

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR WOMEN READERS

LIFE'S SOCIAL SIDE

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On Wednesday evening No. 8 Company, Kingston Girl Guides, of which Miss Vera Saunders is captain, entertained the Rangers in the gymnasium of the Collegiate Institute. The party took the form of a supper and the object was the qualifying of fourteen of the Guides for their hostess badge. At the entrance the visitors were welcomed and their wraps taken from them and a greeting given by the captain and the Guides. A delicious meal was provided and afterwards the dishes were washed and put away and the tables and chairs put in their places, and finally the floor was swept. Some badges were presented by Mrs. I. G. Bogart, the commissioner, and the judgment of the manner in which the hospitality was extended left to Miss Going, an associate member, who was one of the guests. There could be no doubt as to the qualification of the Guides who were ideal young hostesses. Mrs. W. H. Penwarden, in her captain's uniform and Mrs. E. Godwin were also guests of the Guides.

Mrs. T. G. D. Byrne, who is with her cousin, H. E. Richardson, Johnson street, received for the first time since coming to Kingston, on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Hugh C. Niekie received with Mrs. Byrne in the drawing room, and the guests passed through the library, where a

bright fire was burning in the grate, to the tea room. At the daintily appointed table, Mrs. James Craig and Mrs. W. H. Craig presided, assisted by Mrs. J. O. Macdonald, Miss Bessie McTear, Miss Aileen Rogers, Miss Ruth Martin and Miss Owen Byrne. Pink carnations and white narcissi adorned the tea table. In spite of the rain, many visitors welcomed Mrs. Byrne and her daughter to Kingston.

Mrs. Richard Cartwright, University avenue, entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. D. Regan, London, Ont., who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Rigney. Three tables were in play and the prize was won by Mrs. Travers Hora. At the tea hour Mrs. W. A. Mitchell and Miss Mollie Cartwright presided at the tea table where golden daffodils and white narcissi gave promise of spring. A bright fire burned in the big fireplace in the drawing room adding its welcome to that of the hostess.

Mrs. Richard Davis, Epsomham street, is receiving many congratulations and good wishes this week on having attained the good old age of eighty-nine years. On her birthday, Jan. 13th, several old friends came in to greet her. "13" has not been an unlucky number for Mrs. Davis as she is well, and her husband is also in the best of health. A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mrs. J. Black, Peter-

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boro, on Monday, when a number of nurses were entertained in honor of Miss Ethel Sloane, graduate nurse of Kingston.

Miss Ruby Donnelly, University avenue, was the hostess of an exceedingly pleasant bridge of seven tables on Wednesday afternoon. The prizes were won by Mrs. Charles Taylor, Miss Clogg and Mrs. Henry Crumley. Flowers were about the pretty rooms and the tea table, presided over by Mrs. John Donnelly and Mrs. W. Gill, was centred with exquisite roses. Miss Jenkins and Miss Harriet Donnelly were the tea assistants. Miss Donnelly will entertain at bridge again on Friday afternoon.

The exceedingly bad weather of Wednesday afternoon was no doubt responsible for the slim attendance at the meeting of the Badminton Club at the armories. Three courts were in play and some people came in for tea.

Mrs. Frank Lawson, London, Ont., is with her daughter, Mrs. Duncan MacArthur, and Prof. MacArthur, King street.

Mrs. A. Lingham Wagner, Toronto, has returned from a trip to Detroit.

Miss C. E. Carmichael, president of the National Council of Women, has come from her home in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, to spend the winter in Toronto.

Miss Sarah Lavell, in the city for the past month, is leaving on Friday for Toronto.

Sir Robert and Lady Borden expect to leave for California shortly.

Mrs. W. A. Guild, Mallorytown, is spending a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Mallory, Alvington avenue.

The Editor Hears

That Hamilton has a newly-formed Business Women's Bridge Club which meets monthly at the Y. W. C. A. Ten tables were in play at the meeting this week and a successful season is looked forward to.

That we cannot complain of not having a January thaw this year. We have already had several and will, no doubt, have several more. But the oldest record says nothing of a year the ice between Kingston and Wolfe Island would not carry men and horses, so it is not at all probable that 1924 will be an exception to the rule.

That it is truly a dangerous state of affairs when the female of the species realizes so soon in life what is unfortunately the truth, is a New York editor's comment on the discovery that "Men like to be abused" by an observing co-ed at Leland Stanford University.

That Jean Aylwin, the charming English comedy actress, is leaving the stage to work under the Wesleyan Missionary Society among the lepers in India.

That the sympathy of the world will go out to the people of Japan, who have suffered so sorely during the past few months, in their recent disaster.

That a vogue for things Chinese is foretold for the spring fashions. One attractive sport model has a flannel skirt, with an all-over embroidery design, with a white border outlining the open fringe and hem.

WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

Portland, Jan. 14.—The Women's Institute held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. J. Bond, on Saturday, Jan. 12th.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved a very interesting paper, "Good-Bye Old Year," was read by Mrs. A. E. Ready.

The business of the Institute, and plans for the next meeting when we hope to have the district president, present were then carefully discussed and followed by a piano duet by Mrs. E. H. Balton and Miss Nora McKenny.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess after which the meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

St. Andrew's W. M. S. The W. M. S. of St. Andrew's church had the pleasure on Wednesday of listening to an interesting address from Mr. Mungol, a Queen's student, on British Guiana and Trinidad and the work done there by the Presbyterian church which has practically all the mission work in its hands. His account of the first importations of East Indians to these countries and their gradual emergence from heathendom and

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THE POPULAR FIBRE SILK VESTS.

Every year, after the Christmas season, I like to go among my friends and see the fancywork gifts they received. I have just completed my annual survey and here-with report upon The Best Christmas Gift I saw:

To judge from my own locality, the dainty hand-made silk vest was the most popular Christmas present in 1923. I saw them everywhere. And as I examined them, lying in their pretty holly boxes, I said to myself: "Why didn't I think of making them to give to my friends? They are both dainty and inexpensive—those two chief requisites for an ideal gift."

But although Christmas is over, I believe that my Reader Friends will nevertheless like to have me describe these differently trimmed vests. For they would be equally appropriate to use as birthday or engagement gifts.

My first statement, in describing them, is that they can be made for \$2 apiece. Of course I cannot give actual figures concerning the trimmings, but I can give a fairly accurate estimate of the cost of the fibre silk from which they are made. After seeing the gift-vests at my friends' homes, I went to a city de-

partment store and inquired the price of the sort of fibre silk from which they are made (it is silk in the shape of a tube, so that the garment may be seamless; lying flat, double thickness, it measures 18 inches across). The silk which I saw cost \$1.45 a yard. The saleswoman told me that only three-quarters of a yard was commonly used to make one shirt—which brought the cost down to \$1.09. Different stores may have another price for this silk tubing, of course, but I am merely stating the price I was quoted.

After buying your three-quarters of a yard of the fibre silk tubing, all that you will need to complete the little vest will be a spool of sewing silk to match the material, enough ribbon or insertion to make shoulder straps, and enough insertion to go around the top of the shirt, with baby ribbon to run through it. If you wish a very elaborate vest, you may also use a few small silk flowers at the front—but these will bring the price over \$2 for the entire gift. I shall describe the trimming on the gift-vests I saw, so that you may try to duplicate it in the stores if you wish:

A Pink Silk Vest: Finished at top with machine-made pink silk insertion, through which ran pink baby ribbon. Shoulder straps of same insertion.

Lavender Silk Vest: Val. lace and insertion at top, lavender inch-wide satin shoulder straps, a lavender silk flower to decorate.

Blue Silk Vests: Just like pink vest described above.

Tomorrow—Readers' Discoveries.

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. Be sure to use YOUR full name, street number, and the name of your city and province. —The Editor.

thing which is so designed as to pass for one's monogram. The small hat has so many sponsors in America that one feels glad that it is to continue through the winter, north and south. The winter modes for the south, as everyone agrees, mean the spring modes for the north. Paris naturally says short skirts, with small hats and with the trend of sports rather than formal clothes.

The small hat indicates also that there will be more work for the barbers; more and more women are shedding their crown of glory on the altar of style. The contour of the head must be preserved, may played up, whether one is hatless or hatted. The small hat does not necessarily imply the cloche. By turning up the side brim or turning up the front, cutting away the back and other manoeuvres, milliners have given us a greatly desired variety.

Felts, satins, Milans and suedes are among the most approved materials for southern millinery and the monogram in some cases is metal not embroidered. For instance, a white kid hat has a sectional ribbon bound crown and an oval monogram in bright steel at the front.

There is no doubt that with the added interest in the exploitation of sports apparel, the initial treatment in ornaments will be a very smart one. Naturally enough, it is very difficult to get real initials, but there are types such as that used in galathea by Susy which simulated the initial and can be used by anyone. A typical southern resort dress is sketched. It is a cheery striped crepe in beige and brown with organdie collar.

Artful Simplicity For Southern Wear.

Ocean liners almost make a bridge across the Atlantic, and a constant stream of men and women who go to Paris for confirmation of their own ideas or to get new ones, are always arriving with new tidbits of gossip about what the Paris couturiers and milliners are doing for American women in the way of coming fashions.

The whole trend of conversations with these returning buyers is that Paris sponsors the small, almost tiny hat for the new season; that satins are very much the mode; and that the tailored suit and its sister the tailored sports dress are engaging everyone's attention.

They further state that the monogram idea persists and that not only one's frocks, but hats as well, bear the initial of the wearer or some-



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TO-MORROW'S HOROSCOPE BY GENEVIEVE KEMBLE. FRIDAY, JANUARY 18. A generally inauspicious state of affairs must be based on this day's adverse lunar and mutual planetary configuration. It may prove unfortunate to attempt any important removal, change or journey, and a change of employment may not be advantageous. Money may be placed in jeopardy either by speculation or ill-secured investment, since Jupiter is unfriendly. Saturn adds to the unpropitious situation; therefore the best advice is to remain quiet and keep a firm grasp on affairs in hand. Those whose birthday it is should attend strictly to business, shun-

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