

IN MONTREAL SOCIETY.

SOCIETY people in Montreal are not nearly as exclusive as they are put down to be. Naturally they pick and choose their own friends, and do not welcome with outstretched arms every stranger who chooses to honor Montreal with his presence. But let a stranger arrive in Montreal armed with letters of introduction to a few nice people, and they will give him the *entrée* into society at once.

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THERE have been absolutely no parties or entertainments worth mentioning this week. Montreal is as quiet as can be, and were it not for spring shopping, ladies would have nothing to occupy their attention.

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SOME of the dresses worn this spring are very pretty and becoming, and those ladies who drive about in their smart dog-carts show them off to perfection.

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What a number of gaudy hats are being worn however! The thought that such floral decorations—in fact absolute flower gardens—should be considered pretty or fashionable was rather appalling, until it became apparent that these structures were only fashionable among people not moving in the best circles.

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IN losing Mr. Macgillicuddy, Montreal loses a most enthusiastic promoter of art, and at the same time a most agreeable and popular citizen. Few people know how much Mr. Macgillicuddy has done for the art gallery of which he was secretary; but those who do know cannot but regret that his marriage has caused him to resign his position. The much admired exhibition of pictures by English artists last fall owed its origin and success entirely to his zeal, and the credit of having the "Angelus" exhibited in Montreal, instead of being locked away in the vault of the bank of Montreal, must be also given to him. SUNBEAMS joins in the general regret that Mr. Macgillicuddy is leaving Montreal, and wishes both him and Mrs. Macgillicuddy all possible happiness and prosperity.

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MRS. Pangman gave a small tea last Friday at her residence in Phillips Square in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Macgillicuddy.

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MR. ROBERT LINDSAY has been appointed Mr. Macgillicuddy's successor as secretary to the Art gallery.

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THE racquet court is all the rage just now. Every Friday afternoon a smart 5 o'clock tea takes place, and on Saturday there is generally a pretty fair luncheon prepared for a good many people.

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FOR the last six months the whole town has been in a state of anxiety and alarm for the safety of a well-known

though youthful citizen, who, with the utmost bravery, was in the habit of riding and driving a ferocious grey mare, the property of an intimate friend. So dangerous and unsafe was the animal considered, that all kinds of bits and bridles, martingales and kicking straps had to be applied before she was permitted to leave her stall; and, even then, despite these implements of self preservation and protection, the dauntless youth, more than once, came near breaking his neck through want of proper sticking plaster. However peace is again restored, for the terrible animal has been sold,—sold to a lady who rides it quietly and gracefully through the streets of Montreal, greatly to the horror and amazement of the brave youth.

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THE Derby Sweepstakes are engrossing the minds of most Montreal young men. One prominent young gentleman is known to have at least twenty-five shares in different tickets and sweeps, while another, after great mental calculation, has made out a plan after the manner of a roulette table, by which he thinks to be able to increase his chance of gaining a prize to about 1-5.

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THE marriage of Miss Kennedy, the daughter of Mr. John Kennedy, to Mr. Ames, Monday evening, was a very brilliant affair. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father on University Street, and was performed by the Rev. Mr. Upton of the Olivet Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wells of the American Presbyterian church. The marriage took place at 8 o'clock, and a reception was held from 8.30 to 10.30, at which 200 were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ames have gone West on an extended tour, and will probably visit Vancouver before they return.

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A SCOTCH paper announces that the Rev. Mr. Barclay of St. Paul's church, this city, is among the ministers spoken of for the vacancy in St. Stephen's church, Edinburgh, from which church the Rev. Dr. Macleod has just resigned. Montreal people generally will hope that Mr. Barclay will stay where he is.

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MRS. HAGUE, the wife of the general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, gave a largely attended "At Home" at her Redpath street residence on Tuesday.

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THE fact that spiritualism is all the rage in Montreal was mentioned in this column some weeks ago. The discussion of the subject has been tenfold increased by the appearance of the first book on the subject ever published in Canada, "Brighter Spheres" by "Spiritus." Just at present the book is the talk of Montreal society. Mr. Ernest J. Craigie, who writes the preface, is known as one of the most enthusiastic believers in spiritualism in the city. "Brighter Spheres" will be discussed in SUNBEAMS next week.