

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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The table in front. Each was lighted by a small lamp or lantern and was occupied by a small party. The wide hangings of the stairs were transformed into ropes and were occupied by some of the younger guests. The hall mantel was backed with delicate ferns and meteor roses and above the arch of the Turkish sloop, in which Mr. Harris stood while he read, was another pretty and original arrangement of ferns and roses. The guests ascended the stairs from the portico and the charmingly arranged central apartment showed its beauties to great effect as they descended the main stairs. The programme occupied an hour and a half and was varied to suit all tastes. To those who had previously known Mr. Harris only in his stage Shakespearian roles his rendition of Eugene Field's rollicking and homely boy dialect, the tender pathos and sentiment at his selections from Meredith and Lytton, were a pleasing surprise showing him to be a versatile as well as an able actor.

Tuesday evening of this week Mr. Harris read at the residence of Mr. F. S. Brown of the same city for the benefit of the homeopathic hospital.

Mr. Harris was with Modjeska up to the time her company disbanded recently on account of Mme. Modjeska's poor health and a late issue of a Chicago paper says that "Mr. Harris was given heavier roles than usual this season; his work was greatly appreciated, and he is rapidly becoming one of the foremost actors of the day."

Mrs. Charles E. Scamell leaves next week for the Isle of Wight to visit her sister Miss Henderson.

Miss Grace Fowler of Greenwich who has been visiting city friends returned home this week. Miss Elliott of Greenwich street went to Salisbury Thursday to attend the marriage of her cousin Miss Clara Stevens which takes place on the 18th.

The friends here of Miss Ida Marsh of this city will be interested in hearing that she has returned to New York from St. Louis Mo., where she successfully turned a critical case during the winter.

Miss Nellie Whippley of Greenwich is visiting St. John friends. Mrs. McLeod of the same place also visited relatives here lately.

Miss Bessie Clark who has been in Westfield visiting Mrs. A. L. Goodwin has returned to the city.

Mr. S. F. Belyea and Miss Laura Belyea spent Sunday with Westfield friends; Mrs. Belyea and her daughter expect soon to return to Westfield after a pleasant winter sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McLean of Digby visited St. John this week.

Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lewis of Exeter spent a short time in the city this week.

Mrs. F. Witzelbach Wednesday for North Carolina where she will spend the next three or four weeks. She accompanies her daughter who goes South for the benefit of her health.

The parlor concert held Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Wren McLean of Douglas Avenue under the auspices of Main street P. Y. P. U. was a very successful and enjoyable affair. The programme prepared was especially attractive and was rendered in a very pleasing manner. The various numbers were as follows: addresses, Rev. J. A. Gordon; mixed quartet; piano solo, Miss Dixon; reading, Bert Coupe; vocal solo, E. Perkins; duet (vocal), by Mrs. McLean and Miss Wilson; instrumental solo, Bert Coupe; reading, Miss Dela Vanwart; vocal solo, Miss Fowler; piano duet, Misses Smith and McManis; reading, Miss Sprague; auto-harp solo, Miss Waring; violin solo, E. Perkins; reading, Miss Jessie Wilson; piano duet, Misses Smith and McManis.

The great musical and it might be said social event of the week was the concert in Exmouth street church on Monday evening. Long before the past evening the building was filled and those who came fashionably late had to take whatever could be hunted up in the way of seats, the audience was a very enthusiastic one and the various numbers were all loudly applauded and in almost every case an encore was given. Mrs. C. W. Harrison singing was of course the great feature of the evening and though various opinions are expressed it is safe to say she did not disappoint her admirers in this city. Her numbers drew forth very flattering applause and in every instance she graciously responded. Her programme numbers were "Let the Bright Seraphim with cornet obligato, Dream of Bethlehem, with violin obligato by Morton L. Harrison, and Lo, here the Gentle Lark, with flute obligato. By special request Mrs. Harrison gave "A Song of Trust" with organ accompaniment, that was beautifully rendered. Harrison's orchestra was at its best and their various numbers met with the deepest appreciation. Mr. A. C. Ritchie's encore "Rock of Ages" was sung in a manner that appealed to the heart and was by every one considered one of the best things of the evening. Taken all together the concert was a decided success both from a musical and financial standpoint; Harrison's orchestra will hold its annual concert shortly and those who have not heard Mrs. Harrison before will then have an opportunity of listening to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Palmer of Ravenswood, Hampton, spent Sunday and part of this week in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Snider, Princess street, returning home on Thursday.

Miss Florence White who has been visiting here for some time has returned home.

The Misses Hamilton are in Shediac visiting the Misses Harper at their home "Sunny Brae."

Mr. J. B. Smith of Shediac is visiting city friends.

Miss Ada McLeod who has been in Apahqui visiting Mrs. F. K. Burgess for a few days, has returned home.

Miss Dunlop and Miss Leclaire are in Apahqui visiting Miss Flora Ellison.

Miss Hattie Cahill of Sackville is visiting her sister, Mr. Belyea, for a week or two.

Mrs. G. H. Davidson of Annapolis is here visiting her friend Mrs. J. H. Davidson.

General Warner was a passenger this week on the Lake Ontario for England, where he goes for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wishart of St. Martins were here on a day or two this week on their way to Boston.

Mrs. Weston-Jones arrived Tuesday from Windsor on a visit to relatives.

Mr. J. Fred Watson of Douglas Avenue who has been ill for several weeks is able to be around again. Miss Henegar of Moncton is paying a short visit to St. John friends.

The concert in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last week for the ambulance fund was very successful. An excellent programme was rendered to a very large and appreciative audience and the ladies in charge of the concert were most pleased with the result.

Mr. James K. Howie is in Fredericton visiting relatives.

Mr. C. R. Fisher a former conductor of the Oratorio Society is in the city visiting Mr. T. P. Bourne of Hazen street.

## WESTFIELD.

MAR. 10.—A very enjoyable sleighing party was given by Mr. Chesley Stevens assisted by Miss M. Crozier on Monday evening last. The big sleigh "Lone Star" was chartered for the occasion and starting from Riverbank with a party of twenty-five proceeded a distance of ten miles to the house of Mr. James Williams at Beagden where the following programme was carried out: song, Oh Uncle John, C. Stevens; piano solo, Miss M. Ballentine; speech, Mark Leighton, Mandolin solo, Miss M. Stevenson; song, H. W. Jones; exhibition club singing, H. Ballentine; recitation, Miss E. Crawford. Chorus Recited, Cane, Splint, Perforated by Dwell, 17 Waterloo Street.

ford; comic reading, Jas. Buchanan; stump speech, G. Watters; dialogue, "I'll not come back again" George Dingee, Miss Jessie Lyon, Samuel Lyon; song, F. Rawlins. A bountiful repast was then partaken of and the party returned home having had as all agreed one of the most pleasant times of the season.

I regret to hear that Dr. Price is about to leave Westfield to fill the vacancy made in St. John by the appointment of Dr. Geo. Hetherington to the asylum but all join in wishing him success in his new field.

Miss Bessie Clark who has been visiting Mrs. A. L. Goodwin has returned to St. John. We are pleased to hear of the recovery of Mr. W. H. Lingley from a severe illness. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fairweather—a son. ON DIR.

## CORRECT BREATHING.

How It is Said to Help the Stout Woman to Become Thinner.

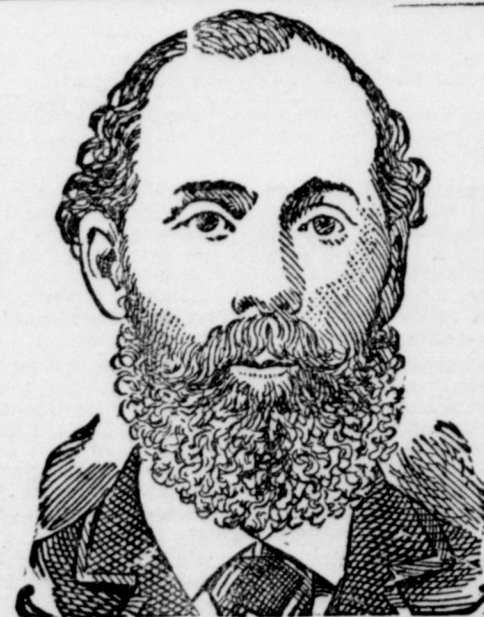
It has been discovered that the double chin can be banished by correct breathing, says the Philadelphia Record. The woman with a short neck must hold her head high, even stretching her neck until her shoulders of the tension of the cords. She should also practise dropping her head and letting it roll listlessly about. This will give a graceful poise to the head, and the exercise of muscles will help consume the extra amount of fat. Lung exercises in breathing are the best exercises for excessive stoutness. The best time for this is before dressing in the morning and after undressing at night. Five or ten minutes' exercise every day will reduce the flesh in a wonderfully short time. Stand erect, with the head and chin well up, and rise upon the toes at each inspiration, holding the breath a moment, then expelling it forcibly, coming down upon the heels at the same time.

Another good breathing exercise is to draw in a full, deep breath. Retain the breath while counting fifteen and then slowly expel it. Sometimes stout women move the arms gracefully, but the body has an utter lack of liberty and free motion or suppleness. Drawing her corsets tighter never did make a stout woman less stout in appearance. The first care is not to lace too tightly; the second is to banish all idea of being stout from your mind, and let the muscles have as free play as possible. All women can learn to use their bodies gracefully, even if there is predisposition to stoutness. Stout women are often the lightest dancers, and there is no reason why they should not be graceful in pose and motion. If a woman draws her lungs freely from the bottom of her lungs she diminishes the effect of her size immediately by doing away with that raddish, too-burst look that is generally associated with stoutness. That is the look that must be avoided, even if the waist measures an inch or so more and the bust and shoulders gain a little.

## Some Musicians' Wives.

Musicians, like other artists, are prone to cherish warm affections for women, and to marry early—as well as often. Yet here is no lack of warning to women, against marrying artists, and there are instances enough to give good support to the belief that it is a risky step. That artists make worse husbands, as a rule, than other men, would be hard to prove. Even Daudet, who wrote a book on the subject, insists in his prologue that his own marriage was most happy, and his acquaintances bear him out in the statement. The wife of Haydn was a veritable Nantippe, whose ceaseless scolding drove him to find companionship outside the home walls. Mozart's wife had little sympathy with his art, and unlike Bach's first wife, had not even a provident outlook upon expenses. She was a peevish and nagging invalid, and did not attend to her husband's funeral, leaving his burial to strangers. Both Haydn and Mozart married the younger sisters of the woman they really loved. Chopin never married and his natural melancholy was not much brightened by his life with the eccentric and revolutionary George Sand. Beethoven, like Michael Angelo, and like Handel and Schubert, can be credited only with platonic devotion to woman.

But the home life of Bach was supremely blessed. His first wife was his cousin; his



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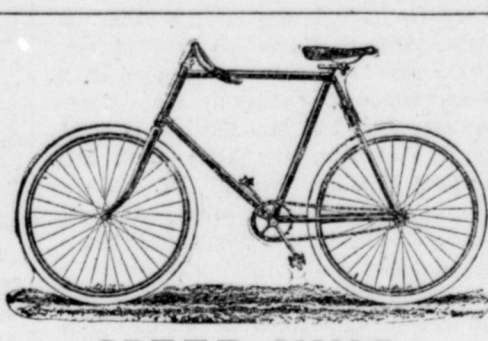
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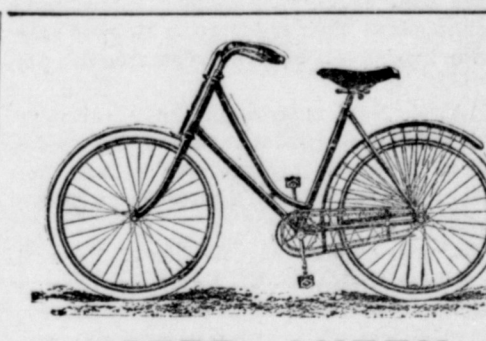
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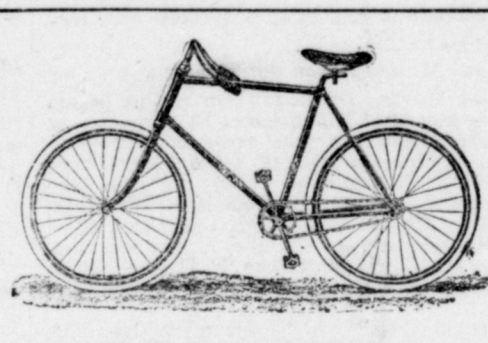
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second spouse was a devoted admirer of his work. Mendelssohn's wife made his home a paradise and a proverb of happiness. Schumann's marriage was ideal, and his wife, a remarkable musical artist herself, was a continual encouragement to him. They were like newly betrothed lovers all their lives. Wagner's second wife was the daughter of Liszt, and her devotion to his interests while he lived, and to his memory since he died, is unexampled.—The Presto.

## Puzzling Chicago Relationship.

It was their first meeting in several years and they had a great deal to say to each other.

"I have been so busy that I haven't had time to study it out," said the one in blue, "but I think we are related in some way, are we not?"

"No, I think not," replied the one in dark brown. "Where did you get that idea?"

"Why, I had an impression that the second wife of your first husband was the first wife of my present husband, and that would make a sort of connecting link, you know."

"Possibly you are right; but we could hardly call that relationship. We can come closer than that through your second husband, who was a cousin, two or three degrees removed, of my present husband, but even that does not make any relationship. I think that you have become confused on the subject of alimony, which constitutes the most direct connection."

"I never could get those complications through my head," said the one in blue.

"Well," exclaimed the one in dark brown, "the alimony that you get from your first husband is just enough to pay the alimony that your present husband's first wife gets from him."

"Yes. I let him have it for that purpose."

"Then his first wife," continued the mathematician in dark brown, "was my first husband's second wife, and, as he is paying me the same amount of alimony, the money is simply transferred to me. That is where the connection comes in."

## His Honor's Toothache.

A good story is told of Judge W. D. Greer, a prominent lawyer of Paducah, Missouri. Once during a visit to St. Louis he had a severe attack of toothache. He sought a dentist's office, and was met by a

young man who was scrupulously neat and clean. The latter bowed suavely, and the Judge began:

"I believe you profess to be able to extract teeth without pain?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply, "and if I don't do it I'll refund your money."

The judge was seated in the operating chair, and the last thing he remembers was the dentist inserting a small tube in his mouth.

He got a dose of gas and became unconscious. When he came to the young man was under a table, his erstwhile spotless shirt and collar covered with blood, and his clothes torn up almost beyond recognition.

He was desperately waving the Judge off, saying all the while: "Get out of here! Get out of here!"

He seemed very anxious to have the Judge get out, but he couldn't be induced to leave his retreat from under the table.

"Why young man, what's the matter?" asked the Judge, who didn't understand the situation, in surprise. "If I've done anything I'm willing to pay for it."

The young man obtruded his head for a moment, glanced reproachfully about at the demolished furniture and his own sorry plight, wavered for a moment, and then exclaimed: "You get out of here!"

It seemed that the Judge under the influence of the gas had cleared out the establishment, and the dentist didn't get the tooth either.

## Stag Hunting in the Scottish Highlands.

More stags were killed during the past season in the Scottish Highlands than ever before, and there were more hunters. It is estimated that between 6,500 and 7,000 of the animals were killed. Fewer royal stags were killed and the weight averaged much smaller—about twelve stone, or say, 168 pounds each. A few were reported to have weighed clean 19 or 20 stone, but nearly all the animals had less than nine prongs. Malformed heads were scarcer, too, than in former years. Two very beautiful pairs of switch horns are reported to have been secured. Seven hundred and fifty stags were killed in the various Ross-shire forests, mostly those of less than nine stone each. The average weight was about thirteen stone. In Caithness and Sutherland, Inverness, Argyll, and Aberdeen shires 1,176 were killed, mostly under eight times each, the average weight being twelve stones clean.

Like all game regions Scotland is more and more crowded each season. More game is killed, and the laws have to be made more stringent to save the game even for a year.

## He Established His Rights.

A young man, with a delicate, straw-colored mustache and football hair parted in the center and glued down to his temples, sauntered carelessly into one of the Superior Courts the other day. He eyed the Judge through his glasses and sized up all of the attorneys. Then he walked up to the bar and poured out a glass of ice water.

The Judge, who is nervous and testy, had observed the young man and frowned down on the glued hair and glasses. When the young man boldly walked up to the bar and took a glass of ice water the Judge fairly boiled over with indignation at such temerity, amounting almost to contempt. The young man was just raising the glass to his lips when the Judge roared:

"That water, sir, is for attorneys and other officers of the court."

The glass almost dropped from his hand; he started violently, turned red, then placed the glass on the table and walked out of the court. The Judge chuckled.

Half an hour later the young man entered the courtroom again with a roll of parchment in his hand. The Judge glared at him savagely, but he never flinched. Finally there was a lull in the proceedings and he addressed the court:

"Your honor!"

"What is it, sir?"

"I wish to submit to the court my certificate of admission to practice in the Supreme Court and all other courts of this state," and he passed the parchment to the clerk.

"Well, what of it?" growled the Judge.

"Now your honor, having presented the proofs of my admission to the bar, I would now move the court that I be permitted to drink from the official pitcher," and he calmly drained the glass of water he had left on the table.—San Francisco.

## An English Lord's Luck.

A few days ago Lord Zetland, while fishing in the river Tay, in Scotland, hooked and landed an extraordinary salmon on his fly. The fish was 4 feet 2 inches long and 2 feet 6 inches in girth. It weighed fifty-five pounds. Mallock of Perth is now making a plaster cast of the fish for his lordship.

In June, 1886, R. G. Dun broke the American record of large salmon by taking a 54-pound salmon from the Cascapedia River, Canada. President Arthur previously had held the American record with a

50-pound salmon. A. G. Bennett of Brooklyn, who was an expert salmon fisher in Scotland, frequently saw 50-pound salmon landed, but never one over 52 pounds, which leads to the belief that the fish die when they reach a growth, or perhaps cease growing or biting.

## Happy Youth.

"What would we not give," says Mr. Gozlin, "for the uncloyed appetite of youth! Here am I, tired of chicken and sick of roast beef, but my young son comes in from school in the afternoon and asks for bread and butter. He goes from the kitchen to the dining room, eating one slice and carrying three more, which he arranges in front of him on the dining room table at equal distance apart, one back of the other, in columns by companies, a whole battalion of joys! As he eats he moves up the reserves and is happy; happy on bread and butter. Oh, happy youth!"

An English Lawyer's Record in India.

An English lawyer, writing from India, says he did not have much time to hunt because business was so pressing; still, in three years, he had killed a Kashmir ibex, a snow bear, several black bears, and odd deer of various sorts. This man does not "fancy shooting tigers and panthers [leopards] from a tree, the animals being driven past twenty yards away by native drivers," nor does he "care to watch a live goat at night for even such game," probably looking on such killings as most people look on deer hunting and salting deer ticks.

## Ants in Surgery.

Greek barber surgeons in the Levant use large ants to keep together the edges of cuts. The ant, held with a forceps, opens its mandibles wide, and as soon as it seizes the edges of the wound has its head severed from the body, but retains its grip. People have been seen with wounds healing held together by seven or eight ants' heads. The kind used is a species of big-headed Camponotus.

Caribou-strung Snowshoes the Best.

Snowshoes, without which travel in parts of Canada and of the United States would be impossible in winter, should be strung with caribou rawhide, so a sportsman says. A shoe thus strung does not sag in the network as do cow, moose, and horse hide strings, but tightens like a fiddle string. Indians make the best snowshoes, and a good pair of caribou-strung shoes is worth from \$10 to \$20.

There is a village in the canton of Berne in Switzerland named Montavan, where all the inhabitants have the same family name, which is also the name of the village.