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All correspondence and communications for publication in the News-Letter must be addressed direct to the paper, or no attention will be paid to them.

Venezuela is in a whole lot of trouble with England, Germany and Italy. These governments ave gone into the collection business and are using their large navies to collect claims of private citizens against the government of Venezuela. If a bill collector in the United States were to try to enforce payment of a claim at the point of a gun, what would the act be termed? The combined fleets of England and Germany have either sunk or captured the entire navy of Venezuela, bombarded forts, landed forces, and yet the Washington government cannot see where the Monroe doctrine has been violated! A peaceful blockade! O, for a Cleveland and Olney for a short time!

The Waukegan Gazette had an editorial early in the week headed "Look Out for Frost." That's so; with the thermometer at ten to twenty below, it is well to look out for your water-pipes, pumps, etc., for "Jack" is no respecter of persons. A second reading of the editorial suggests that perhaps the editor had in mind Mr. Frost, of the electric road. If so, the article may be meant as complimentary and a gentle reminder to Mr. Frost that the season for a generous distribution of "annuals" is at hand. Those Waukegan editors are cute.

Christmas candies in abundant varieties at Dale Sweetland's.

A GENTLE HINT.

Several complaints have lately been made to me of coachmen and others driving their teams over depot and Central avenue parkways. My attention was called Monday to the rude fence on the front driveway at the depot, and on inquiry of the agent the reason for such a hideous structure, I was told that it was to protect the parkways and shrubbery from ruin by coachmen driving over them. On inspecting them I found not less than a dozen newly made tracks from carriage wheels. The same state of things hold to some extent on Central avenue. I have the names of owners of coaches whose drivers commit this vandalism. I have no desire to issue writs for owners or drivers, but if these complaints are repeated I shall be obliged to bring suits. This is written for the sake of giving notice to all parties concerned in these violations of city ordinances.

LEWIS B. HIBBARD.

MRS. KIRK'S RECEPTION.

Mrs. Charles W. Kirk gave a reception at her Lake street residence, Wednesday afternoon, in honor of her guest, Miss Watson, a former resident of the Park. The hours were for the married ladies from 2 till 4 o'clock, and for the young ladies from 4 till 6 o'clock. The invitations included all the society people of the Park, and the response was very general. A mandolin orchestra furnished the music. The rooms were admirably and profusely decorated.

Refreshments were served in the diningroom, where relays of ladies poured.

For so formal a function it was pre-eminently enjoyable. Mrs. Kirk and her aides had the rare faculty of putting all the guests at their ease, and genuine sociability ruled the hour. It was easily the most delightful occasion of the season.

We have been informed by a rarely competent judge in such matters that never before were the ladies of the Park, as a whole, more elegantly gowned than at this affair.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER, to sincerely thank all those who so kindly contributed towards the entertainment to raise funds to enable me to defray the medical and other expenses necessary to try and restore the sight of my blind boy.

MRS. EMMA NOETHLING.

AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC.

Inasmuch as Louis Noethling, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. A. Noethling, has been stricken with blindness, this appeal is made to the charitably disposed and kind-hearted people of Highland Park to assist the poor, afflicted boy to regain, if possible, his eyesight, which can only be done through the kindness of the public in contributing toward the expense necessary for treatment by a first-class specialist.

Mrs. Noethling, an industrious and hard-working woman, has been the only support of her three children for years, and deserves great credit for the manner in which she has provided a living for herself and them by doing washing and other work, which she is now unable to do in consequence of her whole time being taken up attending to her afflicted boy, thus losing the meager income derived from her hard labor at a time when she is most in need of it.

An entertainment for the benefit of the boy was given in Goldberg's opera house, December 10, but this appeal is intended for those who did not know of the entertainment, or who might not have cared to attend it if they did know.

All kind-hearted people who feel like helping the poor, afflicted boy will please send contributions to F. W. Schumacher, druggist, Highland Park. The names of those, together with the amounts contributed, will appear each week in the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER until February 1, 1903, at which time the amount so contributed will be turned over to Mrs. Noethling for the benefit of the boy.

The good people of Highland Park and vicinity have never yet refused aid in a worthy cause, and we feel that they will not do so now.

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