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St. John—South End.

On Tuesday evening, the Misses Parks entertained a number of their young friends at their father's residence, Mount Pleasant, at what his called a "canby pull." The guests were received in the drawing room, but soon after their arrival they were asked to retire to the kitchen, where all was in readiness for this informal frolic. Perhaps the novelty of this entertainment added much to the enjoyment. After a quantity of sweets were completed the party returned to the drawingrooms, where dancing was kept up until late hour. A light supper being served before breaking up. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Sayre, Mrs. E. J. Symonds, Miss Y. room, Miss King, the Misses McMillan, Miss Troop, Miss Marion Jack, Miss Warner, Miss Gertrude Dever, Mr. Peter Clench, Mr. C. J. Coster, Mr. R. Gilbert, Mr. Hansard, Mr. J. McMillan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. F. H. J. Kael, Mr. R. Hazen, Mr. Graham and others.

Mrs. Miller, widow of the late Mr. J. Miller, spent last week in St. John, the guest of Mrs. Gardiner Taylor, Queen street. She returned to Truro on Tuesday, where she will reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blair.

Mr. Owen Campbell, of the Bank of Montreal, has been laid up for the last fortnight at his home at Moncton, Mr. R. S. Dustin, of Halifax arrived on Saturday last, to fill his position in St. John office.

Mrs. George Whitney is still very seriously ill, but at present her friends are very anxious about her.

Mr. Moore, Bank of Montreal, Halifax, spent his holidays in St. John this week.

Next week promises to be very gay in St. John. On Thursday evening the first of the series of assemblies takes place, to which the young people are being invited to the Pugsley building.

It is considered one of the finest in the city for such a purpose, and being so fresh and new, makes the room to be used for the ball in the Pugsley building.

On Friday evening the members of the Union club intend giving a concert at their club house, Germain street, to a large number of friends. All who have not visited the interior of this handsome building should avail themselves of the opportunity.

Master Rais Peters, son of Mr. Hurd Peters, who has been seriously ill with an ulcerated throat for the last few weeks, is slowly recovering.

Col. and Mrs. Mansell, of Fredericton spent Sunday in St. John, and after visiting Sackville, returned to the city on Thursday.

Miss Rose Jack, of Fredericton, spent a few days in St. John this week.

Miss Lucy Macdonald, of Halifax, is visiting friends in St. John.

A peep with fairy land was enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be in the Opera house on Monday evening, during the presentation of the floral cantata. Spring, in her soft green robes stole into the merry strains of "The Goblink Dance."

In her wake, yellow crocus blossoms unfurled their dainty petals, and were followed by the bright faces of many wild flowers. Dandelions, "the little children's dower," flattered their gay and sweet up-glancing daisies, whose fair little human faces were bright and innocent as the blossoms they personated.

Wild poppies, corn flowers, buttercups, and clover joined the gay throng, and presently came a wreath of fresh rose-buds whose drooping petals, deep green calyxes, and delicate stems made the very fairest part of "outward show."

White lilies half hid their hearts of gold in cool green nests, while snowy asters stood bravely out, and strong purple set off by the crimson splendours of gorgeous carnations.

Sunflowers, standing in pretty brown sheathes, held up bright little faces which beamed quaintly from halos of golden petals. Tulips flaunted their brilliant tints from soft green coats. A pansy "like a prisoned butterfly," brought its contribution of pretty thought; and blue violets hid their own sweet way in even that goodly company.

Hyacinths cropped up in prim beauty, to be succeeded by one lone (but not forlorn) bachelor's button in gallant array, saluting the "flowery bowery brood" of his fair sisters.

It is but fair to say that the very beautiful and natural appearance of the garden flowers is due to the fine taste of Mrs. E. J. Symonds, Miss Shepton, Mrs. Godsoe and Mrs. Stewart, assisted by the training and strong R. C. Skinner was the "power behind the throne" by virtue of which the little people were enabled to take their parts so promptly and satisfactorily. A list of the children's names and characters, follows: Crocuses—Misses Josie Lynch, Hattie Sande, Bertie Hegon, Hattie Rowe, Ethel Rowe, Lou Howe, Ruby McLaughlin, Elsie Campbell, Ella Payne, Kathleen Robertson, Helen Thornton, Muriel Thompson, Bertie Schofield, Malcom Geir, Nellie Rogers, Flossie Rogers, Lillie Adams, Annie McDonald.

The Wild Flowers: Miss Ethel Brown, dandelion; Miss Gertrude Northrup, wild poppy; daisies, and other wild flowers were: Dora Kirkpatrick, Fannie Smith, Edith Lawson, Matty Kenny, Amy Kearns, Dora Sharpe, Cassie Gardner, Edith Hall, Blanche Gardner, Edith Lawson, Lizzie Green, Bertie McAlpine, Mammie Grey, Alice Rubins.

Rosebuds (pink) were Misses Leslie Hatford, Tally Robertson, Joan Coster, Edith Shattler, Alice McCarthy, Marian Peters, Jacky Sears, Constance Inche, Myra Frink, Rebina Berton, Violet Simmonds, Amy Adams, Ava Armstrong, Sweetie Brown, Hazel Merritt, Beatrice Skinner.

The lilies were Misses Constance DeBury and Geraldine Coster.

Bachelor's Button—Master Clifford Ellis.

Mr. Morley McLaughlin, the composer of the Floral Cantata music, is making arrangements to have the children who took the part of garden flowers photographed. A floral cantata is to be held in Chicago this winter when 250 children will take part. As Mr. McLaughlin's composition is the one chosen he has been invited to go there and play at this concert.

Col. and Mrs. Mansell were in the city this week.

Mrs. L. G. McNeill still continues very ill at her residence, Duke street.

The many friends of Mr. John Stammers, Mrs. B. J. Stammers and daughter will be glad to hear that they have reached Turk's Island, West Indies, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Armstrong, of this city will go to Pennsylvania to live after Christmas. Mr. Armstrong has been there some time, but has returned to spend the holidays, and accompany Mrs. Armstrong to Pennsylvania.

The friends in this city, of W. H. Jones Torryburn, will regret to hear that he is very ill.

Mrs. Vickery passed through the city this week, on her way to Yarmouth, from Japan.

Among the visitors in the city this week were Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Archibald, Moncton, Mr. and Mrs. Wehbart, St. Martin, Mr. J. L. Black of Sackville.

Friends of Mr. G. F. Harding will be glad to know that he has recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. Chandler and daughter left here by S. S. Danara for England.

Mrs. Geo. E. Fenety who has been visiting friends here returned to Fredericton Monday evening.

The many friends in this city of Mr. Richard Gass will regret to hear of his death which occurred at Denver, Col., last Friday. He had been sailing for some time before leaving New Brunswick with consumption. He leaves a wife and three small children. Mrs. Gass was Miss Maria Earle Otty, daughter of Judge Otty of Lunenburg. She will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Charles Horton, of Yarmouth, and Miss Elsie Horton of Lower California, are here visiting Mrs. John Fisher, at corner of Pitt and St. James street.

Mrs. John Horn's two little girls are ill with scarletina.

A happy event took place in Boston last week when Mr. Thos. H. McAlpine, of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Gunn, of Hyde Park. The ceremony was by Rev. W. J. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine will reside in this city.

The many friends of Miss Lettie Bustin, Princess street, will regret to hear that she is still very ill. Miss Bustin has been ill for some months owing to an accident.

Miss Maude Narraway left yesterday for Middleton, Conn., where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Frank Nicholson.

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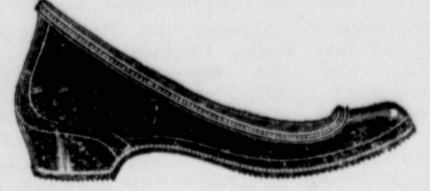
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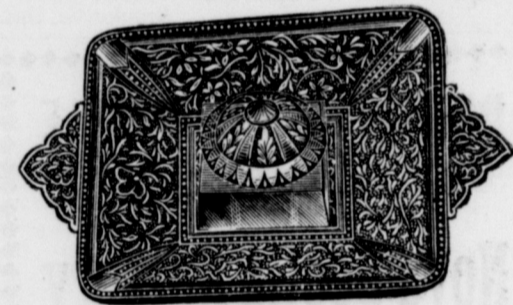
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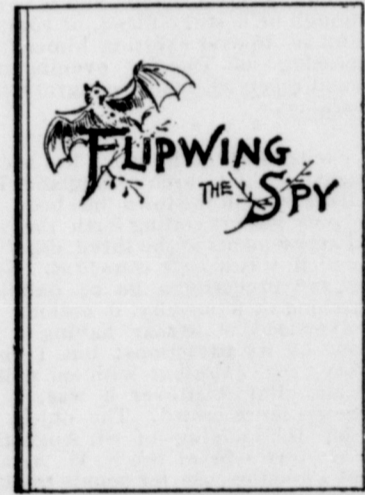
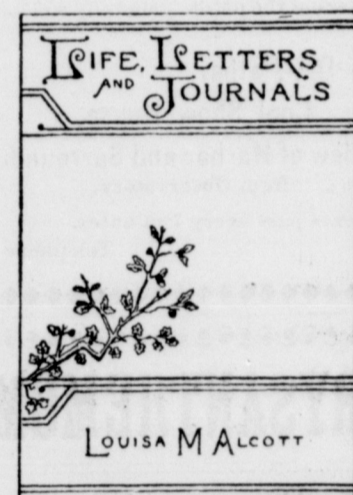
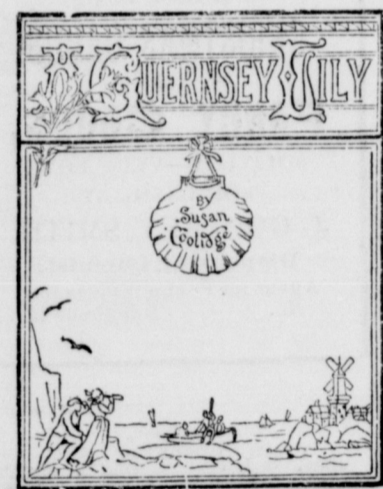
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