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For this generous patronage we want to thank you and wish you, on behalf of The Reliable Laundry and its employees A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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The Social Side of Life Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

Although Highland Park has its high lights of gayety this Christmas week, it also has its shadows. December of 1913 will remain dark in the minds of many because of the solemn visitor Death who tarried among us then. That some of us dance on is no sign that our hearts are not beating in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Christmas spirit is abroad and the young people of the distant schools and colleges are rejoicing over the "get together" days again. Christmas time is always a period of unusual social activity and this year promises to outstrip all others in its multiplicity of entertainment. Our snowfall the first of this week added much joy to the already happy hearts of the youngsters.

This week's social calendar has been gay with events and still gayer will be the next. The card party given Monday afternoon by Mrs. Lloyd M. Bergen and Miss Kathleen Bergen was a delightful affair. Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Hart of Western Springs, Miss Carlisle of Riverside, Miss Lillian Anderson of Rogers Park, formerly of Highland Park, Mrs. Van Poole of Boston, Miss Forbes of Evanston, Miss Davidson of Chicago and Mrs. Alan McFarlan of Chicago, and Miss Bradley of Ottawa, Iowa, who are the house guests of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Bergen. On the evening of the 22nd Mrs. W. E. Ten Broeck was hostess at a Dutch supper to thirty or thirty-five people of the young boy and girl set for her daughter, Jean Ten Broeck, and son John. Those assisting Mrs. Ten Broeck were Mrs. Jameson and Miss Kennedy. Later the guests attended the informal dance at the club and were much interested in the "Viennese Hesitation Waltz," illustrated by Joan Sawyer and Wallace McCutcheon with motion pictures. This evening will be the annual Christmas dance at the club. Among those entertaining preceding this affair will be the Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Loudon who will give a buffet supper to a number of their friends. Saturday evening the twenty-seventh Junior cotillion will take place. Among those entertaining at buffet suppers before attending the dance will be Mrs. William French for her daughters, the Misses Miriam and Mary French who will be hostess to about sixteen guests. Mrs. Bowen Schumacher will entertain a number of the young people complimentary to Miss Frances Small and Mr. Frank Wymond. A large progressive dinner will be given by Mrs. Paul W. Chapman, 328 E. Laurel Ave. on the evening of December the 27th. There will be thirty-four guests present.

Mrs. Edward F. Carry, 1100 Lake Shore drive, gave an opera party last Saturday afternoon at the matinee performance of "Faust" for her older daughter Ermina, who is home for the holidays from West-Over Academy, and to schoolmates of the young lady, who are the house guests at the Carry residence. Mrs. Carry has planned a number of parties for the young folk, among them a tea-dance the afternoon of the 24th. The hours are from four to seven o'clock.

Mrs. Elisha Morgan entertained informally at a three-table bridge Friday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Sellar Bullard entertained informally at bridge last Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Gerard Van Schaick's sister, Miss Morel, of Savannah, Ga., who has been the house guest of Mrs. Van Schaick for several weeks.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. Samuel F. Knox entertained at dinner six young people for her daughter, Eunice Knox.

Mrs. Henry B. Clarke entertained a number of young people from three to six o'clock at the Highland Park Club last Saturday afternoon for her daughter, Marie and her son, Harry B. Clarke, Jr.

Mrs. J. Van Evera will entertain the Sunshine Circle and the O. H. E.'s on the evening of Dec. 30th at her home on Green Bay Road in compliment to Mr. Howard Knist who is home from college for the holidays.

Mrs. Frank R. Cain of Ravinia is to give the New Year's eve children party at Hull House, Chicago.

Among the large family Christmas parties will be that of the Hoyne family which celebrates this year its sixty-third annual Christmas dinner. Mrs. Temple S. Hoyne will have the gathering at her home in Highland Park, 406 E. Laurel Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rudolph entertained eighteen guests at seven o'clock dinner on Tuesday as a celebration to their 30th wedding anniversary. The table was artistically decorated in holly and mistletoe, etc., all in keeping with the season.

Mrs. Elmer Skidmore entertained the Euchre club on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kennedy of 5627 Michigan Ave., entertained fourteen guests at dinner on Friday in compliment to Miss Hazel Ritchie and Mr. Gilbert Wells. Mr. Wells' home is in Burlington, Iowa.

Deerfield News Items

Mrs. W. A. Whiting was a delightful hostess at the five hundred club at her home Tuesday evening. Mrs. Lincoln Pettis was awarded the first prize, Mrs. E. Knickerbocker the second, Miss Josephine Woodman the third and Miss Mary Hottus the consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Knigge are the happy parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday, Dec. 17th.

Miss Viola Graves of Forest Glen was the week-end guest of Miss Marie Kress.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mu Sigma Chi will be held at the home of the Misses Horenberger Friday evening.

The Sunday school children of the Holy Cross church will give a little program at the residence of Mr. J. C. Ender Friday afternoon.

Miss Irene Hutchison was the guest of Mrs. Ralph Korie of Waukegan last week. Miss Lillian Egart of Chicago was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Horenberger.

The bakery sale given by the Dorcas Society of the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. S. P. Hutchison was pronounced a success as \$18.35 was cleared.

Mr. Roy Hutchison was the guest of Miss Isabel Kist of Wilmette Sunday. Miss Christ Duffy is very ill.

Mrs. J. C. Ender and Mrs. J. Pyle entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Antes of Highland Park Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Antes leave next week for Florida.

Miss Ruth Reichelt entertained a number of friends from Libertyville and Lake Forest last week.

Mrs. Reichelt, Sr., has issued invitations for a children's party Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 4 to 8:30 p. m.

The Teachers Training class will have no meeting Christmas week but will meet again Monday, Dec. 29th. The Burial of Moses "On Nebo's Lonely Mountain" was read by one of the members at the meeting last week which finished the lessons on the life of Moses.

Mrs. M. J. Clark spent the latter part of the week with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Clark of Irving Park.

Mrs. Reichelt, Sr. and Mrs. Reichelt, Jr. attended the lecture by Mme. Montessori of Italy at the Illinois theatre Friday afternoon.

Miss Leila Glynn left Sunday afternoon for her home in Wauconda.

Mr. Emory Whiting spent Christmas with his father, Mr. Richard Whiting.

The children of the village were pleasantly surprised when Santa Claus visited them at Antes' store Friday afternoon. On the arrival of the 3 o'clock train Santa Claus as he got off was met by a number of youthful enthusiasts who with loud cries of joy heralded to all the country side that Santa Claus had arrived. His young friends then escorted him to the store where he heard the wants of every child and presented each one with a beautiful box of Christmas candy.

The box social at the Saugatuck School was a great success. Miss Ruth Reichelt cleared \$48. The money will be used for encyclopedias and school supplies.

A meeting of the trustees of the Presbyterian and United Evangelical churches was held in the former church Saturday evening to consider the consolidation of the three Protestant churches in a union church, but owing to the opposition of a strong minority in the United Evangelical church the consummation of the wishes of the majority was deferred until a more propitious season.

The Christmas program of the Presbyterian church was one of the best ever presented by the Bible school. Each class was represented in a song, dialogue or drill. An eighteenth century Christmas play was given by Miss Emilie Knaak's class entitled "A Christmas Guest." A large offering was taken for foreign missions. Mrs. Reichelt's Sr.'s class gave ten dollars which they had earned and two large boxes were packed with gifts for Olivet Mission.

Mr. Hodgkins of North Carolina preached at the morning service in the Presbyterian Church Sunday. Mr. Hodgkins during his stay in Deerfield was the guest of Dr. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hatchison were the guests of Mr. S. O. Minor of Chicago Sunday.

JUVENILE HIGH FINANCE.

Give Him Half a Chance and This Chap Will Own the World.

A pupil in one of the well known boys' schools, being short of pocket money, conceived a means of replenishing his funds by the following plan: He wrote to a jewelry house in New York, where he had an established credit, asking that a silver cigarette case selling at \$25 be sent to him on approval. Upon its receipt he arranged a lottery among his chums at the school and offered for sale 100 chances at 25 cents each. He sold all the chances for a total of \$25.

The boy who held the successful number that won the silver case happened to be one who did not use cigarettes, and therefore the manager of the affair offered to buy the case for \$5. The winner accepted the offer, as he thereby made a profit of \$4.75 cash instead of having an article of no use to him, whereas the promoter of the deal had \$20 left.

The promoter now returned the cigarette case to the jeweler and asked that it be credited to his account. This being a frequent occurrence, nothing was thought of the return of the article.

By this scheme the pockets of the young promoter were replenished by \$20, the other boys had enjoyed their little game of chance and were perfectly satisfied with the operation, and the business house was likewise satisfied. Yet some people who have heard of the transaction are asking, "Is the young financier open to any criticism for his methods?"—New York Sun.

SINGULAR DREAMS.

"Poetic" Effusion That Drew Tears of Pathos From the Sleeper.

Lord Roberts records a remarkable dream. In October, 1883, his father, to whom he was acting as aid-de-camp at Peshawar, India, had issued invitations for a dance. Two days before it was to take place he was silent and dependent during breakfast and eventually told his son that he had had an unpleasant dream, which had visited him several times before and had always been followed by the death of a near relation. As the day wore on his depression grew, and he wanted to put off the dance. His son dissuaded him, and the dance was then postponed. "The next morning the post brought news of the sudden death of the half sister at Lahore with whom I had stayed on my way to Peshawar."

Many people have dreamed poetry in their sleep. The London Chronicle tells of one man who awoke from a dream with the tears streaming down his face at the pathos of the following lines:

Walker with three eyes,
Walker with two,
Something to think of,
Something to do.

But the limit of absurdity in this curious art was achieved by the woman who composed a whole epic in her sleep. On awaking she found that she could remember only the concluding couplet:

Admiral Kinkums and his seven dauch-
tys
Hung in a bark suspended o'er the waters

Pepps on May Dew.

In Pepps' time May dew—that is, dew gathered from the grass on a May morning, and especially on the morning of May day—was highly prized for bleaching linen and improving the complexion. Pepps wrote in 1697: "My wife away down with Jane and W. Hewer to Woolwich in order to lie there tonight and so to gather May dew tomorrow morning, which Mrs. Turner hath taught her is the only thing in the world to wash her face with, and I am contented with it." Two years later he made this entry in his diary: "Troubled, about 3 in the morning, with my wife's calling her maid up and, rising herself, to go with her coach abroad to gather May dew, which she did, and I troubled for it for fear of any hurt going abroad so sometimes happening to her, but I to sleep again. She came home about 6."

What Changed Him.

Mistress (finding visitor in the kitchen)—Who is this, Mary? Mary (confused)—My brother, m'm. Mistress (suspiciously)—You're not much alike. Mary (stammering apologetically)—We were, m'm, but he's just had his beard shaved off, and that makes him look different.—Philadelphia Ledger.

BOTH WERE STUBBORN.

Lots of Good Will Power Was Wasted in Mere Obstinacy.

How much perfectly good, serviceable will power people waste in mere obstinacy! Martha Malone, after working three years for Mrs. Bixby, appeared one morning at Mrs. Wilson's back door and applied for a place.

"Why," said the surprised Mrs. Wilson, "I thought you were working for Mrs. Bixby?"

"I was, mum. But I've quit."

"Is that so?" Mrs. Wilson could not conceal her surprise. "I thought you liked her."

"Indeed I do, mum."

"And I'm sure she liked you."

"I believe she did, mum. Leastwise she always seemed to."

"Well"—Mrs. Wilson was still wondering what the trouble had been.

"Well," said Martha, seeing that some explanation was expected, "you see, it was like this, mum. I always put the blue china plates on the right hand side of the cupboard, and this morning the missus comes along and moves 'em and says, 'Martha, every mornin' for three years you've put the plates on the wrong side and I've had to come along and move 'em, and I can't stand if any longer.'"

"And," said Martha, "I says to her, 'Mrs. Bixby, every mornin' for three years I've put them plates in the right place, and you've come and moved them, and then I had to come along and move them back, and I can't stand if any longer either.'"

"And so I quit."—Youth's Companion.

QUEER TRAP FOR LIONS.

Fly-Paper Caught and Held the Master Man Eaters Helpless.

You know what a ferocious, powerful beast the lion is. You can imagine what strong chains it would take to hold him fast. So can you even imagine a lion captured with fly paper? Well, not so very long ago four huge man eating lions were taken in that manner at the village of Gwalior, in India.

It happened that the headman of the village was able to shut the four lions up in a hut into which they had ventured in search of prey. He kept them thus barricaded for nearly two weeks, no one being willing to attempt to capture them. Finally he thought of a scheme that proved as successful as it was original.

He had thousands of sheets of fly paper spread on the ground before the entrance to the hut. Then suddenly the barricades were lifted and the four lions came bounding out—into the fly paper. Of course it stuck to their paws, and of course when they tried to lick it off it stuck fast to their faces and heads. The lions promptly forgot all about human beings and in their wild endeavors to get rid of the fly paper rolled over and over on the ground, roaring and fighting for breath.

Then the headman and his followers rushed forward with long ropes, lassoed the plunging lions and tied them up—fly paper and all—London Tit-Bits.

Successful Disappearance.

One of the most successful disappearances on record was of William Howe. Howe was a successful tradesman in Jermyn street, and one morning in 1708 he left his wife, telling her that he had business in the city. He never came back, and after some years an act of parliament was specially passed to enable Mrs. Howe to administer her husband's estate. Then one evening in 1723 the "widow" received a letter requesting an interview. Mrs. Howe duly kept the appointment—and discovered her husband. He had been living in disguise in the same neighborhood all the time, he explained, and keeping a close eye upon the movements of his wife. It is said that the reunited couple lived happily ever afterward.—London Standard.

The Only Cure.

Mrs. Keeppup made it her private and particular business to have whatever her neighbor had, whether it was a question of chickens or diseases, so when Mrs. Gotthere complained to her one day of insomnia Mrs. Keeppup was ready for her. "I have it, too, very badly at times." "What do you do for it, Mrs. Keeppup?" "Why, I have never found anything that did me any real good except to go to bed and sleep it off."

Very Strange.

Mr. Fuss (furiously)—It is mighty strange you can't look after things a little better. Here I want to shave, and there isn't a drop of hot water here. Mrs. Fuss (dully)—It is strange. Why, that's the one thing I've never been out of since I married you!—Exchange.

Danger Not Imminent.

"Better go home, Jimmy. Your mother is looking for you."
"Has she got the hairbrush with her?"
"No."
"Then I guess I'll play awhile longer."—Pittsburgh Post.

One Mind.

"Henry," called Mrs. R. over the partition in the voting booth, "how are you going to vote on amendment No. 5?" "He—I am going to vote 'yes.'"
"She—No, you're not; you're going to vote 'no.' I have changed my mind."—Life.

Human experience, like the stern fights of a ship at sea. illumines only the path which we have passed over.—Coleridge.

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