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DOUGAN RECEPTION.

Beautiful in all of its appointments was the elaborate reception given Friday afternoon by Mrs. John B. Dougall at her home on North Tenth street in honor of her niece, Miss Rhea Reid of New York. About two hundred invitations had been issued for the affair. The floral decorations were especially attractive. One color was used in carrying out the entire decorative motif in the different apartments. Smilax twined the chandelier and archways. Each chimney piece was massed with smilax intermingled with roses. The entire idea giving a pleasing effect. In the living room Rhea Reid roses and American beauty roses were utilized. Pink roses decorated the reception room. Chrysanthemums were used in attractively decorating the dining room. The round table in this apartment was arranged to represent a miniature flower garden. Small incandescent green lights added to the effectiveness of this decoration. Chrysanthemums were also placed on the buffet. Mrs. Dougall wore a beautiful gown of light blue silk handsomely trimmed in black. She received in the north parlor with Miss Rhea Reid, Miss Constance Fosler, Miss Rose Dougall, Mrs. Guy McCabe of Chicago, and Miss Katherine Krauss of Indianapolis. Miss Reid wore a handsome costume of white satin. Miss Fosler, blue velvet. Mrs. McCabe, black velvet. Miss Dougall a gown of light yellow tinted chiffon and Miss Krauss a yellow satin gown. The other assistants were: Miss Clara Morgan, Mrs. Wickham Corwin, Mrs. Rudolph Leeds, Mrs. Joseph Hill, Mrs. Harry Holmes, Mrs. John Nicholson, Miss Marie Campbell, Mrs. C. W. Elmer, Mrs. Dudley Elmer, Mrs. Ray Shively, Miss Juliet Swayne, Miss Clara Myrick and Miss Edith Nicholson. In the south parlor punch was served during the receiving hours by a number of young girls who were costumed in charming frocks. They were: Miss Mary Gaar, Miss Helen Nicholson, Miss Mildred Gaar, Miss Opal Husson, Miss Gwendolyn Foulke, Miss Rose Gennett, and Miss Fanny Jones. The harpist, Mr. Henry Kamp, who was seated in the hall, played a number of pretty airs. The harp was placed behind a screen of palms studded with yellow chrysanthemums. There were a number of out of town guests in attendance.

ENTERTAIN AT WHIST.

Miss Deborah Shute and Miss Cora Kirby gave a prettily appointed whist party Friday evening at the home of Miss Shute on North Fourteenth street. The game was played at four tables. Mr. Mather Kelsey and Miss Ruth Peltz were presented with the favors. At the close of the game luncheon was served to the following guests: Miss Ruth Peltz, Miss Alice Laning, Miss Mary Likens, Miss Esther Hill, Miss Martha Williams and Miss Mildred Schalk, Messrs. Rudolph Hill, Myron Hill, Vernon Potter, Edgar Fisher, Frank Schalk, Mather Kelsey and Charles Kaufman.

MRS. LEEDS ENTERTAINS.

A dinner was given last evening by Mrs. Jeannette G. Leeds at her pretty home on North Tenth street. The guests of honor were Mr. Daniel Reid, Miss Rhea Reid of New York and Mr. Harry J. Miller of Chicago. Pink roses and violets were used in attractively appointing the table. The town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Dougall, Mr. Omar Hittle, Mrs. J. M. Gaar and Mrs. Rudolph G. Leeds.

GIVEN A SURPRISE.

A pleasant surprise was given Miss Lucile Ford last evening at her home on North Eighteenth street by a number of her friends. Games and music added to the pleasure of the affair. A dainty luncheon was served late in the evening. Those composing the party were Miss Agnes Keifer, Miss Ilo Wolf, Miss Elvira Wood, Miss Viola Cutler and Miss Clara Thomas. Messrs. Leroy Morganstar, Walter Ottie, Carl Voss, Ernest Tony, James Consello and Harry Cox.

ENTERTAINED WITH A DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vossler enter-

tained a company of friends and relatives to a six o'clock dinner Thanksgiving evening. The out of town guests were: Mrs. Catherine Beeme, of Mattoon, Ill., Mr. Charles Huffman of Hamilton, O., Mr. and Mrs. John Leach of Eaton, O., Mr. and Mrs. Clem Toney and children of Detroit, Mich.

ENJOYABLE THIMBLE PARTY.

Mrs. Howard Watson and Mrs. Frank Raper gave a delightful thimble party yesterday afternoon at the home of the latter, south of the city. The guest of honor was Mrs. John Beeson, who is soon to move from the neighborhood. The time was spent most pleasantly with needlework, music and social conversation. An elegant lunch was served. Those bidden to participate in the affair were: Mrs. Homer Farlow, Mrs. John Beeson, Miss Nora Farlow, Mrs. Lewis Beeson, Mrs. Charles Williams, Miss Ivy Hort, Mrs. Edgar Hawekotte, Mrs. Jesse Raper, Mrs. Benbow, Mrs. W. E. Beeson and Mrs. James Beeson.

HONOR RICHMOND WOMAN.

The following clippings from the Piqua Daily Leader are of interest: Honoring Mrs. Frank Fromme of Richmond, Ind., who is the guest of Mrs. William Henderson, Mrs. Chas. Frazier in West Ash street, entertained Saturday evening a party of friends. Games and various amusements formed the pleasures of the evening. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. B. Cranston in Boone street, entertained very informally Friday evening a party of friends in honor of Mrs. Frank Fromme of Richmond, Ind. Those who enjoyed the affair were the people who had formed the party at Russel's Point last summer.

MISS SELF ENTERTAINED.

A most enjoyable affair of Wednesday afternoon was the informal tea given by Misses Cora Rosnagle and Muriel Self, teachers at the Oakwood school, when they entertained the parents of the children informally at the school.

WILL MEET MONDAY.

Mr. J. Walter Steinkamp's dancing class will meet Monday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall.

Pennsylvania leads the world in buckwheat flour. Walter's leads the first. One trial convinces. At your grocer's.

WAITED FOR HEALY.

An Incident of the Land League Agitation in Ireland.

One morning during the Land League agitation Mr. Parnell left Dublin by the early mail train for Roscommon to address a meeting. On arriving in the town he received a telegram from Dublin which read:

Missed mail train. Will get down at 3 o'clock. Postpone meeting till 1 arrive.

HEALY.

Mr. Parnell was pleased to learn that T. M. Healy, M. P., was coming down.

Delighted, too, were the local promoters of the demonstration, and the meeting was gladly postponed for a few hours.

At 3 o'clock the railway station and its approaches were thronged with people with bands and banners, and the train from Dublin steamed in amid terrific cheering for Tim Healy.

The train pulled up, a carriage door opened, and the local reception committee rushed to it, when out stepped "Healy," but it was not T. M. Healy, M. P. It was W. Wallace Healy, a well known reporter on the staff of the Irish Times.

He had been assigned to the Roscommon meeting, had missed the mail train, and it was most important that his paper should have a report of Mr. Parnell's speech; hence the telegram.

—Pearson's Weekly.

What Yeomen Were.

Yeomen were formerly considered to be by their title on a level with esquires, and they were called yeomen because, in addition to the weapons proper for close engagements, they fought in the wars with arrows and a bow which was made of yew; hence the word.

After the conquest the name of yeoman, in reference to the original office in war, was changed to that of archer. The term, however, was continued with additions—the yeoman of the crown, of the chamber, yeoman usher, etc.—and we find that considerable grants were bestowed on some of them. In the legal view a yeoman is defined to be one that has fee land of the value of 40 shillings a year and is thereby qualified to serve on juries, to vote for knights of the shire and to do any other act which the law may require. The yeomen always took a leading part in whatever concerned the regulations or interests of the kingdom, and their renown as warriors is fully established by their numerous heroic achievements.—London Globe.

Insects and Flowers.

Experiments on showy flowers like the poppy tend to show that insects are not always attracted to flowers by the brightly colored petals, but rather by the perception—doubtless by means of smell—that there is honey or pollen.

In these experiments the unopened flower bud is inclosed in a gauze net so as to protect it from insects, and when it expands the petals are carefully removed without touching the remaining parts with the fingers (for bees avoid a flower if the smell of human fingers is left on it), and the petalless flowers receive practically as many insect visits as untouched flowers do.

Prices of all living increased, the only exception Mrs. Austin's pancake flour. Same old price at all grocers.

GREAT LOVE STORIES OF HISTORY

By Albert Payson Terhune

Theodora and Justinian

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The Roman capital of Constantinople in 525 A. D. was astounded at the news that the consul, Justinian (nephew and heir to the Emperor Justin I) was to marry Theodora, the farce-comedy actress whose clever performances at the "Circus" had for years set the city in a roar of laughter.

For an emperor's heir to make an actress his wife was not only scandalous, but illegal as well. People began to inquire into Theodora's past life. Many of the facts they dug up were of too unsavory a nature to bear repetition. But they learned also that she was one of the three daughters of a brutal fellow who had been keeper of the wild bears in the menagerie under the Circus building. When Theodora was only seven her father had died. The child was an impish, gay little creature with a genius for mimicry. So she had been put on the stage. She could not sing or dance, but she was a born comedian. She grew to womanhood, small, thin and pale. Scarcely the sort of girl to attract the attention of the emperor's nephew.

Rome, since the days of Nero, had grown so great in size and wealth that it had at last split in two because of its own unwieldy bulk, and was divided into the eastern and western empires.

The western empire (with the city of Rome as its capital) was soon overrun by barbarian tribes. But the

eastern empire flourished for many centuries.

Justin I, a Dacian peasant, had fought his way up from the ranks to the command of the army. Then he had made himself emperor and had proclaimed Justinian his heir. Justinian was a wise man, but lacking in firmness. The sort of a man that a clever woman could manage to suit herself. Theodora won his love and pointed out to him a plan by which they two might become emperor and empress. His uncle's wife, the Empress Euphemia, sternly forbade the match. But this did not long stand in Theodora's way.

For Euphemia died rather suddenly.

Justin was old and as much under Justinian's influence as the latter was under Theodora's.

The rest was plain sailing. Justin

was persuaded to set aside the law

forbidding a prince to marry an actress.

Theodora and Justinian thus

were married in 525, when the girl

was only 17. Two years later Justin

died. Theodora made her husband,

the new emperor, crown her as empress.

Then she proceeded to do the

lion's share of the ruling, interfering

and having her way in nearly all state affairs.

The civilized world was thus

for a time swayed by an actress' whims.

Nor was she as bad an empress as her early life would have

seemed to forecast. She aided her husband to frame the celebrated "Justinian Code" of laws and in many ways helped make his reign great.

She attracted some notoriety by de-

claring herself the champion of wives

whose husbands sought to divorce them, and she started besides a sort of royal "marriage bureau."

Matchmaking was her fad. And certainly no one could have set a brighter example from her own success along that line.

Justinian's love for her did not cool as the years went by. And she probably made him a fairly good wife.

Once when revolutionists seized

Constantinople and clamored at the

palace gates Justinian was wild with

fear and decided to creep to the sea-

shore unobserved and save his life by flight.

Then it was that Theodora

threw away the diplomatic tactics by

which she had won and managed her

husband. For once in her life she let

him feel the lash of her scorn, and

couched her speech in the language of

the stage instead of that of the stately

court. She bade him fly if he chose,

but told him that death was nobler

for a monarch than exile, and vowed

that she would not stir from her

throne, preferring, as she said, to

make empire her winding sheet.

Royal Lovers. Justinian, stung

into courage, stuck to his post, and

thereby saved his crown. Once only

he is said to have taunted her in anger

with her humble parentage. She is

reported to have answered that her

father was quite as well born as her

husband's grandfather, who had been

a rude peasant.

Indeed, few dared to remind Theodora of her past. She had a way of

putting to death persons who brought

up the subject. For 23 years this

strange pair of lovers governed most

of the civilized world. Then, at the

age of 40, Theodora died. The

generally accepted story of her fate is

that she fell victim to cancer. But

some authorities hint that she tried to

"manage" her elderly husband once

too often and without her earlier tact,

and that he, in a fit of rage, had her

beheaded.

Austria to Build Airships.

The first Austrian airship construction

company has just been formed with

a capital of 300,000 kronen, and it

is immediately placing an order for a

dirigible. The constitution of the com-

pany is largely due to the fact that

the efforts of the government to ob-

tain a dirigible from Germany during

the recent crisis failed.

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