

# Bachelors of Y. M. I. Afraid of Leap Year; Banquet Called Off

The new year may be a leap year, which gives women the right to propose, but it's a safe bet that about fifty per cent of the members of the Young Men's Institute will not fall victims to the arrows of Cupid's bow, even if that little nymph will, for twelve brief months, assist those who long for matrimonial adventures.

Anything feminine is hateful, repulsive and abhorrent to the bachelors of this organization. They are solidly, impressively and most assuredly women-haters. They are confirmed bachelors.

Not one of them has a sweetheart; they wouldn't think of a Sunday night "date," and well, they simply don't like women or anything womanish.

And that's the reason why the joint banquet of the Y. M. I. and the Ladies' auxiliary scheduled, first, for New Year's night, and then for tonight, has been "indefinitely postponed" and probably will never be held.

## Secret Leaks Out.

The secret for the real cause of the postponement was revealed today in a confession by one of the bachelors. Some of the other members were reticent concerning the banquet and either evaded or declined to answer questions as to why the meeting had been delayed.

The confessed bachelor in telling the status quo of the situation in the Y. M. I. declared that he was neutral and had aligned himself with the married men, who didn't care whether the women were present or not at the banquet.

At the business meeting of the or-

ganization in the lyceum some weeks ago, he said the suggestion was made that the banquet be held. This was approved until it was further suggested that women be invited. Then the combat began. The bachelors, about twenty-five of them, all between the ages of 19 and 30, wanted a banquet for men only, and the members who are more susceptible to the charms of the fairer sex just as warmly demanded the presence of their sweethearts.

## Wedded Once Neutral.

The married men of the club assumed an indifferent attitude and asserted a stand of strict neutrality. A word battle ensued, and when the smoke had cleared away the white flag of surrender had been hoisted and was hanging dejectedly in the bachelors' camp. Though repulsed in the first skirmish, the anti-woman admirers were not irretrievably defeated, and in recovering hit upon strategy which resulted in ultimate success.

They resolved not to grace the banquet with their presence. And they kept their word. Arrangements under the directions of those who favored the plan went blithely forward, but when the time for the banquet drew near so few persons had signed their names, indicating that they would attend, that postponement was necessary.

Though appeals were made to them to attend tonight, the bachelors refused to break their resolutions, and now the banquet is an exceedingly indefinite event of the future.

"Oh, we certainly don't like the women," said the confessing one. "We've always been against them, and

## THE UNCHASTENED WOMAN

"Alone I would have made a quickie failure. Well, we've yielded. You've kept your word; I've kept mine. Now for the matter that brings me here immediately. I received this note by messenger this afternoon—from Miss Madden. . . . She urges me to see you. So I am here to do anything. What do you propose?"

Firmly and with serene determination in every line of her face, Hildegarde got to her feet. "That right here and before the very people in whose presence Mrs. Knolys made the accusation, she must retract it and with full apologies. Nothing less."

A very little smile leaped its dashing way across Knolys' face as he exclaimed involuntarily: "I'd love to see it!"

"Hildegarde!" Lawrence's tone was a mixture of amazement, horror and negation of what his ears had heard.

The expression with which Knolys met his attitude, was pregnant with meaning, as he turned, first, to the wife and then to the husband, in acceptance of the little commentary into which he could read so much.

"Your husband's exclamation proves that he and I know my wife much better than you do. Mrs. Sanbury He appreciates her force of will. . . . don't you, sir?"

Lawrence took on a guarded look

and wisely refrained from further illuminating the context.

"Is your wife absolutely indifferent to the social consequences of her own conduct?" asked Hildegarde.

"Ah! Why do you ask?"

In the long watches of the afternoon, when Hildegarde had re-adjusted herself to seeing Lawrence with the eyes of her mind rather than feeling him with the delicate antennae of that winged and vibrant thing known as a woman's heart, she had sheared herself up gradually into an attitude of detached and impersonal logic.

What was fair to Emily and what was justice for Caroline might mean pain to Hildegarde—but she had risen above considering that.

Now for the moment Hildegarde had put the bandage of justice across her eyes, and would see neither to the right of her field of vision, where on the edge of consciousness lay all that Lawrence needed of her, nor to the left, where was her own need of giving it.

As blind as justice—and as ruthless as the law for which she stands, Hildegarde went on:

"Because immediately after having accused Emily, she did her best to make me believe my husband had become her admirer."

"What!" Mr. Knolys attempted the appearance of indignation surprise. But his mouth twisted into the habitual cynical smile, and there was a gleam in his eyes—perhaps it was admiration for Caroline's audacity—perhaps for Hildegarde.

But Lawrence fairly bounded to his feet. He had no admiration for the audacity of it—only wild fear lest it be believed.

"Hildegarde!" shouted her husband, giving due weight to every reproachful syllable. Then he turned to Hubert: "This is outrageous."

"Yes," remarked Hildegarde quietly—but in acquiescence to what an open mouthed Lawrence was hardly prepared to say.

With due respect for the dignified way to meet things, Hubert asked a quiet question: "Are you sure you are not mistaken?"

"Oh, no—on the contrary, she took

the greatest pains to impress it on me with all the insolence she could command."

"Why do you tell me this?"

Knolys faced Hildegarde with an air that combined quiet assurance and faith. He knew that she had a purpose and he meant that she should know how he could be counted on to aid it.

"To ask you to use it as you think best, to help me to force your wife to make just reparation to my friend," returned Hildegarde quietly.

To Be Continued.

## West Manchester

By Myrtle Trone.

A wedding dinner was served Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parks in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Harrison, who were married Thursday, December 28, at the bride's home near Hollansburg. . . . C. J. Cossart, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cossart the last two weeks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Court Miller. He left for Columbus Monday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Barnes were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Myers. . . . E. B. Creager and wife are entertaining Miss Babie Martin of Bradford. She will spend the week with friends at Lewisburg.

An armored automobile built by a Massachusetts man has a steel shell so curved that it will deflect a rifle bullet from any angle.

## Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for constipation and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.—Adv.

## POSTPONE MEETING ON SCHOOL SURVEY

The meeting of the Commercial club scheduled for Monday evening has been postponed until Tuesday. Prof. R. J. Leonard of Indiana university, who has been appointed to have charge of the vocational survey, or Richard, will address the club. Because the state board of education will spend \$5,000 on the survey, it is urged that all citizens co-operate in making the study a success. The meeting Tuesday will be an open one, and women are invited to attend.

## REDMAN RELEASED.

TERRE HAUTE, Jan. 6.—Eli H. Redman, who served several months in prison following his conviction in the election fraud cases of 1914 was this morning formally discharged by the court.

## A Simple Way To Remove Dandruff

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid arvon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.—Adv.

## PASS ANNIVERSARY WITHOUT CEREMONY

No movement thus far has been made by the South Eighth Street Friends church to celebrate its fifty-first anniversary which comes on Monday, Jan. 17. The golden anniversary was celebrated last year with appropriate observance and it is probable because of that celebration that no ceremony will be held this year.

## SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process.

Hood's Saraparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's today.

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BEGINNING TOMORROW — A gigantic selling event that will turn the footsteps of all Southern Indiana towards this Great Underselling Store—and if the best of merchandise at unheard-of prices count for anything, then this shelf-emptying sale will exceed all expectations. Positively the greatest opportunity for you to buy seasonable merchandise at the lowest prices ever offered in our January sales. Hundreds of articles will be sacrificed. Read this page of sensational items — You will find many things you need and can purchase now at less than cost. COME, JOIN THE CROWDS—SHOP EARLY DURING THIS GREAT SHELF-EMPTYING SALE.

## SALE STARTS FRIDAY JAN. 7th

50c Flannel PETTICOATS	75c FLAN NEL GOWNS	50c KIMONA APRONS	\$1.00 BLACK H O O D S	75c AUTO H O O D S	\$1.50 WOOL SWEATERS	39c Children's UNION SUITS	\$1.00 CHILD'S BATH ROBES	\$1.50 KNIT SCARFS	75c DRESSING SACKS
PINK AND BLUE Stripes, also plain colors, heavy quality. Shelf Emptying Price	For Women, cut full, pink and blue stripe, all sizes, wonderful values. Shelf Emptying Price	Women's sizes, full cut, in fast colors, percales. Special Shelf Price	FINE SILK and Children, fine Soft French Sateen, deer plaited and flare flounces. Shelf Emptying Price	For Women, Misses' and Children, fine all wool knit hood, all colors. Shelf Emptying Price	Children's all Wool Sweaters with and without belt, all sizes. Shelf Emptying Price	Of pure white layer fleece, in all sizes. Special Shelf Emptying Price	Of good quality, Blanket Bath Robe for Children. Special Shelf Emptying Price	Women's fine Woolen Knit Scarfs, extra size length. Shelf Emptying Price	Women's heavy flannelette Dressing Sacks, also of percales. Special Shelf Emptying Price

## SHOP Early and SAVE

### \$1, \$1.25 Gowns



69c

### \$1 Waists



43c

### \$2.00 House Dresses



93c

### \$1.50 Petticoats



87c

### \$1 Corsets



63c

### \$1.50 Union Suits



83c

### \$2.50 Sweaters



\$1.58

### Children's 12 1/2c Hose, 7c

Ribbed Hose for boys and girls, black and seamless; all sizes. Shelf Emptying Price 7c.

1 Children's Dresses, 43c

For Girls, ages 6 to 14 years; Ginghams, Galatas, stripes, etc., long sleeves. Special Shelf Emptying Price 43c.

Child's 50c Leggings, 33c

Heavy white knitted Leggings, only few in the lot. Special Shelf Emptying Price 33c.

75c Hockey Caps, at 43c

Of heavy wool knit, in all contrasting colors, wonderful values. Special Shelf Emptying Price 43c.

\$2 Traveling Bags at 93c

Black grain Leatherette Traveling Bags, 17 and 18 inches, very strong. Shelf Emptying Price 93c.

Infant's 79c Dresses, 43c

Dainty Nainsook, beautiful lace and Emb. trimmed, long or short. Shelf Emptying Price 43c.

\$1.50 Kid Gloves at 87c

Women's 2-clasp, finest grade Kid Gloves, black and colors. Shelf Emptying Sale 87c.

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Women's Silk lined cashmere Gloves of extra fine quality. Special Shelf Emptying Price 33c.

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