

## 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, impassively and most assuredly woman 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 organization 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 Ones 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

we probably always will. We've got one member who won't go to a picture show because women act in the movies. Last Sunday a member went into the hall with a girl on each arm. The fifteen bachelors who were playing cards arose from their chairs and, without a word of explanation, walked out of the room and stayed out until the girls had gone. Cupid will never get any of us. We're confirmed."

## THE UNCHASTENED WOMAN

"Alone I would have made a quixotic 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, Hildegard got to her feet. "That right here and before the very people in whose presence Mrs. Knollys made the accusation, she must retract it and with full apologies. Nothing less."

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

"Hildegard!" Lawrence's tone was a mixture of amazement, horror and negation of what his ears had heard. The expression with which Knollys 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 Hildegard.

"Ah! Why do you ask?" In the long watches of the afternoon, when Hildegard 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 worked 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 Hildegard—but she had risen above considering that.

Now for the moment Hildegard 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 to him.

As blind as justice—and as ruthless as the law for which she stands, Hildegard went on: "Because immediately after having accused Emily, she did her best to make me believe my husband had become her admirer."

"What!" Mr. Knollys attempted the appearance of indignant 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 Hildegard.

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

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

"Yes," remarked Hildegard 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?" Knollys faced Hildegard 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 Hildegard 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. Cossairt, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cossairt the last two weeks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Court Miller. He left for Columbus Monday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Myers. . . . E. B. Cragger and wife are entertaining Miss Babel Martin of Bradford. She will spend the week end 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 indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.—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 of Richmond, 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 you 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 Sarsaparilla, 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.

## USE COOPER'S BLEND Coffee COOPER'S GROCERY

NEW CHINESE LAUNDRY Opens MONDAY, JAN. 3rd Shirts 10c Collars 2c WORK GUARANTEED Call For and Deliver HOP WING 1103 E. Main St.

# SEMI-SHELF-EMPTYING SALE

## ANNUAL GRAND LEADER

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 seasonal 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 FLANNEL GOWNS	50c KIMONA APRONS	\$1.00 BLACK PETTICOATS	75c AUTO HOODS	\$1.50 WOOL SWEATERS	39c Children's UNION SUITS	\$1.00 CHILD'S BATH ROBES	\$1.50 KNIT CARFSS	75c DRESSING SACKS	SHOP Early and SAVE
	PINK AND BLUE Stripes, also plain colors, heavy quality Flannelette. 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 Emptying Price	FINE SILKY Soft French Sateen, deep pleated and flare flounces. Shelf Emptying Price	For Women, Misses and Children, fine all wool knit hoods, 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	
	33c	43c	29c	49c	25c	87c	19c	49c	44c	33c	

**\$1, \$1.25 Gowns**

Beautiful muslin & nainsook gowns ribbon and Emb. trimmed, also heavy pink and blue striped flannelette. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**69c**

**\$1 Waists**

Women's beautiful new striped and plain white Waists, newest spring models, in all sizes. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**43c**

**\$2.00 House Dresses**

Women's House Dresses of finest ginghams, percales, chambrays, in every new style; all sizes. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**93c**

**\$1.50 Petticoats**

Finest Silk Mes-saline finish Sateen, deep pleated flounces all sizes; extra size included all colors. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**87c**

**\$1 Corsets**

Newest low and medium models, front and side supporters of fine French coutil, beautifully trimmed. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**63c**

**\$1.50 Union Suits**

Women's famous make Union Suits, pure white, fleece lined, silk trimmed and well made. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**83c**

**\$2.50 Sweaters**

For Boys and Girls of heavy and fine wool knit with small or large robe collar, wonderful values. Special Shelf Emptying Price

**\$1.58**

**Children's 12½c 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, Gaiety, 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 19 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 Price 87c.

**50c and 75c Gloves at 33c**

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

**35c Underwear, now 17c**

For Boys, heavy fleeced lined Shirt and Drawers. Special Shelf Emptying Price 17c.

**\$3.00 Men's Pants, Wool Worsteds and Corduroys**

**50c Men's Underwear, fleeced and ribbed 33c**

**\$3.00 Boys' Suits, Serges and Fancy Mixtures, all sizes**

**\$1.50 Floor Rugs, size 18x36**

**\$5.00 Heavy Wool Sweaters for Men and Women**

**75c Men's Flannelette Night Shirts**

**\$1.00 Men's Dress Shirts, Beautiful Patterns**

**35c Police and Firemen's Suspenders**

**\$3.50 Comforters, Sanitary Cotton Filled Full Size**

**\$1.50 Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long**

**\$3.50 Wool Knap Blankets, Full Double Bed Size**

**\$1.50 Men's Wool Underwear**

**50c Men's Work Shirts, Blue, Chambray or Black Sateen**

**\$1.00 Railroad Overalls**

**\$1.50 Boys' Pants, Fancy Mixtures and All Wool Serges**

**19c Men's Wool and Lisle Hose**

**\$3.00 Kimonos, Genuine Serpentine Crese and Ducking Fleece**

**\$1.00 BED SPREADS**

**75c BOYS' PANTS**

**\$1.50 ANGO RA SCARFS**

**35c BURSON HOSE**

**50c, & 75c BOYS HATS**

**50c ROMPERS**

**50c CORSETS**

**\$3.50 Leather Suit Cases**

**\$3 SERGE DRESSES**

**35c Boys' Blouses, at 18c**

**75c Men's Shirts, now 39c**

**75c Boys' Gloves, now 39c**

**\$1.50 Men's Pants, at 93c**

**75c and \$1.00 Caps, 43c**

**75c Pajamas, selling at 43c**

**35c Underwear now at 17c**

**39c Muslin Drawers, 19c**

**75c Mesh Veils, now at 33c**

**35c Boys' Blouses, at 18c**