

FOR WOMEN

AMUSEMENTS

"The Sphinx" An Odd Composition

William Strang Has Many Colored Canvases at London Salon.

London, Dec. 27.—The Goupil Gallery Salon, the tenth exhibition of a series inaugurated in 1915, is now open at the Galleries Infatigable street. All schools are represented, and the Academician hangs cheek by jowl with the extremist of the "Friday Club," and the "London Group." There are many interesting pictures, both French and English, also many that are pretentious and of no artistic value. The distinguished painter, Wilson Steer, is represented by a number of delicate landscapes, pale and atmospheric. Augustus John contributes a dozen clever drawings of which the best is the "Woman Reclining." William Strang, the Academician, shows a remarkable character study, "The Sphinx," the portrait of a plain, long-faced, brown-haired girl in a many-colored, hat, low-necked, crimson blouse, a long head necklace. It is an able piece of work, and one is not concerned much as to what the Sphinx thinks. A subtle and accomplished portrait is "Joyce," by Howard Somerville, a young woman in black against a black background. This painter has, however, a mistaken idea of "finish," the end of Art is not to conceal point. The "Pastoral" by Walter Bayes, one of the most prolific of painters, is excellent work, marred only by one cow, stupidly intent on spoiling the decorative effect. Louis A. Sarrent's "The Bodon Glacier" is a fine harmony, composed of blue and pink rocks and snow.

"LI-KI" CHINESE FOR CHRYSANTHEMUM

It one went into a flower store and asked for a dozen Li-Ki the florist might be puzzled. But that is what Confucius called the chrysanthemum when he wrote about it over in China some 500 years before Christ was born. And that's how old, at least, the chrysanthemum is—something like 2,500 years. Age has bettered rather than decreased the beauty of the bloom. The Japs have known it for at least 2,000 years. But in earlier centuries it was not the impressive mammoth head hundreds of years of cultivation has brought it to be. It came to Europe from Japan and China some time in the Seventeenth Century, and the florists of those days began its intense cultivation and developed the large flowers from which have come down the chrysanthemums of this day. The name itself is from the Greek and really means "golden flower," which is not far from a good description in the light of the great lemon-and-orange colored blooms with which the florists' shops have been filled.

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Opening of K. of P. Castle Tonight

Congregational Church Remodeled—De Monts Chapter Ball Opening Event.

The long-cherished dream of the Knights of Pythias of St. John will be realized tonight in the opening of their own Castle in the form of a brilliant ball under the auspices of De Monts Chapter, I. O. O. E., the leading society event of the year. After two months of intensive remodeling and renovation the Congregational church property, Union street, will be used for the first time as a community centre. Other engagements will follow, including a reunion of Knights and their ladies New Year's Eve, when Pythianism will receive a revival that will bring into immediate touch all the families of the Order in the four city lodges and many from outside the city who are planning to be present for the event.

The new Castle, which is the property of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1—the mother of Pythianism in the British Empire—and Union Lodge No. 2, also of a stock company of fraters, is one of the prettiest of decorations and appointments it is easily the best in New Brunswick and will fill a long-felt want in this city where many a social and platform event has been compromised for want of proper housing. The Knights are therefore to be congratulated upon their enterprise in providing such a place.

Excellent Decorations.

Upon entering the building by the main auditorium doorways a spacious hall over fifty-five feet square confronts the eye. The floor is of highly polished birch and the predominating color scheme is a gold and greenish mixture known as the "Tiffany effect." Tastefully offset in soft greys with just enough strange color, such as a rich red top-wall band, to make lines of distinction between the exquisite panelled ceiling and the walls. Gilding in silver grey tones gives the whole lower section an exceedingly smart touch, very modern indeed, very New York in fact. At the front of the interior flanking the stage and music alcove are two heroic Greek goddesses, Music and Plenty, typifying the uses to which the auditorium will probably be put. R. S. Craig, W. E. Demings and F. W. Stringer are responsible for this fine display of the decorator's art.

There is a balcony with accommodation for two hundred people, which is convertible to platform meeting purposes and for a rest section at social events. Off this main room are ladies' retiring suite, check room for clothing with a new system of carafes for wraps and hats. In fact this upper floor is ideal for social event and concert or platform gatherings and the removable seating is of special design "tailor-made" at the factory.

Lower Section.

Downstairs the greatest changes have been made in the former church property. The floor has been lowered to allow of two feet higher ceiling.

LET'S TALK IT OVER

It has been said by visitors to St. John that one of the first things they notice is the way the citizens run down their home, its climate coming in for the lion's share of condemnation. If this is true, and judging from the remarks heard almost daily it certainly is a common failing, let us take a leaf from the books of our neighbors across the border and boost for a change.

In an interesting paper read recently before a women's organization, it was strikingly pointed out that in Western Canada they never publish their drawbacks, but strive to impress upon the stranger that the West is the one and only place to live, its people the best in the world and the particular place where you happen to be the most wonderful city and going to be finer yet.

It is something of this attitude which we dwellers in beautiful New Brunswick should adopt. Nowhere can more lovely scenery be found and in few places will you hear less about it. Our city may be redefined but look at the picturesque views of these rocks. Nearly every street in St. John has a sea-view and if one looks many beautiful spots can be found. Our river is unsurpassed and our hills and valleys lovely beyond description.

A man from the Maritime Provinces who had been farming in the West of Canada was heard to remark, "They say you can see across the prairies for forty miles, but what is there to see?" If our people seek warmer climates they usually find some sort of a serpent in the paradise. It was Klinging who put into the mouth of a homesick Briton in India, "I am sick of endless sunshine." And our people living in the south have been known to sigh for a breath of good old Fundy sea.

Let us believe in our city and Province, and then let us each and every one work to make it everything it can be. We have been granted a goodly heritage and if we can, by supporting every movement for public improvements make the land fairer and add to the beauty of our town surely that would be a New Year's task worth undertaking. At least let us resolve not to stop the wheels of progress by senseless complaining, needless criticism and pessimism.

What do you think about it? MARGUERITE.

LAUNDERING DONE BY WEIGHT NOW

(Copyright, 1920, By Cross-Atlantic.) London, Dec. 28.—The high cost of clean linen, not the least of the Londoner's post-war burdens, has been dealt a severe blow. Henceforth the family linen in one London district, may be dealt with by weight, at a cheap rate. Fulham Borough Council are starting new machines at the municipal wash-house, and have notified local residents that their linen can be washed and rough-dried at forty-two cents per twenty-eight pounds. They also provide bags at 50 cents each to hold that amount of linen.

MRS. MACSWINEY SAILING

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, who starved himself in British prison, will sail for England next Saturday, after testifying in Washington before the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland.

new walls have been erected to divide the place into a large suite of apartments, chief of which is the lodge room, to be otherwise employed as a banquet hall or small auditorium. This is classically pillared in keeping with the Greek lore of the Pythian order, thickly paneled on the ceiling and lighted by nine hanging Grecian lamps. The vast floor space—52 by 54—is carpeted and looks veritably as if it were a drawing room.

Off this lodge and banquet room is the modern kitchen with gas installation for cooking, specially designed pantries and water heating plant. The armories are off here too, convenient to the lodge room for ritualistic purposes. There are smoking rooms and clothing storage places, as well as ante rooms for fraternal purposes. One remembering the old Congregational church vestry will not recognize this lower floor at all. It is completely changed, modernized and made cozy and inviting.

Practically New Building.

The whole building is now new in might be said—new ceilings, floors, walls and painted and decorated in splendid style. The electric lighting is the last word and while the Pythians have some few things yet to do to make it quite up to their ideas, it is even now a revelation in reconstruction and something not only the Pythian Order but the whole of St. John may well be proud. Garnet W. Wilson was the architect and there was a committee in charge of the building supervision who worked long and faithfully to materialize the scheme the composite committee as a whole had in mind when the project was first mooted.

The new Pythian Castle is owned by the Pythian Castle Co. Ltd., recently incorporated. The stock is held by New Brunswick and Union Lodges and a group of subscribers belonging to the Order in the city. The Knights now have a home they can truly call their own. This has been their hope and desire for years. To celebrate this culmination of their efforts they will foregather New Year's Eve with their ladies and have a grand time.

CHIPPENDALE WAS CABINET-MAKER

Almost all the mahogany of the eighteenth century is vaguely assigned to that illustrious designer, Thomas Chippendale, who, as a matter of fact, was not in the zenith of his vogue until 1760. Chippendale established himself at a house in St. Martin's Lane, London, as a cabinet-maker. His style was heavier in technique and less showy decoration than those who came after him.

He published a volume of designs for furniture in 1754, which he called "The Gentleman and Cabinet-maker's Director." This work ran to three editions, and at the time it must have been impossible to foresee the coming triumphs of Hepplewhite and Sheraton, who superseded him.

The father was born in 1753, and thus was a boy of 9 when Chippendale was in his glory. Brought up without regular education, Sheraton taught himself the elements of geometry and drawing.

Like Chippendale, he, too, was a cabinet-maker, but seems to have met with little success in that calling. But as a designer of furniture his influence made itself felt almost immediately. His designs were regarded with extraordinary respect, but, none the less, they proved financial failure, and Sheraton lived and died a poor man.

The word Chippendale is constantly on the lips of people who have the very vaguest notions as to whether there ever was such a person in the world as Thomas Chippendale.

FORMER AMHERST MAN ARRESTED ON ARSON CHARGE

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 28.—Early this morning a barn owned by Robert Costas, destroyed by fire. The circumstances were suspicious and following an investigation by the police, Henry Wood, a former resident of Amherst, Head, was arrested and charged with arson. Wood arrived at the Terrace Hotel last night, and it is alleged that he registered under the name of "Henry Holt," Boston, which city he has been residing in of late. The police claim that a big merry-go-round, stored in the barn, was owned by Wood, and that it was insured. The merry-go-round was removed without being seriously damaged. Wood was arraigned in court this afternoon and remanded.

COAL MINERS AGREE TO MEET OPERATORS

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 28.—Accepting the offer of the operators to adjust inequalities and injustices within the present wage agreement, the general scale committee of the Anthracite Mine Workers today instructed its sub-committee "to meet with representatives of the operators and endeavor to work out a basis of settlement which will bring general satisfaction to the Anthracite Mine Workers." None of the demands of the hard coal miners for additional wage increases will be dropped.

If you are going to sea, ship with a wreck-less captain.

THE CITY STREET.

Some scribbler sang of the city street,
He was sick of its lights and its lures;
Of the shuffle and scuffle of faltering feet,
And the slithering sough of its sewers;
Like a motherless child
He stood for the wild,
And the glow of the moon on the moors,
He was sick of the game of dollars and cents
And the greed for the farthing and dime;
Of the paint and the polish of social pretenses
And the reek of the slums and the stime.
So he hiked for the hills
Where the bull-moose calls,
Away from the sin and the crime.
For me some wild Autumnal night,
Not a planet aflame in the sky;
Just to lean 'neath the gleam of an old arch-light,
When the end and the glad go-by,
Drifting along
To a drags of a song.
—H. McKurgie.

Movie Actors Out of Work

Fifty Thousand Have No Jobs in California Studios Alone.

New York, Dec. 28.—A radical change in motion picture production on this continent for the coming year was announced yesterday by leaders of the industry, according to this morning's Herald, which says that the chief aspect of the readjustment is a marked curtailment in production already started. The reduction is said to be of a shattering order, as most of the producing concerns have set out to cut their productions fifty per cent.

The newspaper says: "Among those film corporations who are known to be cutting down on production, reducing the number of actors and studio help employed and in some instances shutting up plants entirely are the Famous Players-Lasky, Goldwyn, Fox Metro, Vitaphone and Universal."

In Los Angeles more than fifty thousand actors and others connected with the industry are now out of work. In the east this "freezing up" of the movie field already has caused the suspension of the film activities of high salaried persons connected with the trade either as actor, technical assistant or film handler."

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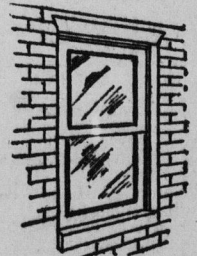
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ROYALTY AT CONCERT.

The King and Queen and the Prince of Wales attended the Melba concert in the Royal Albert Hall, in London, on December 8th, in aid of the Boy Scouts' Association. Madame Melba was assisted in the concert by the London Scouts' choir of five hundred voices and the Scouts' whistling choir.

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Douglas Avenue Work Started

Commissioner Jones Had Only One Application for Work from Army of Unemployed

The work on the Douglas Avenue water and sewerage service was commenced Monday, A. George Moses having the contract. It is expected the work will be in full swing today. When these extensions were undertaken it was thought an opportunity would be afforded to absorb some of the unemployed in the city. Commissioner Jones informed the Standard he had but one application for a job from the great army of unemployed said to be encamped in this city. A place was found on the work for that applicant but he did not show up to handle the shovel and pick.

The Commissioner states there is opportunity for at least a dozen more men to find employment on the Douglas Avenue work if they really want to work.

CONFERENCE IN GUELPH, ONT.

Representatives of Canadian Universities Are in Session Today.

Representatives of Canadian Universities will meet in conference in Guelph, Ont., today for the consideration of insulating the Canadian Student Christian movement. This work in the past has been carried on by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. councils, but this year they have decided to place the work in the hands of the students. A proposed constitution will be discussed, embodying the character of the work and affiliation movements in other countries, and if so, this movement will result in girdling the world in our international fellowship of students. R. A. Miller represents King's, Mr. Lamb represents Acadia.

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