

The Social Side of Life

I DO WISH I could get a good maid. I have been without one now for several weeks and it seems almost impossible to get a girl to work in a home!" How many times during the day do we not hear that same complaint. Women in all stations of life voice the same cry—the cry of weary woman compelled by lack of help to do her own work. What is the reason for the scarcity of domestics?

Part of the blame for the lack of girls lies undoubtedly with the housekeeper but the greater part is due to the social conditions which exist at present. A century or so ago girls of poorer families had no higher ambition than to serve in the homes of those who were able to pay them well. Then came the feeling of perfect equality which existed principally in the smaller towns and especially in the western states. The maid was placed on the same social plane with the family which employed her. She was permitted to eat at the same table and to receive her friends in the living room. Then as the towns grew larger, the families wealthier and the sons and daughters accustomed to the social life of the east, a more rigid caste line was drawn and the domestic was treated as she had been before the days of democracy.

The inevitable result was that girls who accepted positions as maids lost to a certain extent caste among their friends. The girls who worked in shops and factories looked down with a patronizing air upon the serving maid, and of course, no girl likes to be looked down upon, especially by those who are not any better off.

If she went to a dance she was snubbed—called slurringly "a kitchen mechanic" and the men did not pay her the attention which they did her perhaps less attractive sister of the factories. This went far toward throwing an odium upon the domestic service and made it harder for the housewife to secure assistance.

Today, however, a new order of things is arising. The girl is beginning to realize that service in a home is neither dishonorable nor disagreeable. She is beginning to realize that the maid in a good home is better paid than the girl in the factory and that her work is more congenial and pleasant. She is beginning to realize that by working in a home she does not lose caste and moreover is not subjected to the same temptations and possibilities of insult that the girl working in a public place is.

And the housewife instead of treating the maid as if she were a piece of machinery necessary to her comfort is beginning to take the human element into consideration and doing all in her power to make the girl's lot a happy one.

Cooperation is required. Both the housewife and the maid must realize that, and until they do the servant problem will exist. The employer must realize that the girl is made of the same clay that her own daughters are, and give her an opportunity to enjoy wholesome pleasures, while the maid must give satisfaction and do her work in an intelligent manner. And when both understand the necessity for this cooperation we will hear no more of this plaint of lack of maids.

Miss Marie Merrill's debut at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Merrill, yesterday afternoon, was the leading formal social affair of the season.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and Miss Merrill were Mrs. E. T. Buxton of St. Paul and Miss Catherine Hill, daughter of Dr. David Jarne Hill, former ambassador to Germany. Miss Hill, who accompanied Miss Merrill from Paris for this occasion, was also presented to the guests.

Distinctively Parisian in its combination of pink and blue blossoms, with a wealth of greenery, and perfect in every detail was the setting for the reception. Masses of palms in the window niches were relieved with festoons of delicate smilax and large vases of American Beauties and wall bouquets of Killarney roses tied with blue ribbons in the drawing room. To add to the bower-like effect there was a screen of smilax tendrils gemmed with the smaller pink and blue flowers. One window held a mound of white lilacs and small bouquets of forget-me-nots carried out the note of blue.

The library was also festooned with smilax, but here palms and white peonies gave a more massive effect. Yellow roses and smilax streamers graced the hallway, while in the dining room pink sweet peas and forget-me-nots made a daintily artistic table centerpiece.

Miss Merrill's gown, a Paris model of pink and turquoise chiffon, was doubly effective in the harmonizing setting. Assisting Mrs. Merrill were: Mrs. J. B. Weston, Mrs. A. L. Ordean, Mrs. W. W. Walker, Mrs. A. W. Hartman and Mrs. A. M. Marshall and the Misses Carolyn Marshall, Carolyn Munger, Muriel Prindle, Edith Weston and Mary Weston.

A dinner dance for Miss Merrill, Miss Hill and the young women who assisted was given last evening at the Northland Country club, covers being laid for 24. La Brosse's orchestra furnished the music for both occasions and Ramaley of St. Paul attended to the catering.

Mrs. A. W. Hartman will entertain for Miss Merrill and Miss Hill this evening and several other affairs have been planned for the next few weeks, including a visit to Mrs. Buxton at Deerwood, and several functions at the home of Mrs. Severance of St. Paul.

Miss Merrill, Miss Penelope King, Miss Elizabeth Clark Ring of Saginaw, and Miss Hill will leave in a few weeks for the Pacific coast, where Mrs. Dwight Merrill of Seattle will give a series of affairs in their honor. In October they will visit Miss Penelope King, daughter of Basil King, the author, at Dublin, N. H., and Miss Merrill will be presented with Miss King at Cambridge.

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Mrs. M. S. Hirschfeld, 830 East Fourth street, will entertain the St. Louis County Medical association auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Court Eastern Star will hold another card party Tuesday evening at Foresters' hall. Pedro will be the game played.

D. E. Woodbridge, 1735 Wallace avenue, sailed yesterday from New York for Havana, on his way to Central America where he will spend a few weeks.

COMING WEEK IN SOCIETY

MONDAY—
Alice Sjosellus gives farewell concert at the Swedish Baptist church, Twenty-second avenue West and Third street, assisted by Faith Helen Rogers.

St. Jean Baptiste commencement exercises at their auditorium, Twenty-fourth avenue West and Third street, at 8 p. m.

TUESDAY—
St. Louis County Medical association auxiliary meets at 2:30 with Mrs. M. S. Hirschfeld.

Cathedral Girls high school commencement at Cathedral hall at 8 p. m.

Miss Lydia Johnson will give pupils' piano recital at Bethany Lutheran church at 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—
Mayor Konkol of Superior addresses Woman Suffrage society at 8 p. m. at Council chamber.

Women's Foreign Missionary society of First Methodist church entertains societies of other Methodist churches in the afternoon at church parlors.

St. Clement school holds graduating exercises at 8 p. m.

THURSDAY—
W. C. T. U. of West Duluth hold department day meeting at 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY—
Sigurd Erdman benefit concert at First Methodist church.

SATURDAY—
Boat club dances.

Most of the teachers of the Duluth Central high school will spend their summer vacation out of town, visiting friends in other cities and returning for a short time to their homes in the states of the middle west.

Several of the instructors will remain in the city for the greater part of the summer. Following are the names of some of the teachers and the places chosen for their summer vacations: Miss Ethel Rockwood, Minneapolis; Miss Florence Alken, Duluth; Miss Carrie Castle, St. Cloud; Robert Brackett, Sheridan, Mich.; Miss Sophie St. Claire, Duluth; Miss Alice Scheidecker, Superior, Wis.; Miss Agnes Wells, Upper Jay, Essex county, New York; Miss Florence Gannitz, Minneapolis; Miss Mary Goodhue, Northfield, Minn.; G. A. Wyley, Schroeder, Cook county, Illinois; Miss Augusta Ziegler, George, Iowa; Miss Ella Shields, Wooster, Ohio; F. B. Carey, Duluth; Miss Cecil Palmer, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Orville Hickam, Freedom, Ind.; James F. Taylor, Bloomington, Ind.; Miss Edith Maichel, Alva, Okla.; De Witt Sprague, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Wilhelmina Case, Prairie du Chien, Wis.; Miss Merce Conlan, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Rita H. Kendall, St. Paul, Minn.; S. L. Potts, Duluth; S. Donat, Duluth; Dwight Hilestand, Duluth; Miss Maud Malken will go abroad with the Schilling party and will be at home late in the summer at Oak Park, Ill.

Mrs. G. C. Steele of Pittsburgh is in the city to make her home for the summer at 1412 East Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Anneke, 1801 East Second street, have returned from a stay of some weeks at Los Angeles, Cal. Victor Anneke is at home for a few weeks, having completed his course at Culver.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Silver guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church was held on Monday evening at the home of Miss Edna C. Harris, 4107 East Superior street, who, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Longren, president of the guild, was hostess for the occasion. A daintily appointed luncheon was served, the table decorations being appropriately carried out in "silver" designs, each place card bearing a silver cross and quotation from Drummond. Plans were discussed for the future work of the guild and musical selections by Miss Harris brought to a close the last meeting of the season.

Miss Alice Sjosellus returned yesterday morning from a trip through the west. She will leave here June 25 in time to sail for Switzerland in two weeks for study abroad.

Mrs. Edward Ostergren and two children of Bonita, Mont., arrived yesterday morning to be the house guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Ostergren, 5726 Oneida street.

Mrs. Alex Stewart, 215 West Fifth street, entertained at a birthday party for her husband Tuesday evening. Cards and music occupied the evening, prizes going to Miss Maggie Carpenter, Mrs. T. E. Marks, Alex Stewart and Edward Carpenter. Mr. Stewart was presented with several birthday gifts by the guests, who were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Olund, Mr. and Mrs. John Carbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. William McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. William Redey, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Janitz of Superior, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Marks, Mrs. V. Charrier, Mrs. Mamie Cadwell, Miss Rose Summers, Miss Margaret Holland, Miss Maggie Carpenter, Miss Julia Donahue, Miss Maggie Doyle, Miss Jennie Gallagher of Superior, Napoleon Charrier, William Charrier, Edward Carpenter and Tom Jewell.

Miss Lyla Noiseau, 1432 East Third street, will leave this week for her home in Calumet, Mich.

The board of directors of the Children's home passed resolutions of thanks to the following for donations, at their regular meeting Friday morning: Mrs. R. N. Marble, George Munsey, Mrs. Ferris, Simon Clark, Mrs. Callan, W. H. Bendix, East End Grocery, Mrs. M. L. Fay, John Sebenius, G. G. Hartley, Mrs. Gother, Mrs. Ward Ames Jr., Commercial club, Zenith Broom factory, Miss Z. Guck, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. G. G. Oliver, Mrs. Leighton, Mrs. J. A. Stevenson, Mrs. T. D. Merrill and L. S. Loeb.

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Mrs. James A. Bennison and three children, 707 Ninth avenue East, will leave tomorrow for a visit in Marquette and Michigamme, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crowley, 2605 West Third street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Mary, to Allen Patrick Murphy of this city. The wedding will take place the latter part of the month.

Miss Edith Coventry, 1520 East Second street, left Friday to spend the week-end with Miss Gladys Moore at Solon Springs.

Miss Eva Adams, 2314 West Second street, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Teresa Fitzpatrick, Miss Rita Paul and Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, who have been attending the Villa Scholastica, returned on Friday to their homes at Fort Frances, Ontario.

Mrs. Joseph Brown, 410 West Fourth street, entertained informally Friday afternoon for Mrs. A. C. Hawkins, who left last night to spend the summer in Toronto. Covers were laid for 12.

The second annual convention of tramps will be held on the fourth of July at Manchester, N. H., according to Ben Ridder, the "millionaire tramp" who is making arrangements for the housing of 15,000 "knights of the road." He will bear half the expense of the convention, he says, and also assures "squeamish people" that the tramps will behave themselves as well as other "gentlemen." Coxey of Coxeyite fame will arrive about the first of July to take charge of the convention, which will be modeled after the first one, held in Milwaukee two years ago.

Rev. Clement G. Clark, formerly pastor of the First Congregational church in Minneapolis and known there as the university students' preacher, will occupy the pulpit of the Pilgrim Congregational church both morning and evening today.

Mrs. W. P. Waste, 1029 West Second street, entertained at a surprise banquet in honor of her husband last evening. Fifteen guests were present. Professor Wiggins rendered

several delightful piano selections and M. Benka appeared in an amusing eccentric dance. Five hundred was played.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bardsley, 2115 West Second street, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Myrtle Bell, to W. H. Dryden of Denver, Col. The wedding will take place soon.

A regular meeting of the Duluth Union of Elementary Sunday School workers will be held Tuesday evening at St. Paul's church, corner of Lake avenue and Second street. A program will be given, and all Sunday school workers are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gustafson, 3817 West Third street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Victoria, to Edmund E. Robinson. The wedding will take place on July 2.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church, will entertain the Foreign Missionary societies of the other Methodist churches of the city on Wednesday afternoon in the church parlors. E. Williams, who has recently returned from Africa, will tell of his work there, and Mrs. C. E. Parsons, the district secretary, will report on the executive meeting held in Minneapolis.

Miss Ida Stein was given a surprise party Sunday evening at her home by a number of young people. Among them were: Miss Eva Stein, Miss Rachel Goldstein, Helen Goldstein, Miss Louise Polinsky, Miss Eva Andovsky, Miss Mary Siden, Miss Pearl Cohen, Miss Gertrude Cohen, Miss Sophie Shapiro, Miss Rose Kapustin, Miss Lena Ostrov, Miss Kate Barriah, Miss Edith Shapiro, Hiram Stein, Mike Stein, Joe Letman, Morris Letman, Ben Lit-

man, Nathan Love, Mandy Levine, Isadore Shapiro, Solomon Urowsky, Frank Webber.

Miss Helen Putnam and R. La Rock won first and second approval on free-hand drawing and black and white studies at the recent exhibit at the Washington school. Miss Putnam also contributed some excellent cooking to the culinary exhibit.

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Girls in middle blouses, bloomers and bare feet attacking a ploughed field and planting corn there is the unexpected sight that greets the visitor at the Girls' House of Refuge at Raritan, Penn., conducted by Mrs. Martha P. Falconer. These girls come from the city's seedy districts, cramped tenements and crowded courts, where the sordid monotony of poverty creates an abnormal craving for excitement. They have become healthy, normal girls who chat and sing at their work, and are more concerned at a session of wet weather that prevents them from putting in their onions or cabbages than at a change in fashions.

The costumes are of the girls' own choosing for comfort and convenience in their farm work, which they enjoy more than any of their classes or nurseries.

Miss Margaret Landmann, a Cornell graduate, is their teacher. She works harder than they do and has under her a staff of college graduates who help train the girls in a practical knowledge of farming.

Miss Pearl Sundby entertained at a bundle shower Tuesday evening at her home in compliment to Miss Helen Koneczny. Favors in the games were won by Miss Lulu Eng and Miss Mary Polski. Pink and white carnations, hearts and caps were used to decorate the room. Miss Sundby's guests were Mr. Matt Koneczny, Mrs. Brunt, Mr. Charles Carlson, Mrs. Harry Kddy, Mrs. G. Wetterhahn, Mrs. N. Sundby, Miss Mary Polski, Miss Lydia Van Drashek, Miss Lulu Eng, Miss Hulda Sutherblom, Miss Esther Carlson, Miss Sigrid Johnson, Miss Ida Reilly, Miss Hermina Krebs, Miss Florence Tamlyn, Mrs. Alice Nolan, Miss Mae Monaghan, Miss Helen Koneczny, Miss Lena Krebs, Miss Cecil Thomas, Miss Leila Vavrishek, Miss Ellyn Anderson, Miss Libby Carrier, Miss Loretta Reilly.

Miss Ella Gabrielson and Miss Ida Gabrielson, 2920 West Huron street, entertained the graduates of the Bryant school Monday evening at their home. Prizes in the games were won by Miss Margaret Jeffery, Ernest Sundholm and William Johnson. The guests were: Miss Myrtle Matheson, Miss Ensil Johnson, Miss Ida Gabrielson, Miss Julia Gabrielson, Miss Margaret Jeffery, Miss Emilie Hearn, Miss Inez Haugsrud, Mrs. Mabel Frestedt, Ernest Sundholm, William Johnson, Milton Anderson, Alvin Wellberg, Albert Peterson, Elmer Hammer, Emanuel Westberg.

Miss Gretchen Cormany, formerly of Duluth, will arrive this morning for a few days' stay with Mrs. W. C. Sherwood at Hunters Park. Miss Cormany has been studying art in Chicago, and is on her way to her home in Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Loufbourrow of Duluth spent a few days in Duluth en route to Chicago, Cincinnati and other points in the central states. They will return by way of Iron River, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, 312 South Nineteenth avenue East, have returned from Kenmore, N. D., where they have spent the last two months.

Mrs. S. F. McLeod and son leave tonight to join Mr. McLeod in Saskatchewan valley.

Mrs. Carroll F. Graff, 1801 East First street, entertained at bridge Mr. and Mrs. Wells Gilbert Friday evening at her home. Mrs. Gilbert will be in the city for a month or more as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Page Morris.

Mrs. William Prindle and daughter

Muriel of Twenty-second avenue East arrived Thursday from an extensive European tour.

Duluth Heights was the scene of a pretty home wedding Tuesday evening, when Miss Victoria Sewrey became the bride of William John Mahan, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sewrey, 108 Lemon street. The Rev. A. H. Mutschler of the Highland Presbyterian church officiated.

The marriage ceremony was performed beneath a beautiful floral design of apple blossoms and wedding bells. The rooms were prettily decorated with apple blossoms and roses. Miss Grace Holmes sang "Oh, Promise Me." The bridal party entered at 8 o'clock, as Miss Berenice Sewrey played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

Miss Minnie Gottschald was the bridesmaid, and the groom was attended by his brother, George Milton Mahan.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white chiffon over silk, trimmed with silver lace and fringe. Her veil was of silk with a wreath of lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Gottschald was daintily attired in blue embroidered voile over silk and carried roses. The bride was given in marriage by her father, E. W. Sewrey. After the ceremony the bridal party was pleasantly surprised by a torchlight serenading group of their young friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahan will be at home at 14 West Lemon street after June 17.

The first step in a war against tipping has been taken by California travelling men affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers. They declare they will not hereafter patronize any hotel, barber shop, cafe or any other place where tipping is not prohibited.