

## LATE SOCIETY NEWS.

ON Tuesday evening, Mrs. Rawlings, Simpson street, gave a large and very pleasant dance in honor of Miss Hoyt, of New York, who is visiting her. The house was profusely decorated with palms and ferns, and the conservatory, lighted with tiny electric lights of various colors, formed a cool and fragrant retreat.

Dancing was in the large double drawing-room, where the floor was most excellent, and the orchestra, consisting of piano and three pieces, played a most inspiring programme. Supper was served about twelve o'clock at numerous small tables in the dining-room, though people might have been observed in almost every corner of the house enjoying tete-a-tete repasts. No programmes were used, and this custom seems so popular that it no doubt has come to stay. Many of the dresses worn were exceedingly pretty. Perhaps the most notably so were the gowns of Miss M. Ramsay, Miss E. Duhamel, Miss M. Greenshields, Miss B. Allan, Miss C. Shepherd, Miss M. Bond, Miss Hoyt, Miss A. Ewan, Miss M. Clouston. Mrs. Rawlings, who was assisted in receiving by Miss Edith Rawlings and Miss Hoyt, wore a very handsome dress of black satin, with white chiton and transparent yoke and sleeves of black lace.

Much interest and no little surprise has been evoked by the announcement that the marriage of Miss B. Hutchins, only daughter of Mr. R. Hutchins, and Mr. Lisle Davidson, second son of Judge Davidson, will take place within the next fortnight. Mr. Davidson has been out in Rossland for some time past, and Miss Hutchins will go out there to be married.

## A NEIGHBORLY VITA

CALLER.—Your next door neighbors appears to be very quiet people.

Mrs. SPINKS.—Yes, the walls are very thin, and I s'pose the mean things keep quiet to hear what we say.

"The worm may turn when it is trodden upon," remarked the orange peel, "but I have a better scheme than that. I turn the man that treads on me."

Mr. Marion Crawford is writing a book on Southern Italy—one which he calls "The Rulers of the South," and which is to be a mate to his "Ave Roma Immortalis."

It is rumored that Ibsen's forthcoming play is to be the last one he intends to write. It is said also that he is now arranging his papers with a view to their ultimate publication as memoirs.

Asked for a definition of the term "Absent-Minded Beggar," Mr. Kipling answers that it "is one used by private soldiers themselves when they have forgotten any small duty, and beggar is a generic term of endearment."

"What interests you so deeply?" she asked.

"I am trying to make up my mind," he answered, "whether that thing on the table is my new wastebasket upside-down, or your new hat rightside-up."

"Ain't we got a cut of Kruger?" asked the foreman.

"We ain't," replied the provincial editor; "but that picture of the man who was cured of dyspepsia by Jobson's Pills is enough like him to do. Put it in."

Mrs. T. G. Shaughnessy has issued invitations for a dance at the Place Viger Hotel, on Tuesday next.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Cooke, Mackay street, entertained the members of one of the numerous euchre clubs, and a number of additional guests as well.

Mrs. H. Graham, Sherbrooke street, gave a large and most pleasant euchre party on Tuesday evening.

THE members of the St. Cecilia Club were "At Home" in the Y. M. C. A. parlors on Wednesday afternoon. As the president (Miss Beatrice Hodgson) explained, this club has been formed among the students of the Fletcher Music Method and Piano School for the study of musical history and the lives of composers and their characteristic productions. Papers were read on Schumann, by Miss Mary Kingman, and Grieg, by Miss Claiice Blakemore, each followed by selections from the compositions of these masters, rendered with much taste and skill, by Misses Inez Leishman, Sutherland, Hodgson, Kingman, Garratt, Stevenson, Baylis, Liffiton, and Masters Russell Cowans, Harold and Arthur Shorey (violin). Mrs. Edward Youngheart, a most accomplished vocalist, kindly sang two songs by Schumann, as only an artist can render these gems. A very large number of guests were present, and were received by Mrs. H. O. Wilson and Miss Davidson, and the young hostesses dispensed refreshments from a table most charmingly decorated with red carnations. Mrs. H. O. Wilson and Miss Davidson were very warmly congratulated upon their happy idea and its evident success.

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