

The Wasp
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Society Notes

The engagement is announced of Mr. Tobias Tumtoodle with his wife's deceased sister. In England this marriage could not legally take place.

Miss Cartilagina Driduppe has secured an engagement to Lieutenant Sappy Green, who has deposited a suitable forfeit, and the match is set for the first of April next.

We are requested by Miss Vulgarine Verve to announce that the engagement between her and Mr. Checksute Straightflush is dissolved, at her instance.

Mr. Checksute Straightflush begs us to say that he has canceled the engagement heretofore existing between himself and Miss Vulgarine Verve, for reasons best known to himself.

It is reported that the engagement between Mr. Checksute Straightflush and Miss Vulgarine Verve is off. If so, we tender them severally our sincerest congratulations.

The week's divorces included the following: Mrs. Gushia Sumper from Mr. Shutsole Sumper—failure to confide; Mr. Mimosa Carew from Mrs. Pachydermia Carew—cold feet; Mr. Cornudon Gope from Mrs. Levitie Gope—man across the way; Mrs. Insomnia Bink from Mr. Porposus Bink—extreme snoring; Mrs. Peltaba Jookins from Mr. Hydrophobe Philofeculo Jookins—wouldn't wash his hands.

The new but graceful fashion of displaying holiday presents at the New Year's Day receptions was generally observed in this city, the gifts, with donors' names attached, being spread on a table, the same as in the case of weddings. As a rule, only those received by the hostess and her daughters, if she had daughters, were shown; where the hostess was a young lady the mother's presents were not displayed. In a few cases ladies "assisting" the hostess brought their presents and they were shown on a separate table. The custom is of so recent introduction, however, that its etiquette is in an unsettled state. It is growing in popularity with the ladies, though in one respect its practical advantages can never be so great as those of the similar custom with regard to wedding presents. Many holiday gifts, even those of considerable value, are of a perishable nature, intended for immediate consumption; and those of that class given at Christmas are necessarily absent from the show; so it does not follow that because one's name does not appear he has given nothing—he is not convicted of stinginess and is entitled to the benefit of the doubt. It is not easy to see how this defect is to be repaired and the custom made really productive and profitable.

The doors of Mrs. Excrusia Hifine's hospitable mansion were thrown open on Wednesday evening last on the occasion of a visit from the police looking for the lady's distinguished husband. He had gone to the Springs.

The wedding of Mr. Guiltage Q. Bondwump to Mrs. Houpla Doppelspiel (*nee* Sewerbloom) relict of the very late Katzenyammer Doppelspiel, was celebrated at the Church of St. Ceremony and for its aristocratic attendance—we were there ourselves.

Mr. E. H. Sheldon will leave for Oakland on Monday next.

The FitzWhickers think some of next weeking at Pescadero.

Mr. Ned Greenway is considering a most advantageous offer from the manager of the Kiralfy troupe as dancing master to El Mahdi. His recent success in the role of “Baptiste,” at the Tevis house, encourages him to think that if El Mahdi should be gathered to his (El Mahdi’s) fathers and a property elephant be substituted he (Mr. Greenway) might enact the hind legs.

Mr. Hasede Buncobite, of Stanislaus, is not registered at the Palace.

Miss Pingkie Gumchu Cmythe has asked our reporter not to forget that party next week at which she is to make her debutte. See her mother’s advertisement in another column. Come to think, it’s in another paper.

Dogs are worn in darker colors this season. An admirable innovation: it makes one shiver to see a cotton dog in cold weather.

Mr. R. Porter Ashe’s volume of poems, *Snatches of Soul*, is anxiously awaited, and the fire department is prepared.

The report that Mr. Jerome Harte is about to undertake a trip around the world is pronounced by that gentleman maliciously false. Mr. Harte, on the contrary, will stand still and let the world go around him.

It will pain many of our fair friends in the uppest circle of society to learn that the Persian name of the chrysanthemum is unfit for publication in San Francisco.

Mr. Fred Sharon has sensibly decided that instead of spending fifty thousand dollars in beautifying the Park it will be cheaper to go out there occasionally himself.

The recitations of Mr. George T. Marye are exceedingly popular. It is hoped that his success may not turn his head, for we don’t want any “talking back” from him.

At the funeral of the late Spelter Macspoopsy the widow’s handkerchief was of Ballypatsy linen, with a scalloped border of Rustchuk lace. That of Miss Macspoopsy was a happily conceived combination of skirl silk and Amontillado lace, with an outer border of floss. Miss Elbowy Macspoopsy sported a plain cambric with a hand-painted center and her initials in old Beloochee text in the northwest corner. The wipes of the other fair mourners were neat and elegant.

Mr. Henry E. Highton is an earnest opponent of late hours. He says that no man can hope to be handsome who does not take a good deal of sleep. Mr. Highton retires at 8 P. M. and rises at 10 A. M.

The Angora cat is losing its hold on popular favor, but mud-turtles with inlaid or jeweled shells are growing more and more indispensable in the drawing room. Mr. J. B. Haggin has four and they sweeten his life beyond the power of words to express.

Judge Hoffman has stopped attending all frivolous entertainments since he was himself called a soap-bubble party.

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