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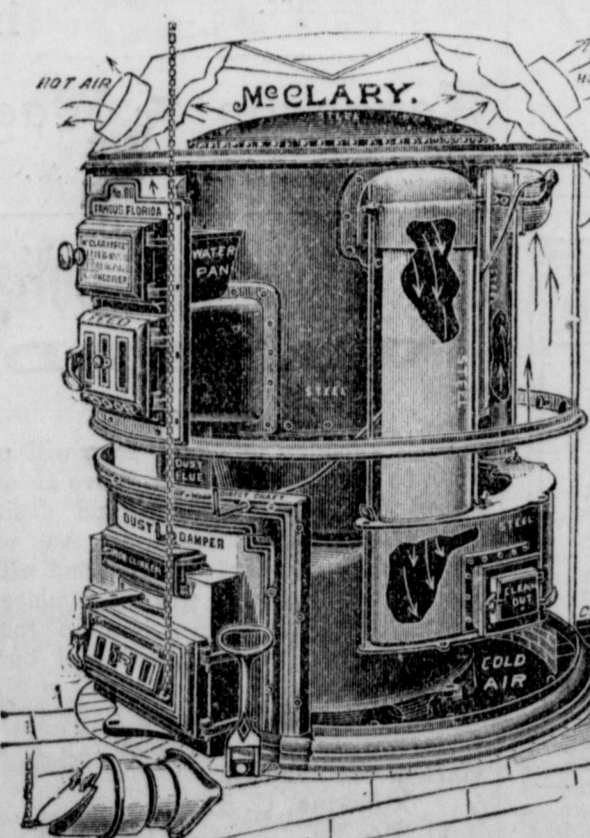
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There is very little to report just at present, as at this particular time of the year there is always a little dullness so far as social functions are concerned, Christmas work and Christmas shopping engrossing the entire attention of the feminine portion of the community; one finds the stores crowded at all hours of the day and at every step groups of ladies deep in the discussion and admiration of the more elegant things exposed to tempt the unwary and even the wary shopper; and what a lot of lovely things there are—indeed the contemplation of them quite atones for the awful social dullness.

The gentlemen are having decidedly the best of it this week, and no doubt they manage to have quite as good a time at their luncheons and dinners as the ladies do when they meet at the afternoon teas and receptions from which the gentlemen are excluded. I mentioned Mrs. Keltie Jones' tea of Friday afternoon in last issue but was unable to give any particulars; I have since learned that it was given for Miss Katie Caverhill-Jones and was a very bright affair; it was quite small however only forty invitations being issued. The hostess who wore a beautiful pale blue satin gown with chiffon trimmings, was assisted in receiving her guests by Miss Katie Caverhill-Jones and Mrs. Cushing, the former in a lovely dress of blue brocade velvet and lace, the latter in black satin. The table decorations were exceedingly pretty, white chrysanthemums being freely used; Mrs. Rankine and Mrs. Cushing in dainty gowns dispensed tea and coffee a hot cup of either beverage being particularly welcome on such a cold and disagreeable afternoon; the guests were waited upon by Miss Wilson, Miss Gertrude Allison, Miss King, Miss G. Scammell, Miss Edna Jones and Miss Robertson. Among the ladies who called during the afternoon were Mrs. de Wolfe Spurr, Mrs. Walter Trueman, Mrs. Geo. K. McLeod, Mrs. Charles Harrison, Mrs. Scammell, Miss Katie Bayard, Miss Travers, Miss Loring, Boston, Miss Florrie McMillan, Miss Mary MacMillan, Miss Ada Bayard, Miss Emma Tuck, Miss Alice Tuck, Miss Devere, Miss Mello, Y. com, Miss Skinner, Miss Isabel Thompson, Miss Bates, Miss Dunlop, Miss Annie Smith, Miss Nan Burpee, Miss Pugsley, Miss May Blair and many others. The junior members of society are arranging for a ball which they are to give to their lady friends on New Year's night. I believe it is to be on quite a large scale and will no doubt be a very pleasant affair.

Miss Florrie MacMillan goes to Quebec after Christmas and will spend some time with friends. Mrs. L. R. Harrison returned Thursday from Montreal where she was the guest of Mrs. Ross. Mrs. Warren left Monday for New York where she expects to remain for a month. Mrs. Stratton, who has been visiting New York, returned home on Friday of last week. The Banjo Harmonic club met with Miss Thompson on Monday evening and had a very pleasant practice. The members are now at work on "Patrol, in E major," which is said to be a very bright piece of music. Miss Addie George is expected from Fredericton on Monday to pay a short visit to the Misses Purley. Miss Flossie Stockton is confined to her room at the Aberdeen with a very severe cold. Judge and Mrs. J. G. Forbes entertained quite a number of young people at a dancing party last evening. Excellent music was provided for the dancers, and it was quite late when the party dispersed.

The social event of interest to the junior members of the legal fraternity this week was the dinner given by Mr. Gerard Rice at the hotel Aberdeen on Thursday evening. The new dining room of the hotel is a splendid apartment, bright, airy and brilliantly lighted, and perhaps it never looked nicer than on that evening; the two tables were in the form of a T and both were gorgeous with silver, china, glass and flowers; deep crimson carnations and pure white chrysanthemums were used in the decorations and smilax was twined gracefully around the epergnes; palms were effectively arranged on the side tables and other parts of the room; the dinner began at nine o'clock and the forty gentlemen around the table found the menu a most attractive one; after dinner the usual toasts were given—and the usual amount of speechmaking indulged in. The party was an exceedingly merry one and there was not a dull moment throughout the entire evening; it was long after midnight when the party dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne." The gentlemen present were: H. Waterbury, H. H. Pickett, H. W. Paddington, H. W. Haslington, S. M. Skinner, S. L. Fairweather, S. B. Bustin, J. J. Porter, M. G. B. Henderson, H. G. Fenety, C. F. San'ord, D. Mullin, J. R. Campbell, R. R. Ritchie, C. J. Coster, H. E. Hansard, A. G. Blair, Jr., L. P. D. Tilley, J. B. M. Baxter, Thos. Regan, J. E. Cowan, C. S. Skinner, J. A. Sinclair, J. Montgomery, C. J. Milligan, H. A. McKeon, C. H. Ferguson, A. P. Barnhill, J. L. Carleton, J. R. Dunn, J. F. Ashie, C. W. Bailey, J. K. Kelly, R. G. Murray, W. H. Trueman. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gilmour, of Calais, are visiting the city.

The banister in the school room of Leinster street baptist church this week reacted the usual amount of patronage. The large number present seemed to enjoy themselves very much, and no doubt the members of the mission band who had charge of the affair were delighted with the financial result; at six o'clock tea was served, the following ladies being in attendance: Misses Huestis, Miss Allen, Miss Clarke, Miss Fownes, Miss Brundage, Miss Loomer and Miss Curry. At the missionary tea, were Miss Smalley, Miss Huestis and Miss Echelle; sweets were dispensed by Miss Clark, Miss Allen, Miss Wetmore and Miss Fownes. On the fancy table were very many useful and beautiful articles of fancy work that could not fail to please the most fastidious; the ladies who presided at this table were Mrs. Rising, Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Sails; the ice cream and lemonade tables were also presided over by efficient waitresses. During the evening several musical selections were given by Mr. Edgar Davidson, Miss Calhoun, Miss Allen, Mr. Bostwick and Mr. Wetmore.

A very large and appreciative audience gathered in the pretty Queen Square Methodist church on Tuesday evening to hear the concert in which the best local talent was announced to take part. That the audience appreciated the musical treat was quite evident from the applause bestowed upon all who took part; every number was encored and in almost every case a response was given. Mrs. Spencer was an excellent voice and her "Judith" was exceedingly well done as was also her "Flower Song from Faust." In the duet "Love Divine" Mrs. Spencer and Miss Pigeon were excellent and met with a hearty recall. Mr. Titus sang unusually well but declined to respond to any encores. The clarinet and violin solos were beautiful things and Prof. White was obliged to appear in answer to prolonged applause; Miss Brown recited very nicely but there is just a little monotony about her voice which at times became a distinct drone. With a little care she could overcome this very noticeable defect and it would then be a great pleasure to listen to her; her selections were in excellent taste and in "The Leper" she was very much better than in the "Legend Beautiful" that beautiful poem of Longfellow, which the programme called the "Beautiful Legion." Miss Goddard was the efficient accompanist of the evening. Following is the programme; reading, The Leper, Miss Ten Brown; vocal solo, Our King, Mr. L. W. Titus; violin solo, Benediction, Prof. J. M. White; vocal solo, Flower Song from Faust, with violin obligato, Mrs. F. G. Spencer; reading, Legend Beautiful, Miss Ina Brown; vocal

solo, Star of Bethlehem, Mr. L. W. Titus; vocal solo, Judith, with violin obligato, Mrs. F. G. Spencer; violin solo, Cavatina, by request, Prof. White; vocal duet, Love Divine, Miss Pigeon and Mrs. Spencer.

A pretty and successful five o'clock tea was given on Thursday evening by the Mission Band of St. Andrew's church, assisted by several young ladies of the church; those who presided were all in bright dainty costumes and paid devoted attention to their patrons; those who rendered aid were Miss Olive Stone, Miss Bertie Rainey, Miss Florrie Rainey, Miss Hazel Rainey, Miss E. I. Macaulay, Miss Fannie Russell, Miss Edith Rainey, Miss Belle Dunlop, Miss Forbes, Miss Cameron and Mrs. John H. Thompson.

Mrs. B. Happleby and Miss A. M. Prince are visiting in Detroit, Michigan, where they are guests of Mrs. H. H. Valpey. On Tuesday evening the marriage of Miss Katie McKnight and Mr. Burpee Boyd took place, Rev. Job Sheuton officiating. The bride and her maid, Miss Boyd were both appropriately attired in becoming costumes; the groom was supported by Mr. Ernest Thomas.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown surprised them very pleasantly on Monday evening it being the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage; the evening was spent in dancing and cards and it was after two o'clock when the party dispersed after a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Mr. A. E. Alexander of Campbellton is spending a few days here. Mrs. F. H. Risteen of Fredericton was here for a part of this week. Mr. John Cann, who has been visiting Moncton friends for a short time, came home this week. On the evening before his departure for the West Indies, Mr. Wm. G. MacFarlane was presented by the Bicycle club, of which he was an esteemed and popular member, with a handsome gold ring, with his name and the date of presentation inscribed on the inside and on the outside the club emblem a winged wheel, and the letters S. J. B. C. On every side Mr. MacFarlane was the recipient of good wishes for his future success, and it is safe to say that no young man ever left this city more highly esteemed and generally liked by the various classes of citizens with whom his work brought him in contact. Mr. MacFarlane was from time to time a valued contributor of PROGRESS, and carries with him to his new field of work the good wishes of the entire staff.

The following account of the Webber-Kimball wedding at Brookline last week is from a late Boston paper. Several St. John people went to Brookline to be present at the wedding.

"In a bower of palms, beneath a canopy of delicate asparagus vine, Miss Jane Webber, daughter of Mr. John P. Webber of Brookline, was united in marriage to Ebridge Kimball Jewett, at the Webber residence, on Beacon street, last evening.

To the strains of Wagner's wedding march, by Miss H. A. Shaw, harpist, of Boston, the bridal procession descended the stairs.

First came the ushers, Spencer R. Hill of Brookline, Luther G. Paul of Newton Centre, W. B. Johnston of Staten Island, N. Y.; John Webber of Brookline, Haven Sawyer of Bangor, Me.; Leonard March Jewett of St. John, N. B.

They were followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth H. Cushing, attired in a rich costume of white silk.

Then the bride descended upon the arm of her father. Her costume was of ivory-white satin, en traine, fastened at the neck by a diamond brooch. She wore a handsome marquisette ring, the gift of the groom. She carried a white prayerbook.

The bridal party were met at the foot of the stairs by the groom and his best man, William Pitcher of St. John.

Rev. D. D. Addison of All Saints' church, Brookline, read the impressive marriage service of the episcopal church, to the music of Gounod's "Ave Marie," by harp and violin.

The Boston Stringed Quartet club played while the happy couple received the congratulations of the immediate family and relatives.

After an extended tour through the southern states, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett will board at Roxbury until their new home at Chestnut Hill is completed. About 1000 invitations were sent out, and some 600 people were present, despite the storm. Among the St. John guests were Mr. E. G. Dunn, Miss Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jewett, Mr. L. Jewett, Miss Ellis, Mr. F. B. Ellis, Mrs. Allison Cushing and Miss Hilyard.

Mr. Campbell T. Mackay of Liverpool, G. B., is in the city a guest of his brother, Mr. Malcolm Mackay.

Hon. A. G. and Mrs. Blair left this week on a trip to Boston and New York.

Mr. A. H. Robinson of Halifax was here for a short time this week; Mr. D. Watters of the Bank of Nova Scotia was also here for a short time lately.

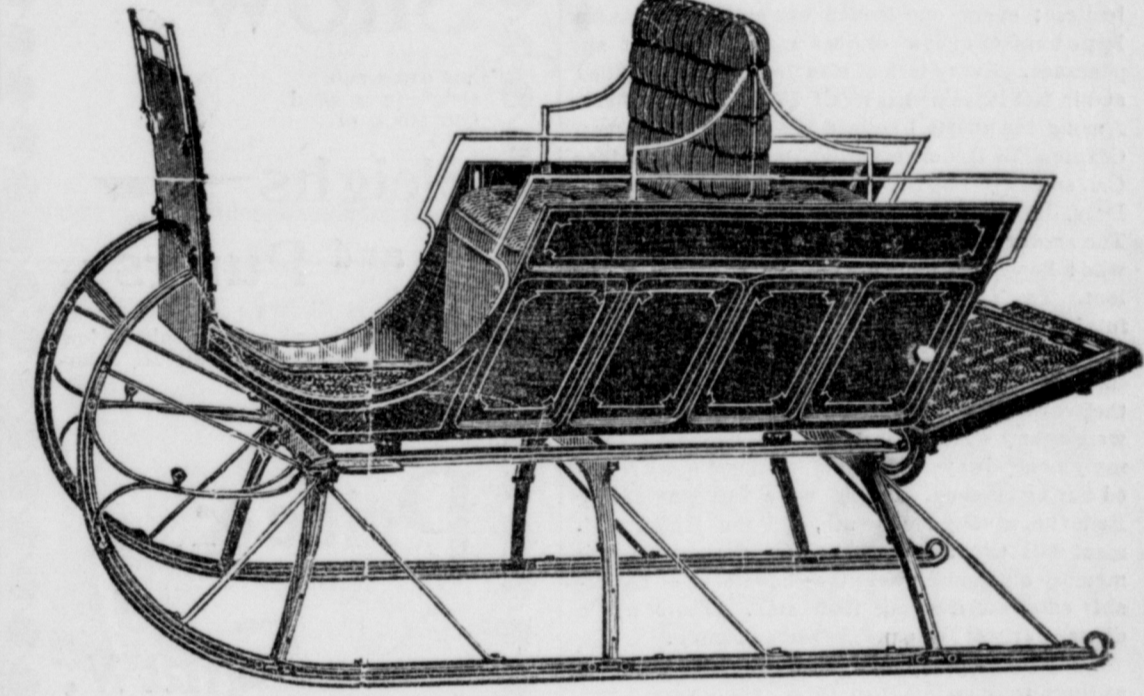
Mr. John P. Lowry has returned from quite a prolonged trip to Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

Judge Forbes spent a part of the week in Woodstock.

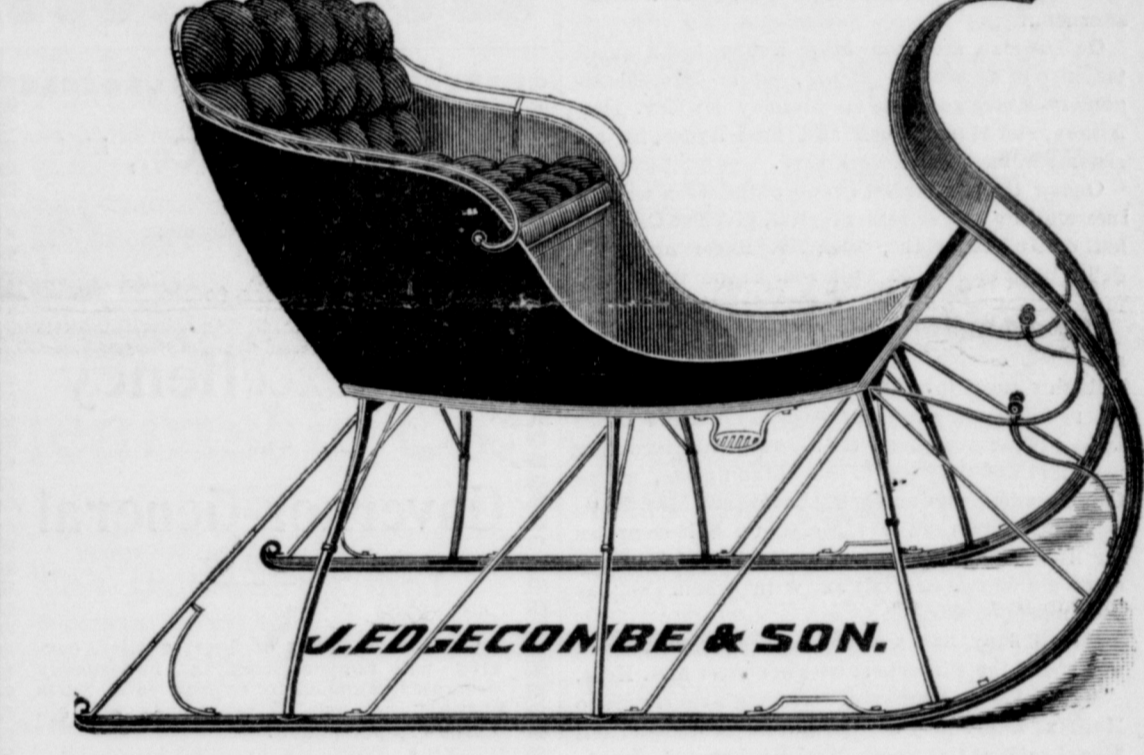
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