

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR WOMEN READERS

Life's Social Side

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On Monday afternoon, softly shaded lights were in the hall and long drawingroom of Mrs. Bayly Ransom's charming home on Earl street, when she received for the first time this season, wearing a smart frock of black crepe, with touches of lipstick red in its panels. Her aunt, Mrs. Edwin J. McLelland, recently returned from abroad, received with her, handsomely gowned in black canton crepe. Tea was served in the drawingroom, where Mrs. Van-Wren presided at the afternoon tea table with its handsome silver tea equipment, assisted by Miss Mary McLelland and her cousin, Miss Margory McLelland. The rooms were filled with a constant stream of visitors, who took this opportunity of calling on Mrs. Ransom and her sisters and on Mrs. McLelland and her daughter, who will spend the winter in Kingston.

of Mrs. William Workman, and Charles Haynes. The bride is a former Kingstonian, a sister of Mrs. W. C. Baker, Centre street, and will receive the good wishes of many Kingston friends, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes will spend the winter in Florida.

Mrs. H. D. Wigham, Earl street, asked a few old friends of Mrs. R. Keiso, St. Anne de Bellevue, who is a visitor in town, to meet her at the tea hour on Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Baker, Centre street, was the hostess of a small tea on Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Baker, sr., and Miss Nellie Baker, Jordan, Ont.

The Christmas dance at the Royal Military College will be held on Thursday, December 21st, in Sir Arthur Currie Hall.

Principal and Mrs. Bruce Taylor will give a dance for Queen's championship rugby team on Friday evening, at the Principal's Residence.

Mrs. J. F. Foulkes, Brock street,

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will give a small dance for Miss Francesca Foulkes on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Francis Macnee, St. Lawrence Cottage, is entertaining this evening for Miss Cecil Macnee.

E. Murray Thomson, Moose Jaw, Sask., spent Saturday with Mrs. Thomson's sister, Mrs. S. J. Makim and Mr. Makim, Frontenac street.

Miss Eleanor Lyman, King street, has returned from Oshawa.

Mrs. H. P. Jennings, who has been the guest of Mrs. Tulloch, for the past few weeks, and for whom several informal teas have been given, left on Thursday last for her home in Watertown, N.Y.

Mrs. D. A. Cays, Barrie street, has returned after a week's visit with her son, Dr. Cays, and Mrs. Cays, Oswego, N.Y.

Miss Myrtle Culcheth, Portsmouth, left for Ottawa on Monday.

Mrs. Purcell and Miss Clinton, who spent the week-end at the Y. W. C. A., Johnson street, have returned to Bloomfield.

Mrs. Noel Lee, Villa St. Clare apartments, will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Frank Mann, Windsor.

Lady Kirkpatrick is in Montreal and will spend a few days at the Ritz-Carlton. She has lately been in Kingston from Quebec.

Efficient Housekeeping

BY Laura A. Kirkman

Answered Letters.

E. K. "How can I clean a tile floor?"
Answer: Dissolve one-fourth pound of shaved yellow soap and one-fourth pound of washing soda in one gallon of hot water. Apply this to your tiled floor with a stiff brush, mop up, then rinse with clean water several times and wipe dry with clean cloths.

Young Housekeeper: "There are two things I would like to know very much: 1. Can my food-chopper knives be sharpened at home, and how? 2. At a guest dinner is it necessary, now-a-days, to have one of those new wire racks in a flower-bowl that will hold flowers upright?"

Answer: 1. If you run bits of emery through your food chopper as you do when grinding food, this will sharpen the knives. 2. It is not necessary to have a wire flower holder in a flower bowl, but it is very nice to have one. Why don't you make one? To do this, cut a fine-meshed piece of galvanized wire netting six inches square and turn down the four corners to serve as feet.

Paint the netting to match any flower bowl you want to use it in, and the work is done. A quarter-inch mesh is usually chosen for such a holder. Before your guest dinner, simply fill the bowl half full of water, place the little wire holder inside of it, then pass the stems of your flowers through the holes in the wire.

Mrs. B. "I have some candles in my living room sconces, and several in single candlesticks, for decorative purposes only. They have become dingy-looking and fly-specked. Is there any way to clean them?"

Answer: Yes. You can make them look like new by sponging them with a piece of absorbent cotton dipped in alcohol.

Ethel: "I have saved a great quantity of white candle-ends. How can I use them?"

Answer: In several ways. 1. Shave them and add them to the water in which you boil your clothes for paraffine whiteness clothes and helps to remove dirt. 2. Shave and tie up, in small bags, to use on the bottom of flatirons. 3. Remove wicks, melt, and use this wax in sealing jams and jellies. 4. Add the candle-ends to kumling when lighting a fire.

Miss W. W. "Is there any simple way of removing the skins from white potatoes? I get so tired of paring them."

Answer: The skins of new potatoes and young carrots may be removed easily and without waste, by rubbing with "copper-tinsel" pot cloth, taking care to keep both cloth and vegetable wet by frequent dippings in a basin of water.

Tomorrow—The Care of Steel Knives.

All inquiries addressed to Miss Kirkman in care of the "Efficient Housekeeping" department will be answered in these columns in their turn. This requires considerable time, however, owing to the great number received. So if a personal or quicker reply is desired, a stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question—The editor.

To-morrow's HOROSCOPE

By Genevieve Kamble

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6.

The astrological forecast is for an eventful and memorable day, according to the lunar and mutual aspects. Under the favorable direction of Moon trine Uranus, there should be an advantageous change or removal possibly requiring an unplanned or unlooked-for journey. Care should be taken, however, not to undertake this journey too impulsively, and not to be weaned away by the lure of pleasure or romantic associations. With proper care there should be benefits with increase of business and generally prosperous and pleasant conditions.

Those whose birthday it is, have the prospect of a successful and happy year, with advantageous change, provided they do not act impulsively and are not led astray by the lure of pleasure. A child born on this day will be clever, original, enterprising and independent, and should be fairly successful in life.

What the Editor Hears

That the question is being asked, "Why didn't the women of Frontenac use their franchise in the municipal elections?"

That it is time to get your overseas mail off, if you want your friends to get your gifts and good wishes by Christmas.

That Santa Claus' royal procession on Saturday morning was not all joy for the spectators, for one wee maid, aged four, went home weeping bitterly and sobbing out, "Santa went right by me and didn't leave me one thing."

That hat pins seem to be still the vogue in Australia. Or is it that in the antipodes they are now regulated to weapons of defense and offence?

The Kingston's football enthusiasts may not have made as much noise as Toronto people would have under the excitement of their team winning a dominion championship, but they were just as proud of them. This is the third football championship for Kingston this year so perhaps we are getting a bit blasé.

Meeting of W.A. Diocesan Board. The monthly meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. George's Hall on Monday afternoon, the president Mrs. Havelock Price, in the chair. Miss Lewis, the treasurer, reported an anonymous gift of \$100, a thank-offering for blessings received, and proposed, seconded by Miss Mackintosh, that it should be added to the united thank-offering which will this year be devoted to the \$10,000 pension fund for retired missionaries. The Christmas calendars have come and Miss Edith Pense, secretary for literature, reported a ready sale. A splendid report from Mrs. Judson Watchorn, Merrickville, secretary of Granville deanery, telling of the excellent work done in that part of the diocese of Ontario, was read. The next meeting will be held at Kemptville. As New Year's Day falls on the first Monday in January, the next board meeting will be held on Jan. 8th.

SWEET VOICE WON HUSBAND

Romance of Fortunate New York Telephone Girl and Wealthy Young Mexican.

A romance was recently enacted entirely by telephone in one of the New York hotels. Six weeks ago a wealthy young Mexican arrived on business and engaged an expensive suite. A few hours later he was knocked over by a motorcar and suffered a broken leg. He insisted on being taken to his hotel, rather than to a hospital, and, since expense was no consideration, he was installed with nurses and attendants in his own suite.

He kept to his room for six weeks and when he felt able to work a little, he hired a secretary and proceeded to carry on his affairs by telephone. They were complicated and required an immense number of conversations. Within a day or so he became aware that his calls were handled with skill and patience. The next discovery was that the voice at the other end of his private line was easy to listen to. There was a smile behind the voice.

Day by day the telephone conversations grew longer. It began with a respectful inquiry as to the patient's health. Gradually the inquiries went more into details. By the end of two weeks the invalid and the voice at the hotel switchboard were on good terms.

At the end of a month long conversations were the order of the day. When the sixth week had passed the man's brother arrived just as the patient's leg was strong enough to permit a visit to the hotel lobby.

"Where do you want to go first?" the brother inquired.

"I want you to help me walk down to the telephone switchboard," the invalid explained. "I want to see the girl there. And oh, by the way, I am going to marry her."

"Great heavens, what's she like?" was the natural inquiry.

"Haven't seen her yet, but we've fixed it all up over the phone."

The voice with the smile is now directing an establishment in the City of Mexico.—New York Sun.

"Curbs Fit for Heroes to Stand In." The New Statesman says that London has not had so many beggars within living memory as today, and the worst of it is, they have none of the romance of beggary.

"They are prosaic, dull, hopeless. Most of them look as if they had been born to be commonplace citizens, earning a more or less honest living like you and me. To speak strictly, indeed, they are not beggars, but collectors. They stand on the curb; they wait in the doorways of restaurants; they haunt the streets of the respectable. All the time they keep shaking their narrow white boxes, and asking for more."

"They vary from the sullen to the responsive. Some of them seem to demand a right rather than to beg a favor. They believe that there is money somewhere, and it is only just that it should be shared."

"It is the habit of civilized societies, at the end of a great war, to provide curbs fit for heroes to stand on."

Is "Deceased" Man Dead? A Jeffersonville woman, who formerly lived at Greencastle and supposes that is the reason she was chosen to receive the letter, has received a communication from a resident of Putnam county, of whom she had never previously heard, asking for information concerning the writer's brother, who lived in Jeffersonville for many years, reports the Indianapolis News. The writer said she had not heard from him for five years, and letters had brought no answer. She sent a registered letter at last, she said, and it was returned to her marked "deceased." "I should like to know," she said, "whether he is dead." The answer went back. "He is, since November, 1919." But the woman believes the Post Office department should be more explicit.

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