together with the obligations that go with them, still they will be women. They will no more compete then in departments of life unsuited to their strength and genius than they do to-day. None but a few enthusiastic theorists believe they will.

There is this difference, though, and here somewhere lies our definition, that then women's spirits will be freed. For the first time in history, whether in competition with men or not, they will labor without the bond and the stigma of inferiority.

FEMINISM DEFINED.

TO MEET LIFE UNDAUNTED; TO LABOR, TO SUCCEED OR TO FAIL, AS HUMAN INDIVIDUALS ONLY; TO FEEL HANDICAPPED BY NATURE ONLY, NOT BY MEN; TO SEEK THEIR OWN SUCCESS IN SELF-CHOSEN, APPROPRIATE PATHS, UNHAMPERED BY LAWS OF CONVENTIONS FROM WHICH MEN ARE EXEMPT—THESE, WE TAKE IT, CONSTITUTE THE ULTIMATE OBJECT OF THE REVOLT OF THE WOMEN.

And that sums up feminism, considered as a great, instinctive human movement. It is another and a very great step toward the realization of human freedom. Freeing the women follows naturally, and in civilization's own good time, upon freeing the slaves.

Feminism, then, is in essence and fact a spiritual attitude. But it follows, as the night the day, that, to be effective, there is involved the power as well as the principle of freedom. Women must become the civil and the social equals of men. It makes little difference whether or not they shall use this power; the fact that they possess it rather that they should not be forbidden its possession, is the magic that will break the shackles. The object of feminism is to make women equal stockholders with men in the Business of Life.

FEMINISM WILL SUCCEED.

Like every demand for human freedom, feminism will succeed; and, when it does come to pass, the human race will attain for the first time its full efficiency. Meantime, let us possess our souls in peace so far as concerns those who are proclaiming creeds which civilization never will grant.

CONTRADICTORY TERMS.

An American visitor to Cambridge sought explanation of some unfamiliar terms, which a genial Don was delighted to elucidate. "'Full term'," he explained, "is three-quarters of a term, and the 'May week' is the first fortnight in June. A day of general admission is the day on which men leave the university, an ordinary degree is one conferred by a special exam, and an inspector of art is one who has been an arts student for at least six years."

The Yankee passed a hand across his weary prow. "And will they," he queried, "put me in the London train if I ask for a ticket to Cambridge?"—Tit-Bits.