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Society has turned over a new leaf that should have been turned long ago. If an acquaintance calls and it is inconvenient for any good reason to see to her, the maid, or whoever answers the door, says politely: "Yes, Mrs. Blank is in, but begs to be excused." The caller leaves her card and departs without any feeling of having been treated shabbily. Of course, when it becomes proper by reason of custom, to beg to be excused no one thinks of being offended; at least no one should. Put yourself in your friend's place for a moment and you will realize that there are often times when you are too busy, or too tired or out of sorts to entertain a caller. The best way of all to perform one's obligations to society in the way of receiving acquaintances merely, and not one's really intimate friends, is to have a day when one can be at home to all callers friends or acquaintances. One's most intimate friends are privileged within reason to come more informally.

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The fact that the Ladies' World is authority for the above sentiments does not make them necessarily acceptable among social laws, says a lady writer. It is true that Mrs. Blank should be accorded the privilege of excusing herself to callers if it was not agreeable or convenient for her to receive them, and no exception should be taken to such a course. But there will be and there are very few visitors who would accept the excuse of being "tired" or "out of sorts" as a warrantable one for a person denying herself to friends and acquaintances. There are, however, many times when it is next to impossible to see callers without serious inconvenience. Unfortunately the callers cannot look behind the scenes and see for themselves the causes which have denied them admission within your doors. They do not know whether you "beg to be excused" because your visitor is obnoxious, or whether you desire to snub her, or what your reason may be. Therefore, "not at home" is one of Mrs. Oliphant's white lies that society should condone. It is much more polite than sending your maid to the door with a point blank refusal to let you in. "At home" means a convenient time for the reception of guests. "Not at home" means an inconvenient hour and should be so construed. and after all it is only a sugar-coating for "begs to be excused," which may have an offensive significance or not, which Mrs. Grundy herself cannot define.

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A MERRY PARTY.

Friday evening a number of Davenport society leaders gave a party at the Watch Tower and all had a most delightful time. Miss Bee Chambers, Beulah Whitcomb, Mary Wylie and Nell Leonard of Davenport and Torra Swenson of Moline, assisted by ten of their young lady friends, chartered a car and issued invitations to their gentlemen friends to be on hand and receive a lesson in the art of entertaining. A start was made from the Kuhnen residence on Brady street, and when the Tower was reached the party at once repaired to the dance floor. The crowd had a merry time and to all the young folks the evening will be remembered as one of much pleasure. Mesdames Chambers, Wylie and Barr chaperoned the party and the music was furnished by Schillinger.

FAMILY REUNION.

The Van Sant family held their reunion at LeClaire Monday and made a trip to Davenport and the Watch Tower Tuesday, coming down the river on the Verne Swain, their own steamer, the Van Sant, being laid up for repairs. The party was a jolly one, and consisted of J. W. Van Sant and wife, who have lived in Scott county as man and wife sixty-six years; their children—A. C. Van Sant, Omaha, Neb.; E. A. Van Sant, Peoria, Ill.; Captain S. R. Van Sant, Winona, Minn.; N. G. Van Sant, Sterling Ill.; Mrs. T. B. Taylor, Hampton, Ia.; grondchildren—Mrs. T. Burton, Kirksville, Mo.; Olive Taylor, Ralph Taylor, Blaine Van Sant, Nettie Van Sant and Louis Van Sant. The only great-grandchild present was Arthur Burton, son of Mrs. Dr. Burton. T. B. Taylor, of Hampton, Ia., and Mrs. S. R. Van Sant, of Winona, were also present.

ANOTHER TROLLEY PARTY.

Windom Council, Royal Arcanum, has issued invitations for a trolley party to be given Tuesday evening, Sept. 3. The train is scheduled to leave Second and Brady streets at 7:15 in the evening, and a trip will be made over the lines in the three cities, terminating at the Outing club grounds which will be reached at 10 o'clock. A musical program will then be carried out and those who so desire, and they will be many, can indulge in dancing. The following band concert will be rendered en route:

1. March—Second Regiment.....Toenniges
2. Gallop—Always Happy.....Strauss
3. Schottische—Hayseed club.....Hermann
4. Polka—Happy Thought.....Faust
5. March—Corcoran Cadets.....Sousa
6. Waltz—Jolly Fellows.....Volstedt
7. March—Gilmore's Triumph.....Brooks
8. Schottische—On the Mississippi.....Beyer
9. Polka—You Bet.....Zikoff
10. Waltz—Blue Danube.....Strauss

SONG AND POESY.

Last Monday evening Prof. W. Apmadoc, of Chicago, appeared at the Second Presbyterian church in "Song and Poesy," a program which is a plea for the better use of the voice in song and speech. It consisted of a talk, and a musical program, in which Prof. Apmadoc took part, as did a number of Davenport's leading amateur musicians. Messrs. Hopke and Dalzell as assisted as accompanists, and the Narcissa Ladies' Quartet entertained the audience with several selections, as did E. T. Parmele, Prof. Boniger and a number of other vocalists. The entertainment was well patronized and was a treat to all present.

CONCERT AT OFFERMAN'S.

Wednesday evening Otto's orchestra entertained a large audience on Offerman's island with a musical program, consisting of some of the choicest things in the band's repertoire. The music was good, so good in fact as to surprise even the closest friends of the organization, who now believe it capable of producing music that will compare favorably with the playing of any band in the west. A clarinet solo by Rudolph Toll is worthy of special mention. The performer, one of the youngest members of the band, did exceptionally well and displayed a skill that charmed his hearers.

LAST OF THE SERIES.

The United Musicians of Davenport gave the third and final concert of their mid-summer series Thursday evening at Schuetzen park, and from a musical standpoint it could not have been improved upon. The weather was such that the crowd in attendance was much smaller than at the other concerts, not over 400 being present; but those who were there were repaid by a concert of unusual excellence. The Symphonie, by Haydn, was undoubtedly the number that pleased the audience best, although every selection received a hearty encore. After the program the dancers took possession of the dance pavilion until 12 o'clock.

THE WATCH TOWER.

There were over a thousand people at Black Hawk's Watch Tower Friday evening to witness the vaudeville performance given by Warren Bunkerr and listen to the music of Otto's popular military band. The evening was delightful and the people thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. Mr. Bunkerr, who finished his week's performance at that popular resort last night, advanced himself in popular estimation each evening during his stay. For grace as a dancer he excelled anything this locality has seen in many months, while his lightning change poses were exceptionally fine. He has an almost inexhaustable supply of costumes of the most beautiful pattern, all of which he himself made. He studied costuming with the world renowned Worth, and there are none finer. Mr. Bunker also won popular favor by his gentlemanly bearing. Every one who saw him and met him was glad to see and meet him again. In addition to the performance given by Mr. Bunkerr there were a number of steri-optican views which were very fine. The concert given by Otto's band both before and after the performance, was delightful. The selections rendered were the choicest, and the vast numbers that were gathered about the music pavilion testified their appreciation by the closest attention. Rudolph Toll rendered a clarinet solo which captured the audience. Mr. Toll has won popular favor as a clarinetist in short order and he deserves it. He is an artist. His playing is without a fault and he is an acquisition to this popular band. A tuba solo was rendered by N. Petersen. Mr. Petersen is acknowledged by all musicians as being one of the finest performers on this instrument in the state and it would be superfluous to comment upon his playing. The piccolo solo by Frank G. Fick was well rendered. Mr. Fick has an enviable reputation here and has done much to add to the popularity of the band. The fact of the matter is that everything presented to the patrons of the Watch Tower was of the highest order. The electric fountain and light effects were beautiful. The people of the three cities will miss this resort when it closes for the season.

DAVENPORTER IN COLORADO.

W. S. Chenoweth writes the following very interesting letter from Sapinero, Colorado, dated Aug. 26:

"Since I came to Colorado Mr. Griffey and I have done some fishing. The first afternoon, after camping on the Powderhorn river, we caught ninety-two trout. Our next camp was on Gunison river, eight miles west of Gunison, and the largest rainbow trout caught by any of our party of five, weighed six and one-fourth pounds. The rainbow trout are the gamest fish of their size that swims. Gunison county has more trout in it than any county in the United States. While at Aspen, Col., I visited a trout farm one mile from the postoffice which contains one and one-third acres of clear cold spring water from three to eight feet deep. The annual crop of trout is one and one-half tons per acre and they sell at 50 cents per pound or $1,000 per ton, bringing $2,000 per annum for the total crop. This lake is a great resort for boating and pleasure parties. It is private property, and no fishing is allowed with hook and line. When they are fed on liver and bread they become greatly excited, each one trying to get his neighbor's portion in addition to his own and crowd together in an almost solid mass. When wanted for market they slip a long-handled net under them while feeding and pick out the largest and put the others back. The large trout greatly love their children and grand-children and swallow them whole with as much relish as if they were a different species of fish and for that reason the parents and grand parents have to be kept separated from their children while the children are young. Hotel Colorado at Glenwood Springs supplies its tables from this fish farm. I expect to leave for home tomorrow and arrive there Friday or Saturday.

A TESTIMONIAL CONCERT.

One of the most attractive features of next Tuesday evening's testimonial concert for Mrs. Barker in Rock Island will be a solo by Mrs. William Ullemeyer, nee Edith Bushee, whose advent here is an acquisition of unusual importance to the music loving people of the three cities. She appears for the first time before an audience in this vicinity next Tuesday. Her musical studies were prosecuted under the direction of the foremost masters of the country, and her splendid voice and artistic technique have evoked unstinted encomiums from the most competent critics of various cities of the west and northwest. During the season of '92 she was a member of the Garden City Ladies' Quartet. The following season she was with the Chicago Ladies' Quartet, and during the season of '94 she was a member of the McCormick Concert Company. The song to be rendered by her at forthcoming concert is Mascheroni's "For All Eternity."

DELIGHTFUL EXCURSION.

The postponed excursion given by the young ladies of the Central Union Telephone exchange which occurred last Monday evening, was a grand success. The fact that it rained Friday evening operated in their favor, if anything. as the night was perfect for a ride upon the river. After the excessive heat of the day people were glad to avail themselves of an opportunity to go out upon the water where they could catch a cool breath of air. They did it, too, for when the steamer Schulenberg pulled out from her dock at the foot of Brady street, in the neighbohood of seven hundred were aboard. Strasser's popular band was there too, and it was lavish in its discourse of music. Prof. Toenniges, always obliging, outdid himself that evening, as if to please those who spend the greater portion of their time trying to please the erratic telephone subscriber. Every thing was arranged for the pleasure and convenience of the party. The result was one of the most enjoyable excursion of the season.

Social Chat.

The Narcissa quartet will give a concert at LeClaire Friday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Van Patten will give a trolley party Wednesday evening.

Strasser's band will give an extra subscription concert at Schuetzen park Sept. 12.

Miss Marian Roraback gave a reception to her many friends Friday afternoon and evening.

Miss Ida Vincent entertained a number of her lady friends at her residence on Brady street yesterday afternoon.

The Lend-a-Hand club give a moonlight excursion on the steamer Helene Schulenberg Tuesday evening, Sept. 21.

The second annual fest of the Eldridge Turner society occurs today, and a number of Davenport turners will take part in the celebration.

Cards have been received here for the marriage of Miss Annie C. Johnson, of Moline, and Henry M. Heuck, of Rock Island, the wedding to take place Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Miss Alma Dauber, of Rock Island, gave a dancing party at the Black Hawk Inn on Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Erler of Peoria, who is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Dauber's residence.

The betrothal of Henry Bosse, of Rock Island, a member of the government corps, and Miss Hulda M. Thiele, of Davenport, is announced. The marriage will take place in October.

About thirty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Amberg gathered at their home Tuesday afternoon and evening, and joined with them in celebrating the ninth anniversary of their marriage.

Friends of Prof. Clendenen will be sorry to learn that he has been taken ill with a fever in St. Louis, where he is now on a visit, and his physicians do not expect him to be able to be about for a week or ten days.

Commencing the first Sunday in October, Otto's orchestra will give a family concert each Sunday afternoon between the hours 2:30 and 5:30 at Claus Groth hall. These concerts will continue during the winter.

The Methodist Episcopal church, of Milan, has arranged to give an excursion Thursday, of next week, on the steamer George M. Waters. The boat will leave Rock Island at 10 o'clock and go up the river to Cordova, returning at 5 p. m.

Misses Birdie Grupe and Nellie Fidlar had as their guests twelve of the members of the W. C. F. club, at the Outing Club park Thursday afternoon. During the afternoon outdoor sports, tennis and croquet kept the young ladies busy, and later refreshments were served.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Atkinson, 3038 Tenth avenue, Rock Island, Tuesday evening, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Avis Atkinson, and John H. McGuire of Chicago. The groom is superintendent of the construction force of the Chicago Bridge & Iron company.

The chief social event in Clinton for some time was the silver wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Arien Friday evening. Over 100 of their friends were present. Mr. Arien is senior member of one of the largest wholesale firms in that city, and has many friends and acquaintances in Davenport.

Friday evening the Young People's society of the English Lutheran church gave a very pleasant social at the residence of H. H. Vogt on Perry street. It was a merry gathering of young folks, and they demonstrated the fact that they knew how to enjoy themselves. Light refreshments were served during the evening,

The ladies of the G. A. R. gave a lawn social at the home of Mrs. Woods, at Main and Locust streets. last evening, and all who accepted the cordial invitation to attend had a very pleasant time. Dainty refreshments were served and nothing was left undone to make the occasion an enjoyable one for the guests.

At the Demorest medal contest, given at the Edwards Congregational church Wednesday evening, a delightful musical program was carried out, the following ladies taking part: Misses G. Cole and A. Fabe, zither; F. Lesser and M. Cole, mandolin; G. Smith, guitar. The silver medal was awarded Miss O. Shunk.

The W. J. Young brought up one of the best looking loads of excursionists yesterday, seen in Davenport this season. It was the annual picnic of the members and friends of the Muscatine Congregational church, and the party was a large one, numbering about 500 people. Mrs. Cora Weed was among the number.

Another big Woodmen celebration is being contemplated here. The membership of Carnival Camp, Modern Woodmen of the World, has reached 289, and when the 300 mark is reached another blowout will be held if anything on a larger scale than the one held when the 200 mark was reached several weeks ago. The camp will also indulge in a handsome silk banner soon.

The lawn party given by the Philharmonic Zither club Friday evening was a success, both in a musical way and financially. The audience showed its appreciation of the program by heartily encoring each number. Ice cream and cake was served to all, and after a pleasant chat the guests sought their respective homes. About 200 were present.

The star excursion of the season will be the one from Cedar Rapids tomorrow, Labor Day. It will be under the auspices of the fraternal societies of Cedar Rapids and vicinity and will leave that city at 7 o'clock in the morning, reaching Davenport at 10 o'clock. It is said 1,500 tickets have already been sold and it is expected the number will be swelled to at least 2,500.

Miss Caroline Schrader, of Moline entertained about fifty friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Senrader, 1113 Ninth street, Thursday evening, in honor of her friend, Miss Florence Tinselman, of Joslin, who is visiting there. The evening was pleasantly spent with instrumental and vocal music, as well as general sociability. Ice cream and cake were served.

The ladies of the Baptist Young People's union held a social Wednesday evening at the residence of E. S. Warner on Arlington avenue and Fifteenth streets. The handsome grounds were decorated with Chinese lanterns and presented a beautiful sight. The "Oak Leaf social" as it was called was largely attended and the ice cream and refreshment tables scattered about on the lawn were liberally patronized.

After a pleasant sojourn of two months in Colorado, Mrs. Gentle of Perry street returned Saturday morning on the Denver limited, feeling considerably improved in health, although far from well. Miss May Gentle remains in Colorado until the 15th or 20th of October, as she has no desire to return at present and make the acquaintance of her old enemy, hay fever.

A trolley party was given last evening under the auspices of the ladies of the First Presbyterian church. The cars for the conveyance of the guests left the barn at 7 o'clock and ran out to Mt. Ida. A start was made from that point at 7:30 and the cars were well filled by this time with friends of the ladies in charge. Refreshments were served, and the affair was one of the most delightful of the kind held here.

Invitations have been issued by the Terpsichorean club for their next dance, to be given at the Tower tomorrow evening. Mrs. Walter Chambers and Mrs. M. J. Eagle are the patronesses and the music will be furnished by Schillinger. The Davenport members of the club will have a trolley party all of their own, leaving Mt. Ida at 7:30 and at the close of the dance returning to the same place.

A. M. Blakesley of Rock Island went to Geneva Lake yesterday, to return with his family from their summer cottage there. On his way back Mr. Blakesley will attend the reunion of his old regiment, the 7th, at Rockford, and next week, accompanied by his wife, he will attend the National G. A. R. reunion at Louisville and the observances at Chattanooga and also visit Atlanta and other places of interest in the new south.

Next Friday evening, Sept. 6, a concert will be given at the Edward Congregational church under the auspices of the Wagner club, that cannot fail to draw a large and appreciative audience. Some of the best musical talent in the city is found in this club—Mrs. Lillian Reid-Cameron, Miss Mayme Little, Miss Ludo Bruning. Miss Florence Atkinson, Prof. J. K. Boniger, Master Charles Sartorius—and an entertainment has been arranged that cannot fail to please.

The Sevens of Moline and their gentlemen friends were treated to a very pleasant evening's entertainment Thursday evening at the beautiful residence of L. R. Gaylord on Henley's Hill. There were over twenty present and the evening was passed very pleasantly with games and music. Refreshments were served and at a late hour the happy company dispersed with many pleasant wishes. Mrs. Gaylord was assisted in entertaining by Miss Lukens. Among the guests of honor was Miss Harriet McIntyre, of Mendota, who departed for home Friday morning.

A grand concert to be given at Sacred Heart cathedral some time during September, is one of the things that is attracting attention in Davenport musical circles just at present. At this concert the new organ will be used for the first time, Miss Theresa Laurent of Muscatine, officiating, assisted by Prof. Eddy of Chicago. The organ which is without doubt the finest in the three cities, was manufactured by Pfeffer & Son, St. Louis, the cost is given as $3,000. The cathedral choir which is to assist on the program, is rehearsing steadily, and the concert bids fair to be one of the finest given in the city for some time.

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Tomorrow the second annual picnic of the consolidated Low German Brotherhood of Rock Island, and the Claus Groth Guild, of Davenport, will be celebrated in Rock Island. Until recent years the societies were separate and held their own celebrations, but a consolidation was affected, and last year the first annual observance was held in Davenport. Now it is Rock Island's turn. The Davenport delegation will be met at the ferry landing by the Rock Island organization, headed by Bleuer's band. If present contemplation is not disarranged the body will join the Labor day procession—if not a separate parade will be given. The day will be spent at Huber's garden.

Personalities.

Mrs. S. E. Walcott, is visiting in Nichols, Iowa.

Miss Ludo Bruning is spending Sunday in LeClaire.

Mrs. L. Schumann is in Tonica, Ill., visiting with friends.

Ed. Balch has returned from a week's visit in Chicago.

Mrs. Charles Sheriff, has returned from her trip to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cole have returned from their eastern trip.

Mrs. W. M. Parmelee and children are visiting in Linn Grove, Ia.

Henry Wallace of Des Moines spent last Sunday in Davenport.

Miss Myrtle Daugherty is visiting with relatives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. A. F. Williams has returned from an extended visit in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bawden, of Muscatine, spent Tuesday in Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Marks have returned from their summer home at Lake Delevan.

Miss Anna Bell of New York City is visiting in Davenport with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Crossett are at home after a month spent at Lake Chautauqua.

Mrs. John Bruha and daughters, Misses Helen and Theresa, are visiting in Chicago.

DeWitt Stearns and Joseph Zwart of Des Moines, are the guests of George Middleton.

Mrs. P. E. Brockett and Miss Stella Burstadt returned from Fargo, S. D., Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davison, of Sterling, Ill., are guests at the home of Mr. Abner Davison.

Mrs. Walter Gaghagan has returned from an extended visit in Colorado and California.

Miss Retta Hall, of Helena, Ark., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. H. Van Husen, in this city.

Rev. A. P. Orth returned last week from his vacation, which was spent in Chicago and vicinity.

Mrs. Currier, of Iowa City, who has been visiting friends in Davenport, has returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson have been visiting with Muscatine relatives during the week.

Mrs. Brown, of Youngstown, Ohio, is in the city the guest of her brother, W. S. Chenoweth and family.

Mrs. Charles G. Brown of Oskaloosa, has returned home after a brief visit with relatives in Davenport.

Mrs. Mary T. Eldridge, of Binghamton, N. Y., is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel French.

Edwin Frizzell, of Dallas, Tex., an old Davenport boy, is visiting his cousin, W. L. Frizzell, of this city.

Mrs. Charles Allison, who has been visiting friends in Davenport, has returned to her home in Sioux City.

Miss Johanna McBride, who has been visiting for the past two weeks in Parnell, Ia., has returned home.

Miss Margaret Mason, who has been visiting friends in this city, has returned to her home in Muncie, Ind.

Will Kulp, Marsh Ayres and Ray Peck made a trip to Iowa City and return on their wheels during the week.

Mrs. L. A. Chamberlin returned home Thursday evening from Chicago, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. DeArmand are at home from a two weeks' outing among the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior resorts.

Mrs. O'Connor and daughter Nell and Alice, Lydia and Mayme Harrison took a pleasant trip on the W. J. Young during the week.