

WOMAN'S WORLD.

FEMINE DISCONTENT.

There is no doubt that feminine discontent is spreading and women, all over the country, are having vague and shadowy longings for something beyond the duties of the home or the wage-earning life, although few of them seem to know definitely what they would choose.

A great many of them do not realize that they are specially favored with health and minds that work toward something better than mere existence even though the trouble is the routine of the life rather than the life itself that weighs them down.

This giving into routine as to something inevitable is due to a lack of imagination and sometimes to a lack of tiredness or, at all events, inactivity, that keeps them from seeking out new paths and ways and thoughts.

Our lives should never become dull or stupid or lack in interest and ambition. Not even when we grow old should we be grow tired of the old world we live in.

Now right here make it a rule—Never entertain a longing without trying to plan toward the attainment of what you wish. If it is a worthy wish.

Practical girls write sarcastically to ask where they are to find poetry in pots and pans and pie-making three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. It is useless to try and enlighten them, especially thru written words. But the poetry is there, nevertheless. It is only the routine that hinders.

There are some living amid the most beautiful scenery who are unaware of it. There are those to whom a magnificent forest only represents so much timber. And there are others who value nothing that has not a price tag.

To the women who feel the routine of life pressing so wearisomely upon them, we can only advise that they first see that they are well in body, sleeping, eating and breathing properly.

Frequently these oppressed mental conditions are the result of some rebellion of the system against unsuitable food, or dress or lack of exercise, air and baths.

There are many small and simple ways in which monotony can be fought. There is no doubt that the use of us tend too homely to the same program day after day. In some

homes, the same foods appear on certain days all the year round and the cooking never varies.

The world began with chaos, and, therefore, system when it was achieved was greatly overrated. System is a good thing to a certain extent. Business offices cannot be run without it; jails and orphan's asylums and insurance companies make a specialty of it, but in a woman's life it produces mental and physical weariness when it predominates and blots out beauty and gladness and good cheer, all of which are forms of faith.

Here, then, is one of the first simple home cures for dullness. Vary the diet. Stop tea and drink coffee for a while. Omit a meal now and then or omit several.

Stirve a day or two and enjoy the sensation of being genuinely hungry. Eat cold things instead of hot. Give up sweets or meats or cereals for a spell. Try a fish diet for a while, and if purse and circumstances permit go out for dinner to some of the many interesting places near you.

Shoulders. If your eye is constantly meeting some frayed, ugly cushion, even though you may have nothing to replace it just then.

Throw out a ton or so of old carpet and clothes and kitchen utensils that are worn out. Give them away if they are any good and you will find yourself singing a hymn of thanks and stepping high as you go about the house.

Window boxes brighten a dull house and give a woman something to take care of. The sight of green growing things is good for the mind and the spirit.

One always sees a welcome in a room where there is a flower or a plant. Then set up a canary or a kitten or a puppy dog and watch it grow in grace and notice that it never seems to find life dull.

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her books and her dressing is rarely dull. She can work all day erasing freckles or smoothing down her waist line. She spends tremendously exciting hours retreating hats and freshening things up generally. It is not a noble life, but it keeps existence from being dull at all events.

Dullness should really rank among the seven deadly sins.

Dull people are some times "good" in an ingrowing way, but they rarely do the world any benefit thru living in it.

To be merely "good" is a very negative condition. In fact, none of us really are "good". We think we are sometimes, when we are merely dull.

The effort or perhaps the risk we take in a new venture will wake us up thoroughly to a realization of the drama and the poetry there is all round about us, yes, even in pots and pans and pie-making.

IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Alex. Turse and her daughter, Mrs. S. Otway White, will receive at 18 Orde-street on the first and second Wednesdays in this month, and not again this season.

Mrs. Theo. W. Elliott (nee Mossie Elliott) will receive for the first time since her marriage on Thursday, Feb. 7, afternoon and evening, at her home, 118 Spadina-avenue.

Wednesday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ford, Cambridge, was the scene of a pretty marriage, when their cousin, Miss Gertrude Louise Davidson, was married to Mr. James Taylor of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Rev. A. Magrath, pastor of Cobourg Congregational Church, officiated. The bride is a niece of James Davidson, reeve of Hamilton Township.

A pretty mid-winter marriage was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farr, Blackstock, Northumberland County, when their daughter, Miss Ida E., was united in marriage to Mr. Robert J. Arnall of Sault Ste. Marie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Creighton of Lindsay. Mrs. E. B. Cowan of Lindsay played the charming gown of white point d'esprit over tulle, with trimmings of ribbon and ribbon and carried bride's roses. About seventy guests were present.

Some of those from a distance were Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Cowan and Mrs. Creighton of Lindsay, Dr. and Mrs. Orr Graham, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brock, Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Miss Gertrude Parrish and Miss Ethel Colman of Port Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Arnall left on the evening train for Toronto, New York and other points on their honeymoon.

The chief item of interest at the monthly meeting of the executive of the Women's Art Association yesterday was a resolution which was passed appointing the convenors of the several committees as a nucleus of a committee to take charge of an exhibit of work from the women of Canada to the exhibition to be held in Australia in the autumn.

Mrs. J. McKellar is giving a bridge on Tuesday, March 12, and Mrs. R. J. Christie on Wednesday, March 13.

The Maxim Gun dance will take place at McConkey's on April 2. The following gentlemen compose the committee: Mr. S. B. Brush, Mr. R. L. Kleister, Mr. Gordon Morrison, Mr. A. K. Haywood, Mr. J. S. Dixon, Mr. W. M. Taylor, Mr. J. P. MacDonald, Capt. R. Pollock, treasurer, and Mr. Gerald Munz, secretary.

Miss Kennedy of Port Dover is visiting Mrs. C. S. Boone in Bloor-street.

Miss Hilda Bouvier is visiting Miss Scrim of Ottawa for a few weeks.

Mrs. Turner of Copper Cliff has returned home.

Mr. Bueth Sims of Ottawa is in town.

Mrs. H. D. Johnston of 740 Spadina-avenue will receive on the first and third Tuesdays in March, and not again until the autumn.

Mrs. Charles D. Scott, 196 Cowan-avenue, will receive on Thursday next, 7th inst., and not again this season.

Mrs. W. Carter Heggie of Dovercourt-road will receive next Wednesday, March 7, and not again this season.

Mrs. Howard R. Wellington, 40 Walk-er-avenue, will receive on Thursday, March 7, instead of Wednesday, and not again this season.

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Mrs. C. Austin Tuppy, 67 Rose-avenue, will not receive again this season.

Mrs. Samuel Harris, 175 College-street, will receive in March, and not again this season.

Mrs. S. E. McGill, 39 Gore Vale-avenue, will receive Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, and the following first and second Thursdays thruout the season.

Mrs. George A. McCann, formerly of Sussex-avenue, will receive at 516 Euclid-avenue, Wednesday, March 6, and afterwards on the first and third Tuesdays.

Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Dagg will not receive to-day on account of illness.

Miss Wilson of Erie is the guest of Mrs. Squair in Major-street.

Mrs. Birchall and Mrs. Bosworth returned to Montreal on Saturday night.

Mrs. Carveth and Miss Carveth are leaving on Friday for a ten days' visit in Toledo.

Senator Lougheed, who spent Saturday and Sunday in town, left last night for Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allan, who are in the West Indies, will go to Demerara before returning home.

Mrs. Weraand Mitchell has gone to London for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Blackburn.

Mr. Frederick Wyld is spending a couple of weeks at Lakewood, New Jersey.

Mr. Hugh Brewer, Bank of Montreal, has returned to Cookshire, Que.

The annual meeting of the Parkdale Auxiliary of the McAll Mission will be held at the home of Mrs. Allison, 65 Melbourn-avenue, at 8 o'clock to-night. The following will take part: Mrs. Fountain and Mrs. Rosser will give readings on the work. Election of officers will take place. Collection in aid of the mission in France.

Miss Melvin-Jones is arranging a concert in aid of St. Andrew's Institute, to be given in the Conservatory of Music Hall on Friday evening, at 8:15. Miss Eva Gauthier, Miss Dora Rowand, Miss Josephine Brouse, Mr. Bisset and Mr. Blight will contribute to the program.

Mrs. Cattanchi is giving a small bridge party at the end of this week.

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire proposes to erect a tablet commemorating Miss Maxwell's heroic act in the Hochelaga fire.

The Rose Ball, which was to have been the picturesque climax of the ante-Lenten season, will now be a social event of Easter week. The new date

for this much-looked-forward-to dance has been fixed for Friday, April 6, and apart from the date, the arrangements remain as originally announced.

The ladies in charge of the luncheon and sale of hand-made rugs in St. Andrew's Institute will be: Mrs. H. S. Strath, Mrs. A. P. Burritt, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Leonard MacMurray, Mrs. Melvin-Jones, Mrs. B. A. Smith, Mrs. E. F. B. Johnston, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. D. W. Alexander and Mrs. Miller-Land. Those in charge of the tea: Mrs. John I. Davidson, Mrs. Mackenzie Alexander, Mrs. McCurdy, and some other members of the Women's Association.

Mrs. Armstrong, 79 Chestnut Park-road, will not receive, again this season.

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The Ladies' Aid of Gerrard-street Methodist Church have arranged to hold their silver shower social in the new school room of the Gerrard-street church, which they expect to have finished for the services for next Sunday. The social will be held on Tuesday evening, March 12, at 8 o'clock. A good program will be given, after which refreshments will be served. Admission silver collection of 10c and upwards.

KAISER'S REPLY A CRUISER.

Warship Will Take Decision in Banking House Matter.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, March 4.—The German minister here has notified the Haytian government that the reply of Germany to the representations of Hayti on the subject of the bank of Hermann & Co., of this city, will be brought here by the cruiser Panther.

It was announced from Port Au Prince, Feb. 16, that the relations between the governments of Hayti and Germany were strained as a result of the refusal of the German bankers, Hermann & Co., by direction of the courts at Port Au Prince, to return to the Haytian government large sums of money alleged to have been fraudulently obtained.

WOMAN EDUCATOR DEAD.

Wellesley, Mass., March 4.—The death of Miss Ada L. Howd, first president of the Wellesley College in Brooklyn last night, was announced here to-day. She was 78 years of age.

The Marie Hall Concerts.

It is said of Marie Hall, the English girl violinist, who is again to tour Canada, that never had master so enthusiastic a pupil nor student so insatiable a professor. The story of this girl artist's ascension from the shadow of poverty in which she grew up to that of to-day, of one of the world's greatest artists, reads more fascinating than any book of fiction. It is a case where merit and brains are bound to tell. This is the simple explanation of the unqualified success that has come to the Heintzman & Co. piano, which will be the choice of Marie Hall in all her concert recitals to be given in Canada.

Presentation to T. G. Mathison.

District Deputy Grand Master Workman T. Bloodworth, and a number of A.O.U.W. officers paid a fraternal visit to Salem Lodge on Friday evening. The visit was made the occasion of presenting Past Master Workman Thomas G. Mathison with a beautiful marble clock, on behalf of the officers and members of Salem Lodge. Grand Inrude Watchman J. J. Burgess of Mimico made the presentation.

York Placers' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the York Pioneer and Historical Society will be held at the Canadian Institute, 198 College-street, this afternoon.

Goes to Vancouver.

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NO FEAR OF STRIKE.

Ottawa, March 4.—A telegram received by the department of labor this morning from F. A. Sherman of the Western Federation of Miners stated that there is no fear of a strike in the western coal mines. A conference of miners has been sitting in Calgary, and prospects for an amicable settlement of all questions are excellent.

C. P. R. Appointments.

Montreal, March 4.—The following appointments have been made by the C.P.R.: Superintendent of terminals at Port William, a new office, J. G. Taylor, to subordinate positions at Moosejaw and Brandon, which are now superintended, those appointed being C. S. Maharg and G. Eglisheim.

Descendant of Barbara Heck.

Brookville, March 4.—(Special).—The death took place of Hester Heck, a descendant of Barbara Heck, founder of Methodism in Canada. The deceased had attained the age of 94 years.

John G. T. P. Staff.

Montreal, March 4.—O. O. Winter, for some time superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway interests at Port William, has resigned from the C.P.R. and is to join the force of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Couple Die of Pneumonia.

Pittsburg, March 4.—Frank Van Dusen, assistant general passenger agent of Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, and his wife, Sarah Van Dusen, died within two hours of each other from pneumonia.

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