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The Social Side of Life Local Affairs of the week

By the Observer

Mrs. Joseph Schoeninger was hostess yesterday afternoon at a children's party for her little girls, Hester and Gretchen. The children, about thirty in number, enjoyed games and refreshments. Besides house decorations appropriate to the season, a very pretty Christmas tree delighted the tiny folk. Santa Claus in all his glory amazed the children greatly.

Francis Everett and Gray Stubbs have asked a few of their friends to a dancing party to be held at the home of Mrs. Elisha Gray on Hazel Avenue, Saturday afternoon, New Year's Day.

Mrs. John V. Norcross was hostess last evening at a supper party for friends before the Iota Pi dance at the Highland Park Club.

Mrs. G. V. Dickinson was hostess to friends at a dinner party preceding the Card-Tuttle dance at the Highland Park Club, Monday evening.

Mrs. O. L. Olson of Moraine Road was hostess Monday evening at a dancing party for twenty-two guests, honoring her daughter Alma, and her son Harold, who are home from school for the holidays. The out of town guests were, Miss Gladys Everhart of Champaign, Ill., and Mr. Gustave Landt of Auburn Park, Ill.

Monday next at noon, a number of boys who summered at Camp Mishawaka, Grand Rapids, Minn., will gather at the University Club, Chicago, for a banquet. The affair is given for those young men who attend school, and will be a reunion for them before they return to school. A number of the young men from Highland Park will attend.

Mr. George Baldwin of Lake Avenue, will be host at a dinner this evening followed by a sleigh-ride.

On Monday evening, January third, Elizabeth and Darragh Louderback of Moraine Road will be hostess and host at a dance at Exmoor Country Club.

Miss Dorothy Miller of Prospect Avenue, will be hostess this evening at dinner at the Highland Park Club. After dinner, her guests will enjoy the motion pictures "Robin Hood," and later dancing.

This evening Mrs. W. W. Willis of S. Sheridan Road will be hostess at dinner, honoring Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Baylies of New York, formerly of this city.

Mrs. Fred A. Preston will entertain at dinner, Friday evening, preceding the masquerade party at the Highland Park Club. Mrs. Preston will honor her guests, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Baylies of New York, formerly of this city.

Mrs. Joseph Schoeninger of Ravinia, was hostess on Monday evening to a number of friends at a dancing party at her home. House decorations were of Christmas suggestiveness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wood of Ravinia, were host and hostess to fourteen out-of-town guests on Christmas Day at a family dinner.

Miss Ida Zimmer of Deerfield Avenue, has chosen Wednesday, January fifth, as her wedding day at which time she will be married to Mr. Frank Rull of Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Boyd of 1024 N. Green Bay Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hyla Addaleine, to Milton Karl Tillman, son of Mr. William Tillman, of this city. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. L. Curtis entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day.

Mr. Walter Hatley of Beach Street, has issued invitations for a New Year's Party to be held New Year's Eve at his home. The invitations bear the word "Vaujeville" which savors of a pleasant time for his guests.

One of the prettiest parties of the season was held Monday evening at the Highland Park Club, when Mrs. John M. Tuttle and Mrs. Joseph B. Card were hostesses at a reception and dance. Red roses were the predominating decoration, though Christmas trees and Christmas greens were placed advantageously everywhere. The dining room was very beautiful in smilax decoration. Refreshments were served from ten to one o'clock. There were two hundred and fifty guests present who enjoyed the party which was a marked social success.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moon of Glencoe Avenue announce the engagement of their daughter, Nettie Luella, to Mr. Elton Roger Fritsch, of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Highland Park.

This evening Syble Kozminski will give a dance at the Winnetka Woman's Club. A number of Highland Parkers will attend.

THE IRON MAIDEN.

Her Dread Embrace Meant Cruel and Certain Death.

In an ancient tower at Nuremberg a strange figure is shown to visitors. It is called the Elserne Jungfrau (Iron Maiden) because it looks like a woman dressed in rusty iron. At about the waist are two handles by means of which the front of the figure is opened on hinges, like two doors, from the chin down, leaving the face unseparated.

The heavy and massive doors bristle inside with spikes as sharp as daggers, about twenty of which point inward toward the chest and two of which, longer than the others, are fixed inside the face behind the eyes. The Elserne Jungfrau was an instrument of execution reserved for shameless women. When one of these was condemned to death she was placed inside the figure, and the doors were closed. This forced the spikes into her vital organs and through her eyes into her brain. Death was quick or slow, according to the speed with which the doors were closed.

The base of the figure is a trapdoor. When the doors were opened and the victim freed from the spikes the trapdoor was sprung and her body dropped through a deep hole into a torrent that still flows under the castle. A tny of a few pennings will have the hole lighted with electric lamps, and the visitor can look down and see the dark water, thus completing the tragedy in his imagination.—New York World.

In a Maori Woeing House. Among the Maoris sometimes in the whare matoro (the woeing house), a building in which the young of both sexes assembled for pty, songs, dances, etc., there would be at stated times a meeting. When the fires burned low a girl would stand up in the dark and say: "I love So-and-so. I want him for my husband." If he coughed (sign of assent) or said "Yes" it was well; if only dead silence she covered her head with her robe and was ashamed. This was not often, as she generally had managed to ascertain, either by her own inquiry or by sending a girl friend, if the proposal was acceptable. On the other hand, sometimes a mother would attend and say, "I want So-and-so for my son." If not acceptable there was generally mocking, and she was told to let the young people have their house (the woeing house) to themselves.

The hearts of men are their books; events are their tutors; great actions are their eloquence.—Macaulay.

OLDEST DEPARTMENT STORE.

It Has Been Doing Business in Tokyo Since the Year 1873.

It is somewhat of an anomaly that, while the department store is distinctly a product of the west and has reached its highest development in the United States, the oldest store of this character is to be found in the far east.

Nearly three and a half centuries ago, or, to be entirely accurate, in the year 1673, there was opened in Tokyo, the Japanese capital, a retail dry goods business, which went under the firm name of Yechigoya. In the course of time the store came to be known as the Mitsui Dry Goods Store, which name was retained until 1904, when, with some changes in organization, it became the Mitsukoshi Company, Ltd. Throughout its long career the proprietorship of this store has been in the famous Mitsui family, where it still remains.

The Mitsukoshi Company, Ltd., is not only the oldest, but is the largest department store in Japan today. It was the first of the Japanese establishments to introduce western methods of doing business and to adopt up to date appliances. In the beginning the store dealt exclusively in cotton and silk goods, but gradually increased its assortment of stock until today it carries every description of merchandise to meet the wants of all classes of people.

VANISHING GOLD.

What Has Become of All That Precious Metal That Has Been Mined?

What becomes of gold? Where is all of that yellow metal that has been mined?

It is one of the oldest metals in human use. There are gold beads dating back to the stone age. It is an object of almost universal desire. It is proof against almost all the influences which destroy other metals, and it has been mined in enormous quantities. Yet today more than two-thirds of the gold in use has been dug since 1840.

What becomes of the rest? Where is the gold that set Jason wandering into the Black sea, that filled the treasuries of Croesus, that paid the terrific tribute which Persian kings assessed against the Punjab? What has happened to the yellow dust and "electrum"—an alloy of gold and silver—which negro traders brought down the Nile to Egypt for 4,000 or 5,000 years? Ancient gold, like that of modern times, was used for money and for ornaments, but both have disappeared. Where?

The most enduring of metals and yet the most evanescent, perpetually sought and yet constantly escaping the hands of even the successful seeker—that is gold. What is the reason for its curious elusiveness?—Chicago Journal.

Silk Culture in Italy. About 500 A. D. Persian monks first brought silkworm eggs concealed in the head of a hollow staff to Constantinople. Thence silk culture spread into Greece. A little later conquest carried it to Sicily. From there to Italy it was but a step. Soil, climate, people, suited it. The industry took root, grew, thrived and continues to this day. The thrifty peasant manages to get silk and oil and wine from the same small holding. First he plants his mulberry trees, sixteen feet each way. Next he prunes the vines into a hollow cup and trains his vines all over them, and finally around the edge he sets a shelter of olive trees. So all seasons bring him labor and the reward of it.—London Standard.

Solubility of Gold. Gold is one of the group of metals soluble only in that mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids known as aqua regia. It has been found, however, that the presence of certain organic compounds renders gold soluble in hydrochloric acid. Thus a mixture of this acid and chloroform is found to be a solvent. Ethyl, or ordinary alcohol, methyl alcohol and amyl alcohol are among the other substances which give to hydrochloric acid the power of dissolving gold. The solution takes place slowly in the cold acid and more quickly on heating.

Doesn't Advertise. "You take a cheerful view of life, I hope," remarked the optimistic person. "Not enough to notice," replied the individual with a frown. "You jest with me."

"I said, 'Not enough to notice.' I sometimes feel moderately cheerful, but I don't believe that makes it incumbent on me to go about wearing a fatuous smile and shouting, 'Oh, be joyful!'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Saw His Finish. "Oh, oh," exclaimed impatient Mrs. Naggs, "I've bitten off the end of my tongue!" "Well, I certainly feel sorry for myself," rejoined the heartless Naggs. "Hereafter there will be no end to your tongue."

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Our New Years Greetings to Our Patrons

A Two-Day Year-End-Sale Thursday - Friday Remnants:

In order that we make a clearance of all short lengths, accumulated during the rush season, we have lost sight of original cost of hundreds of remnants, embracing all yard goods, conveniently arranged on tables for your selection at 1/3 to 1/2 Less

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SNAILS AS FOOD.

They Are as Nourishing as Calf's Foot Jelly and Easy to Raise.

"All snails are edible and nutritious," says Canon Horsley in a book on British land and fresh water mollusks. He goes on to say that even the common or garden snail, though insipid, is as nourishing as calf's foot jelly.

There is a large white shelled snail called Helix pomatia that is commonly eaten by connoisseurs in the south of England, while all over France, Italy and Spain several species are used as food. In France there are many small farms which yield a good profit to their owners. In the French and Italian quarters of New York snails may be brought either alive or cooked, and at most of the French restaurants they are served, "escargots farcis" being the most usual form of the dish.

Snails are easy to raise in large quantities. They need lime for making their shells, but they do not have to be fed, as they can find their own food, which is exclusively the leaves of many plants. They are most delicious when properly prepared and cooked and, as Canon Horsley says, as nourishing as calf's foot jelly.

Net What They Seemed. A marquise who was in residence for a few days at a Parisian hotel discovered that her pearl necklace, worth \$15,000, had disappeared from her room. Suspicion fell on a messenger boy, who admitted his guilt, but declared that the necklace had been taken from him by his mother. The mother corroborated her son's statement, expressing astonishment that so much trouble should be made about "a trashy little trinket," which, she explained, looked so cheap and tawdry that she had given it to her daughter-in-law. This young woman, in her teens, displayed an equal contempt for the "bits of things." She told the police that she had given the necklace to her little girl to wear, but she had removed about half the beads. All the missing pearls were found in a box among buttons and hooks and eyes.

Poor Loner. "Good morning, Dada-waiter," said the first commuter after he had settled himself in a seat and partly regained his breath. "Morning, Gadsom," said the second commuter somewhat shortly. "You don't seem pleased to see me."

"I should say not. When I saw you running just now I made a bet with the gentleman on my left that you wouldn't catch this train. Drat the luck! I've lost \$5.—Boston Herald.

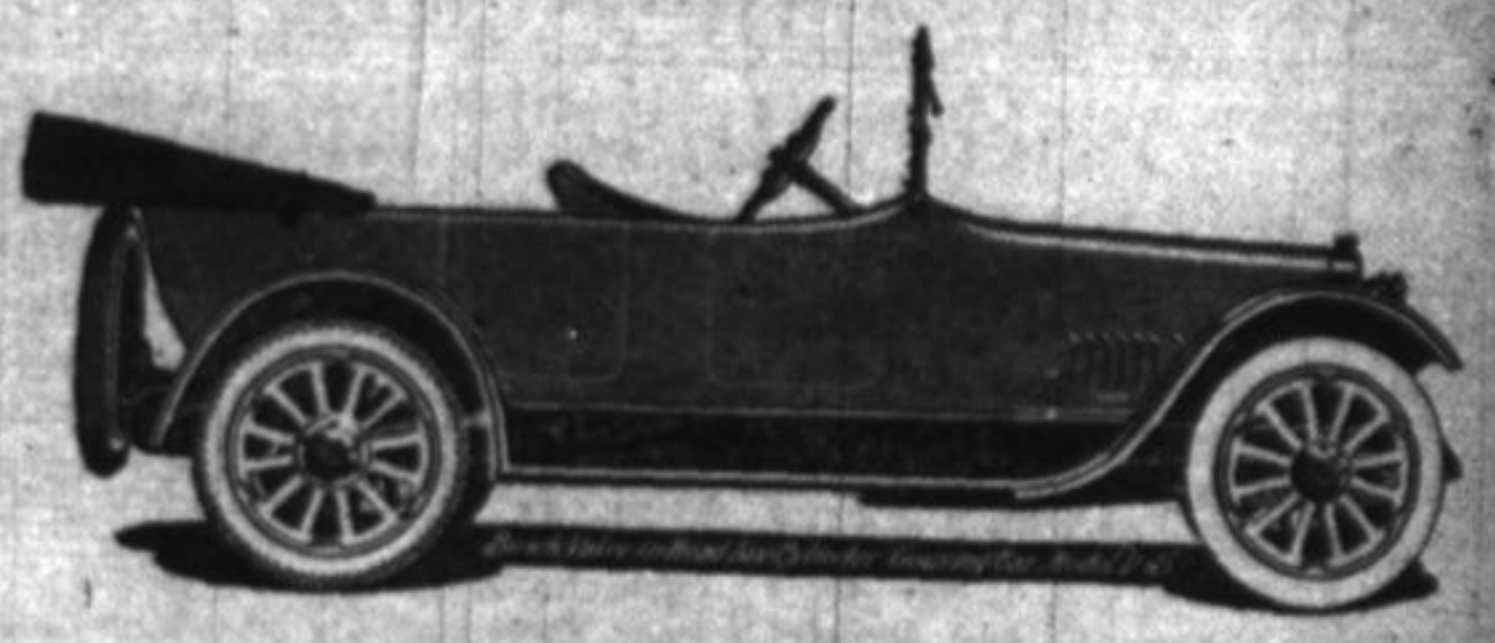
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