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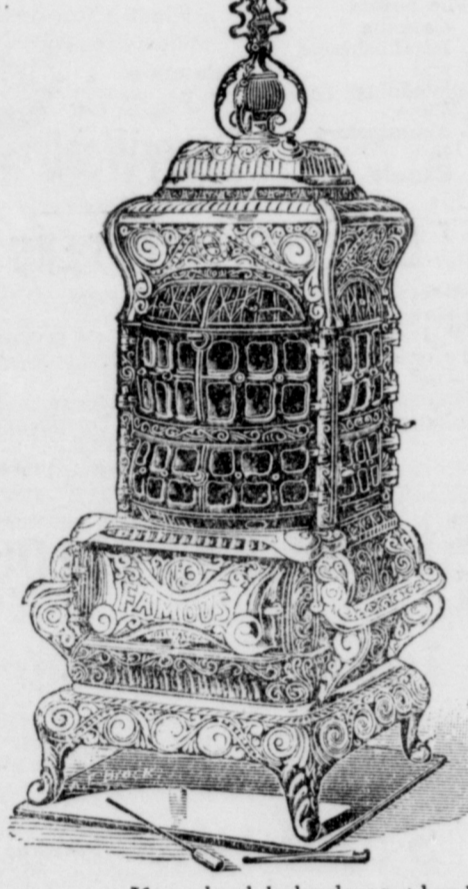
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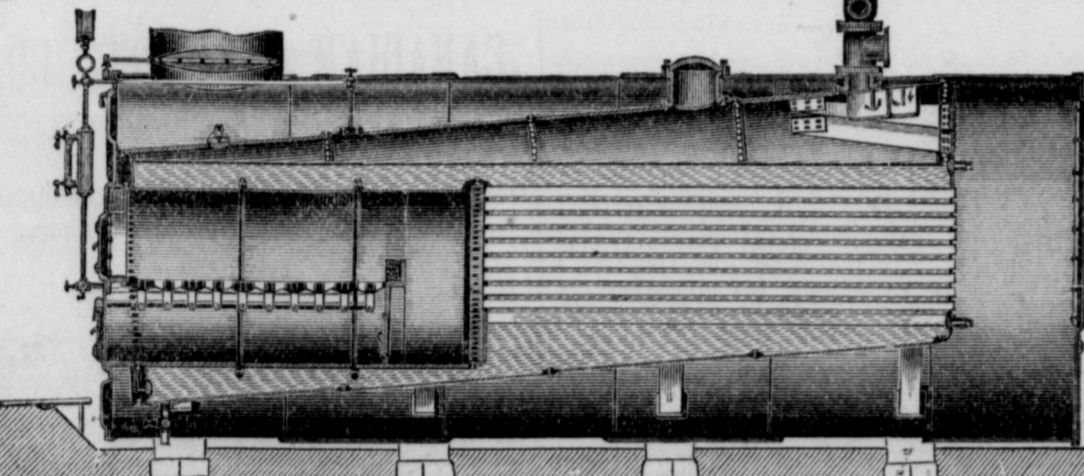
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I regret very much that my budget of social news is unusually small this week. I suppose this is accounted for by the fact that "between seasons" is always a difficult one to manage—difficult for those who wish to entertain to steal the necessary time from an especially busy domestic season, and, more important still, difficult to a society reporter, who walks from "noon till dewy eve" and makes unnumberable calls, in an effort to gather the usual amount of news, only to find on Thursday night that the heroic efforts have been in vain, and that embellish and decorate as much as one will the amount gleaned is not satisfactory—a state of affairs the reporter feels more keenly than the public. This week there is only one social event to record, a large reception given by Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen on Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock in honor of Mrs. King Hazen of Fredericton. I believe this somewhere in the vicinity of two hundred and fifty invitations were issued and the most of them were accepted. Many ladies were prevented from attending by the threatening state of the weather but a goodly number were present; Mrs. Hazen's residence is admirably suited for a function of this kind for the rooms are all large and airy and on the afternoon of the reception looked very bright. The table in the large dining room was beautifully arranged with silver candelabra, yellow and pink chrysanthemums, and a pink centre piece which was very pretty. An unusually large number of young ladies assisted the hostess in looking after her guests and in their bright pretty dresses, as they flitted here, there and everywhere among the guests, added greatly to the pleasure of the affair. Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Stratton poured tea, and the following young ladies assisted: Mrs. Hazen in her duties: Miss Burpee, Miss Dever, Miss Tuck, Miss Furlong, Miss Emma Tuck, Miss Radcliffe, Miss Hatheway, Miss May Harrison, Miss Florrie MacMillan, Miss Katie Bayard, Miss Lily Hazen and Miss Bessie Adams.

Mrs. Lawson was looking particularly well in a black and white silk with black chignon trimmings.

Mrs. Stratton had on a very becoming pink crepon bodice with a dark skirt.

Mrs. Dever was prettily gowned in white muslin, over a pink foundation.

Miss Tuck wore a handsome black satin gown and Miss Alice Tuck a very pretty shaded pink.

Miss Burpee had on a very effective black and white silk.

Miss Furlong was wearing a pretty green silk bolero trim and with yellow lace and a black skirt.

Miss Adams had on a lovely pink silk bodice and black skirt.

Miss May Harrison looked very pretty in a blue crepon.

Miss Lily Hazen was looking unusually well in a mauve gown.

Miss MacMillan wore a becoming magenta and black bodice with black skirt.

Miss Hatheway's gown was of green crepon with white chignon.

Miss Katie Bayard was also looking especially well in a pretty and becoming gown.

Miss Radcliffe was attired in a pink and black.

Mrs. Hazen looked exceedingly well in a very handsome gown, and entertained her guests with her well-known grace and tact.

Among the ladies who called during the afternoon were: Mrs. deSoyes, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Wm. Hazen, Mrs. Charles Kinross, Mrs. Morris Hazen, Mrs. Clinch, Mrs. C. W. Weldon, Mrs. Boyle Travers, Mrs. Chas. Harrison, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. John R. Armstrong, Mrs. Geo. Coster, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. Barclay Boyd, Mrs. Gardner Taylor, Mrs. Isaac Burpee, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. Leigh Harrison, Mrs. George Bird, Mrs. George K. Burton, Mrs. W. Burton, Mrs. (Dr.) Allison, Mrs. Charles Kerr, Mrs. Carl Clinch, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Wm. Parsley, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. W. W. Clarke, Mrs. Steever, Mrs. Will Stone, Mrs. A. Ward, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. James Morritt, Mrs. Howard McLeod, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. (Sheriff) Sturdee, Mrs. Frank P. Starr, Miss Coster, Miss Harriet Peters, Miss Fennell, Miss Ebel Parks, Miss Travers, Miss Louise Travers, Miss Mello Vroom, Miss Celia Armstrong, Miss Hart, Miss Mary MacMillan, Miss Furlong, Miss Florrie MacMillan, Miss May Harrison, Miss Radcliffe, Miss Tuck, Miss Alice Tuck, Miss Hatheway, Miss Bayard, Miss Adams, Miss Dever, Miss Lily Hazen and a large number of others.

The young ladies who assisted remained to spend the evening which was very pleasantly passed in playing a live whist which the luck winners of the first prizes were Miss Ada Bayard and Mr. Gunn, while Miss D. V. and Mr. Winslow got what consolation they could from the booby prize. Later in the evening there was a little dance at which the following gentlemen were present: Mr. G. Ruel, Dr. Walker, Mr. Winslow, Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Herbert Clinch, Cook, Captain Sears, Mr. Burpee, Mr. Fred Hart, Mr. Hausard and a few others.

Mr. John Parks and Miss Lou Parks have gone to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the exhibition now being held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris Robinson are expected to arrive home this week after a two weeks' visit to New York.

Miss Fauntleroy left yesterday to resume her hospital duties at Newport.

Mrs. Hazen seems to have been the only hostess who entertained during the week and though her reception on Thursday afternoon was one of the most brilliant affairs of the season it was not more thorough in detail than was her ladies' luncheon on Saturday afternoon at which only two ladies were present. The table was beautifully arranged with yellow chrysanthemums and yellow satin ribbon and was laden with every delicacy. That the ladies were charmingly entertained was evident from the fact they stayed long past the hour prescribed by custom. The ladies present were, Lady Tilley, Mrs. Weldon, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Boyle Travers, Mrs. Isaac Burpee, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. King Hazen.

On Thursday evening the officers of the Artillery entertained Lt. Col. Montzumbert at dinner at the Union Club. The dinner was an excellent one and served in the club's best style; among the guests were Lt. Col. Tucker, Major Markham, Major Edwards, Capt. Harrison, Capt. Spears, Mr. Winslow, Major Armstrong, F. W. Warren, Major Sturdee, Lieut. Clinch, Major Leckie, Major Hart.


The members of the Union Club will entertain their lady friends at a reception next Thursday afternoon; a large number of cards are out.

The baseball club met with Miss Mabel Thompson last Thursday evening and had an excellent practice.

Football seems to have quite a fascination for ladies this season and one can scarcely hope to feel at home in any social gathering unless they are posted in the intricacies of the game and know all about the vast difference between a "ouch down" and a "kick off." The game last Saturday afternoon was witnessed by a large number of ladies who displayed a wonderful amount of intelligence in regard to the game and no doubt the game one afternoon will attract numbers of society people; among those on the grounds last Saturday were, Misses McMillan, Miss Skinner, Miss Albro, Miss Bob Warner, Miss Radcliffe, Miss Burpee, Miss Dever, Misses Thompson, Miss Furlong, Misses Donville, Misses Robertson, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Troup, Miss Killam, of Yarmouth, Miss Blair, Miss Fairweather, and many others.

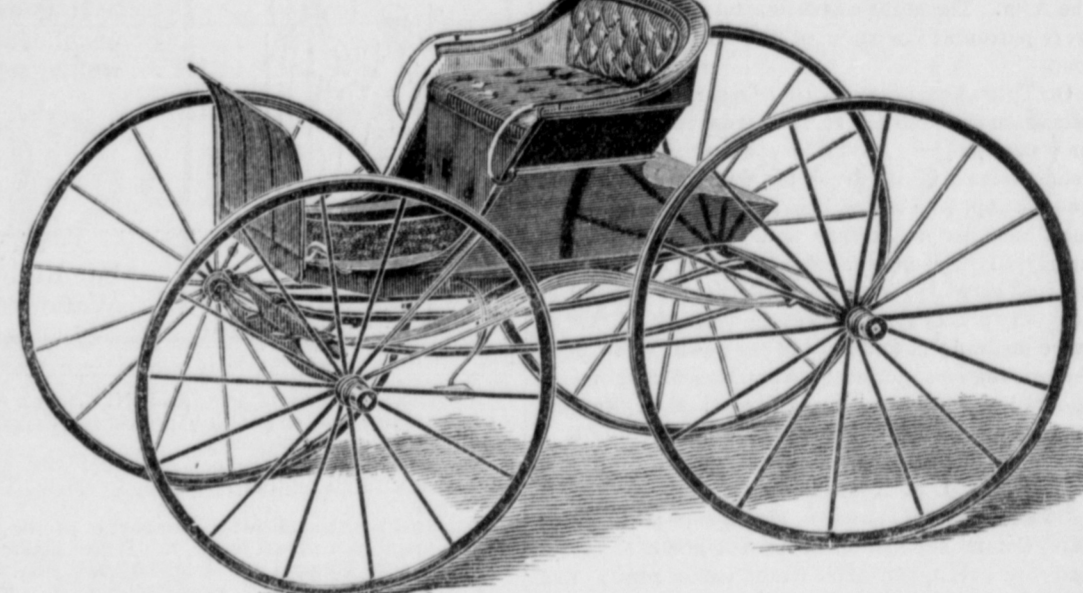
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