

GET REDUCED TO TWENTY.

Tuesday Evening Club Organized in New York City.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor and Mrs. Mills are said to be at the head of the most exclusive organization in New York yet thought of in these days of exclusiveness. This will be a literary and artistic organization to be known as the Tuesday Evening club. Each Tuesday evening one of the members will play host to the gathering, when the topic of intellectual import will be discussed by eminent speakers provided for the purpose.

The Thursday Evening club has long held sway in the swell set, but while this insures amusement, it also admits of a wide range of diversion during the season. It was felt that society was drifting into dancing and vaudeville amusements in its leisure moments. The tide must be stemmed, but how?

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, as was natural, took the initiative, and a meeting at her home during the week resulted in the evolution of the most exclusive club of the year. The plans, though still somewhat indefinite, call for four sponsors. Of these Mrs. Astor and Mrs. Mills will be two. Others named among its adherents are Mrs. Henry Sloane and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. Each of the four "godmothers" shall have the privilege of inviting five guests.

The Thursday Evening club, it is understood, may unbend from its intellectual attitude sufficiently to close with a supper and perhaps a dance. And society is on tiptoe of expectation to discover just where these exclusives may decide to draw the limit.

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Eddie Kraje, Eleven Years Old, Surprises Justice Sabath.

Eddie Kraje, 11 years old, has worked in law offices about six months, and has learned enough of the legal business to make it dangerous for anybody, he says, to try to impose upon him. The other day the little fellow walked into the court of Justice Sabath, at Chicago, and said he wanted to swear out a writ of attachment.

"You make that request just like a full-fledged attorney," said the justice, "but what do you know about attachment writs?"

"I know everything about such writs," was the reply. "I'm something of a lawyer myself, and some day I hope to be a great one. I have been reading law considerably."

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Company Formed to Insure Property Belonging to the Denomination.

The Methodist Insurance company, authorized by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois, and the headquarters will be in Chicago. The company is restricted to placing fire insurance upon property owned by the denomination, such as churches, schools and parsonages. The intention is to have the Methodists of the United States carry their own insurance. The scheme had the sanction of the conference, both on the ground of economy to the individual churches, and on the ground of saving to the church at large.

The company's quarters will be at 57 Washington street. Insurance is to be carried in several old companies until the amount of premiums paid reaches \$10,000, the amount required under the laws of Illinois to enable a mutual insurance company to begin business. The company expects this amount to be in the treasury in a few months.

As the company is authorized by the general conference, it is expected every church will place its insurance in the company as soon as the present policies expire.

NEW ERA MYSTIFIES OLD TARS.

Sails Into New York Without Showing Her Propelling Power.

If the "Flying Dutchman" had suddenly appeared rounding the Battery up the East river, New York, she could not have caused more surprise, mixed with a certain degree of awe, among a group of retired "sails" than the sight of a craft proceeding under some mysterious power. Not a stitch of canvas showed on her masts, there was no someskeetack to emit a puff of smoke, and no tug had her in tow, yet she moved with a speed and grace that brought bewilderment to the old tars.

Their inquiries at length elicited the information that the strange craft was the New Era, a 200-ton frigate, and a product of one of the latest developments in marine architecture. She is built on sharp lines, and when bowing along under a good wind her canvas can carry her at the rate of from 12 to 15 knots an hour.

Ancient Toys.

Some curious toys, 1,500 years old, were recently found in a child's grave in course of some excavations in an old Roman cemetery at Rheinhessen, Germany. Most of the toys were made of glass.

Old-Time Pensions.

The New Zealand old-age pensions bill provides that persons of good character attaining 65 years and having resided for 20 years in the colony shall be entitled to a pension of £38 annually.

Increase in Population.

During the last 100 years the population has increased at the rate of nearly 1,000,000 annually.

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New Market Opening Up in England for Our Goods.

There seems to be a probability that, in addition to the other classes of manufactured goods in which this country is successfully competing with foreign manufacturers for the trade of their own countries, bleached cotton will soon be added. A hundred sample cases of these goods have just been shipped from New York to Manchester, and negotiations are now on foot for the purchase of large consignments for the English trade.

Heretofore cotton goods have been exported on a small scale to England through New York export brokers. Now, however, the attention of British importers has been drawn to American goods, not only because they are cheaper, but also because they are found to be far superior to English manufactures of the same weight. The American goods are made of a finer twisted yarn than the English and are without the filling, which, while making the material smooth and of good appearance, causes it to wear badly and to lack the strength of American goods. The market for bleached cotton in this country has frequently been overstocked, and should the present experiment result in a regular export trade the effect will be to keep the mills continually running and to prevent the periodical running out of time and discharge of mill workers, which has led to so much misery and discontent.

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