

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

WEDDINGS IN PLENTY IN COUNTRY TOWNS.

"Mary's" Interesting Letter to Janet—"Lynn's" Excellent Monoton Society Notes—Celestial Gossip is Ripe and Woodstock and St. Stephen Notes Also.

MY DEAR JANET: Faithful you see to my promise! I am ready once more to give the weekly dole of news, or at any rate of talk. News is not such a very plentiful thing that one can always provide much of that.

There's a ship in the harbor; that's something. H. M. S. Bullfrog. I think her majesty might have done better in the way of names. I haven't a political mind, but I did think there were enough croakers in the British Navy without perpetuating their unhappy views in such a fashion as this; and then what a melancholy mistake the authorities made in sending such a vessel to St. John, as if we hadn't enough croakers here already.

Tennis gets along cheerfully enough, although there's no particular excitement just now. Of course the weather has been so lovely the people couldn't stay away from the ground. On Wednesday some of the officers of the Bullfrog visited the tennis grounds, and appeared to appreciate the charms of St. John. A prominent member of society organized a picnic for Thursday, so that the naval gentlemen might have an opportunity of seeing something of the beauties of the country. No doubt the picnic was a great success.

A very successful conversation was held on Thursday night, at the Church of England Institute. One or two solos and two choruses were nicely sung by some ladies and gentlemen. Needless to say, that in addition to the music and tea, the entertainment was enlivened by quite a considerable amount of conversation.

At last we are having some pretty regular music on King square. The City Cornet band is giving us quite a treat in that way. They are sending round notices saying that they are in need of new instruments, and that as they are self-supporting, they look for special subscriptions from the public.

Two things struck me the other evening when I was at the square listening for rather than to the music. The first is that some of the people should do a good proportion of their talking before they go to the band, and secondly, that in view of the eminently conversational tendency of the public, there ought to be a sounding board built over the band stand.

I think our summer is too short to spend much time writing letters, so don't expect to hear from me again for some time. Before I close though, I must tell you how to make a pretty garden hat. They are generally made of soft silk or lace on a stiff foundation that can be bent and twisted into a becoming shape. They are, of course, broad-brimmed, with a high conical crown, on which the silk or lace is loosely gathered, with two folds of the silk also gathered round the edge, while two bouquets of unequal size are laid, one (the larger) on the brim, while the other is caught up high on the other side of the crown. These bouquets at present are chiefly roses or lilac (white lilac is the fashionable flower just now) which look as if they were freshly cut, with a long stem carelessly knotted up to the hat. You could have a hat something like this to match any dress.

Apologies of hats: I saw a lace one the other day, trimmed with ribbon of a most lovely shade—lilac, it is called—the exact tone of the young green of the lime-tree when the sun shines through it. I had heard of it before, but never seen it, and no longer wonder at its popularity. Greens of all tints seem favorites. Absinthe, a very dark, purplish green, something the color of unripe ivy berries; mousse, used for sage-green, rather darker than the ordinary sage; and last, but not least, an appalling tint called, for some inscrutable reason, "Water-green," but which is neither more nor less than our old friend gas-green, more bent on setting one's teeth on edge than ever.

There is another new color, lobelia, a shade that is neither terra-cotta nor vieux rose, but something between the two. It is lovely. Fancy your getting so far ahead of us in Woodentown as to have tricycling for ladies. One or two have tried it here, but it does not seem likely to become what, it is said, doctors would like to see it, namely, a popular form of exercise for ladies; perhaps it is because the roads are so rough. I have often heard our bicyclists complain of them.

If you really want to learn to cook thoroughly and well, do get Ten Dollars Enough, by Catherine Owen, and study it. It is the most interesting and complete cookery book I ever saw or heard of. I know you will enjoy trying some of her lovely little dishes.

Yours, MARY.

GIRLS ON A VACATION.

A number of St. John girls have concluded that they are—as they express it—growing "rusty," and think that some weeks spent among the latest creme de la creme might prove an excellent opportunity to remove the objection and at the same time afford them a most delightful change of air

and scenery. With this end in view they met the other evening to decide on the most advantageous field for their scheme. After considerable time had been spent in discussing the different watering places, etc., they at last selected one of the most fashionable and recherche of summer resorts, then proceeded to make all necessary arrangements.

Of course it will cost a trifle more than would the same time spent at the Bay shore, and "Grundy" will doubtless hold up her plump hands in dismay at the terrible extravagance, but these would-be-brilliant young ladies hope and expect to return with their bank accounts increased rather than diminished.

One has already, through the kind interest of some influential American friends, made satisfactory arrangements with the manager of the Grand hotel to design, paint and decorate the pretty menu and programme cards.

Another got her idea from a popular magazine. This one has a young brother who glories in a printing machine, and agrees, for a small stipend, to print a number of cards for his enterprising sister. By a little judicious management these cards will be distributed among the different rooms, telling the guests how they may have their lace and hosiery darned, linen and clothing mended, at reasonable prices. Small bags for receiving the articles requiring mending will also be distributed, and each morning these will be brought to room No. —, where they will be neatly repaired. The hotel linen likewise may receive her attention, and if she is anything like as successful as her magazine heroine, she will not only be able to pay her board and enjoy a gay summer, but will also accumulate sufficient pin money to tide her over the Christmas-present siege. There are five others comprising this "Anti-Rust Polishing company," but it would be unfair to divulge all their plans, which, I'm sure, I hope may be successfully carried out.

Gossip.

IN HYMEN'S BONDS.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 6.—One of the prettiest weddings that I have attended for a long time took place here, at 8 o'clock last evening. The scene was the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the contracting parties were Mr. Gilmor Brown, C. E., of Fredericton, and Miss Frances Marion Scovil, of this city. The marriage took place from the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Scovil, and after the supper a most enjoyable "At Home" was given there. The wedding gifts were many and desirable.

Among the guests, I observed Mr. William Scovil, of Fredericton, and Mr. Miller, of the North Shore, who acted as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have left for Saratoga. On their return, they will spend a few days in this city and then go to the land of maples, to begin their married life in Fredericton.

ZENO.

CELESTIAL GOSSIP.

FREDERICTON, June 7.—Mrs. and Miss Temple have returned from New York. Mrs. Tabor, from Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Fisher, on church street.

Mrs. Marsh and her children are here from Ireland, visiting her mother, Mrs. Beverly Robinson, at Robinson's Point, on the other side of the river.

Miss Julia Mauger has returned home from her visit in England. Her friends are very pleased to welcome her home again, and see her looking so well and happy.

Mr. Henry B. Ketchum leaves for England next Monday.

Miss Louise and Miss Jeannie McLaughlin, from St. John, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Capt. Akarley, on King street.

Mrs. Tucker is here from Boston, spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Randolph, Waterloo row.

Miss Coster, from St. John, is visiting her niece, Mrs. John Black, on Brunswick street.

Mr. Harry Beckwith has bought a building lot on Sunbury street, from Mr. Marshal Richie, and is making preparations for building a handsome residence thereon.

Mr. Wesley Yanwart has bought a very nice building and lot on Landsdowne street where he intends having erected a handsome residence, and it is rumored he also intends taking a fair young wife into it when it is finished.

Tuesday was reception day at Government House, and as it was a delightful afternoon west end presented quite a lively appearance for a few hours.

Mr. Gilmor Brown and his bride are expected to arrive in Fredericton about the 10th of June. They will board with Mrs. Nellie Allen, on the corner of Sunbury and Waterloo Row. Mr. Miller from the North Shore accompanied Mr. Brown as his best man on this happy occasion.

Mr. Wm. Scovil has gone to New York to be present at the marriage of his sister, after which he will return to Fredericton.

Mrs. Alfred Street, Judge and Mrs. Steadman and a number of other ladies and gentlemen were presented to the members of the company. Those who were present were unanimous in expressing the opinion that such singers as the Cecilia quartette should have had a much better reception than they received in Fredericton.

Miss Coster, Saturday morning, while gathering violets to send to St. John to decorate one of the churches on Sunday, lost her watch in the college field, and was unable to find it; but Dr. Hyde fortunately found it for her in the afternoon, and returned it to its grateful owner.

Herr Bober, the German teacher, has rented Mr. Samuel Owen's furnished cottage on St. John street, where he will take up housekeeping.

There was a dinner party at the residence of Hon. A. F. Randolph, Frogmoor, Saturday evening.

The apron sale and strawberry festival held in the Church hall, last week, was well attended and considered a financial success.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edgecomb deeply sympathize with them in the death of their little girl.

The friends of Master Henry Chestnut will be pleased to hear he is slowly recovering from his severe illness.

Dr. Coburn has left town for a day's fishing. STELLA.

MONOTON SOCIETY.

MONOTON, June 6.—There is plenty of news this week, PROGRESS, and just the kind you like best. What shall I tell you first?

I think a description of a wedding I was at this morning will be appreciated by your readers. The scene of the happy event was the Methodist church, which was beautifully decorated with ferns and hot-house plants, the handsome collections from Mrs. Elliot's and Mrs. Alfred Chapman's conservatories being particularly admired. The interested parties were Miss Sangster, only daughter of Mr. G. R. Sangster, and Mr. Brown, of Petitediac. The bride looked charming. She wore a lovely dress of white moire and cashmere. The petticoat was moire, made in double box pleats; the bodice was of the same costly material, and the court train of cashmere. At the left side was a scarf of both materials with the ends drawn, with handsome tassels, and caught with bunches of orange flowers. A long veil of tulle, fastened with a spray of the same; long undressed kid gloves and an immense bunch of orange blooms, completed one of the prettiest bridal costumes I have ever seen. The bridesmaid, Miss Brown, sister of the groom, wore cream lace and satin and looked very sweet; while Dr. Murray, as best man, was an especial object of interest. I noticed some pretty dresses among the guests. Mrs. Sangster, mother of the bride, wore black silk, white lace shawl, black lace bonnet with white trimmings. Mrs. Dernier, golden brown plush and moire, pale yellow lace bonnet with feathers same shade. Mrs. Arthur Busby, black satin, jet trimmings, jet bonnet, with white moire ribbons. Miss Hennigar, jetted dress, wrap and bonnet, with heliotrope trimmings.

Directly the ceremony was over, the happy couple and guests drove to Mr. Sangster's handsome residence, where a sumptuous lunch awaited them.

The bride received a number of elegant presents. Her father's gift, I understand, was the lovely little cottage he purchased last week from Mr. Hillson. Mr. Pottinger's present was a pretty fruit service, pale blue, set in silver; Mr. and Mrs. Busby, a vase, set in silver; Mrs. Dernier, a handsome cake basket; Mrs. Palmer, a fruit service; Dr. Murray, an elegant pot-pourri. There seemed to be innumerable gifts of statuary, china, silver and paintings, but I did not learn the names of the donors.

The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Fredericton, and from there will take a tour through Maine.

The flowers which the bride wore were grown on an orange grove which she owns in Florida—Miss Sangster being that most delightful of all things, an heiress.

I will have two more weddings to tell you about soon. One future bride is a great favorite in town. She is the granddaughter of one of our county judges, and the intended groom is a bythe, winsome laddie in the I. C. R. offices. The names of the others must remain state secrets till the knot is actually tied.

While we are on the wedding theme, I want to give the doctor (whose services, as best man, have been twice called into requisition this week, I believe) a solemn warning. Remember, "Thrice a groomsmen, never a groom." So hurry, doctor, we won't think it any trouble to put all that bunting out again for you.

Miss Hanington has been in town this week.

You want to know about the fishing party? Well, I'll tell you; the fishermen were Rev. Mr. Wenfield, Dr. Baxter, Walter Gordon Baxter and a friend, Messrs. Harris, Nevins, Willet, and Busby. The party left town at 4 a. m. and drove to Cocagne, where they fished a little, ate a good deal and told stories. There are always stories told by a fishing party—whether it is on the camping ground, or after they get home. Half the party returned about 21 o'clock, and the rest stayed to hear a delightful lecture that Mr. Wenfield delivered in Shediac, that evening.

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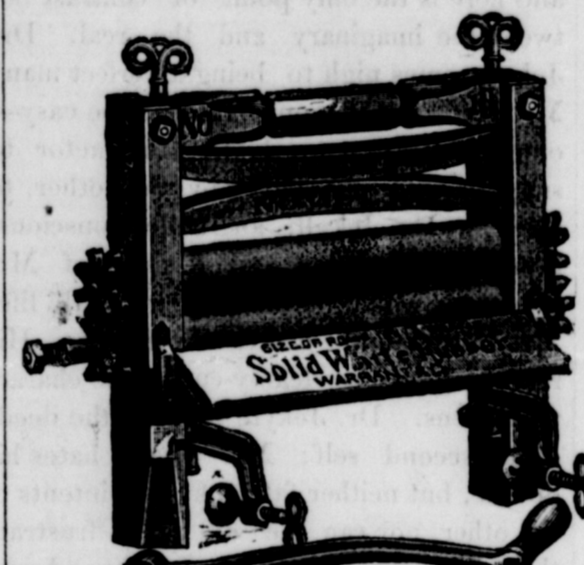
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