

Social Notes Of Interest

Mrs. E. A. Alsworth, Main street, was a hostess at her residence on Friday evening at three tables of bridge. Prizes were won by Mrs. Sherman Dearborn and Miss Helen Foster. Those present were Mrs. N. P. Nutter, Mrs. E. J. Ryan, Mrs. C. M. Pratt, Mrs. Harry Doody, Mrs. Sherman Dearborn, Miss Alice Lockhart, Miss Olivia Gregory, Miss Marjorie MacIntyre, Miss Norah Doody, Miss Louise McInerney, Miss Helen Foster and Miss Mildred Foster.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith returned home on Friday evening last after a successful lecture visit to her summer town of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. Mrs. Smith lectured in Pythian Hall to a capacity house on a trip through Canada. The lecture was under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club.

Badminton was enjoyed by a record attendance of members on Saturday afternoon, with visitors also who enjoyed the interesting game, which is being played with exceptional skill by the club members this season. Tea was served at five, and the tea table was presided over by Mrs. Herbert C. Sparling and Mrs. H. A. Campbell. There were many expressions of pleasure at the return of Mrs. Sparling after an extended visit in Ontario. Almost the entire membership was present, younger and older sets vying with each other in taking their share in the courts, which were filled continuously throughout the afternoon. This was the most largely attended badminton function of the season, except the annual meeting a few weeks ago.

Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond returned from St. Stephen on Saturday evening after a delightful trip to the border town, where she lectured with success to a large audience on Friday evening on her recent trip across Canada. Mrs. Raymond was invited to give this lecture, which was illustrated, after her return from the National convention of the Federated Canadian Clubs in Vancouver, B. C. Her acceptance was a great pleasure to those who heard her last Friday evening.

The Saturday Night Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. H. B. Robinson last week. Those present were Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, the Misses Sidney Smith, Mrs. Fred Caverhill Jones, Mrs. Simon Jones, Mrs. Arthur W. Adams, Mrs. Walter E. Foster, Mrs. Stuart Skinner, Mrs. George K. McLeod and Mrs. J. Busby. The evening was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. W. J. Fuglesy, of Ottawa, is visiting in Montreal and will return this week to her home.

Mrs. T. H. Bullock, wife of Commissioner Bullock, who went to Boston for a visit, arrived home within a few days of her departure owing to the inclemency of the weather in that city and because she had contracted a severe cold. Mrs. Bullock was confined to her bed yesterday, much to the regret of her family and many friends.

The many friends of Miss Mona Snowball, of Chatham, who is well known in this city, will be pleased to hear of her success at Mount Allison, where she gave a most successful graduation piano recital in Beethoven Hall last week. She was ably assisted by Miss Rebecca Brodie, who promises to be a brilliant violin graduate and by Miss L. Bell, who is an excellent accompanist.

BRIDE CRIES EIGHT DAYS.

The Bahama tribesmen in Uganda, Central Africa, literally in the very heart of the world—are the wildest and most uncivilized people of the world. They have unusually peculiar customs. Perhaps the most interesting of these is the manner in which a bride is supposed to conduct herself before her marriage.

To begin with, a bride is literally dragged away from her home by her husband. Her family tie a rope around her leg and hold fast to her. Then the bridegroom pulls as hard as he can. If he cannot succeed in overpowering the strength of his bride's family they weaken their hold on the fether and make it appear that the husband has won his tug of war.

Then the victorious bridegroom takes his bride to the home of his mother. The most passionate weeping is done by the bride. She cries for eight days without stopping.

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MOTHER-SON INSTINCTS LEE BOY, 16, TO WED WIDOW, 46, SAYS ANALYST

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT

Ridgefield Park, N. J.—Did some childish memory of his mother lead 16-year-old Burton S. Tucker of South Essex, Mass., to fall in love with and marry a woman approaching 50?

Did the woman, who was formerly Mrs. Susan O. Simpson, of West Gloucester, Mass., a widow and wealthy hotel owner, consent to marry young Tucker to satisfy a thwarted maternal instinct?

On some such grounds would psycho-analysts explain the December-May romance which is rocking the staid New England coast and may lead clear out to California.

"Our love is eternal, it will never die," says the plump and elderly bride, shaking her black, bobbed locks and gazing adoringly at her sleek and dark-eyed husband in their temporary love-nest here.

"It was love at first sight," declares the youthful bridegroom, "if Susan hadn't any money I'd go to work for her with pick and shovel."

William J. Fielding, psycho-analyst and author of numerous books on the subject, among them "Sanity in Sex," just smiles at that.

It really is nothing at all to get excited about, explains Fielding, for something of the sort happens to all of us, only rarely does it reach as far as to the altar.

"What young Tucker saw in Mrs. Simpson," explains Fielding, "was probably something which recalled a dim memory of his



MRS. SUSAN TUCKER, WEALTHY AND NEARING 50, WITH HER 16-YEAR-OLD HUSBAND, BURTON S. TUCKER.

mother. It might have been the color of her eyes, the contour of her face, the tone of her voice.

"The planting of this mother-image in a youth explains why so many young men fall in love with older women. Normally it expresses itself by a boy falling in love with his school teacher or some other woman with whom he is thrown in contact. Most of them outgrow it and come eventually to marry someone of their own age.

"Young Tucker just happened to marry before he outgrew it. Coupled with this is the circumstance that whether he admitted it to himself, he probably desired the material ease which would come from marriage with a wealthy woman."

That the wealthy widow's affection for young Tucker is largely maternal, Fielding thinks, is explained by her self-expressed intention of sending him to college, then putting him in charge of her business affairs and eventually buying him a seat in the stock exchange.

"Normally," he says, "a woman who has been married once is anxious to marry again. A woman of Mrs. Simpson's wealth and charm, I think, would have no difficulty in securing a partner of her own age. But she was dominated by her mother instinct and so her affections settled on young Tucker, a boy whom she could not only mother but in a measure dictate to as well."

In the meantime the happy couple, providing a certain little legal technicality about the bridegroom's age can be settled, are planning a little love-nest in California where, fortunately, winter never comes at all.



JUNE ROMEO MAKES LOVE TO HIS DECEMBER JULIET

MISS JARVIS AT ALBERT MEETING

Agricultural Society Election—School Teacher Resigns

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 8.—Miss Ethel Hazen Jarvis, of St. John, provincial secretary of the Red Cross, visited the local branch at Riverside on Tuesday, and gave an inspiring address at a largely attended meeting of the members in the society's rooms in the public hall on Tuesday evening. Miss Jarvis' visit was greatly enjoyed by the local members, and their guests, too, was delighted with her reception and the meeting together. The address in the evening dealt with the history and work of the Red Cross Society in its world-wide activities, and was a most admirable one. At the close of the address and the routine business, Miss Jarvis visited the Riverside Memorial Hospital and was shown through the institution by Miss Hazel Barbour, nurse in charge. She especially inspected the Red Cross room, and spoke very highly of the hospital generally. During her stay at Riverside Miss Jarvis was entertained at the home of Mrs. A. R. McClelland.

The annual meeting of the Albert Agricultural Society, No. 133, was held at Albert on Saturday evening, when the prize money was paid over and officers were elected for the new year. The latter are: Byron A. Peck, president; David Barbour, vice-president; Aubrey Stiles, secretary-treasurer; O. A. Calhoun, auditor. Directors, E. O. Barbour, R. W. Porter, J. F. Fenton, A. W. Kinnie, Job Stiles, J. K. Paisley, J. W. Fillmore, E. E. Newcombe, O. A. Calhoun, W. E. Stiles, O. A. Milton, Isaac Berryman, H. H. Tingley, Alexander Prosser.

Ezra Richardson, son of L. L. Richardson, is in the hospital at Riverside, where he has undergone an operation for removal of the tonsils. The campaign in this neighborhood, in the interest of the Protestant Orphanage fund, will be carried on the coming week, under the auspices of the Women's Institute. The institute on Monday selected canvassers to cover this district.

Miss Theresa Bishop, who has been principal of the Hill school for the past term, has resigned, and the trustee board are making plans to secure a successor. Mrs. Marvin, of the primary department, is to remain, the coming term, very much to the satisfaction of the people of the district.

Mrs. Isaac C. Prescott, of Albert, is in Montreal this week, for medical examination and treatment. Miss Frances E. Rogers, who has completed her full course in dietetics, and is now attached to the dietitians' staff of Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, came to her home here today to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rogers.

A full week of the winter month of December has passed with nothing in the line of weather but the conditions of spring—mild air, warm rains and sunlight that makes one think of April.

SISTER Mary's KITCHEN



PUFF SHELLS

The clever woman who believes in preparedness, should keep puff shells in her emergency cupboard during the holiday season.

These shells are used as cases for desserts, salads or creamed meats. They can be kept, reheated and crisped for a week or longer.

Creamed shrimps with peas served in a delicious shell is something very different from the same mixture creamed on toast. Creamed chicken, mushrooms and eggs or sweetbreads are quite as satisfactory served in puff shells as in patty shells. And the puff shells are much less trying to make.

This recipe is sufficient for 18 average sized puffs: One-half cup butter, 1 cup boiling water, 1 cup flour, 4 eggs. The water should be boiling when measured. Put water in a perfectly smooth sauce pan and add butter. When the boiling point is again reached add the flour, which has been sifted, all at once. Stir vigorously.

The mixture will soon make a stiff ball, drawing away from the sides of the pan. Remove from the fire and add the eggs, unbeaten, one at a time. Each egg should be thoroughly incorporated in the mixture before another is added. Drop by spoonfuls into a buttered cookie sheet or inverted dripping pan. Bake half an hour in a moderate oven.

Do not look at the puffs for the first 10 minutes they are in the oven. At the end of 10 minutes the heat should be slightly reduced. If the dough is allowed to cook before the eggs are added the shells will be in layers of flakes. This flakiness is especially desirable if they are wanted for a creamed entrée.

Rich Filling Whipped cream, sweetened and flavored with vanilla makes a rich sauce for a filling of ice cream or a cold-fruit cream of any sort.

This same mixture can also be used to make tiny cheese puffs to serve with salad. Add two tablespoons grated cheese to the mixture before baking and season with salt and paprika. Drop by the half-teaspoonful, spreading flat, on an oiled and floured baking sheet. Bake well in a moderate oven. Sprinkle with grated cheese and melt in a hot oven before serving.

Tiny puffs are made and filled with any rich, highly seasoned sandwich filling for the afternoon tea table. Drop from a teaspoon, but do not flatten. Bake and remove tops. Fill and replace top.

It may be more convenient to fill them by splitting a little at one side. These puffs must be very small, not more than two bites, or they will be most unpleasant to eat.

Care in Baking

Care must be taken in the baking that the shells are well done. If they are not thoroughly baked they will fall. A safe way to do is to take one from the oven. If it does not fall after two or three minutes the rest may be removed with safety.

The puff suits are split in half when used for salads or creamed entrees, each half forming a case.

If used as a dessert the shells can be opened at the top of the puff, the filling put into the case and the top put back. A particularly delicious concoction is made by filling a shell with maple mouse, replacing the top and pouring marshmallow sauce with English walnuts over the whole. No cake is served and the dessert is distinctly a surprise.

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REMOVING STAINS.

To remove cocoa stains from table linens or other fabrics, wash out in clear cold water (do not use any soap) before the stains have dried. Every trace of the cocoa can be removed in this way.

If you have a patent-leather vanity purse and wish to remove the fingerprints, dip a cloth in cold milk and rub on the vanity. When dry, take a soft dry cloth and polish. It will then look like new.

Common table salt rubbed on a milk-strainer cleans it more easily than anything else.

To clean gilt, go over the gilt with a dry cloth to remove the dust. Then wash it with warm water in which a medium-sized onion has been boiled. Dry by rubbing with soft cloth.

To remove pine gum or wax stains from serge, saturate a small piece of the same material with chloroform and rub well until the stain disappears. Flowers usually discolor a vase; use a little vinegar and a spoonful of tea (not drawn) and let it stand for a few minutes. Shake well and rinse.

Apply paste of cold water and pipe clay to remove oil marks on wall-paper. Leave it on all night; brush off in the morning.—From the Designer Magazine for December.

WHITE NUT CAKE. One cup sugar, 1/2 cup milk, 2-3 cup chopped almonds and walnut-meats mixed, 1 teaspoon almond extract, 2 cups flour, 1-2 cup butter or margarine, 3 eggs, 3 level teaspoons baking-powder, vanilla icing. Cream together the butter and sugar. Add the milk and half of the flour and beat up until light. To the remainder of the flour add the baking-powder and a pinch of salt and stir in. Then add the nut-meats and lastly the vanilla. White of eggs. Bake in two layers in moderate oven. Ice both layers with a white vanilla frosting and decorate with halved nut-meats on top.—From the Designer Magazine for December.

THE 20TH BIRTHDAY OF KINDERGARTENS

First Institution Opened in City on December 7, 1903

The free kindergartens in St. John have been in existence for exactly 20 years and in that period have brought joy to the heart of many hundreds of small people. In the light of their present happier auspices, when a large share of the burden of their costs is being shouldered by the school board, it is interesting to recall the early days.

It was Miss Mary Gunn who was the first to move in the matter. Miss Gunn cherished an ideal of serving the little children who had no opportunities for recreation and she called a meeting of interested friends, at her home in 204 King street east. After several meetings at Miss Gunn's home it was decided to call a public meeting which was convened in the old Y. M. C. A. building in Charlotte street with the late Archdeacon W. O. Raymond as chairman. The project received some measure of public support and the first kindergarten was opened on Dec. 7, 1903, in the same room in St. Mary's hall that was recently opened once more as a kindergarten.

Mrs. J. W. Flewelling, then Miss Burdett, was the first kindergarten teacher, and about 30 children were in attendance. The first president of the Association was Mrs. A. A. Stockton who held office for a short period and the second president was Mrs. W. F. Hatheway by whose wish the word "Free" was added to the title of the Association making it the present form, "The Free Kindergarten Association."

Miss Gunn's interest in the work

which she was instrumental in launching has been steadily maintained and today the Association has no more active or energetic member. Miss Gunn held the office of treasurer for several years and also served as secretary. The latter office was held by Mrs. H. H. Pickett for several years.

TO SPEAK TO CLUB HERE.

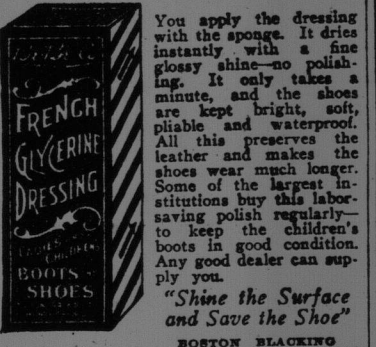
The Women's Canadian Club has completed arrangements for the address to be delivered this week before the club by Dr. E. V. Sullivan, of St. Stephen, who has had an interesting war experience, serving overseas as a medical officer. Dr. Sullivan will speak on "Medical Sense Building," and will give a lecture which he has delivered before other Canadian Clubs in the province, and which has everywhere been given a splendid reception. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, the president of the club, has received a telegram from Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, making further arrangements in connection with his address before the club. He is to be one of the speakers that will be heard by the club in January.

He's 100, So He Retires

Hull, Eng.—Isaac Posthill, 100 years old, has just retired after a century's service as an agent for a firm of drapery here. He daily walked seven or eight miles in making his rounds. Last July he was knocked down by a tram car. A cut on his head was stitched and he went back to work the following day.

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Manicure Rolls	\$3.35 to \$9.65
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Eversharp Ribbon Guards	85c. each
French Ivory Pieces	35c. to \$10.00
Writing Cases	\$3.50 to \$9.50
Coat Hangers to fold in leather case	75c. to \$1.50
Pullman Leather Slippers	\$2.65 each
Handkerchief Cases	20c. to \$1.00
Wrist Watch Straps	75c. and 85c. each
Powder Puffs in Leather Cases	35c. to \$1.75
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Hair Receivers	90c. each
Talcum Powder Holders	90c. each
Scissors	90c. each
Buffers	90c. each
Trays	90c., \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.35, \$4.00 each
Hat Brushes	\$1.50 each
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