

SOCIETY'S LULL FROM WINTER PLEASURES.

Bowling, Badminton, Theatre Parties and Welsh Rarebit Suppers Must Suffice During Lent.

FLORIDA OFFERS A RETREAT

Those Who Do Not Care for Stay-at-Home Quietude Have Already Prepared to Go to the Sunny South.

BOSTON'S MILLIONAIRE CLUB.

An Association of Gentlemen Who Will Shoot and Fish and Entertain Royally on Southern Grounds.

OUTFIT, beauty and wealth have held high carnival in this busy New York metropolis during the last three months, and from the surfeit of pleasure thus obtained the reflection is not unalloyed.

A goodly sum of money will be represented in the Tontine on April 8, for which steamer Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Henry Hilton, Mr. A. J. Forbes Leith and two or three other millionaires have engaged staterooms.

Mr. James Otis and his youngest daughter sailed on Wednesday for Europe and will pay Mrs. Murray a visit and return in the summer to their country place on Long Island.

Miss Otis is to make her debut next winter and will doubtless create a sensation, as she is "divinely tall and most divinely fair."

What are the rights of a leader of a cotillion seems an unknown quantity, and one or two small breezes have taken place this winter between the leaders and excitable gentlemen who consider themselves neglected or left out in the cold.

One of these gentle zephyrs took place at Mrs. Whitney's and caused a good deal of amusement to those who heard it.

A book of a polite letter writer should be written telling what a leader may do and what he may not do.

Few more delightful musicales have been given than that of Mrs. Havemeyer's at No. 244 Madison avenue on Monday.

The drawing room is better suited for a musicale than a dance, and the house is so arranged that those who tired of the exquisite music could go into the picture gallery or dining room and talk without disturbing those who wished to hear the music, the programme of which was printed in the HERALD on Tuesday. The interpretation of the "Vespers from 'Lohengrin'" was superb, and even anti-Wagnerites appreciated it.

A movement is on foot to start a club on the same lines as the Wellington and Eschelor clubs in London.

The greater portion of the house would be given up to the men, with another entrance provided for ladies, together with a dining room and sitting room for their sweet accommodation.

The scheme is still only in the air, but it seemed to "catch on" the other night at the Patriarchs'.

A better plan would be for one of the established clubs to add a house to their establishment and allow ladies to lunch, dine and sup there, at the invitation and accompanied by a member, of course.

It happens not infrequently at an affair like the Patriarchs' ball that some mishap or indisposition causes a change in the programme.

The gentleman who is to lead the cotillon may have been promised the hand of a lady for that event, and at the last moment something may cause her to change her mind or she may be taken sick.

At the late Patriarchs' ball it was announced in all the New York papers that Mr. Franklin Bartlett would lead the cotillon with Mrs. Prescott Lawrence.

It was learned, when too late to make correction, that Mrs. Rives was to lead with Mr. Bartlett.

Mrs. Rives did lead with Mr. Bartlett.

Mrs. Rives wore at the Patriarchs' a handsome gown of white satin, brocaded sparsely with rich purple flowers and trimmed with duchesse lace on the bodice and sleeves.

Mrs. De Forest's gown was of white satin, embroidered heavily at intervals with gold and trimmed with gold and colored ostrich feathers, and the train was closely pleated in at the back almost like a cloth gown.

Miss Hargrove's gown was also white satin for foundation, richly embroidered with purple pinks and graduated gold polka dots in the form of a drapery cornice across the skirt.

Mrs. Jordan L. Mot had on a handsome and effective gown of yellow satin brocade, with light blue velvet sleeves, delicately raised on the shoulder, and revers of the same on the front of the bodice. The drapery of satin on the front of the skirt was held in place by rosaries of the same blue velvet.

Mrs. Dudley Hoffman Chapin wore a pretty toilette of delicate pink tulle. The satin bodice was ornamented in the front seams by a butterfly, the body following the iron lines of the dress and the wings spreading out for trimming in a very effective and unique manner.

Miss Paine wore white tulle and pink velvet shoulder straps, sleeves and waistband, which made a bright contrast.

Miss Pierson was also in white, the principal material used being chiffon. A puffed edge at the bottom of the bodice was of green velvet, the sleeves matching the latter.

The Misses Morgan were similarly attired in pink, blue and white chiffon respectively, the three gowns uniting their wearers very well.

Miss Knowlton, of Brooklyn, wore a chic looking gown of green satin, made with a plain skirt and coat bodice and short sleeves.

Miss Jeffrey wore white tulle, the front of the skirt being hung with white moire ribbon which completely covered the tulle till she danced, when the delicate skirt showed to advantage.

Miss Tucker wore black gauze spangled with gold dots; the sleeves and sash which passed high around the waist under one arm were of yellow crepe.

Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland, R. W. Gilder, Mrs. Burton Harrison, Mrs. Curtis, the Rev. Hoher Newton, Mrs. Canine Wheeler, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Messer, Daniel & Cory, of the Century, and a number of other society and literary notables were among the guests invited by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hutton one evening last week to hear Miss Jane Meade Welch's talk upon "American History for Americans."

Miss Welch is inspiring her fair countrywomen with an interest in the study of the history of her own country. Encouraged by Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, Mrs. William Whitely, Mrs. Frederic Betts and others, Miss Welch is accomplishing her patriotic purpose. Her Americanism is the latest cult among the fashionable.

An entertainment for the benefit of the "Little Mothers" Aid Society was given on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Johnston. Mrs. Ella Dietz Clynor, president of Sorosis, read from the poems of Mrs. Browning, from Shakespeare and from Hans Christian Andersen. Following this were songs by Mrs. Dyett and a duet of two violins, played by Mme. Frouill and Miss Katharine Johnston.

This society, organized last summer for the purpose of giving free excursions to the "Little Mothers" who take charge of their younger sisters, has continued its work during the winter, watching over the children, giving entertainments for their pleasure and caring for them in their illnesses.

Another entertainment will be given for them after Easter and a score of professional artists have volunteered their services for a concert, the proceeds of which will go to the fund of the society.

The Society for Political Study will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening, when Mrs. Tift will read a paper on "The Monroe Doctrine," which will be followed by a discussion.

As the sun begins his journey northward the New York lover of society goes south to woo the delights of Florida.

John Jacob Astor and his bride (when he has secured her) will go to the Ponce de Leon for a short sojourn to a trip to Europe.

Miss Sallie Hargrove and a large party will accompany Mrs. S. V. E. Cruger to Florida, and H. La Grand Cannon, Son & Co., will also be among the migratory notables with the South as their destination.

"Onward marches the season and the cry is 'Still they come,'" says the news from Florida.

The work closes there with a very large number of revels.

Men will hardly be "abundant" in Florida till tennis tournament time, but did they know of the wealth of beauty the influx would be appalling.

The young married women and the debutantes are said to vie with one another in an amiable warfare for the largest boxes of bonbons and the loveliest roses.

Livingstone Beekman and Ned Potter have exchanged the exclusive confines of the Westchester County Club for the loggia of the Ponce de Leon, and it is evident they received points from our only Barry Cannon, who offered his courtly devotion to the pink and white Misses Carr, of Louisville, so effectively last year.

The young men are now assiduously attentive.

It is said that some young people at St. Augustine think the moon, when quarter full, gives more light than at the North.

The men at the Ponce de Leon are all delighted to have Mrs. John Curry, of Boston, back again from the Indian River, and already she is making inroads into the preserves of some of the younger girls who took advantage of her absence.

Then there is the vivacious Mrs. Cass Canfield, known all through the West as the beautiful Miss Houghtaling of Chicago, with whom some young girls want to be identified, for never was there so charming a matron nor one so much in demand to grace teas or chaperon excursions.

Mrs. George Folson, a new cottager, has hard work to look younger than her daughter, and is indefatigable at entertaining by balls, dinners, teas and card parties, and is maintaining the enviable reputation she won at Lenox.

The battle among the younger set at St. Augustine may be far enough advanced this week for the HERALD readers to know who may be crowned as the belle of the winter Newport.

For some time there have been rumors in the exclusive confines of the Somerset Club, Boston, that an important new building and sporting club was being arranged on novel lines. This gossip, I learned last week, has become reality by the organizing of the Canaveral Club, of Florida, by a party of Boston gentlemen, who have kept the matter a secret until everything they desired had been secured.

The club will be limited to fourteen gentlemen, who are not only powers in the financial world but leaders of Boston's Beacon street aristocracy.

Their aggregate wealth exceeds \$50,000,000, and it is obvious the club can secure its ends without "increasing the membership."

Among the members are J. Malcolm Forbes, J. Murray Forbes, J. M. Sears (and the heads of the Ames, Tucker, Cory and Higginson families).

These gentlemen have secured about eleven thousand acres near Cape Canaveral, on the east coast of Florida. Not only is this territory covered by limitless flocks of land and water fowl, but it abounds in larger game, such as bear, deer, wild hogs and cattle, while the waters near team with fish, large and small.

During the summer a fine club house has been quietly erected, having been set down piecemeal from Boston.

It is now luxuriously furnished and supplied with a steamer, sailing and rowing boats, stables, horses and every convenience of a well appointed summer villa. To this the members are to bring their friends, not "invited," as is usually the case at clubs—to pay their own expenses, but as their guests on the same footing as they would be at a Newport cottage, with every desiderata supplied for their pleasure.

Here they can sail, fish and hunt, and when in need of variety can change their hunting clothes for a dress suit, run up to St. Augustine and mix for a time in the gay, fashionable world of the Canaveral Club has already taken its position as one of the most attractive and unique organizations of its kind in the country.

The winter cottagers at Newport are trying to observe the Lenten season to the best of their ability, but only a few were seen at the churches thus far this week. The winter season now drawing to a close has not been a very lively one from a social standpoint. There were many private entertainments, and the few dances held were very enjoyable for all who participated.

There will be a demand for cottages for the Lenten season. Many arrivals are expected and the agents will do a rushing business. A well known member of New York society says that the Newport Lenten season of 1891 will beat the record.

Mr. Lorillard Spencer finds that he will be unable to have his new and handsome villa at Newport completed, and he has taken a lease of "The Moorings," owned by Mr. Schuyler Hamilton, Jr., for the approaching season. This estate is for sale, Mr. Hamilton not caring to return to Newport society. The house was built for Mr. Hamilton only a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Caroly, having decided to summer abroad, have leased their Newport villa to Mrs. William B. Ogden, of New York.

The Charlotte Cushman villa, on Catherine street and Rhode Island avenue, Newport, has been leased by Mr. George Duncan, of Boston. The owners of the place, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Cushman, will summer at Bar Harbor. Mrs. Cushman sailed for Europe last week.

Mrs. Charles F. Chickering has rented her cottage on Bellevue avenue, Newport, to Mr. William F. Burden.

Mrs. H. W. Nicholson has taken one of the cottages on Cliff avenue owned by the estate of the late W. A. Chanler, of New York.

Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore and family have sailed for Europe.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, D. Lynch-Fringli, George R. Feary, S. M. Roosevelt, J. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Storrs Wells and John H. Glover, of New York, were at Newport last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ouden Goeliet's new villa on the Cliffs will not be completed in time for occupancy next season, and on their return from Europe they will rent a house.

Mrs. Mary N. Neilson has leased her cottage on Cottage street to Mrs. M. I. Sorzana, of New York.

Newporters, as well as the cottagers who summer at Newport, will regret to learn that the estate of the late George Bancroft is to be sold, just as soon as a customer is found for it.

The Bancroft house has long been identified with Newport as a fashionable summer resort, but when it passes into other hands the people in pointing it out to strangers will not be apt to forget that it was the summer home of the historian for a decade.

No one will be apt to care for the varied assortment of roses as Mr. Bancroft did, and the promoters on the Cliffs will miss a very charming sight and one which cannot be duplicated.

The name of Bancroft added just to Newport at all seasons of the year.

The closing of the ante-Lenten season in Back Bay (Boston) society was the ball given in Perria Hall last Tuesday evening.

The matrons were Mrs. Francis Page Adams, of Beacon street; Mrs. Frank Lewis Allen, of Commonwealth avenue; Mrs. Edward Standish Robinson, of Brookline; and Mrs. George Napier Towle, of Brookline. The managers were Messrs. George Parker James, Jr., and Mr. Charles Emerson Cook.

The assemblage was representative of the best society of the city and its fashionable suburbs.

The latest of the series of Country Club dinner dances at Boston took place last Monday evening at the club house, Clyde Park. About one hundred couples participated, including Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Forbes, Mr. R. A. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, Mr. E. A. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Conyers, Mr. G. T. Dexter and party, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Howe, Mr. J. L. Thornadyko, Mr. Robert Bacon and Mr. George L. Von Meyer.

The second performance in the series of three which are given in the Madison Square Garden Theatre for the Ladies' Auxiliary Board of the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital will take place next Thursday afternoon.

The entertainment will open with "Jean Marie," a play in one act from the French of Andre Theuret, translated by Miss Alice Lawrence.

The following ladies are among those who act as patronesses for these performances:—Mrs. George H. Bend, Mrs. Samuel Barger, Mrs. Portyde C. Barker, Mrs. Henry L. Burnett, Maud de Barros, Mrs. Samuel Borrowe, Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mrs. J. Townsend Burden, Mrs. F. L. Condest, Mrs. R. L. Cutting, Mrs. William Viall Chapin, Mrs. Morgan Dix, Mrs. Charles A. Doremus, Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew, Mrs. George D. De Forest, Mrs. Frederic De Peyster, Mrs. H. Ogden Doremus, Mrs. John M. Fineman, Mrs. Hamilton A. Fairfax, Miss Furness, Mrs. James W. Garard, Mrs. John Lygon Gardiner, Mrs. Anson W. Harb, Mrs. Robert Hoag, Jr., Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. Adrian Isell, Mrs. John Jay, Mrs. J. Frederic Kerochian, Mrs. Charles Janier, Mrs. J. A. Lowrey, Mrs. A. L. Loomis, Mrs. E. Livingston Ludlow, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mrs. A. Newbold Morris, Mrs. John W. Minton, Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley, Mrs. H. L. Roosevelt, Mrs. George L. Rives, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. Philip J. Sands, Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Samuel Sloan, Mrs. Lewis A. Sayre, Mrs. Paul Gilbert Thebaud, Mrs. William H. Taft, Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, Mrs. William Seward Webb, Mrs. William C. Whitney and Mrs. John C. Westervelt.

Not content with the honors already won with the graceful folla and the tennis bat the fair sex, it seems, intend to still further invade the field of masculine prerogative and have taken up the many (I) act of self-defence against their latest foe. If this continues we may shortly be able to report an encounter on the stage of the Berkeley Lyceum or some other such place.

There is one young lady living not far from the Lenox Library who is said to be remarkably proficient, and who rather surprised her friends by the manner in which she knocked out her antagonist, who lives not far from Thirty-seventh street.

Of course they wore gloves, and though the blood was spilled, yet the points they exhibited were well worth seeing—at least the men said so.

ARMY CORPS DINNER.

The Eleventh Army Corps Association, Army of the Potomac, will have their annual dinner at Delmonico's on the 23d inst, at eight P. M.

General O. O. Howard will preside, and Carl Slurz will deliver the oration of the evening, while General Daniel Butterfield, former Chief of Staff of the Army of the Potomac; General Daniel Sickles, Franz Sigel, Julius Stahel, Di Cesnola, Orlend Smith and many other distinguished Union soldiers are promised to attend. Colonel Angus G. Bangs, the historian of the corps, will review the interesting history of the corps in the field.

THE MAENNERCHOR BALL.

Great preparations are being made for the New York Maennerchor Masquerade Ball, which will take place at the Lexington Avenue Opera House on Tuesday evening, February 17, 1891.

The tableaux will be formed of two scenes from "Faust" and there is also engaged a ball composed of eight premiers from the Metropolitan Opera House.

The evolutions of the committee, composed of twelve elected members, will form one of the features of the evening.

CLUB GOSSIP.

The annual dinner of the Harvard Club—the twenty-fifth of its kind by the way—will be given at Delmonico's next Friday evening. The committee in charge of the dinner are George Blagden, Charles C. Beaman, Louis C. Clark, Lawrence E. Sexton, Edmund Wetmore, Nathaniel S. Smith, Henry S. Van Duser and Herman Levy Edger.

Women's clubs are common enough in New York City, but a new one is being started in the Madison Club, which was recently organized by a dozen young ladies of the literary set. Twice a month the members of the club attend some theatrical main, selected by a vote, and the following week meet at the house of one of the members and devote the afternoon to a discussion of the performance which they saw the week before. The club, appointed by a vote of her fellow amateur presents an elaborate and interesting entertainment, and she falls upon the play and the general criticism read by their associates. The club has been in existence for several months and has met with decided success. It has several theatrical managers who have heard of it have extended to this organized body of critics the courtesies usually extended to critics.

The Harlem Republic Club will shortly take possession of its new house at Nos. 145 and 147 West 125th street. The new building is a fine one, and the club, when they take it, will raise the initial fee to \$25.

Chamney M. Depew, already a member of a dozen or more clubs, has just become a member of the New York Press Club. At the last meeting of that club Mr. Depew's popularity with the newspaper men was evidenced by a unanimous election as honorary member.

The year-endment will be announced by the members of the list of speakers at the Southern Society's annual dinner at the Madison Square Garden next Wednesday evening. A Mr. Gordon, of Virginia, who is said by those who have heard him to be an expert, has been granted an honorary membership, and another will be named by the speaker, and another will be named by the speaker, and another will be named by the speaker.

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