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Tatler Tales

William E. Barton Resident Manager

WHEN John F. Morgan, vice president of James N. Wells' Sons, Inc., recently announced the appointment of Mr. Barton, as resident manager of London Terrace, immediate approval was voiced by many of the residents who were already familiar with his outstanding personality and broad experience in the operation of large apartment projects.



WILLIAM E. BARTON

Mr. Barton is an authority on service for tenants and is an ardent supporter of the high standards demanded by the Wells firm. As a managing executive in a number of the leading real estate firms in New York City, Mr. Barton has for years specialized in problems affecting large apartment houses and has written extensively on the subject for leading realty publications.

As vice president of the New York Building Managers' Association prior to its merger with the Real Estate Board, he had much to do with the organization and development of the Apartment House and Rental Conditions Committees. His popular lectures for the Columbia University extension courses in Real Estate Management have given ample evidence of his thorough knowledge of the subject. Many of his methods and practices have been accepted as standards by realty experts throughout the country.

"London Terrace offers a wide appeal to the city dweller because of its complete facilities for the enjoyment of living," Mr. Barton said, "for here one finds every essential that the suburbs can offer in recreational opportunities, plus the physical comforts that the modern apartment house provides. One does not need an expensive country club or a summer home when such

TERRACE CALENDAR

Activities at the Terrace
During the Next Few Weeks

SWIMMING POOL

MAY

- Thur. 12—Metropolitan Life Insurance Company intradepartmental meet.
Fri. 13—Championship Finals, Public School Athletic League of Greater New York. Junior and Senior High Schools. 8.00 P. M.

PENTHOUSE CLUB

MAY

- Thur. 12—Duplicate Contract Bridge.
Fri. 13—Chess, Checkers, Camelot, Backgammon.
Fri. 13—Exhibition of Linens and Laces. Afternoon, 3 o'clock. Evening, 8 o'clock.
Sat. 14—Exhibition of Linens and Laces—3 P. M. and 8 P. M.
Mon. 16—Informal Auction and Contract Bridge.
Tue. 17—Ping-Pong Tournament Finals.
Thur. 19—Duplicate Contract Bridge.
Fri. 20—Chess, Checkers, Camelot, Backgammon.
Mon. 23—Informal Auction and Contract Bridge.
Tue. 24—Ping-Pong. Open play.
Wed. 25—Women's Afternoon Bridge, 3 P. M.
Thur. 26—Duplicate Contract Bridge.
Fri. 27—Chess, Checkers, Camelot, and Backgammon.
Tue. 31—Ping-Pong. Open play.

JUNE

- Wed. 1—Women's Afternoon Bridge.
Thur. 2—Duplicate Contract Bridge.
Fri. 3—Chess, Checkers, Camelot, etc.

All Penthouse Club evening sessions start promptly at 8:15. Afternoon bridge, 3 P. M. Late arrivals must play in secondary tournaments.

DINING ROOM AND GRILL

MAY

- Mon. 9—American Association of Hospital Social Workers' dinner.
Fri. 13—Stuyvesant High School dance.
Sat. 14—Knickerbocker Post, American Legion Meeting.
Mon. 16—Biltmore Luncheon. Matinee Club Luncheon and Bridge.
Fri. 20—Sigma Phi Beta Sorority Dance.

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Mr. Barton has for many years commuted to Stamford, Conn., where he has been active in social and community affairs. He was chairman of the house committee of the Stamford Yacht Club for seven years. He says that he appreciates the relief from the long train trips and expects to be very comfortable in his delightful apartment in the Terrace.

Tatler Editor Critically Injured

EDWIN V. WESTRATE, for more than a year Editor of the London Terrace TATLER, was severely injured late in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 20, when he fell through an open shaftway. He was immediately rushed to Bellevue Hospital, where his life was at first despaired of, as he had suffered a fractured skull and compound fractures of the leg, but he rallied immediately and latest reports state that he is now out of danger and is improving more rapidly than could ordinarily be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. Westrate is exceptionally well known to Terrace residents, not only as Editor of the TATLER but as the organizer of the Terrace Club, the highly popular Auction and Contract bridge tournaments, the chess and ping-pong tournaments and other activities. His absence from these events will be keenly felt, but in the meantime every effort is being made to continue these activities as they were begun and to carry them through to their successful conclusions. We look forward to his early return to his Terrace apartment and a prompt and complete recovery.

Literary Colony Achieves Prominence

THAT London Terrace is rapidly acquiring a most varied and distinguished coterie of literary lights is apparent from even a casual glance at the latest list of books, both fiction and non-fiction, in the best seller category.

Dr. Harold A. Van Dorn has just written "Twenty Years of the Chinese Republic" (Alfred A. Knopf), the first really comprehensible revelation of modern China and its problems to appear in English, and widely acclaimed as a book of vital importance at this time.

Kenneth Collins, executive vice-president of R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., is the author of "The Road to Good Advertising" (Greenberg), a general discussion of the present-day problems of retail advertising.

From China and advertising to runaway wives, we proceed from the mysterious through the serious to the vivacious and reach a new book by Miss Vernie E. Connelly. It is called "Runaway Wife" (Grosset and Dunlap), and is a light and charming novel for the summer weather, and is rapidly becoming known to smart readers.

All of these books may be obtained at the Terrace Book Store.



Linen and Lace Exhibition in Penthouse

AN exhibition of linens and laces will be held in the Penthouse Club, 470 Building, on Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, May 13 and 14. An unusual collection of rare laces and striking linens from many countries has been assembled by Miss Elizabeth Blomquist for this exhibit. The Club will be open from two to five o'clock during the afternoons and from eight until ten in the evenings. Residents of the Terrace and their guests are cordially invited to attend the exhibition and to become acquainted with the numerous attractions of the newly established Penthouse Club.



Book Review New Tatler Feature

IN this issue, TATLER inaugurates a half-page of book reviews by two of the Terrace's well-known literary critics, who, for some mysterious reason, prefer for the time being to be known only by their initials. We assure our readers that these reviews carry the same authority and weight that would be theirs were the two impressive signatures attached in full.

Barber Shop Opens in Terrace

THE masculine population of London Terrace will welcome the news that a modern barber shop opened on Monday, May 2, in the 465 Building on 23rd Street. The shop, in charge of James Adams, owner, and Vincent Di Fiore, manager, employs six experienced barbers, a manicurist, and bootblack for the convenience of Terrace residents. It will be open from 8:00 A. M. until 8:30 P. M. daily, and nominal prices will prevail. Mr. Adams wishes to announce also that he will send an attendant for residents who wish service in their apartments. The Terrace Barber Shop is one of the most modern and completely equipped in the city, and is a worthy addition to the many conveniences offered to Terrace residents.



Spring Comes to London Terrace

SPRING has come to London Terrace, and with it the season of open windows and the open season on radios. We are a staunch supporter of Spring as a pleasant, if somewhat disturbing, annual event, and a friend of the radio when it behaves as originally intended—that is, as a source of entertainment in the home.

However, when Spring becomes too obstreperous, we are temporarily against it as an institution, but are willing to forgive it its flaws because nothing can be done about spring weather. But when the urban radios get out of hand due to careless or willful mishandling by owners, and blast and roar across the gardens from dewy eve to early morn, then we are against them, to speak but mildly, because hundreds of residents are victims of an unnatural and unnecessary disturbance about which little can be done unless the owners of the offending radios cooperate.

This mutual cooperation should not be difficult, as it requires but a little judicious attention to the volume control. The average Terrace apartment does not require a terrific outburst from the radio to make a program audible. If a radio can be heard outside the apartment in the corridor, it means the volume is too great and should be turned down at once. One or two experiments with the volume control will yield astonishing results as to the volume necessary for enjoyable radio reception.

As originally stated, we are still in favor of Spring in London Terrace, and of radio *within* every apartment.

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"We Have With Us"

Here, each month, is presented an intimate sketch of one of the many interesting personalities residing at London Terrace. In this issue, we have with us—

HAROLD ARCHER VAN DORN
Author, Traveller, Teacher
Apt. 8-A, 435 W. 23rd

HAROLD ARCHER VAN DORN was born in New Hampton, Iowa, not a very great many years ago for one who has accomplished so much in the world of



HAROLD ARCHER VAN DORN

literature, travel, and general education. He was graduated from Grinnell College in 1918 and served for some time as a Lieutenant in the United States Army, afterwards attending Columbia University, where he received his degree of Master of Arts.

In 1920, he married Miss Viretta Calhoun of Seattle, Washington, a graduate of Teachers College at Columbia. The Van Dorns' honeymoon trip was a voyage to China, where Dr. Van Dorn had accepted a position as Professor of English in Nankai University in Tientsin, one of the largest cities in China. At this time he was the only foreign instructor in the university, the largest private school under strictly Chinese auspices in the country. Affiliated with the university was a high school and later a kindergarten and an elementary school for girls, where Mrs. Van Dorn also taught, becoming the first foreign instructor for girls in the university.

While residents of Tientsin, the Van Dorns lived in a native Chinese house and employed Chinese servants. The design of this residence is so interesting that a diagram of the establishment is included in this article so that Terrace residents may compare their advantages with those of the Orient. The Van Dorns' house was near Nankai University and they were surrounded by Chinese neighbors, so they lived the life of the natives, ate their food, and conversed with them daily as their combined vocabularies gradually increased.

Soon after his arrival in China, Dr. Van Dorn found himself in the midst of the devastating famine of 1920-1921 when hundreds of thousands of Chinese died, not so much from direct starvation as from disease contracted through weakened constitutions due to scarcity of food. With his military experience behind him, Dr.

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Riches of Tradition

By THOMAS DOWD

Apt. 11-D, 445

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GEORGE WASHINGTON AT 415 WEST 23rd ST.

PERSISTENCY has its rewards, and no better example of this statement seems possible than the fact that after what seemed a hopeless search we ran into a mass of data regarding Old Chelsea all in one afternoon. After prowling around in the large reference room of the New York Public Library for months, the only listing of Old Chelsea to be found was a reference to the London Terrace TATLER. This was getting near home, and suddenly there loomed before our eyes a card reading "Villages & Hamlets Within New York City," by Lindsay Denison and Max Fischel, republished by the New York Evening World, and we devoured it.

On that same afternoon a visit to Tammany Hall and an explanation of our quest was rewarded by a gift by that organization to help us in our work. It was entitled, "Society of Tammany, 1726-1928."

From Tammany Hall we proceeded to Fourth Avenue, which, with its book stalls, always reminds us of London's Charing Cross. Delving there, we came upon a mouldy volume entitled, "History of the City of New York from Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Day," by Mary L. Booth, and the "present day" referred to was 1859.

With these three treasures in our possession we read until the early hours of the next morning and found ourselves developing a most distinctive lisp due to the style of printing in vogue in the olden days, wherein the letter "F" is always printed "S" and vice versa; A's, E's and O's are very often connected, and in reading in our semi-muttering fashion we acquired not only a lisp but a stuttering. Set down in cold modern type, here is the result of our research.

After the French and Indian

Wars, many of his Majesty's officers decided that the new Colonies would be a fine place in which to settle down and spend the rest of their days in peace and quiet—little dreaming of what was to come in the future.

Chelsea is Named

However, one grizzled old warrior, Captain Thomas Clark, came to the conclusion that as a source of escape from the hoi polloi, the outskirts of New York offered an ideal sanctuary, and he selected a location on the Hudson with an attractive beach well off the beaten track of Fitz Roy Road and named it Chelsea after the Soldiers' Home of the same name in England.

The Captain had a wife named Mollie, and two attractive daughters, but it is with Mollie that we are chiefly concerned. She was from the Old World, too, and the Old World must have been glad that she was from it—as far from it as possible, for, as women go, she was a terror. Had she been poor and not the wife of an officer of his Majesty's Service, there is no doubt that she would have spent not a few hours in the well-known ducking chair for common scolds, for she knew no respect for authority, law, or superiors in the new colonies.

And Settled

The Captain and his wife planned and laid out an extensive Manor near the beach at Chelsea, but due to the Captain's age and generally battered condition as a result of his countless military campaigns and the incessant nagging of his good wife, it was necessary, when the time came to take possession of the new home, to carry the doughty Captain into his new abode on a stretcher. But here fate was against the Captain, for only a short time after settling down to enjoy his old age, his new home was burned to the ground, and Captain Clark was barely rescued from the flames, only

to die three days later at the home of a neighbor.

Times must have been better then than now, for we learn that Mollie lost no time in making plans for a new home on a site about 200 feet west of what is now the corner of Ninth Avenue and 23rd Street, where the 415 building now stands. The new home was not so pretentious as the first, but it was still an impressive establishment for those days, and the location was just as glorious, and the beach on the west side was just beyond what is now Tenth Avenue.

The Revolution

And then came the War of the Revolution. Up to Mollie's door marched a motley group of semi-uniformed Colonists in charge of a local tradesman addressed as Colonel, who announced that "By order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army these men are to be billeted on the Chelsea Place." This ultimatum to the fiery Mollie Clark turned Chelsea homestead into a turmoil. History says that she gave verbal battle 24 hours a day, issuing commands, threats and miscellaneous side remarks on the characters of the Colonel and his bedraggled army, to all of which they apparently paid not the slightest attention. But the Army was fighting no common foe in the person of Mrs. Clark, for after securing no alleviation of her troubles from letters to the local military authorities, she went to the highest military court in the Colonies and penned an epistle to General Washington himself. This letter in part was as follows:

"I am a Tory and proud of it, but does that give cause for a widow with two daughters to be infested with your uniformed loutish varlets?"

Which was pretty strong language for a lady in those days.

We are all familiar with Washington's reputation for seriousness and courtesy, as well as for kindness and tolerance, but here we must credit

him with a sense of humor also, for upon receipt of Mollie Clark's letter, he called his staff together and read the note to them, commenting smilingly:

"We will proceed immediately to the Widow Clark and see if her trials and tribulations might be eased."

They thereupon proceeded out along the Road to Bloomingdale, to Fitz Roy Road, to Love Lane, and thence west to Chelsea.

Washington Arrives

Upon their arrival General Washington and his staff dismounted and with hats in hand knocked upon the door of Chelsea Place. Instead of greeting and courtesy, the Widow Clark did not even come to the door. She opened an upper window and gave Washington what might today be termed the Electrolux—that is, she froze him with a burning glare. But Washington's most profound and dignified courtesy succeeded somewhat in defrosting Mollie Clark, and before leaving Chelsea Place the General assured her that she and her two

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THE HUDSON FROM THE PENTHOUSE CLUB

**Block-Aid Campaign
in Full Swing**

MISS CHRISTINA L. FRASER, chairman of the London Terrace Block-Aiders Committee, reports as we go to press that the response of Terrace residents to the Block-Aid campaign has been most gratifying. Contributions already pledged are sufficient to insure the comfort of at least four destitute families in the immediate vicinity. However, due to the size of the Terrace and the large number of persons living here, a complete canvass has not yet been possible, and the Block-Aiders are still working through the buildings in their efforts to interview every resident of London Terrace. Terrace residents can materially aid this campaign by sending in their contributions immediately, no matter how small, any amount from ten cents a week up being of really vital importance to the poor families who are the objects of this charity drive. Contributions should be sent to any one of the following: Miss Christina L. Fraser, 435; Mrs. James Clark, 425; Dr. James Marker, 445; D. H. Miley, 465; Mrs. Joseph Rosenbach, 415; Mrs. George S. Starbuck, 445; Miss Harriet R. Wright, 445; Mrs. John G. Crandall, 405; Harry Martin, London Terrace Book Shop.

**Valet Service
Aids Charity Drive**

THE London Terrace Valet Service has volunteered to collect and deliver to the Block-Aid Committee all wearing apparel which may be contributed toward the comfort of the families now being cared for by the Committee. Terrace residents are urged to assemble all dis-

carded clothing, shoes, hats, etc., for which they have no further use and to call the Valet Service on the house phone. Prompt collection will be made.

**Singer Returns
From Florida**

C. A. LLOYD, soloist and entertainer at the exclusive Bath Club at north Miami Beach, has just returned from his fourth winter in Florida. Mr. Lloyd is well known as a member of the Clequot Club Eskimos, nationally popular radio feature. Mrs. Lloyd, who also spent the season in Florida, is a pianist of note and is accompanist and soloist with the Roxy Male Quartet of radio and concert stage fame. She plans to return to her Terrace apartment within a few weeks, after completing a series of recitals in the South.

**Entertain at
Dinner Dance**

TOMMY GORDON, Terrace resident, orchestra leader at the last Peg Woffington Saturday evening dinner dance, is musical director at radio station WAAT. Through the organization's excellent work on the air, Mr. Gordon's orchestra is in increasing demand at private functions in New York and vicinity. Mrs. Gordon, a charming dancer, assists materially in these engagements and is an extremely popular addition to the entertainments.

Dinner Prices Reduced

PIERRE of the Peg Woffington Restaurants announces that prices for dinner in the Main Dining Room have been reduced from \$1.00 and \$1.25 to 75c. and \$1.00.

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daughters would be spared the close proximity of the Continental soldiers, but that it still would be necessary for them to remain on the far end of the estate. The soldiers were well pleased to bask on the sands of Chelsea Beach for the duration of the War, but their early dreams of peaceful battles were rudely shattered one sunny morning when a lookout spied H.M.S. *Vulture* sailing majestically up the Hudson within a stone's throw of the shore. The local army of Chelsea Place in wild excitement lined the river bank in Company Front, much to the astonishment of the ship's Commanding Officer, who knew this maneuver to be one of surrender. But his perplexity at the reason for such immediate victory in a bloodless encounter in war time was quickly dissipated by an impressive and staggering display of all the better known signs, both oral and pantomimic, of extreme and unctious contempt and ridicule.

Since an Officer in the Royal Navy can brook no harsh words directed towards himself or his Service, the Master of the *Vulture* let go a solid shot at the massed rebels on the shore of Chelsea Beach, but the British gunner's aim was high, and the shot passed over the heads of the Continental Beach Patrol and on towards Chelsea Place, gracefully removing a large portion of the Widow Clark's manor, which, although the roof was not thatched, was the last straw so to speak for the militant Tory, Dame Mollie of Chelsea Place. History is very frank and admiring in its report that none of the local militia came home to dinner that night, for the Widow Clark tore around and about in such a towering rage that she drove every one to cover, thus causing the instant invention of the cyclone cellar.

Mollie Clark's last letter to General Washington berated him soundly, and closed with the accusation that if the "louts" had not been billeted on the place in the beginning there would never have been any occasion for the British to fire.

And the battle of Chelsea ended with a woman having the last word.

• **Book News** •

"We Have With Us"

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STATE FAIR—By Phil Stong. Century Co.; \$2.50.

One doesn't expect a book about the Middle West to be bright and amusing as this is. Here, for a change, we have nothing more or less than a good story well told, not a dreary study of something-or-other. For the week of the Iowa State Fair, we live with the farmer Abel Frake and his family, and they are pleasant people to know—healthy, honest, cheerful and not too unintelligent. This is their big week, the week for which they have been waiting all year. Abel hopes his tremendous hog, Blue Boy, will take first prize, and Melissa, his wife, hopes almost as much for her pickles. Margy and Wayne, their children, just look forward to the change and actually have their first experiences with Life with a capital "L." The end of the week finds them back on the farm, not one of them really touched by the events of the week, although it has enriched the lives of all of them. State Fair, however, is not a novel. It is a long short story which the publishers have padded by means of large type, blank pages, bulky paper and other obvious devices to lure the price of a novel from the unsuspecting purchaser. It is delightful entertainment for an hour and a half, but its shortness and ephemeral quality make the price too high.



THE RUNNING FOOTMAN—By John Owen. Macmillan Co.; \$2.00.

The hero of this story, John Deere, entered the service of Lord Bringle as a running footman. His duty was to run before his master's coach, ostensibly to clear the way, but in fact as an evidence to the world of Bringle's wealth and power. It has always been one of the strongest indictments against the rich that they choose to show their power by inflicting unnecessary discomfort on their subordinates. With John it was more than discomfort; physically incapable of his task, he runs and runs, consumptive, to his death. His simple soul draws inspiration and encouragement from his humble adoration of a lady of the household, for whose sake he makes one gallant epic run before he dies. A simple story, full of simple sentiment; it is open to the charge that the colors are painted too strongly—that no John Deere was ever so simple minded, no Bringle ever so tyrannically inhumane. But simplicity is no bar to greatness, and these characters carry conviction. This is a great book, distinguished in its writing, lovely in its pathos, and great in its epic quality. I venture to prophesy that it will be read long after most novels of 1932 are forgotten.

THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE—By Radclyffe Hall. Cape and Ballou; \$2.50.

A story of Provençal peasants before and during the war; in particular of one, Christophe, a carpenter's son, who is set aside from his fellows not only by the possession of "stigmata" and other attributes of the supernatural, but no less by an extraordinary sympathy, a sensitiveness and compassion which takes in the whole of humanity. This modern Jesus of Provence enlists in the war and is drafted to Palestine, where he is killed bearing a cross.

This book shows a distinct advance from "The Well of Loneliness." "The Well of Loneliness" was a bad book, not for the reason which caused moral indignation in some, snickers in others, and a notoriety for the book which eventually made it a best seller; it was bad because it was sentimentally syrupy, and because the author lost her sense of proportion in having no sympathy for any but her own problem.

"The Master in the House" has a more universal sympathy, and a plea for the broadest tolerance; it presents "the Symbol of the Indestructible Compassion." At times it seems that the author is guilty of a tour de force, pressing too far the parallel between this and the New Testament story; but this criticism should not be stressed: there is verisimilitude to be found in the pleasing gallery of village portraits, drawn on conventional lines, but vividly and not without humor.



SOMETHING BEYOND—By A. F. Webbing. Macmillan Co.; \$4.00.

This is a book which will probably not appeal to you. It is the reverse of being a best seller, and not more than a few hundred people in America can have read it. There is nothing sensational in it, no interesting facts, nothing powerfully pounded. It is a simple story of a country parson and of his mental and material struggles from a humble upbringing to a haven of rest in which he finally turns to psychic research in his quest for "something beyond" in our mortal existence. This book is the best tonic I know for the degenerating jitters which 1932 is giving to the more materially minded of us. I have read it four times in three months.



Lively, amusing: **Topper Takes a Trip**, by Thomas Smith; Doubleday, Doran & Co., \$2.50. Exciting mystery: **The Greek Coffin Mystery**, by Ellery Queen; F. A. Stokes, \$2.00. Bridge for lighter moments: **Bonehead Bridge**, by Berton Braley; Sears, \$1.00. Still the best book for three years: **The Good Earth**, by Pearl Buck; John Day, \$2.50.

—R. and G. M.

Van Dorn immediately applied all his spare moments to assisting in the organized relief work, and made many trips into the interior, carrying food as well as money for the purchase of grain. At this point it should be remembered that over ninety per cent of the population of China is rural, and that in the areas affected by the great famine there was not even grain such as would normally be fed to animals for food, and absolutely no money for the purchase of food or other supplies from the outside.

Famine and Banditry

During a famine, when the physical and moral resistance of the population is weakened, the internationally advertised Chinese banditry comes into its fullest flower and rides far and wide practically unmolested throughout the vast country. Dr. Van Dorn, as a member of the International Famine Relief Commission making trips into the interior, immediately saw the advantage of establishing a working arrangement with the local bandit chief, who, like Robin Hood, preferred robbing the rich, keeping enough for himself, and then distributing the remainder to the suffering natives in the rural districts; and on all his trips into the country with thousands of dollars on his person, and although he always went armed, Dr. Van Dorn was never disturbed by wandering bandits, because he wore on his arm a white band denoting that he was under the protection of the chief bandit of the district due to the fact that he was engaged in relief work. The money was used to purchase such grain as could be found in the markets of the larger centers of distribution.

As the supply of grain was extremely limited, only one-tenth of the suffering population could be cared for at best. In each famine district the starving people were listed and every tenth person on the list received a ticket entitling him to twenty pounds, or about one peck, of grain a month; this was to feed one adult for thirty days, and comprised his sole article of diet.

The method employed in al-

lotting the food tickets strikingly reveals the fatalism and the law-abiding nature of the Chinese peasants, for they accepted the fate of the lots without question or murmur, never attempted to rob a fortunate recipient of grain, and hundreds died of starvation just outside the stockades where the grain was stored for distribution, without making the slightest attempt to storm or raid the premises.

Civil War

The famine over, Dr. Van Dorn found himself in the midst of the great Civil War of 1922, and again his military training stood him in good stead, and he immediately enlisted in the volunteer forces hastily organized for the defense of Tientsin. A defeated army was in the vicinity and it was feared that the disorganized and hungry soldiers might enter the city and start pillaging. After several nights of suspense, during which Dr. Van Dorn stood guard in a Chinese cemetery, using the grave mounds for a shelter against bullets, the danger passed, and the community resumed its normal activities.

Conditions in China

In discussing the periodical famines, civil wars, and general unrest in China, Dr. Van Dorn took occasion to explain that the Chinese peasant is always a fatalist, and accepts each manifestation of misery as, if not exactly desirable, at least inevitable, and something not to be opposed or worried about to any great extent, even though the discomfort experienced be severe. Also, in view of the fact that almost the entire Chinese population is rural, politics, as such, assumes less personal importance in China than elsewhere, for with Farm Relief, as we know it, impossible, the Chinese farmer has practically no contact with or knowledge of politics, and is therefore little affected by a change in the central government or even by a fight between two rival military leaders if it does not take

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Championship Swim In Terrace Pool

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Pre-Olympic Meet Results

Winners in the pre-Olympic meet in the London Terrace Swimming Pool on the evening of April 12 follow:

Events for women: 100-yard breast stroke swim (Metropolitan A.A.U. senior championship), Miss Elsie Thorenz; 100-yard swim, Miss Dorothea Dickinson; fancy diving, 10-foot springboard (Metropolitan A.A.U. junior championship), Miss Elizabeth Harrison.

Events for men: 200-yard interscholastic relay swim, Manual Training High School; 220-yard swim, Harold Lathrop; 150-yard backstroke swim, Wallace Spence; 150-yard swim against time, George Fissler.

Other Pool Events

On Monday evening, April 11, the Instructors and Professors of New York University held their annual carnival of swimming events and aquatic games in the Terrace Pool. A large following of students and friends attended to cheer their favorite intellectuals on to victory.

On April 6 the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company swimming team went down to defeat at the hands of the New York Edison Company, but on April 8 won a victory from the United Electric Light Company.

A recent guest at the pool was Cadet Benjamin J. Webster, Captain of the 1932 United

States Military Academy Swim Team at West Point. Cadet Webster, who was appointed to West Point from Hawaii, is a cousin of L. F. Glynn, recent arrival in London Terrace.



Household Hints Department

WHEN we first began this mop-cleaning business a couple of months ago, we didn't know what we'd started. Now, we've received a communication, mysteriously signed, "Anonymous, the Greek." And we're going to pass it along, because despite the fact that the communication is addressed to the "Household Hints Department," which somehow sounds sarcastic, good old Anonymous has a real idea. Here 'tis:

"ON SHAKING THE URBAN DUST MOP"

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, Where do you shake your mop? Into 23rd? Into 24th? Into the lovely garden court? Now, this may help you stop!

"Guilty? A little ingenuity will relieve the neighbors and bolster up your respectability.

"When you are cleaning house, probably you have a vacuum cleaner, or carpet sweeper quite handy. When you have gone over the floors with the dust mop and it has become supercharged with heavy dust and little bits of agglomerated lint, just set the cleaner going, take its handle firmly in the left hand and seize the dust mop in the right. Twist the left wrist until the lip of the cleaner is tilted clear of the floor. Then, with the right hand, giving it a rotary motion, tap the business end of the dust mop against the metal lip of the cleaner. Is that difficult?

"To clean the mop with an ordinary carpet sweeper, all you need is a piece of carpet; the older the better, if the mop be too oily. Just rub the mop gently over the carpet. The nap will catch the lint and the carpet sweeper will remove the lint from the carpet. Probably sounds a little messy, but it really isn't—and the neighbors need never know!

"And either method is superior to the bag trick, should you have tried it!

"ANONYMOUS, THE GREEK."

Terrace Penthouse Club

Recreation Club for London Terrace Residents

OVERLOOKING the Hudson, atop 470 building, is the London Terrace Penthouse Club—your Club. This delightful gathering place is extending its functions into many channels of social activity and is fast becoming a favorite rendezvous for Terrace residents and their friends whose hobbies center around a common interest.

Bridge enthusiasts, chess players, ping-pong adepts, camelot addicts, story tellers and writers, musicians, actors and dramatists gather in the club for mutual enjoyment or to vie with each other in competitive play. Residents are invited to come to the club, become part of it, and to think of it as their own.

Loving cups and other prizes are awarded to the champions in the various competitions, and the spirit of friendly rivalry develops into one of real intensity as these tournaments approach the final rounds. If you haven't yet joined any of the club activities, you are invited to call at any time when things are going on and see what it is all about.

Monday evenings are devoted to informal bridge play. Both auction and contract are played at these sessions and prizes are presented to the winners. A women's bridge matinee is being organized for Wednesday afternoons, the first session to be held on May 25 at 3 o'clock. The Duplicate Contract tournament is now well established on Thursday evenings as an outstanding club event. Other events will be found listed in the Penthouse Club calendar on page 3.

Contract Tournament In Critical Stage

WITH thirteen sessions played and only nine remaining to complete the schedule of twenty-two sessions for the London Terrace Contract Bridge Championship, the excitement is increasing weekly. Louis A. Berko, one of the recognized experts of the Terrace, has moved into first place by the narrow margin of 11 percentage points, displacing Mrs. Robert Braney, who held the lead by 12 points on April 1. Miss Mary George, by persistent, excellent play, has risen from fifteenth place to third place. A glance at the May 1 standings reveals that all players are very closely grouped, indicating that a small swing either way in the match point score each week can easily upset the present alignment of the players.

Terrace residents are reminded that these Thursday evening matches are open to all residents, the winning team each night being awarded silver cups, whether

or not the players are participating in the seasonal tournament. This furnishes all Contract players an opportunity to play with excellent players of tournament calibre.

SEASONAL TROPHY Individual Standings

Percentage standings, as of May 1, of players still eligible for the seasonal contract tournament trophy whose play has been average, that is, .500 per cent. or better:

Player	Times Played	Average
1. Louis A. Berko	12	.579
2. Mrs. Robert W. Braney	11	.568
3. Miss Mary George	11	.553
4. Mrs. Louis A. Berko	12	.552
5. Mrs. F. Ronald Mansbridge	10	.550
6. Mrs. David Cohan	4	.545
7. Mrs. Mary Atkinson	8	.543
8. C. S. Kefover	12	.542
9. F. Ronald Mansbridge	10	.539
10. Tweedy Belden	8	.535
11. Miss Ruth Rich	8	.534
12. Benjamin Cohen	11	.531
12. Mrs. L. S. Henry	5	.531
14. Mrs. A. B. Riouffe	7	.525
15. Robert Grasby	7	.524
16. Mrs. H. L. Simpson	4	.521
17. George G. Spangler	13	.520
18. William H. Cameron	8	.517
19. Mrs. L. Furst	6	.512
20. Robert W. Braney	10	.505

APRIL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

April 7

Mrs. Robert W. Braney and Mrs. Stannard

April 14

Miss Helen Hyatt and Tweedy Belden

April 21

Louis A. Berko and J. M. Weiss

April 28

Miss Mary George and Benjamin Cohen

Chess Players Meet On Friday Evenings

PERHAPS none of the modern games present the fascinating problematical ventures that are to be found in the time-honored game of chess. It is the great intellectual diversion and offers just the right degree of concentration and relaxation for perfect recreation. Those who wish to participate in the chess gathering are invited to come next Friday evening at 8:15 and meet such outstanding players as Prof. Andrew C. Berry, club champion; Dr. Sigmar C. Reinhold Hilfer, Ernest Woltman, Daniel S. Schenck and MacIlbourn Van Voorhies.

Seeing these gentlemen in action will not only make an interesting evening's enjoyment but will also give you some pointers on how to improve your game.

Women's Matinee Bridge Starts May Twenty-fifth

RESPONDING to a popular demand, it has been decided to inaugurate matinee bridge parties on Wednesday afternoons for women residents of London Terrace and their guests. The first of these sessions will be held on Wednesday afternoon, May 25, at three o'clock in the Penthouse Club. All the equipment necessary will be furnished for both contract and auction bridge. A charge of fifty cents per person will be made for use of the club and its facilities. Prizes will be awarded the winners.

Individual groups desiring to give private bridge parties in the Penthouse Club may arrange for them by communicating with the club, by house phone, or calling CHelsea 3-7000.

Table Games In Wide Variety

AMONG the table games to be found in the Penthouse Club equipment are Checkers, Dominoes, Cribbage, etc., which are available for those who would like to make up a game with their friends. One of the newer games which has started on a vogue of popularity is Camelot, which combines the principles of chess and checkers at a modern tempo. Backgammon is a revival of an old game with the added feature of doubling and redoubling and it has taken on a new popularity. All these games are available at the Friday evening Club Session and instructions will be given to newcomers. Drop around Friday and learn a new game.

Ping-Pong Added To Penthouse Club

WITH the final matches of the original ping-pong tournament as the leading feature, play will commence on Tuesday evening, May 17, with the new Penthouse Club ping-pong equipment. Preliminary practice games will be held at 8:15 on Tuesday, May 10, to acquaint the finalists with the new surroundings.

To complete the recently postponed tournament, two matches will be held. In the semi-final C. G. Remy will play Sanford Cohen, the winner of this match to play E. G. Westmorland for the championship of London Terrace.

Following these final matches the ping-pong equipment will be available to Terrace residents on Tuesday evenings of each week. A charge of twenty-five cents per hour, per person, will be made for use of the tables and equipment.

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Your Apartment

And How To Decorate It

By ELIZABETH BLOMQUIST

L I N E N S

LINENS have an interesting ancestry which we seldom realize as we sit at the lunch or dinner table. Their fineness, as well as the gay colors in some of the coarser weaves, have a history both romantic and commercial. Think of the numberless tables that have been set since the early Egyptian days when the weaving of linen was even then being done. It makes your own table assume more importance and greater interest when you realize you may have linens from practically every country on Earth.

Varieties of Linens

Each country tells its own story in this interesting material. The designs, either in embroidery or lace, that may add to the interest and beauty of a piece of linen, or those woven in the material all reveal the countries of their origin. The story of the people is there in the curves of scrolls and circles, or in the more conventional squares and crosses. The lace inserts did not have their beginning with the pieces you have, but trace their lines back through a countless number of years in various countries. But lace is a story in itself and much too fascinating to allow of only a few sentences.

Linens as a Hobby

Linens make an interesting hobby which is also a very useful one to acquire. Think of the interest your table assumes not only to yourself but to others when it can answer a mood by looking rather fine and beautiful in lovely Italian Church linen or some of the Madeira pieces that are more lovely than ever just now. The very name Madeira makes you look at these pieces with fresh interest when you stop to think of the place they come from. Part way up a mountain-side covered with gardens unbelievably beautiful a woman will be sit-

ting just inside her gateway perhaps working on a fresh piece of soft linen with the sea alive with blueness far below her. Farther up another woman will sit in her small garden doing another piece—perhaps you have it now.

In Italy some of the linen workers may have even a more romantic setting, because some woman of noble birth has found an alluring and lucrative business in designing motifs for the peasants on her great estate to copy on sheer materials in gold or the softest blues and greens. The workmanship is perfect and so fine in quality it seems as if at least one set must belong to you.

And so it might go on throughout the World—this story of the linens on your table—until it came nearer home in the fine Irish pieces coming from that island where the grass really does seem more green than in any place else on Earth. From Ireland the next place would be our own Country, but that is another story.

Setting the Table

Tables can easily show so much beauty and interest in either a gay and dashing manner with the colored stripes and checked sets to contrast with cool glass, or in the more delicate colors embroidered on natural color linen. This last is really an inspiring background for arranging more subtle color schemes for your table. But whether your table presents a gay or subtle color arrangement fine linen will take the monotony from the task of setting it once or twice a day for the greater part of the year.

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place in his immediate neighborhood.

Famine relief in China has received wide publicity in the United States, and Dr. Van Dorn states that it is welcome and necessary; but he also adds that, contrary to general knowledge, the Chinese people themselves and the Chinese Government in power at the moment furnish more immediate relief to the needy than all the other nations of the world combined, supplying more than four-

After his return to America, Dr. Van Dorn again entered Columbia University and received his Doctor's degree while teaching at the same institution. After graduation he went to Rutgers University, where he became Associate Professor of Political Science, which position he still holds.

Across Siberia

In 1929, feeling the need of further first-hand knowledge of China and its problems for a

face, and was immediately arrested for photographing the Kremlin Wall, apparently one of the most serious offenses in the country. When the police in the dungeon cell into which he had been thrown demanded the entire roll of film on which the treasonal snapshot was taken, Dr. Van Dorn succeeded in explaining that the other photographs already taken were non-criminal in subject, and offered to tear out the offending section of the film in the darkness of his cell and surrender it to the police. Receiving official permission for the ceremony, he promptly tore off an unexposed section of the film and handed it to the police chief in charge of the case, who after squinting at it in the nearest light announced that since nothing showed on it, the attempted snapshot of the Kremlin Wall must have been a failure. So the American doctor was allowed to continue his way with apologies and protestations of regret, and even with good wishes, since he was headed for the land of the heathen Chinese, who, for his tricks, is peculiar.

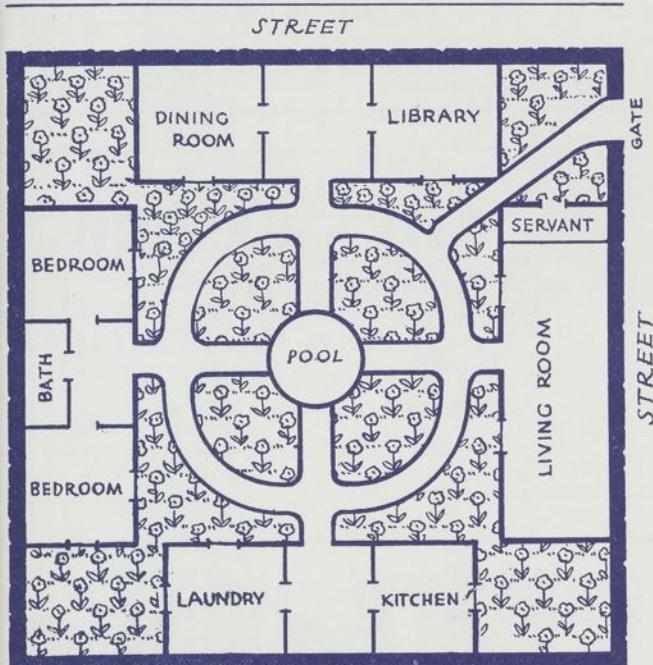
The Chinese Republic

Dr. Van Dorn has recently written a most timely and authoritative book on China entitled, "Twenty Years of the Chinese Republic" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1932), which has received the highest praise from scholars and political scientists. The book is written for the layman in international affairs and is a completely successful effort to make the average person familiar with China and able to comprehend its complex organization and tremendous importance as a nation in the world today. It must be remembered that China contains within its seemingly limitless boundaries one-fourth of the world's entire population and is thus a force that not only cannot be ignored, but which must be watched and studied as a dominating influence on the future of the world.

The history of modern China begins with the establishment of the Chinese Republic in 1911, succeeding the fall of the

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A CHINESE HOUSE



The Van Dorn's home in Tientsin. Completely surrounded by a stone wall, the only means of entrance is through a gate guarded by a servant. A pool, flower gardens and winding paths greet the eye from every window. Each of the four sections of the establishment has its pointed Oriental roof. Numerous closets have been omitted in the drawing for clearness. The only drawback of the arrangement is the necessity of going out of doors in rainy weather when going from room to room.

fifths of the total money and grain furnished to the victims of the recent famine. This is the answer to the frequent question, "Why do the Chinese not help themselves when we have our own troubles to worry about?" However, in this connection, it must be understood that, despite all of China's effort to help herself, plus aid from outside nations, there is yet a wide gap between what is necessary for life and what can actually be supplied, and that the great need of charitable aid still exists.

book that he was planning to write, Dr. Van Dorn, during a four months' summer vacation, made a second trip to China, traveling by way of Europe, and crossed from Russia to China on the famous trans-Siberian Express, making the long journey from Moscow to the Manchurian border in seven days.

Meeting the Soviets

While in Moscow, Dr. Van Dorn encountered the well-known rules and regulations of the Soviet Republic face to

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Manchu Empire. Despite the outward semblance of chaos, war, famine, revolution, rebellion and banditry, this new Republic is forging steadily and astoundingly forward. The political, educational, religious, social and economic progress of the country is almost unbelievable when observed in a wide comprehensive survey such as has been transferred to the pages of Dr. Van Dorn's work, which, it has been said, has no rival in English. China, Dr. Van Dorn states, is now awake after centuries of slumber, dream haunted by ghosts of the ancient past, and is now living in the immediate present, and preparing for the future when it will take its place as a world power.

As a result of his Oriental experiences, Dr. Van Dorn's chief interest at present lies in International Relations, the maladjustments of which have kept the world in an almost continuous state of war and turmoil for centuries.

Dr. Van Dorn, to further reveal a many-sided mind, is the author of another book entitled, "Government Owned Corporations" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1926), which treats of the wartime government enterprises. He states that the recently created Reconstruction Finance Corporation is exactly the same as the wartime corporations, in which the government supplies the capital and a trustee, the enterprise then functioning as a private corporation with outside directors.

An Accomplished Wife

Mrs. Van Dorn has likewise had a wide and varied experience in the educational field and is a joint author of a series of Work Books for elementary grades. In addition to her teaching in China she has taught in the Ethical Culture Normal School; in the Spence School for Girls, where she has recently assisted in the establishment of a progressive elementary department; in the Hampton Normal School, Hampton, Virginia; and in the Educational Department of New York University. Under

the auspices of New York University she plans to teach a course this summer in the Virgin Islands. The students, all teachers in the United States, will travel by a special ship to the islands for a six weeks' course in this most novel of settings, and will then take a two weeks' cruise around the Caribbean before returning to New York. In addition to her other accomplishments, Mrs. Van Dorn is a talented pianist.

In such spare time as comes their way, the Van Dorns are building with their own hands a stone house on a hilltop near Cornwall, Connecticut, where on their estate of sixty acres of wooded land they plan to spend their week-ends and summer vacations.

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