

SOCIETY

AS YOU'D HAVE CHOSEN.
 Why grieve you? One of every two who loves must walk alone? One must live through the shortening days 'mid scenes the two have known;
 As truly as two meet and love, so truly must they part;
 One shall know love till life's last hour, and one the aching heart when comes the parting of the ways.
 God's promises are true, Heaven's way, her dear hands out to you, With the old love-light in her eyes, God's sunshine on her hair, 'E'en as in days when you were young and she was young—and aif.

Love triumphs over every change, love bridges the abyss, And you shall feel her clasping hands, the glory of her kiss,
 And parting's heartache will be gone, and you shall laugh, you two, And you two shall walk hand in hand as in the paths you knew;
 Love has walked with you many years and days were sweet and long, And those sweet memories shall be like echoes of a song,
 Both of you loved. A day or two, a year or two, and then The days of grieving shall be past and you shall meet again.

One of each two must go away and one must stay awhile, And always in your memory the sweetness of her smile Shall be with you as you walk in the paths you two have gone on and left her here to walk alone Without your arm to lean upon. God chose for you and He chose to arrange the parting days as you would have them be,
 She to go on loved to the last, you at her side, and then You to walk in the lonely ways till you shall meet again.

Two score and nine years filled with love, with by songs at night, Two score and nine years, every dawn of which was a delight; You have been blessed more than most men with love and tenderness,
 And now it is as you would have it be. All the distress Of parting, and the loneliness of empty, songless years,
 The reaching, empty arms and heart, the darkness and the tears,
 Life's dwindling loveless paths are yours, and yours alone to go, As you'd have chosen them to be—because you love her so.
 —Judd Mortimer Lewis, in The Houston Post.

Mrs. E. M. Washburn has as her guest Miss Ethel Miller, of Goldsboro. * * *
 Mrs. E. H. Speer, of Bolton, is here for the week-end as the guest of Mrs. W. C. Boyd, 514 Ann street. * * *
 Miss Janie Iredell Meares, of this city, who has been living in Greensboro for the past few months, has gone to Washington to accept employment in the War Department. * * *
 Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harry and Misses Elizabeth and Frances Harry, of Greensboro, were in the city last night, en route to Fort Caswell, to spend the week-end with their son and brother, Private Reece Harry. * * *
 Members of the High school girls' gymnasium class of the Y. W. C. A. left the association this morning for an all-day hike and will have lunch in the woods. The hour of meeting of gymnasium classes at the association have been changed from 8 to 7:30 o'clock. The classes meet on Monday and Thursday nights. * * *
 The Sunday vesper service of the Y. W. C. A. will be held in the First Baptist church and will be conducted by Miss Mary McElroy, who is here as a guest of the association. Her theme will be, "Women and Girls Overseas." The program as arranged is attractive and include a vocal solo by Mrs. E. G. Woody and a violin solo by Mrs. Meares Harriss. Mrs.

Charles B. Newcomb will preside at the meeting. The public, including men, is invited to attend these services. * * *
 Mrs. Kate C. Shaw's class in repression will give a patriotic recital in the Sunday school auditorium of Grace Methodist church Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. A silver offering will be taken at the door. Following is the program:
 "America," by Emilee Eva Jewett and the girls in the class.
 "Here Comes the Flag," and "The Flag of Our Country Forever," by Margaret Caldwell.
 "Old Kaiser Bill," by Elizabeth Stewart and Rosalie Jacobi.
 "We Are Coming," by Alex Boon.
 "The Fourth Wisconsin Infantry," by Morris Caldwell.
 "The War Rosary," by Mabel Roberson.
 "A Court Lady," by Dorothy Boon.
 "The Y. M. C. A. Huts," by Helen Wolf.
 "Left," a marching soliloquy, "When the War Will End," by Royal O'Neill.
 "A Letter to the Folks Back Home," by Mary Stewart.
 "The Food Conservation Society," by Dorothy Boon.
 "The Country Gink," by Emilee Eva Jewett.
 "Some Important Questions," by Elizabeth Duffy.
 "The Star Spangled Banner," by Mary Stewart.
 "Address to the Old Flag," by Alex Boon.
 "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Dorothy Boon.

RED CROSS SIDELIGHTS.
 In the drive now on there are to be made by and ready for shipment by April 25, seven boxes of packets, each box containing 684, making the total of 4,788. These packets are for the American soldiers now doing duty in the trenches. Each packet contains one gauze pad, four compresses, two tampons, and one applicator which is a woolen stick sandpapered and notched at the end and upon which absorbent cotton is wrapped. This is dipped in iodine and the soldier applies it to his wound until as a first aid treatment arrives. This will in many cases save his life by sterilizing the wound, for sometimes a long period elapses before the wounded can be cared for in the hospitals.
 There have been formed in the following churches Red Cross auxiliaries and these units are making the packets for the drive now on. They are St. Andrew's, Grace, First Baptist, the Temple of Israel and St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, besides the colored auxiliary under Louisa Howe. This unit is making the bandages for the packets which is a strip 84 inches long.
 Men are especially invited to visit the work rooms and inspect the articles now being made as the work is particularly interesting at this time. During the week several prominent business men have paid the work rooms a visit and were very much gratified with the work that is being done. This output goes right to the front (the 50,000 dressings) and it was a compliment to the Wilmington chapter that it was selected to do this special work or that it was considered worthy to undertake so large an allotment.
 The attendance at the work rooms is considered large if one hundred are at work during a day. Gratifying? Yes. But have you thought how small a number that is in comparison with the number that attend the moving pictures daily? Recreation is alright. But women, your country needs you and your freedom and liberty is dependent upon those men at the front who stand between you and the cruelty and lust of the Hun. Cannot you show your gratitude to them by doing your part in supporting them and supplying them the necessities sent out by the Red Cross which must be made by the red women at home in the

Red Cross work rooms? Will you answer this appeal with your presence?
 The telephone in the office is an overworked machine. It is for Red Cross business, but if every call was answered to it would require the time of one person. The secretary must leave her work to call persons to the phone which takes more of her time than is right as more important things should come first. Hereafter when a call comes, the number will be put on a pad on the desk and when the person wanted comes in the office her attention will be called to the number. To cooperate with the Red Cross and not retard the work being done there refrain from calling unless the matter is vital in importance, which oftentimes it is not; in fact, of trivial nature only.

NEW YORK LETTER.

New York, April 20.—Watch out for the Endless Chain Yarn! New York has had a taste of this wild propaganda this week. The yarns were whispered about in the cafes, in the theatre lobbies and at the opera. People told them with a shudder. Traces down, they proved to be mere fabrications set into circulation by propagandists.
 Here is a sample of one of the hideous stories: A well known society woman happened to be in a street car with two young girls, heavily swathed in black veils and accompanied by an elderly female companion. From time to time the woman companion raised the veils and wipes tears away from the girls' eyes.
 The society woman sympathetically said to the companion that the girls appeared to be ill. Whereupon the companion answered: "They are worse than ill. They have just returned from the north of France, where they were captured by the Germans. Their hands were cut off so they could not write of their treatment, and they tongues were split so they could not tell of it. And, well—I'm taking them to a maternity hospital now."

The society woman bleached and went into hysterics and was removed to a hospital hopelessly insane.
 Many intelligent people accepted the wild story as true and it was so widely circulated that thousands of folk called up the newspapers to learn the facts. Reporters traced the story as far as Allentown, Pa., where a woman there said it was told a girl friend of hers who worked in a store by a traveling salesman.
 The yarn was simply one of those "endless chain" stories, which, a couple of years ago, used to deal with alleged victims of "poisoned needles"—girls who were jabbed in a crowd, hustled into a taxi and never again seen or heard of by their relatives.
 Another wild story was told a calm patriotic gentleman in the lobby of the Majestic. The gentleman grabbed the story teller by the arm and hurried him to a police station. He proved to be a patriot, but had foolishly believed the story. The whole scheme is to spread fear—the chief weapon of the Hun propagandist in America.
 Advance notices are beginning to be sent out by a new metropolitan hotel now in process of building. So much is promised that the people suspect a publicity agent. Among the things promised are newspapers at what the street newsboys charge. No whiskbroom boys. All checking of clothes free. No tips. A morning paper under your door without charge. And the price of the room printed and framed in the room. Here's hoping that when the place is crowded the ideas will not do the disappearing act.
 Another yarn from the mercury lighted editorial rooms of Park Row. It was 6 in the morning. The city editor was there. A reporter came in. He took off his coat, walked over and picked up a chair and beat it to fragments against a post. The chair finished, he picked up another and went through the same process.
 Finally the gasping city editor called out: "Here, what are you doing?"
 "I'm resigning, you gray haired idiot," was the reply, "and I am resigning in a way that will make you remember me until your dying day. And after you are dead I want a piece of the rope."
 Then he marched out and the city editor got him later in the day by telephone and offered to double his salary, but he wouldn't come back. He has joined his colors. He will make a fighter, no doubt.
 Over in Brooklyn a young man has started a religious organization. He married a girl of wealth and as his desire was always to be a preacher, she bought him an old church not in use. He preaches there every Monday and is building up quite a congregation.

TEXAS TO OBSERVE SAN JOCINTO DAY

Austin, Texas, April 20.—The anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, from which the independence of Texas dates, will be celebrated throughout the State tomorrow in such manner as the different cities, towns and localities think appropriate.
 In the battle of San Jacinto, which was fought April 21, 1836, General Sam Houston, with a few hundred frontiersmen, defeated an army of Mexican regulars commanded by General Santa Anna, capturing Santa Anna himself. The battle was fought near Houston.
 Manager Cantillon of the Minneapolis team has to go to California to comedian Sawyer, the former Washington comedian. Evidently not all of Sawyer's funny stuff is pulled on the ball lot.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Men Are In Demand—Hold Examinations at Early Date.
 The United States Civil Service Commission announces several examinations to be held at an early date. On May 28 examinations will be held for assistant examiner in the patent office, for both men and women, the entrance salary being \$1,500, and for library assistant, for both men and women, the entrance salaries being for \$900 to \$1,200. On June 11 examination will be held for investigator in foreign marketing of agricultural products, open to men only, the salaries being from \$1,800 to \$3,000.

Other positions for which applications are wanted are: Mechanical engineer, male, \$3,500; laundress, \$400 to \$600; cost accountant supervisor, male, \$2,400 to \$6,000; supervisor of ordnance material, male, \$3,000 to \$3,400; inspector of ordnance material, \$2,500 to 2,900; assistant inspector of ordnance material, \$1,600 to \$2,400; assistant engineer, male, \$1,550; junior engineer, male, \$1,200.

Bryan Downey made a big hit with Boston fans on his recent debut in the Hub. The masterly way in which the Columbus welter polished off Tommy Robson won the glad hand of the boxing bugs.

Bill Kopt declares he will not play with the Cincinnati Reds until given the money he demands. Then, there are other pastimers who wouldn't play with the Reds for any amount of money.

If Walker Cochran's friends are right the young knight of the green cloth will be the next billiard champion just as sure as Johnny Evers is going to tell some American League umpire what he thinks of him.

"Germania" Dropped.
 Charleston, S. C., April 20.—The name, "Germania," has been eliminated from the titles of two banks here, the name "Atlantic" replacing it, while a local fire insurance company has shed "Germania" and adopted, "The People's," in its stead. There will probably be other changes of name here along similar lines.

Postponement of the all-Ash sweepstakes dog race until next year was a keen disappointment to all except the dogs.

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