

DOINGS OF SOCIETY IN FRANCE

Spring Arrives in Paris, but the Riviera Season Is Still On— The Misses Newhouse Give a "Pink Tea"—Soiree at Mme. Von Olendorff's.

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PARIS, March 21.—The first really Springlike weather of the year has come to-day. Paris is rapidly putting on her greenest apparel, and will soon be attracting visitors back from the Riviera, where the season is now at its height. Thither William Brice, ex-United States Consul at Bahia, and Mrs. Brice, (née De Lacy,) have departed, and are at present at Monte Carlo.

The Duc and Duchesse de Valencay have rejoined at Beaulieu Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Morton, whose stay in the South will last a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Gebhard have just returned from Montreux to their apartment in the Avenue d'Antin.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Combs of Philadelphia are at Mentone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Power are at Nice. Mr. Power, by the way, has just sold for over \$1,000,000 his interest in his gold mine in Alaska to the Alaska Rodman Bay Company, Limited, of London, which is presided over by George B. Hudson, M. P.

Samuel Newhouse, who has just passed through Paris for the Riviera, will return after a short stay previous to settling in London for part of the season. His wife, through her kindness and charm, has gained many friends in London society.

The Misses Newhouse, with their mother, are going to remain in the gay capital for some time at least. Since their departure from America they have traveled through Europe, and now have decided on Paris as their temporary home. They have installed themselves in a beautiful apartment in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, where they will give some pretty receptions. Their last "at home," which took the form of a "pink tea," was a great success. Everything was pink, and the hostesses wore pink dresses.

One of the most brilliant soirées of last week was that given on Saturday by Baronne von Olendorff at her spacious salons in the Rue Hamelin. Flowers and colored electric lights were artistically placed in every nook and corner. The rooms were filled with a smart cosmopolitan crowd, among which were many Americans. The hostess, assisted by her niece, Miss Calla,

had arranged every detail with thought and skill. Miss Calla sang airs from "Romeo et Juliette" with M. Gautier of the Opéra Comique. Later the guests adjourned to the large salons on the upper floor, which were also aglow with illumination and flowers, to see a cakewalk performed by clever little negro children from the Nouveau Cirque. A minuet was then danced, each couple being in eighteenth century costume.

Baronne von Olendorff was attired in mauve-pleated satin draped with an exquisite point lace shawl arranged like a tunic. Miss Calla looked very pretty, in a gown of white-spotted net draped à la Pompadour. A ribbon sash encircled the waist, while a narrow blue ribbon and roses completed the garniture of the corsage.

Mrs. Davidson Webster was in black mousseline de soie ornamented with black velvet ribbon and black lace incrustations. Miss Newhouse wore cream Venetian guipure over white satin. Miss Jennie Newhouse looked well in maize satin embroidered with gold paillettes and incrustated with guipure.

Among others present were Mrs. Barrett, Capt. Davidson Webster, Holman Black, Mr. Raeburn, and Comte de Thourny.

Mrs. Eugène Vall received yesterday at her charming house in the Rue Ampère. There was a large gathering of American and cosmopolitan society present, including many distinguished members of the French world of literature and art. Eugene Vall painted some beautiful Venetian studies during Mr. and Mrs. Vall's long sojourn last year in Venice.

There is to be a concert next Thursday evening at the house of the American Art Association. Miss Julia Klumpke, the violinist, has promised her assistance, as also have Sebastian B. Schlesinger, the composer, and Joseph Saucier, the baritone. An interesting feature of the programme will be a number of selections by Signor G. Noceti on an instrument of which he is the inventor and which is called the guitharpe. This is a combination of the guitar and the harp, and possesses great sweetness of tone.

J. P. Morgan, Jr., of London is in Paris.