

"AT HOME."

Brilliant Array of Weddings That Will Take Place in the Near Future.

As Was Expected, the Week of Prayer Was Not Crowded With Social Events.

Numerous Personal Pointers and Bits of Gossip About Well Known St. Paul People.

Happenings of a Social Nature at Hamline, Merriam Park and Other Suburbs.

The weddings have been so scarce of late that to have one of prominence occur in the city soon would be an event of great social interest. At the rate of a brilliant wedding per week, however, the gossiping portion of society will find something beside to gossiping to talk about. The McElver-Brisbane wedding will occur Wednesday, and the Finch-Stockton wedding just one week later, the 19th inst. An effort has apparently been made to have both weddings on a quiet scale. Notwithstanding, both events will be of unusual brilliancy, the former as a home wedding and the latter as a church marriage with accompanying magnificence. Miss Annie McElver will be united to Albert S. Brisbane at the home of the bride, No. 562 Lincoln street, only relatives to be present. Miss Kattie Crawford, of Albany, N. Y., cousin of the bride, and Miss Betty Brisbane, sister of the groom, will be the bridesmaids, and Victor Robertson and James Brisbane, brother of the groom, will act as groomsmen. After the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Brisbane will tender a reception at their residence on Pleasant avenue from 6 to 8 p. m. at which numerous friends are to be present to congratulate the young couple before their departure for a two weeks' honeymoon in New York and Washington. They will be at home on Oakland avenue when they return.

STOCKTON-FINCH. St. Paul's church will present the scene of splendid nuptial ceremonies at 7 p. m., Jan. 19, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Clemmie Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Finch, to Richard Stockton, United States counsel to Rotterdam and son of ex-United States Senator Stockton, of Trenton, N. J. The bride is already out. Rev. Dr. Thomas is to read the marriage service. Who are to be the bridesmaids and groomsmen is not yet definitely settled, but it is understood that Miss Gordon, Miss Draper and a sister of the groom will attend the fair galaxy. After the wedding a grand reception will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Finch, at 435 Summit avenue, from 8 until 10 p. m., and numerous friends have been invited to attend.

FINCH-HERSEY. Most noted of lyrical happenings last week was the wedding of Herman Finch and Miss Jennie Hersey, at the home of the bride's parents, Col. and Mrs. R. F. Hersey, in Stillwater, Tuesday at 6:30 p. m., but it was one of those pleasant, quiet home weddings the sanctity of which is only to the eyes of relatives and a few most intimate friends. Rev. E. S. Thomas, of this city, read the marriage service. It was a scene of brilliant splendor, and the bride looked most beautiful in her toilet of white satin with pearl bead fringe, enveloped in the folds of a magnificent tulle, her simple adornment being a pearl necklace. After the ceremony came the wedding feast, at which a considerable number sat down. Then Mr. and Mrs. Finch started on their bridal tour followed by a storm of congratulations. They are to be at home at the Portland when they return. Among the splendid array of bridal presents was the substantial one of a check for \$1,000 given by Ed Hersey, the bride's uncle; and Auerbach, Finch & Van Slyke, with whom Sherman has long held an important position, remembering the groom handsomely.

MAHLE-ROBERTS. Sept. Hoffman, of Company D, who is away on a furlough and spending the holidays in New York, will be home again at an early date, bringing with him one of New York's society belles as Miss Annie Goodkind.

Engagement of Miss Annie Goodkind, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodkind, to Ambrose Guiterman, of St. Paul, is announced.

Crowned in Epiphany. An unusually interesting entertainment was given the children of the church of St. Andrew's Epiphany, on Wednesday evening on Macabun street, on the eve of Epiphany, which consisted of a Twelfth-night party celebrated after an old English custom. The first feature was an elaborately-decorated Christmas tree, illuminated with numerous tapers; then a table of gaily-trimmed frosted cake, surrounded by twelve candles and surmounted by a miniature throne, which was occupied by a very realistic representation of a royal couple. The scholars marched round the cake in procession, singing a twelfth-night song. Each one of the twelve received a piece of the cake. After all had been served a call was made for the girl who had found a pea in her cake to come forward, and she was saluted and declared the queen amid the uproarious applause of the children. The children then, in a beaming in his cake was called for, and in a like manner acknowledged as the king. The couple repaired to the dressing rooms to don their regal attire. The procession in the mean time marched on, singing their song and at last formed in open order at the door of the dressing room to receive the king and queen, who soon appeared, decked out in royal splendor. With a song of welcome and pledge of obedience they escorted them to an imposing throne which had been erected, from which the king read his royal proclamation, appointed his court, decked them with favors and set them to work distributing the royal bounties, such as candies, oranges, German favors, etc. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and plays presided over by the king and queen, who, with their arbitrary rulings and imposition of odd penalties, added spice and zest to the merriment. At 9:45 p. m. the king retired in the twinkling of an eye, and the queen, who had been waiting for the king to read his royal proclamation, was the last to leave. The king and queen, who had been waiting for the king to read his royal proclamation, were the last to leave.

Open Doors. RAYER week was a quiet one socially, and anything more than a little would have been considered very much out of season. The coming week, however, promises to be very interesting, as there are social events arranged for nearly every evening. As the season and weather generally suggests something in the way of social enjoyment, sleighing and parties and toboggan parties will be among the coming winter features.

CARDS. Mr. and Mrs. George V. Bacon, of 257 Summit avenue, gave a progressive euchre party Thursday evening, among those who sat at the six tables being Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Frost, Miss Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Timberlake, Miss Timberlake, Col. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. Hunter, Miss Hunter, Mr. Dr. Cloud, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tarbox, Miss Hunter, H. P. Rugg and John Riddle. Interest was added to the game by the neat prizes given. Mrs. Brooks secured the ladies' lone-hand prize, a royal

Worcestershire flower vase; Miss Hunter, the ladies' head, a royal Worcester flower vase of different design, and Mrs. Moore, ladies' progressive, a rocco candlestick. The gentlemen's lone-hand prize was won by E. I. Frost, it being a charming little brass ash receiver and match safe combination. J. B. Tarbox got the head, a cut glass inkstand, and Mr. Riddle the progressive, a Japanese folding mirror.

A VACATION PARTY. A delightful young people's party was given by Miss Kattie Gilliland, of 287 South Exchange street, Monday evening. Miss Barry, her guest, assisted her. There were present:

Misses McManus, Constance, the Misses B. and Misses May Morris, Davis, Price, Armstrong, Elizabeth von Wedelstaedt and Misses Root and Wallace, of Fairbairn, who are visiting Mrs. E. S. Chittenden, and Messrs. Banham, Armstrong, Park von Wedelstaedt, Tannal, Ames, Tomlinson, of Minneapolis, and Dan Hand, of Fairbairn.

EVENTS OF NOTE. Mrs. T. C. Jones, of 100 Western avenue, gave a reception last evening to a large number of young people, in honor of her guests, Miss Kuntz, of Pittsburg, and Miss Coleman, of Cleveland.

Mrs. Frank Koegel gave a party Wednesday evening at her residence, 357 East Ninth street, in honor of her son Eddie, which was attended by about fifty of Master Koegel's schoolmates.

Ed. Haynes, of 12 South Portland avenue, Brooklyn, entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thurston, of this city, at a reception, Thursday evening. Mr. Thurston's bride is a sister of Mr. Haynes.

Mrs. Lane K. Stone, of 255 Summit avenue will give two exceptions this week one on Tuesday evening to married people, the other on Wednesday evening to young people.

Mrs. De Lorimer Harbaugh, of 90 Western avenue, will give a domino dancing party in honor of Miss Hyde, of Vermont, her guest, on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. F. B. Clarke entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Frost, of Minneapolis, at dinner Sunday evening.

Mrs. F. B. Clarke, of 236 Summit avenue, will give a reception on Monday evening in honor of her birthday on Monday evening with a grand reception.

Miss Hattie Van Gorder, of Virginia avenue, entertained some friends Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. J. O'Leary, of 552 Marshall avenue, will give a reception on the 15th.

Mrs. George B. Young is to give a card party Monday evening.

THE DANCE. N EVENING with Tersichore is always full of fascination, as 'tis at this shrine where Cupid's arrows fly thick and with sure aim, but after young people have been tried in the dance that burns on Hymen's altar, it is hardly likely that the darts have any effect, as the charms of society and dances are no less enjoyable. The fact is, when a number of young married people come together to spend the evening upon a waxed floor, there is more real enjoyment than when the same persons were young, single and timid.

FESTIVE PATRIARCHS. The Patriarchs' club gave its second social hop in Standard hall Tuesday evening to Seibert's music. A very brilliant party it was, the ladies looking very pretty. The club now numbers sixty couples and will give bi-weekly dances during the winter. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Lane K. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tarbox, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bacon, Mrs. Cloud, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lee Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Peabody, Miss Peabody, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rundlett, Miss Adams, of Buffalo, and others.

PATRIARCHAL CIRCLE. St. Paul Temple No. 2, patriarchal circle, will give its fourth annual reception and ball at Knights of Pythias hall Thursday evening and it will be an occasion of considerable magnificence. The different committees will be distinguished by colored badges. They are: Arrangements, purple—J. H. Mahler, Capt. W. S. Lyons and Col. E. S. Radcliffe. Reception, scarlet—A. G. Long, Thomas Riley, A. W. Truitt, D. S. Sperry, Chief J. T. Black, M. B. Williams, J. P. Batesham, Dr. C. E. Hale, J. S. McCulloch. Floor, old gold—J. H. Mahler, E. S. Radcliffe, George H. Fier, Capt. L. Cook, F. S. Berry, H. L. Walls, F. M. Penny, A. M. Peabody and F. C. Lusk. Hugh M. Miller will be treasurer for the occasion.

FRAT BAKES AND BRAES. The St. Andrew's society gave another delightful social in Pythian hall Wednesday evening. About one hundred couples danced seventeen numbers to Hilyard's music, and the programing was pleasantly interspersed with songs by Mrs. Brown and Messrs. Howden, Hadden and Howe. Refreshments were served about 11 p. m. A dramatic entertainment is being arranged for, to take place about the end of the month. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howden, Mr. and Miss Nevill, Dr. H. MacLean and Miss MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. McLeath, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hadden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson and Miss Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brown, Mrs. Christie, Miss Moulton, Symmes, Mitchell, Clark, McDermott, Canavan, John and Miss Johnson, Rita Grant, J. C. Myron, Stratton, Rodgers, Lawson, McNeel and Roberts.

DOUBLE X DANCE. The Double X Euchre club gave a merry party in Seibert's parlors on East Seventh street Friday evening, with Seibert's orchestra in attendance. T. P. Pease was floor manager, with S. C. Horton and W. P. Lathrop, aids. The club consists of: D. S. Sperry, president; T. P. Pease, secretary; Miss Emma Sutton, Mrs. E. Thompson and Miss Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brown, Mrs. Christie, Miss Moulton, Symmes, Mitchell, Clark, McDermott, Canavan, John and Miss Johnson, Rita Grant, J. C. Myron, Stratton, Rodgers, Lawson, McNeel and Roberts.

MISS Walker, of Chicago, Sutton, Faulkner, Herberg, Hills, Payen, Lesh, Erskine, Kona, Myers, Fickel, of Littlefield, De Groot and Warren, Mrs. Baldwin, and Messrs. Ed Murphy and Harry McFarson, of Minneapolis.

SLEIGHING AND DANCING. Officers of Fort Snelling gave a hop on Wednesday evening in honor of the guests of Miss Bigelow. Two crowded sleighs arrived loaded with merry couples from St. Paul, most of them members of the Nushka club. The Twenty-fifth infantry band was present. Those who made up the sleighing parties from St. Paul were:

Miss Gibson, of Lexington, Ky.; Miss Pond, of Rochester, N. Y.; Miss Hatch, of Tarrytown, N. Y.; Miss Wadsworth, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Miss Egan, of Farmington, Conn.; Miss Mamie Wilson, of Minneapolis; Mesdames Wall, Woodward and Moore, and the Misses Auerbach, Fandrich, Mann, Brooks, Price, Vance, Gilman, Young and others, and Messrs. Foster, Peet, Newport, Bigelow, Eimer, Blakely, James, Armstrong, Marshall, Whitney, Wall, Boyle, Evans, and Jaggard. Present from the post were Col. and Mrs. Andrews, Dr. and Mrs. Alden and their guests, Miss Batties, Miss Aiden, Mrs. Jones, Miss E. Horton, W. L. Benson, E. R. Stevens, T. W. Rosenbraw, K. Bacon, J. A. Reed and A. L. Haman.

President Sperry gave the club a short address, after which all went to an elegant spread. Among the visitors present were: Misses Walker, of Chicago, Sutton, Faulkner, Herberg, Hills, Payen, Lesh, Erskine, Kona, Myers, Fickel, of Littlefield, De Groot and Warren, Mrs. Baldwin, and Messrs. Ed Murphy and Harry McFarson, of Minneapolis.

club in Winthrop hall Friday night, there was a large attendance. Sibley camp, Sons of Veterans, danced at the West Side roller rink Thursday evening. Knights of Pythias had their tri-weekly hop Thursday evening.

Drawing-Room Gossip. Commemorating the 60th birthday of Mrs. M. J. Fish, mother of Mrs. George H. Parlow, of 233 Grove street, a number of friends called upon her Wednesday evening with congratulations, among them being Mrs. George H. Parlow, who is another daughter of Mrs. Fish; Rev. W. C. Pope and several of Mrs. Parlow's friends. Mrs. Fish came up from Detroit for a short visit to her daughters.

Mrs. Frank Schiek, of North Fort street, gave a dinner to a small party of friends on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the departure of her son, Frank, and Conrad Kerst on a three months' tour through Europe. Mrs. Schiek's guests were: Mrs. Schiek, Mrs. Schiek and Kerst on their trip through Germany. They sailed yesterday from New York. Before starting the German singing society presented Mr. Luchs with a gold-headed cane.

Mrs. Lulu Becker installed as officers of the Gaid Relief corps on Friday: Sarah E. Milman, president; Clara La. Beck, V. Y. Emma Jenkins, J. V.; Sarah Evans, treasurer; Marie Hasenwienke, secretary; Nellie Hauey, conductor; Sophia Crocker, assistant conductor. Margie Keller, organist and Mrs. Sonder, assistant organist. A dime society will be given by the corps Wednesday evening.

At the installation of officers of Constellation Chapter No. 18, Order of the Eastern Star, Wednesday evening, Mrs. Nettie Fuller, Misses Jennie Dampier, Ruby Bridges, Edith Mayhew and Nellie Murray, and Messrs. A. G. Flournoy, Will Nichols, O. G. Miller and Prof. Sherry contributed to the excellent musical and literary programme.

The custom of holding an Epiphany party was inaugurated in St. John's church by a very enjoyable company given on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Merriek to the vestrymen of the church and their wives. In cutting the cake the ring fell to Mrs. H. Ames, who expects therefore to be the hostess next Epiphany.

Judge Hayward, manager of the Accident Insurance Company of North America, was the recipient of a very large and elegant stand with cut-glass bottles and accompaniments, from his special agents, Messrs. Shurick, Draper and Merry, on New Year's morning. A complimentary address accompanied the presentation.

The Simpson Chautauqua Literary and Scientific circle, which meets every week at Mrs. Armstrong's, 282 Ellen street, presented the hostess last Thursday evening with a beautiful silver cake basket. The presentation speech was made by Rev. Edward Bell.

Mrs. Armstrong responded gracefully. An Epiphany party afforded some pleasant entertainment at the rectory of St. Paul's church Wednesday evening, Miss Van Anken being elected Epiphany queen, with Misses Moore, Hooley, Eide, Peabody, Merriek and Harlow as maids of honor. Rev. E. S. Thomas crowned the queen.

Misses Lily and Jeannie Lamprey gave a very enjoyable New Year party to about forty little friends, a gift-laden Christmas tree, a drama, some tableaux and magic lantern exhibitions, with music and dancing.

The merry company of young people enjoyed a candy pull given by Prof. and Mrs. Whitcomb, at 349 Franklin street, on Friday evening last. Miss Frankie Whitcomb supervised the ceremonies in a very agreeable manner. The old Erholung club will give a dramatic and dancing entertainment in Standard hall about the 21st. Some of the members held a meeting Friday night to arrange a programme.

North Star Grove, No. 4, U. A. O. D. will next Wednesday night confer the first degree on a new candidate of the order. The Pommus club, consisting of well-known railroad men, with a few invited guests, banqueted at the Hyman last night.

The Century club will meet at the residence of E. T. Williams, No. 6 Park place, Monday evening, Jan. 10.

The Idle Hour progressive euchre club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friend Friday evening.

Hon. William Bickel and family have moved to their new home on Ninth street, near Oak.

Friends at Our Firesides. Miss M. H. Tanner, of Buffalo, is enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. John R. Harve, of 183 Nelson avenue, accompanied by her friend, Miss E. L. Gould, of Boston.

Miss Kosk, daughter of Gov. Rusk, of Wisconsin, and Miss Foster, daughter of Gov. Foster, of Ohio, are to visit St. Paul friends during the carnival.

Alexander Mitchell, of Milwaukee, nephew of Henry A. Crosby, of St. Paul, will make his residence in St. Paul, and will be in the office of George W. Hayes.

W. J. Fuchs, of the Montana National Bank or Helena, Mont., was spending the holidays with Louis Betz, returned home Monday afternoon.

Capt. and Mrs. Griffin, of Washington, and Miss Bourier, of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Frost, of 555 Summit avenue.

Misses English, of Columbus, O., who have been visiting Mr. P. R. L. Hardenbergh, of Woodbury, have returned home.

Miss Coleman, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Kuntz, of Pittsburg, are guests of Mrs. T. C. Jones, of 100 Western avenue.

Miss Max Carrington, of Ashland, Wis., is visiting her brother, R. A. Carrington, 343 East Ninth street.

Mrs. J. N. Phillips, of Chippewa Falls, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Radcliffe, at 340 West Third street.

Col. Foster of Dakota, is visiting his brother, A. G. Foster, of 478 Summit avenue.

Miss Gamble, of New York, is the guest of Miss Beal, of Summit avenue.

J. C. Scott, of Dakota, is spending a few days with J. H. McMurray, of Summit avenue.

Miss Peabody, of New York, is the guest of her brother, A. M. Peabody.

Morris Lamprey, of Boston, has been the guest of Mrs. L. Lamprey.

Miss Mamie Dill, of Clearfield, Pa., is visiting Miss Kittle.

Miss Gibson, of Kentucky, is visiting Miss Sarah Flaudran.

Albert Stern, of Milwaukee, is the guest of friends here.

Away From Home. George B. Young, William Barrett, Henry C. James, E. W. S. Thurg, Dr. William Davis, Dr. C. B. Witherell, Martin Barrows, Emerson Hadley, H. B. Wenzel, John Kiddle, F. S. Haupt, and J. S. Harlow attended the Harvard anniversary at the West, Minneapolis, Friday evening.

Master Thomas P. O'Regan, son of Market street, O'Regan, has returned to Notre Dame, Ind., to resume his studies. He had a pleasant time among his numerous friends and schoolmates here during the holidays.

E. F. Wright and Miss Wright, who are making a tour the Eastern circuit, are spending a few days in Washington. They will start for Jacksonville, Fla., soon.

Gen. Anderson, of the Northern Pacific, returned to the Pacific coast last week, where he will make his permanent headquarters.

GROWTH OF THE BUSTLE

The Bustle to Become of More Importance in the Costume Than the Bonnet.

An Essential and Indispensable Part of Woman--Novel Styles Likely To Be Popular.

Evolution Doing Wonders--After Size the Diversification, Enrichment and Usefulness.

Winter's advent and the accompanying appearance of the cold weather wrap about the form of lovely woman has served to show us how large that wonderful and universal appliance called the bustle has grown to be. That the bustle has for some time past been swelling in breadth and extending in length even the most careless and indifferent observer must have perceived. But the extent of that growth, partially concealed by the drapery of the skirt material during the summer, now appears almost startlingly conspicuous. Even a bustle of medium size appears unduly large when carrying the lower breadth of a fur-trimmed dolman, as may be seen upon the persons of those who are women every afternoon. The stiff fabric of the winter wrap appears to magnify the size of the bustle, and the shape-giving attachment, making what architects would call a strong, unbroken sky line. By substituting for the perpendicular lines of the bustle the slightly oval or nearly horizontal line assumed by the edge of the wrap, a transformation is effected. 'Tis not so much the thickness of the winter garment that makes the bustle of December appear so much larger than the bustle of August, but the influence upon the eye of this change of lines, tho' it must be confessed that in some cases the furry edge of the wrap appears to be piled thick and high upon the bustle superstructure, producing a form somewhat like that of the old Grecian beaver, and causing one to think of the figure his little brother cuts when playing horse with his overcoat, on the broadened between his legs holding the lower breadths of the coat far away from his back.

There are few women in Chicago, led by the well-known Dr. Stockman, who do not wear bustles. But the eye is so easily trained into fondness for the unnatural and the artistic sense of the common herd is so quickly taught to look upon that which is as right that she must, indeed, be a brave woman who appears bustleless upon the street. An eminent sociologist has estimated that sudden extinction of the bustle would cause a decrease of 40 per cent. in the number of weddings and an increase of 18 per cent. in the number of suits for divorce. In other words, the bustle has become a part of woman, an essential, an indispensable. Her hair she may wear in any style she chooses, her bonnet or her gown may be in or out of fashion, her attire in its entirety may be rich or poor, plain or magnificent, but she must have a bustle. She could better go with summer shoes and no rubbers, with stockings long ago worn out, with merely a handkerchief upon her head or a piece of calico for a gown, than without this all-important article. Luckily, bustles are cheap so cheap that no woman is so poor as to be without one. Fortunately, again, size makes no difference in cost, and the poorest maid may adequately permit her bustle to be compared with that of the richest matron.

Herein, no doubt, may be found the secret of the bustle's life to see nothing so little that all may indulge, it quickly in which one woman could out-bustle another was to make her bustle larger; and the result has been a steady growth. Nor is there any telling where the costume development will come to an end. Evolution is nature's perpetual motion and capable of performing wonders which it would be no cause for wonder, therefore, if in its next stage of development the bustle should appear to us in sizes and shapes basic and which present specimens will appear puny and commonplace. If the bustle continues its development in the direction of greater magnitude we may have one which will have to be supported by little balloons, or by the buoyancy of air-tight chambers provided for the purpose within its walls. We may live to see another which the proud owner will have mounted upon wheels or roller skates, occasionally employing, when more than usually tired or having extraordinary labors, like holiday shopping, to perform, an A. D. T. boy to go along and push and help turn corners.

Or, perchance, after a time utility will be come a consideration in the construction of the bustle, giving us a seat for the baby or for the poodle, or possibly for the thin, light-weight child of the coming years, who will, of course, be taken along for ballast. The bustle might be built as an extension umbrella, useful for protecting the person in case of sudden storm, or it might be given such buoyant properties as would certainly float upon the water, and as many other people as could get on in case of disaster at sea, thus making of every fashionable lady a self-righting lifeboat. As the tendency in the evolution of nature is toward the employment of all forces and all waste spaces, in the development of the bustle we may find little doors in the side of the structure, which may be opened for storing away upon shelves therein all the small parcels which a lady is so prone to accumulate on a shopping tour. Should

the bustle grow into a folding bed, or at least into an instantaneous easy chair for ready use by its wearers in horse and steam cars, the zenith of its career of usefulness will certainly be reached. Evolution is a wonderful thing when it gets going, and the world may not be a fort-nite older before we see such picturesque business as the tiger's head, though the music-box bustle set to play all popular tunes and the stereoscopic bustle containing one hundred beautiful views, are likely to be somewhat HOME-COMING OF THE slower in making FUTURE BUSTLE. Their appearance.

It is not at all improbable that the bustle, now so universal and important, will in a few years be the object of more solicitude than any other feature of a lady's costume. All of the arts may be commanded in its construction, and in designing it the rising generation of architects may find a field of effort worthy their numbers and genius. Who knows but we shall some day have an exposition of bustles, or at least a department for them in the fat stock show, filled with the best specimens from every country? Even America's coming great painter may seize upon some such incident as the homecoming of the bride's bustle to make his canvas immortal.

Prof. Sherry's Concert. Prof. John Sherry: The undersigned, who had the pleasure of being present at the banjo concert of amateur musicians a few weeks ago, respectfully request that you repeat the same at such time in the near future as may suit you. The mingling of sweet sounds from banjos, guitar, zither and harp was the perfection of harmonies, and as beautiful as it was novel and artistic. The singing and dancing were also creditable. We think you will have a rousing audience if the concert is repeated. Yours truly, J. W. McClung, Leslie B. Fish, Nic Potteger, R. C. Munger, Charles H. Grou, E. Snyder, M. D., J. C. Green, D. D. Lambie, in response to the above, Prof. Sherry has concluded to give the concert at Turner hall, Tuesday, Jan. 11. Performance at 8 sharp.

St. Anthony Park. The ladies are becoming enthusiastic over tobogganing, and the slide of the St. Anthony club, on Wheeler street, is thronged every afternoon with the fair sex. Prof. James G. Clark, the poet singer of Brown's Valley, Minn., spent the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. John P. Jacobson, North Park. Mrs. A. D. Hewitt, of Minneapolis, spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Meek, Jr., of Dooley avenue, North Park. Mrs. W. B. Baker, of Marshfield, Wis., will visit her sister, Mrs. Walter H. Stearns, Raymond place, during the present month. Mrs. C. C. Sanborn and Miss Maud Sanborn, of Hillsboro, Dak., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Sanborn, Marvel street. Miss Mamie Meier, of Duvenport, Ia., will be entertained at the carnival by Mrs. B. F. Meek, Jr., North Park. Mrs. E. S. Brace, Vane street, is entertaining Miss Gertrude Chase, of Rochester, N. Y. Miss Fannie Firkins, of Minneapolis, will visit friends in the North Park next week.

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St. Anthony Park. The ladies are becoming enthusiastic over tobogganing, and the slide of the St. Anthony club, on Wheeler street, is thronged every afternoon with the fair sex. Prof. James G. Clark, the poet singer of Brown's Valley, Minn., spent the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. John P. Jacobson, North Park. Mrs. A. D. Hewitt, of Minneapolis, spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Meek, Jr., of Dooley avenue, North Park. Mrs. W. B. Baker, of Marshfield, Wis., will visit her sister, Mrs. Walter H. Stearns, Raymond place, during the present month. Mrs. C. C. Sanborn and Miss Maud Sanborn, of Hillsboro, Dak., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Sanborn, Marvel street. Miss Mamie Meier, of Duvenport, Ia., will be entertained at the carnival by Mrs. B. F. Meek, Jr., North Park. Mrs. E. S. Brace, Vane street, is entertaining Miss Gertrude Chase, of Rochester, N. Y. Miss Fannie Firkins, of Minneapolis, will visit friends in the North Park next week.

THE BUSTLE OF 1890. lines afforded by the drapery of the skirt as worn in summer the slightly oval or nearly horizontal line assumed by the edge of the wrap, a transformation is effected. 'Tis not so much the thickness of the winter garment that makes the bustle of December appear so much larger than the bustle of August, but the influence upon the eye of this change of lines, tho' it must be confessed that in some cases the furry edge of the wrap appears to be piled thick and high upon the bustle superstructure, producing a form somewhat like that of the old Grecian beaver, and causing one to think of the figure his little brother cuts when playing horse with his overcoat, on the broadened between his legs holding the lower breadths of the coat far away from his back.

There are few women in Chicago, led by the well-known Dr. Stockman, who do not wear bustles. But the eye is so easily trained into fondness for the unnatural and the artistic sense of the common herd is so quickly taught to look upon that which is as right that she must, indeed, be a brave woman who appears bustleless upon the street. An eminent sociologist has estimated that sudden extinction of the bustle would cause a decrease of 40 per cent. in the number of weddings and an increase of 18 per cent. in the number of suits for divorce. In other words, the bustle has become a part of woman, an essential, an indispensable. Her hair she may wear in any style she chooses, her bonnet or her gown may be in or out of fashion, her attire in its entirety may be rich or poor, plain or magnificent, but she must have a bustle. She could better go with summer shoes and no rubbers, with stockings long ago worn out, with merely a handkerchief upon her head or a piece of calico for a gown, than without this all-important article. Luckily, bustles are cheap so cheap that no woman is so poor as to be without one. Fortunately, again, size makes no difference in cost, and the poorest maid may adequately permit her bustle to be compared with that of the richest matron.

Herein, no doubt, may be found the secret of the bustle's life to see nothing so little that all may indulge, it quickly in which one woman could out-bustle another was to make her bustle larger; and the result has been a steady growth. Nor is there any telling where the costume development will come to an end. Evolution is nature's perpetual motion and capable of performing wonders which it would be no cause for wonder, therefore, if in its next stage of development the bustle should appear to us in sizes and shapes basic and which present specimens will appear puny and commonplace. If the bustle continues its development in the direction of greater magnitude we may have one which will have to be supported by little balloons, or by the buoyancy of air-tight chambers provided for the purpose within its walls. We may live to see another which the proud owner will have mounted upon wheels or roller skates, occasionally employing, when more than usually tired or having extraordinary labors, like holiday shopping, to perform, an A. D. T. boy to go along and push and help turn corners.

Or, perchance, after a time utility will be come a consideration in the construction of the bustle, giving us a seat for the baby or for the poodle, or possibly for the thin, light-weight child of the coming years, who will, of course, be taken along for ballast. The bustle might be built as an extension umbrella, useful for protecting the person in case of sudden storm, or it might be given such buoyant properties as would certainly float upon the water, and as many other people as could get on in case of disaster at sea, thus making of every fashionable lady a self-righting lifeboat. As the tendency in the evolution of nature is toward the employment of all forces and all waste spaces, in the development of the bustle we may find little doors in the side of the structure, which may be opened for storing away upon shelves therein all the small parcels which a lady is so prone to accumulate on a shopping tour. Should

the bustle grow into a folding bed, or at least into an instantaneous easy chair for ready use by its wearers in horse and steam cars, the zenith of its career of usefulness will certainly be reached. Evolution is a wonderful thing when it gets going, and the world may not be a fort-nite older before we see such picturesque business as the tiger's head, though the music-box bustle set to play all popular tunes and the stereoscopic bustle containing one hundred beautiful views, are likely to be somewhat HOME-COMING OF THE slower in making FUTURE BUSTLE. Their appearance.

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