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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hardy and Edith W. Hardy of Chicago, Ill., are guests at the Hotel Carolina.

Mr. G. W. Tapley, the well known shoe manufacturer of Springfield, Mass., accompanied by Mrs. Tapley are at the Holly Inn.

Mr. Edward T. Purcell, the editor and manager of the Southington *Phoenix*, Southington, Conn., who is a guest at the Magnolia, paid THE OUTLOOK a visit this week. Mr. Purcell runs a good live paper and is one of those good fellows we all like to meet.

Mr. J. P. Fairchild of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. Frank Ferdinand of Boston are at the Holly Inn for their second season. Among other guests at this popular hotelery are Mrs. Frank C. Lewis and Mrs. E. Freeman of New York; G. S. Brown of Montclair, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hallock of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Nichols and Mr. E. W. Blue of New York.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The great attraction Monday afternoon was the steam roller which was run over to the golf links at that time. The only thing hitherto needed to make these links perfect has been a steam roller. Now that this want has been supplied and the machine placed in charge of a competent engineer from Boston the links will fulfill the requirements of the most enthusiastic golfer.

Miss Blanche Brenneman will give an entertainment during the coming week. This lady is well known here and gave us two good readings last season.

Miss E. M. Brown of New London, Conn., is located at the Hotel Carolina for the season with decorative needlework. The ladies of the village are cordially invited to visit her at Room A.

Wednesday being Ash Wednesday holy communion and penitential services were held in the Village Hall at 8.30 a. m. The Rev. Mr. Prescott of Washington conducting. It was well attended.

On Saturday night an enjoyable whist party was held at the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. James W. McArdle in the Beacon. Mrs. H. B. Stillings and Mr. Weatherbee receiving the first prizes and Mrs. Tom Barber and Mr. H. B. Stillings the consolation.

The next plays presented will be "He, She and It," curtain raiser, and the comedy in two acts, "Mr. Bob," during the coming week. Owing to the illness of Miss Burnite, who is now better, rehearsals had to cease. It is hoped to present these plays next Thursday.

At the Village Hall on Monday evening Dr. H. Redan gave a very pleasing entertainment of illusions and legerdemain to a very enthusiastic audience who seemed to appreciate his efforts to amuse. He succeeded in mystifying and deceiving the people very cleverly and well deserved the hearty welcome he received.

The guests at the Berkshire have had an opportunity this past week to taste the flesh of the wild turkey, the fowl which gladdened the hearts of our pilgrim fathers in the cold winter of 1620. After tasting the meat of this bird one knows why they were so thankful on that first Thanksgiving.

The peanut scramble at the Holly Inn Tuesday evening was one of the most enjoyable of the season. A notable feature was the old oaken bucket and the old fashioned well sweep done in ivy. The prizes were awarded as follows: Miss M. Prescott 1st ladies'; 2d ladies', Mrs. Robbins; 3d ladies', Miss Clough. 1st gentleman's Mr. R. Wellman; 2d Mr. G. Wellman; 3d Mrs. Lockwood.

The Carolina Orchestra has been augmented during the past week by Mr. Joseph Gotsch, 'cellist, who has just finished a four months' tour of the United States with the unexcelled Vienna Court Orchestra under the leadership of Edouard Strauss. Mr. Gotsch is a former graduate of the Vienna Conservatory, and is well known in the European world of music. He was formerly one of the leading 'cellists of the celebrated Kaim Symphony Orchestra of Munich, and for the last two years has been soloist of the famous Strauss organization. The playing of Mr. Gotsch has already produced a marked impression upon the guests of the Carolina, and in future his solos will be a delightful feature of the concerts. He is a valuable addition to the Orchestra, and Mr. Sharp is to be congratulated on having secured a 'cellist of such superior attainments.

Plants That Eat Flesh.

However anomalous the idea of flowering animals may appear, it is not more

so than is that of plants that set traps and devour the prey taken by them. Flesh eating plants seem to violate the rules of nature, yet the violation is apparent rather than real, for many plants absorb animal matter as part of their food. In general this is taken in only after decomposition has rendered the tissues soluble, but there are some blood-thirsty plants that kill and eat small animals as ruthlessly as do beasts of prey.

Among these the little sun-dew is most widely known, for its fame was spread over the world by the work of Darwin, who gave an elaborate description of it in his "Insectivorous Plants." The leaves of the sun-dew are studded with little projections on whose summits are drops of a clear, sticky liquid that glistens in the sun, as does dew, and from this the name is derived. The liquid attracts insects, either by its appearance or its odor; but when the unfortunate visitor seeks to sip the tempting draught, the leaf begins to coil inwardly and form a cup from which escape is impossible. The liquid runs down into the hollow and collects into a pool, in which the insect is drowned before being digested.

In the neighborhood of Wilmington there grows the "North Carolina fly catcher," a plant called "the miracle of nature." This plant has leaves divided into two lobes that sit at a little less than right angle of one another, and are fringed with tiny spikes. The upper side of each lobe is covered with minute glands that secrete a purple fluid, and also has a number of sensitive filaments arranged in a triangle. If an insect touches these filaments, the lobes shut up like the leaves of a book, the two parts turning on the middle rib as a hinge, and the intruder is captured. If it be very small, it can escape through the spaces between the interlocking spikes, but otherwise the leaf forms itself into a temporary stomach, in which digestion proceeds. The glands that were dry before begins to secrete an acid liquid of a purple color, containing an enzyme like pepsin, in which the soft part of the creature is disintegrated, and as this proceeds the pressure is increased until all the digestible matter is absorbed, when the leaf gradually opens and the dry husk is extruded. The leaf will close on a bit of grass or stone as readily as on a fly, but the fraud is quickly discovered, and the indigestible matter rejected. The leaf is then ready to close again, even before it is fully opened, whereas when digesting food material it stays closed for several days, and is very sluggish in shutting again. The most vigorous leaves seem to be able to digest only two or three times in a lifetime, and the botanist Lindsay fed some specimens with such quantities of meat that they died from indigestion.

In Portugal there is a plant, known as the *Drosophyllum lusitanicum* among botanists that is so efficient as a fly catcher that the country people hang up branches of it for this purpose. It secretes a gummy, sticky fluid that entangles insects and kills them.

The common bladderwort is a foe to many small animals. It captures great numbers of water bugs, and has been known to catch and kill small fishes. From time to time the attention of fish culturists is called to this plant as a foe, but is not regarded as a serious one.—*Scientific American.*

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