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A Bachelor Girl Chat.

THE GOLD CURE FOR LOVE. By HELLAN ROWLAND.

"Once upon a time," sighed the Bachelor Girl, putting down her palette and brushes, and snuggling the studio kitten against her curly head, "I had a man friend."

LIFE AT ITS BEST—IT'S MAINTENANCE.

B Don O. Shelton.

As we stand on the threshold of the New Year it will be profitable to consider how life at its best (to which reference was made in this column last week) can be maintained. That it can be preserved and perpetuated the same high authority—that of the Greatest of Teachers—gives abundant assurance.

S. A. L. LOST, SPITE INCREASE GROSS EARNINGS

Increase Was \$5,000,000 And In The Face of This Fact The Great Trunk Line Sank Into Receivers' Hands.

The Road's Record For Several Years Seems to Be of Making Progress Backward—Figures That Show Mismanagement.

(From the Baltimore News.) Five years ago the Seaboard Air Line Railway earned about \$11,000,000 gross, and the surplus for the fiscal year was nearly \$1,000,000. During the fiscal year ended June 30 last the gross earnings had increased to \$17,000,000, but instead of a proportionate increase in surplus the latter had vanished utterly, and the deduction of operating expenses, taxes and fixed charges left a deficit for the year.

Novel Entertainments

Edited by Madame Merri

UNIQUE ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY. The holiday festivities are being followed by a number of interesting engagement announcements. The bride-elect of this day and generation is certainly a most favored mortal. The account given below is surely a most novel and pretty way of announcing to the world the important news of a young woman's engagement.

Winter Evening Entertainment.

Dear Mrs. Merri—We are to spend the winter in the country, but have frequent parties. I do not like to serve refreshments if I do not know they are coming and do not know what pastimes to have.

For a Surprise Party.

I have a sister who will be 11 this month. I want to have a surprise party. What would you advise us to do for amusement? Have to have it in the evening. What hour should it start, and what would you have for refreshments? I thought 14 would be the oldest and nine the youngest. Would that be proper? Would it be right for mother or me to write the invitations, and how would you word them? M. E. G.

Meaning of Mizpah.

What does the word Mizpah mean? I want to give a book as a present to a very dear friend and want to use a Latin word or phrase. Do you know of any? If so, will you please give me the meaning? RITA.

Eighteenth Wedding Day.

What is the eighteenth anniversary of a wedding? And also will you please give me a few suggestions for, as I wish to have an informal gathering of about eight couples? Thanking you very much in advance. X. Y. Z.

Questions in Etiquette.

I am invited to a reception, and as I have been prevented on account of illness and different causes from attending such functions for several years I would like to ask a little information on etiquette. If I accept the invitation it is necessary for me to send an acceptance? If so, how should it be worded? Also, are acceptances and regrets written on the small paper and envelopes that are used for invitations and should they be sent by mail or messenger? L. S. M.

Senior Class Party.

My husband and I wish to entertain the seniors of the high school at evening from 7:30 to 11. The class is composed of 12 girls and three boys from 15 to 19 years of age. The class colors are crimson and white. Will you kindly write me some appropriate "astime" or games for the evening, also suitable refreshments and

Answers to Correspondents.

Entertaining an Embroidery Club. Please give me a few suggestions for entertaining an embroidery club. I want prizes and souvenirs. MATTIE.

Sporting News Briefly Told

It is said the new Union League has "night riders" on the job signing up major and Class A players. There is not another club in the major leagues that has let so many good players go as has the Boston club of the American league. Those telephones in the Chicago grandstands might be connected with the umpire so the fans could roast him without disturbing the bleachers.

NEW BLIND MAN'S BUFF.

For this new game of blind man's buff form a large circle and number each person in rotation, as many numbers as there are players. Count out to ascertain who will be the first blind man, then place him in the center of the circle. He must then call two numbers quite widely separated, like two and ten. The ones having these numbers must take each other's places. If a person is caught in changing he is "it." If the blind man fails to catch any one he has the privilege of calling 100, when every one must change places, making it easy for some one to get within his reach. This is a good jolly game, and children love it.

SEVEN YEARS PROOF

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Its timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Woodall & Shepard's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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