Mountain Grows Shorter.

Recent measurements of Mount Blanc indicate that the great pile has lost some of its height. It has been accredited with a height of 4,810 metres, whereas the last computation gives it only 4,807.

SOCIETIES and THE HOME

Oval Handkerchiefs in Louis XVI. Era.

When Kaparthala claimed the distinction of originating the oval handkerchief, research in the Louvre resulted in the discovery of pictures dated 1785 showing ladies displaying oval mouchoirs.

Wives Suffer

Dorothy Dix

The Meanest Husband Is the Man Who Is Good Outside His Home, But Bad as Soon as He Is in It—He Breaks His Wife's Heart Slowly.

It is a curious thing that the virtues of the home and the virtues of the street are not always the same, and that many a good man is a bad husband. There are plenty of men so impeccable in their conduct in public that they are held up as examples for the youth of their community to

imitate who commit crimes worse

than murder against their wives and children. last farthing in all their dealings; men who would have scorned to have given a false weight or measure or misrepresented the goods they had to sell; men who would have died rather than betray a trust or accept a bribe; men who would have cut off their right hand rather than let any tainted money stick to it.

Yet these men, who are so honest with other people's money, are not fair enough to give their wives one single penny of the money they earn by working four-teen hours a day for them and their children. I have seen the wives of these men

because they did not have an extra nickel with which to pay a friend's street car fare, or a quarter with which to treat the women to soda water who were always buying soda water for them. I have seen these women cringe with fear, like a beaten dog, when they had to present the monthly bill to their husbands. I have seen these women insulted almost beyond human endurance when they went like mendicants to their husbands asking for the money they had earned ten times over.

I have seen honest men such tightwads in their own families that they made their wives and children steal and lie to get the things they were entitled to have, and that their fathers and husbands could afford to give them, and were too stingy to give them.

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I have known men who were sober as the town pump. Men who proudly boasted that they had never touched liquor or tobacco in any form. Men who had never played a game of cards for money, or gone to horse race. Men who were pointed out to the young as models of rance that they should follow.

I have seen these men give way in their own homes to bursts of temper that were temporary insanity. I have heard them curse and swear like madmen over such a trivial thing as a burnt roast, or too salty soup. I have seen their wives fawn and flatter, trying to keep them in good humor, and using almost superhuman dexterity to keep any topic out of the conversation that would ruffle their husbands' sensibilities.

In such households I have seen the children hush their prattle the minute their father's key sounded in the latch, and seen them sneak away to where his eye would not fall upon them, in the hope that they might that way escape his wrath. I have seen them sit silent and hushed at the table, hoping against hope that he would not single them out for his tirades, and when they had to ask him if they might go somewhere, or do something that they desired to do. I have seen them shake as a criminal might in the presence of

I have known moral men who were faithful to their marriage vows. Men who never philandered with a pretty woman, or took a second look at any petticoat except those hanging on their own wash line. Men who were

But I have seen these same men as cold and hard as a rock to their own wives. I have seen these men let their wives starve and die for a little appreciation, a little tenderness, a little love. I have known many of these men who never spoke to their wives after they were married except to find fault with them, never to notice or praise anything that was well done, but to have an eagle eye for every blunder and every mistake. I have known these men never to take their wives out to any place of amusement, never to devise any pleasure for them, never even to make them a present.

I have known me were so friendly. So kindly to everyone. They always visited the sick, and went to funerals, and headed donations. They were always so pleasant and companionable.

I have known men like that who took out all the nerves and temper they did not dare show customers and clients upon their Jamilies. Sometimes they were men who were too much gentlemen to swear and curse, but they held a more lethal weapon over the heads of their wives and children. When anything displeased them for some unknown reason they would pass into the gloomy silence, a silence that froze everybody and everything and sent the temperature down to zero, and this would last for days and

I have known plenty of men who spoiled what might otherwise have een a happy home with their grouches, and made it a place of torment from which the children fled as soon as they were old enough to leave.

I contend that the meanest husband is the man who is good outside of the home and mean in it. He is the most contemptible bully and coward in the world, because he vents his spleen on the only people who are in his power, and helpless to defy him. He is the meanest husband because he respects the letter of the law marriage, but breaks its spirit.

Not all the injuries are physical ones. A hurt heart can ache more than a wound. A bruised soul is worse than a black eye. Sarcastic thes stab deeper than a knife. A man's selfishness is a more deadly ival than any vamp.

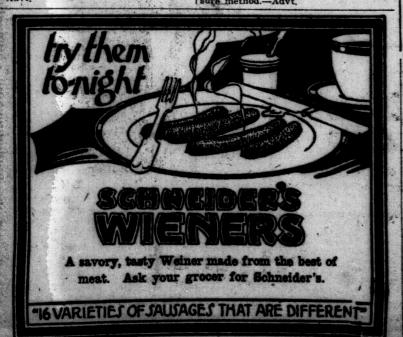
As an illustration of woman's inconsistency it is often remarked that women leave good men, apparently without reason, and stick to men who are drunkards, and jailbirds, and rounders. But the women know what hey are doing. They know that these men have some quality of generesity, of tenderness, of gentleness, of pleasantness, that makes them, bad is they are, better husbands than many a good man. DOROTHY DIX.

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WILL TAKE OFF

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LOCAL COUNCIL MEETS SOON. The president of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. E. B. Smith, and the secrétaries, meeting together last night, decided that the annual meeting of the Local Council should be held in about two weeks' time, the exact date to be decided later.





Mas. W. H. PORTER,
new president of the University Women's Club, who acted as hostess at
the banquet held last evening at the
Highland Golf Club.
—Portrait by Sanders Studio.

ADJUTANT G. HOLLAND

Former London Girl Has Brought Her Heart To London From Far Sydney.

Adjutant Geraldine Holland, the ew superintendent at Bethesda Hospital, has arrived in the city from Sydney, Nova Scotia, where she has hed charge of a private hospital under the direction of the Salvation Army for the past three years and nine months. Adjutant Holland, although she comes so far, is no newcomer to London, having taken her training here at Bethesda Hospital under Miss Marshall.

She comes she says with a decision of the same she says with a decision.

She comes, she says, with a de-ermination to do her best for condon. Although she comes from Sydney, N.S., she did not leave her heart there, but has brought it to this city, and will use it in the in-terests of London and the army.

CLUB NEWS

EMPRESS AVENUE CLUB.

The chief business which occupied the Empress Avenue Mothers' Club cerned plans for the bazaar which the club will hold in November on the next regular meeting night. In this connection a number of showers will be held at the home of the members during October, among them a shower. during October, among them a shower at the home of Mrs. Bryant, the president, 66 Forward avenue, on

Oct. 18.

During the meeting the members discussed the subject of a new school for the district and expressed the hope that it would be soon forth-coming. Rex Fowler, principal of the school urged co-operation between parents and teachers.

The chief speaker of the occasion

s Miss Lorina Wade, a pupil of the school, whose subject was "Mothers of Men." Miss Wade pointed out that no matter to what heights men attained.

they owed it to their mothers Mothers were character builders. During the late war, the men who had won honors, had pinned their medals on the breasts of their mothers, say-ing that the honor was theirs. The program also included an in-strumental solo by Miss Alberta

Building. Another meeting will be held in the near future to take up

Mothers Club last night was an enthusfastic gathering. No program was given, but a great amount of members have arranged to auction off the monogram quilt at the November meeting, at which Mayor Wenige will be the speaker. The members of the Wortley Road Mothers' Club will also be invited to be guests on that occasion.

A membership campaign was started at the meeting, Mrs. George Yull

ed at the meeting, Mrs. George Yull and Mrs. C. Austin being appointed captains. The membership campaign will continue until December. A quilting bee will be held at the home. of Mrs. George Arm some time in

LORD ROBERTS' MOTHERS' CLUB Dr. Frank Bryant was the speaker

Social and Personal

Mrs. W. R. Falls of Toronto is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Falls, Grosvenor

Mrs. Alex. Knox of Kent Bridge is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. B. Edwards. Miss Laura Neish of Kingston is

of her daughter, Mrs. George Beres-The Sir George Ross Chapter, I. O. D. E., will meet at the home of Miss Kitty White, "The Ridgeway,"

on Tuesday of next week Mrs. Edward Cleghorn, who has been a guest with her aunt, Mrs. George Harris, Colborne street, has returned to her home in Boston. Mr. Lewis, Mill street, and Mr. Obeay, Sydenham street, left this week for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the winter months.

Miss Kathleen Forbes and Miss Verna Beemer of Port Huron, Mich., were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. A. Bray, Orchard street, last week-end. Mrs. John Keenan, Miss Isabel Keenan and Mr. Jack Keenan of Owen Sound motored to London terday, en route to Windsor and De-

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCrae, Hyatt avenue, have returned home after a delightful five weeks' holiday visiting friends in Almonte, Ottawa, Ren-frew and Montreal.

Mrs. Robert Hague of Toronto is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Ware, Richmond street, motoring to town yesterday with Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson of Toronto. Bliss Carman, who is coming to London next month to address the Women's Canadian Club, will be a

guest while in town of the Misse Blackburn, Talbot street.

Club are planning to entertain Bliss Carmen, distinguished Canadian poet, at a luncheon to be held some time during his visit to the city in November.

Mrs. E. H. Nelles, regent of the Lowe.

Senator Coffey Chapter, I. O. D. E., has called a meeting of the chapter, to be held Thursday afternoon. This whose subject was "The School Atwill be the opening meeting of the tendance Act and the Adolescent

Mrs. F. J. Greenaway and Mrs. H. A. McCallum left today to attend the annual meeting of the Ontario United promotion were due to non-attend-Hospital Aides Association, which is taking place in the Baptist Church he said the board was exceedi

Seltzer.

Library Club.

Mrs. Lawrence Park, Tecumseh and girls. With regard to the issushower given in honor of Miss L. Mellett, a bride-elect of next week. Mrs. E. Southcott poured tea and Mrs. Mrs. E. Southcott poured tea and Mrs. Building. Another meeting will be held in the near future to take up.

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held in the near future to take up buildings laid over at last night's meeting, owing to the lack of a quorum.

HALE STREET CLUB.

The meeting of the Hale Street Mothers Club last night was an engage of the Londoners who will attend the functional form of the late Mrs. Jeannie Gordon, supreme grand mistress of the L. O.

B. A., whose death occurred in Toponto this week.

Mrs. S. K. Stevens tendered her resignation as pianist of the club. Mrs. George Mitchell was appointed assistant to Mrs. G. Monohan on the refreshment committee.

The program included violin solos by Miss L. Thomas, Miss A. Kidner acting as accompanist. Miss H.

A suchre will be held Friday afternoon by May Queen Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, to raise funds for the doll booth, which the lodge is in charge of at "The Streets of Wonderland." Mrs. Arthur Borland, Mrs. T. R. Waugh and Mrs. Allen Oundas are the con-

The annual at home of Trinity Chapter, O. E. S., will be held in the Masonic Temple, November 2. Dancing and euchre will be on the evening's program, and the com-mittee in charge includes Mrs. Harry Luney, Mrs. Harry Bell, Mrs. W. E. Manness and Mrs. H. R. Hooper. Mr. Grant Falls is entertaining a The management of Loew's Theatre entertained the soldier patients of Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at their performance this afternoon.

The guests, numbering twelve, will go on to Miss Eleanor Robinson's dance at the Highland Golf Club, dance at the Highland Golf Club, which is also being given in Miss

Stodart's honor.

Mrs. H. W. Auden went to Toronto

Miss Susan Blackburn is visiting in Michigan.

Mrs. W. E. Manness is a visitor in Bayfield today.

Mrs. R. M. Dillon has returned from an enjoyable visit in Toronto.

Mrs. Gordon Lucas of Sarnja is the guest of Miss Dorothy Durand, Ridout street.

Mrs. W. R. Fails of Toronto is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Falls Grosvenor of Mrs. W. C. Falls Grosvenor of Mrs. W. C. Falls Grosvenor the tea given by the Froebel Society at the Highland Club. Miss Laura Neish, formerly of Kingston, and Mrs. Alex. Knott of Kent Bridge were guests of honor. Miss Lena Rudd gave an interesting talk on her trip to Jasper Park and Alaska which was most enjoyable. At the tea hour Miss Brenton, kindergarten supervisor, and Miss Lula McConnel, president of the club, presided over the tea given by the froebel Society at the Highland Club.

Following the October meeting of the Salem Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. John Jackson last week, a shower of handkerchiefs and a basket of flowers were present-Miss Laura Neish of Kingston is the guest of Miss Ethel Howie, William street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrow have left for Pittsburg, Pa., where they will spend some time.

Mr. F. Fred Grant of New York is he has accepted a position in the nutrition department of the Toronto Grant. Wellington street.

Grant, Wellington street.

Mrs. Rutherford, secretary for the students' Christian movement, is a guest with Miss Isabel Griffiths.

Mrs. F. W. Templin and son Hiles, 35 Belgrade Place, are in Toronto attending the Lloyd George meetings.

Miss Mildred Yake is spending a week in Hamilton, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Thurlow, Sherwin avenue.

Mrs. E. N. Hart was the hostess last evening of the meeting of the Sunshine Club of Trinity Chapter, O. E. S., with Mrs. H. Nichol, Mrs. A. Jefferies, Mrs. C. B. Chapman and Mrs. M. S. Aikenhead as assisting hostesses. During the evening the club members were busy sewing articles for the bazaar, which is to be held Nov. 22. An enjoyable program presented during the evening included readings by Miss Sybil Higman, Mrs. F. Beck is entertaining this ed readings by Miss Sybil Higman, afternoon at the Kennels in honor and solos by Miss Kathleen England of her daughter, Mrs. George Beres- and Mrs. H. B. Elford; and a plano and saxaphone duet by Chapman and Ted Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey o Lambeth were highly honored re-cently, when about 100 of their friends and relatives gathered at their home and showered them with a number of handsome gifts. Taking part in the presentation were Mr. G. Vanderlinder, Mr. W. C. Harris, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Bogue, Col. Moore Mr. David Bogue, Mr. George Bogue, Mr. John Doyle, Mr. Emer-son Cornell, Mr. Nat Tunka, Mr. Morley White, Mr. J. H. Cornell, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. S. Cornell. Instrumental and vocal numbers were given by Mr. McLaughlin, Miss McMillan, Miss Duncan, Miss Pack, Miss Van-derlinder and others.

TO HOLD FRUIT SHOWER

Wortley Road Mothers' Club Hears Public School Attendance Officer.

At the regular meeting of the Wort ley Road Mothers' Club, held last night at the school, the club decided to hold a canned fruit shower for the Day Nursery, the fruit to be brought to the school by Friday night of this week. About seventy members were present at the meeting.

In order to aid families in the dis-trict, suffering from a recent financial catastrophe, the club has started November.

Miss Isabel C. Armstrong, who attended the triennial of the Canadian Women's Press Club, will visit in the west for some time before returning to Ottawa, where she will spend the winter.

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The speaker of the evening was

ance. In regard to the adolescent ac

Baker proved a versatile reader and her numbers, three in all, were much appreciated. Mrs. G. Hawthorne favored with two delightful vocal solos, Mrs. S. K. Stevens acting as ccompanist. The serving of refresh nents brought the meeting to a close









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