

I have been enjoying watching online videos about genealogy and family history research and general helps lately.

There seem to be more and more related subjects and helps available for us than ever before. FamilySearch.org has quite a few as does Ancestry.com and Rootstech.org video archives which are free to watch. You can even watch past episodes of "Genealogy Roadshow".

We are in a period of time which is very exciting in that we have access to so much information. We can not only learn how to do our research, but actually do much of it online.

I know I can literally spend hours watching the tutorials or general information (or just plain fun) videos about genealogy and family history.

Find out some of the best online sites for them a little later in the newsletter under the Tips & Hints section. Enjoy watching them.

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Two upcoming presentations will be especially enjoyable. They are the April and May meetings.

On April 19th, we will have Rodger Hartley speaking to us about the Charles and Caroline Ingalls family migration. He wrote the article "the Hub of the Prairie" in the prairie girl blog at http://pioneergirlproject.org/

On May 17th, Katie Lamie will tell us about her work with discovering and protecting burial sites both current and historical. Katie is the Repository Manager for the South Dakota State Historical Society Archaeological Research Center

Tips and Hints Free Online Genealogy and Family History Videos

Just a quick search on YouTube for "genealogy and family history research" came up with 26,200 results! It listed videos such as "Common mistakes", "Breaking through your genealogy brick wall" and also many for the "Google Genealogist". One of the nice things about YouTube is the ability to filter the results. They can be filtered by different parameters, including when they were uploaded and even how long the video lasts. There are even dedicated channels on YouTube for genealogy information. A few are:

- YouTube familytreemagazine's Channel
- YouTube GenealogyGems's Channel
- <u>YouTube GenealogyGuy's Channel</u>

Cyndi's List has many links to sites with videos. You can find that portal at http://www.cyndislist.com/video/internet/

Ancestry.com has some wonderful free videos which are found at

http://www.ancestry.com/cs/us/videos

There are quite a few topics, including basic how-to search on Ancestry and others about doing research for ancestors in other countries.

FamilySearch.org has many helps plus videos in their Learning Center under Helps on the main menu. But the newest videos I have found are actually the webinars which are actually the classes given at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City. They are found by going to the Wiki article "Family History Library Classes and Webinars" found at

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars#Upcoming_ Classes_and_Webinars

Hope you have fun with these videos—I know it can be HOURS of instruction and enjoyment!

South Dakota's Past From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre (Spelling and punctuation as in the newspaper)

January 6, 1891

- Mrs. Sephronia Eason died yesterday at 10 a. m., at the home of her son in East Pierre, aged 62 years. The funeral services will take place at 2 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. Carpenter.
- Miss Mary Low, of Sully county, and Miss Agnes Carey, of Potter, students in Pierre University, returned from their vacation last night.
- Mrs. E. W. Caldwell and daughter, Miss Maud, arrived from Sioux Fall last night to participate in the inaugural ball. Mr. Caldwell arrived Saturday. The ball is bound to be a success now, as the Caldwells are the most popular society people in the Queen City.

December 17, 1891

• Mrs. Weeks Dead

Mrs. Rachel Weeks died this morning at 8 o'clock of heart disease at the age of 68 years. The funeral services will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at room 34, Fitch Block. The remains will be taken to Des Moines for interment. She leaves four children surviving, A. W. O. Weeks, an attorney at Winterset, Iowa, Mrs. Anna R. Weeks of Chicago, Mrs. W. R. Porter of Fort Pierre and Mrs. Manford Williams of this city.

Mrs. Weeks' old home was in Des Moines. She removed to South Dakota about four years ago making her home at Miller with her daughter, Mrs. Williams. For the past year she has been residing with her daughter Mrs. Porter of Fort Pierre and with Mrs. Williams in Pierre. She was a great sufferer during the last hours of her life and for the past two days has been unconscious. She was a most estimable lady and during her short residence in this vicinity has made many friends who will be pained to learn of her death.

May 1, 1895

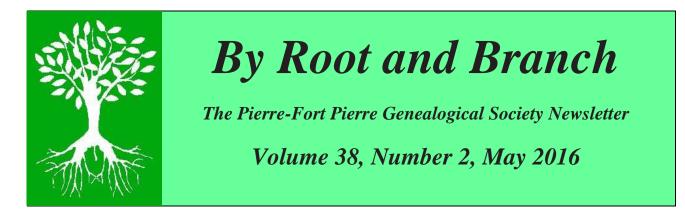
- About two o'clock this afternoon little Sammy Logan after an heroic struggle of eleven weeks with sickness quietly passed to his reward. The little one is the thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan of this city, and was one of the brightest of little boys and was full of promise. It is over eleven weeks since that little fellow was stricken with typhoid pneumonia and was convalescing with he was stricken with the measles and in spite of the best of medical aid and the most careful treatment the dear little fellow had to relinquish his hold on this life to grasp the life in heaven. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.
- The oratorical contest at Grace M. E. church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. last evening was largely attended. The program was carried out perfectly. The special features were the duet by the M'sses Pond, the solo by Miss Neva Arnold, the zither solo by Mrs. Dollenbecke, and then the solo by little Mabel Merrick. All were heartily encored. The efforts of the contestants were interesting, entertaining and instructive to the audience. K. J. Cardy received the medal, but two or three were after him with close averages, Mrs. Corwine's efforts as a conductor of these contests are being crowned with success in many ways.

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Have you used many of the wikis on the Internet? Of course, I knew about Wikipedia and the FamilySearch.org wiki, but there are other genealogy-related wikis "out there". Try doing a search for "genealogy wiki" and see what you can find.

What's a wiki? A wiki is a web site that lets any visitor become a participant: you can create or edit the actual site contents without any special technical knowledge or tools. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection. A wiki is continuously "under revision." It is a living collaboration whose purpose is the sharing of the creative process and product by many. One famous example is Wikipedia which is an online. The word "wiki" comes from Hawaiian language, meaning "quick" or "fast."

In the Tips & Hints section of this newsletter, you will find some interesting genealogy-related wiki information.

I hope you have fun learning about the wikis and also finding interesting information within them.

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We really enjoyed the presentation in April by Rodger Hartley. It was a case study showing how a group of people connected by family and/or social ties migrated from one area to another in the Midwest in the 1870s and 80s using census data. He gave us much to think about as we do census research.

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We are hoping to hear from Marlynrae Mathews in June detailing her research for friends who had very little information to start the research.

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Tips and Hints Genealogy-related Wikis

A wiki is a web-based application used to manage large quantities of informational data and is usually collaborative in nature. The most popular wiki is *Wikipedia* (<u>http://wikipedia.org</u>), which is essentially a user-generated encyclopedia of just about any topic you can imagine and serves as a vast educational source. In addition to using Wikipedia to learn about genealogy-related topics, there are two free genealogy-specific wikis that you may want to check out. Plus other small ones which you can find by doing a search for genealogy wikis.

The first is Family History Research Wiki (https://familysearch.org/wiki). The FamilySearch Wiki is a tool for finding information about subjects, records that may have been generated about your ancestors, and the places in which the records might be found. It is a vast information depository. When you search in the Wiki you can search for places your ancestors lived, but also for subjects and research methods to help you understand and learn about the history of your families. You can possibly find records and record collections from the states, counties and cities where your ancestors may have worked and lived. The Wiki has information about records available in these countries as well as links to documents, such as census records, marriage records, birth records and death records, and much more. Probate documents are often very informative and may help you in your search. There is an extensive list of links to United States military records on the Wiki.

The second is Ancestry.com Wiki (<u>http://www.ancestry.com/wiki</u>). Since anyone can edit, update, or add articles, a wiki can tap into the strengths and experience of a community. Every change that is made is saved so if someone makes a change that turns out not to be right, it's easy to revert to an earlier version. As users make changes, they include reasons for their changes, so that others can see what happened and why. If there is ever a conflict about a change, each article has a discussion page, where users can figure out the best way to go. This is still in the early stages and doesn't have many pages on some of the subjects, but it is interesting to search and learn.

South Dakota's Past From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre (Spelling and punctuation as originally printed in the newspaper)

September 14, 1891

• The game of ball between Pierre and Fort Pierre Saturday was not completed until dark, and then only eight innings were played. It was quite an exciting game. That is it was exciting in so far as about every five minutes some one would get laid out with the ball or by some one running into them. Anderson, the Pierre catcher, had his finger torn open by a ball in the fourth inning and Martin took his place. The Fort Pierre pitcher was a good one but the catcher could not hold him. Jaynes, the Pierre pitcher, threw wild and gave a good many bases on balls. There is good material in both nines but they are sadly in need of practice. The score stood 26 to 18 in favor of Pierre.

September 15, 1891

- The Fort Pierre ball players are on the war path and are very anxious to play another game of ball with the Pierre fellows for "stuff." They have deposited \$25 in the First National and say they will cover any amount up to \$1,000 that the Pierre fellows may want to play for. The Pierre club is rustling around and there is not much doubt but that they will raise all the money the other fellows want to cover. In a day or two the preliminaries will be settled and then look out for a game of ball that is ball.
- Deputy U. S. Marshall Keyes last night captured a deserter named Cronholm. It seems that the fellow deserted from Fort Bennett about one week ago. He stole a horse belonging to one of the soldiers and with that got away from the camp. Yesterday afternoon he arrived in Pierre and intended to skip out again this morning. As he was standing in the postoffice last night, however, Mr. Keyes recognized him from the description he had as being the deserter, and as a result quietly walked him up to the jail. There is a reward of \$60 offered for the capture of deserters and as a result Frank is coining some surplus sheckles.

November 2, 1891

- Through the carelessness of a cow boy yesterday when a bunch of Charley Howard's cattle were being crossed on the pontoon bridge they became bunched on the bridge and broke down a section of the railing and four cattle were thrown into the river, but they had no trouble in swimming to the shore.
- O.S Pender has been removed as clerk of the United States district court, and Chas. Mellette, a son of the governor, appointed in his place. Judge Edgerton gives as a reason that he was not in sympathy with Mr. Pender. Mr. Pender still holdes the clerkship of the United States circuit court which pays from \$800 to \$1000 per year.
- The whereabouts of Tom Chausse still remains a mystery. It now turns out that he borrowed money from the National Bank of Commerce, First National bank and Citizens bank over \$100 altogether and gave a mortgage upon some property he never owned. Whether this would be an additional incentive for him to commit suicide or not is hard to tell. His parents or brothers in the mean time are not taking very active steps to find him.
- As near as can be estimated the cattle shipments from this point during the week will be as follows: C. K. Howard, ten cars; J. W. Williams, ten cars; Jas. Cox, ten cars; Doug Carlin, seven cars, Jas. Phillip, three cars; Dick Mathieson, three cars; Julius Wicket, one car; Jas. Thomson, one car, and Wm. Cottle one car. Altogether the cattle shipment for ten days past and for the next ten days will be about 2,500 head.

This article is from the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society Newsletter Volume 14, Number 5 (1989)

At Home in South Dakota by Cheryl Wheeler Stoeser

I have lived in South Dakota all my life. My ancestors seem to have had a more difficult time in deciding to stay in South Dakota.

My paternal great grandparents, the Butterfields, came to South Dakota from Illinois before World War I to ranch. During the years of the Depression that followed World War I they went to Arkansas because they had heard times were better there.

My grandmother, Gertrude Irene Butterfield, met and married my grandfather, Paul Vern Wheeler, in Arkansas. However, she did not like Arkansas and always wanted to move back to South Dakota. In the 40's, the whole family returned and settled in Sioux Falls.

My maternal great great grandfather, C. C. Knutson, came to South Dakota from Norway in the 1800's. With him came his grown children, one of whom was my great grandfather, Jorgen Knutson. Living in South Dakota brought unhappiness to the family when in one year, 11 of the children died. All of Jorgen's children died. When he learned that he could get his old job back in Norway, he returned to that country. C. C. Knutson stayed in South Dakota, making his home in Lincoln County near Canton where he died and is buried.

My grandfather, Christian Conrad Knutson, was born in Arendale, Norway. In 1913 he decided to come to the United States to work as a jeweler in his uncle's store in Inwood, Iowa. He quit after 2 days, saying that the ticking of the clocks in the store was driving him crazy.

He moved to short distance to South Dakota where he started farming. For a number of years he rented farms in Lincoln County. Then he purchased one in Moody County which became his permanent home.

My mother, Alice Knutson, was born near Trent. She met my father, Wayne Wheeler, in Sioux Falls. We lived in Sioux Falls until I was 14 years old when we moved to Pierre. I met my husband, Randy Stoeser, here and since our marriage we have lived here, in Ft. Pierre, our South Dakota home.

Names Out of Order?

If your ancestor had a first, middle, and last name, keep in mind that it is possible that those names could be in the wrong order in a record. If the names are in the wrong order on the record, then the ancestor will appear in the index under the wrong "last name."

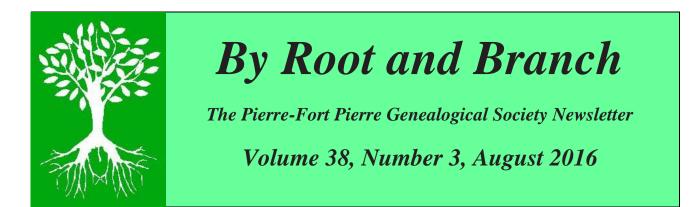
If the index does not include the last name of interest, consider searching for that relative with their first or middle name as their last name.

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Summer always seems like a particularly busy time, what with vacations and visiting. It is also a wonderful time to visit cemeteries. To some people that might sound weird, but to a genealogist, it is one of the great times!

Last month our daughter was visiting and we went to Hoven to see the Cathedral there. She loved it and as we were leaving she noticed the cemetery across the way. Of course, we had to walk over there and stroll through. While we were there, she mentioned that she loved walking though cemeteries --- I guess I passed on a trait that I didn't even realize!

Thinking about cemeteries and finding information about relatives who were interned there, I wanted to pass on some hints and helps to finding out more about them.

We have access to some wonderful internet sites about the cemeteries in our area, but what if you need to find where one is that is not close or possibly out of state? What help do we have to find where an ancestor might be buried and find that cemetery?

I have been looking into this for a while and have included in this issue some helps. As always, I hope you find something here that is a help to you - and that you have much success in your research!

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We are cancelling our annual potluck gathering this month to support the local DAR Chapter. They will be having a fund raiser at the Fort Pierre Pizza Ranch on August 16th. Please consider supporting them by eating dinner there that evening.

Our September meeting will be on the 20th. We will be having a "Share-it" meeting. Bring what you are working on and share how you are researching or any problems you are having in your research. Also, if you have a favorite genealogy site, please share that, also. We will have Wi-Fi to look at the sites, if time allows.

The meeting on October 18th will be a special one. Ken Stewart with the SD Archives will be giving us one of his great presentations. We always look forward to the fun and informative time with him.

If you haven't been to the society's website lately, it is well worth a visit. It is located at <u>http://www.rootsweb.com/~sdfpgs/</u>. You'll find databases and up-coming events.

Tips and Hints Cemetery Research Online

Cemetery research is a basic part of genealogy research. Doing genealogy properly and thoroughly means cemetery research goes hand in hand with it. Cemetery research is about more than just finding where your ancestors are buried. It can also reveal a lot of previously unknown information on your ancestor and his or her family.

The first step in doing cemetery research is locating the cemetery where your ancestor was buried. If you don't already know (or don't know a relative who knows), there are a number of ways to find out.

Death Certificates:

Most death certificates include the name of the cemetery in which the person was buried, if the person was, in fact, buried (there are exceptions, such as cremation or burial at sea or if there was no body recovered to bury). This information is usually located at the very bottom of a death certificate, where it states what was done with the body (aka "disposal"). If the person was buried, the name of the cemetery is usually recorded near the "disposal" section. Since the death certificate also tells you the city, county, and state of death, you can look up the name of the cemetery online using this information and get its location.

Obituaries: If you don't have a copy of the death certificate, obituaries often tell you where a person was buried. This information can be found in obituaries going back into the mid-19th century, and sometimes earlier. It isn't always there, but it's exciting when it is. Go online to one of the many websites that have searchable old newspapers and start looking for your ancestor's obituary (if you have even the most general idea of the date and location of death for your ancestor).

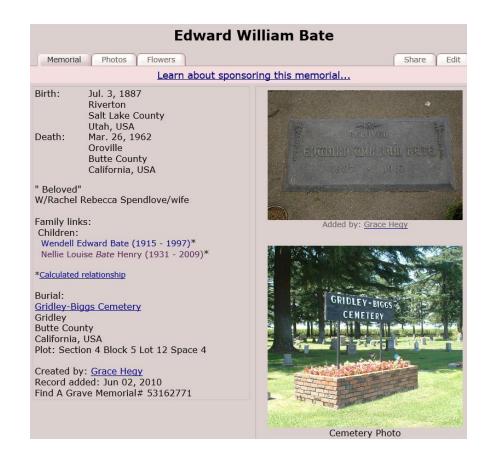
Websites of Interest:

http://www.cyndislist.com/cemeteries - Links to other pages http://www.namesinstone.com/ - Search function and also maps of cemetery locations (Image at right) http://www.interment.net/ http://www.deathindexes.com/cemeteries.html https://billiongraves.com/ http://www.findagrave.com/ http://usgwtombstones.org/



Knowing the final resting place of an ancestor puts a concluding page to their life in your family history. You know where they are and who is buried around them, which gives you an idea of their family relationships and their life in general. Start researching the cemetery records of your ancestors today. You'll be surprised how rewarding it is, and how much new information you discover as you go.

The image below is a sample from the FindAGrave site.



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November 14, 1898

- A party is down the river this afternoon on a coyote chase. If this kind of weather continues such chases will be numerous in the next few weeks.
- F. C. Crocker, the government inspector, left this morning for an overland trip to the Black Hills and will be absent several weeks.
- Pierre's new flouring mill is a success from every point of view. Mr. Charles E. Hyde is a practical miller of experience and has turned out fine grades of flour from the time the wheels first started. He gives the top price for wheat, paying over 50 cents a bushel here when it was only 46 cents in surrounding towns. Farmers are also kept overnight free of charge, and the result is a gradual attraction to this point as a market for wheat raised in this and adjoining counties. Mr. Hyde says that in all his milling experience he has never found such fine wheat as here for milling purposes and he ran similar establishments in North Dakota, Minnesota and elsewhere. We can well afford to patronize exclusively our home institution so long as a first class mill is here even should the cost of flour remain the same as of old. What is now paid in the way of freights will go to the farmers who in turn come here to buy and sell.
- J. C. Wild is working on a water motor to be propelled by the current of streams, and by which he is confident the Missouri river can be made to irrigate a large acreage along its banks. The device is very simple and will work at any depth of water. If his device proves a success he will have something of value.
- Messrs. Garndner, Mosteller, Dickey, and Van Dusen returned from the old Wells' ranche on Moreau river Saturday night bringing 50 head of horses with them. They report the range in the best of condition and horses in good shape. Mr. Van Dusen received a telegram from Watertown asking how many horses he could deliver at once, and will probably ship four car loads in a day or so.

November 15, 1898

- Miss Bel Coulter arrived this morning from Winnipeg for a visit of several weeks with her uncle Dr. D. C. Lavery of Ft. Pierre.
- Judge Gaffy comes in from his ranche yesterday with a sprained ankle occasioned by stepping on a loose stone while trying to catch one of his horses. The judge proved to be the slowest in the race.
- Frank Smith has sold out his oil wagon business to Eugene Harchman of Ft. Pierre, who will take procession the first of next month. Frank will look up a location for a ranche on the range.

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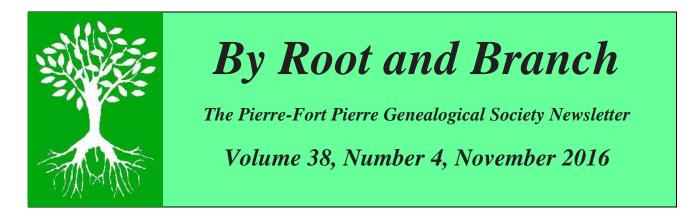
- Red Cloud, the old Indian chief at Pine Ridge has written a letter to the commissioner of Indian affairs protesting against the expense of the fence being constructed along the north line of the reservation. He calls it useless, and taking the funds of the Indians for foolishness.
- The long distance telephone line is working westward, and the poles are now erected as far west as Miller. Manager Rowe of the local exchange will make direct connection with the long distance line as soon as it is completed to this city.
- While J. Q. Anderson did not succeed in his candidacy for the state senate for the west of the river district, he connected himself with a wife, being married to Miss Clara Wilrodt at the home of the bride's parents near Chamberlain on the 16th.

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I don't know about you, but for me this year is really speeding by! I always think I can accomplish more than I can. I think of the old saying, "You can't plow the field by merely turning it over in your mind." So, with that in mind, I have been thinking about what I can do, even when I only have a little time in between other commitments.

One of the fascinating parts of genealogy is finding out who people really were, not just names and dates. Recently, I gave a class to some teen-agers about this subject. I had them pick an ancestor in the early 1900's. We then accessed newspapers, census reports and other sources to find out more about that person.

It was really fun and amazing to see the interest it created. I had to laugh, though, because one of the adults helping, who has been a funeral director for many years, told us you can never believe all you read in the obituaries. Sometimes people do embellish the truth.

All in all, it is really an eye-opener to learn about people and the places where they lived and how they lived. We can gain a greater appreciation of them and help the next generation to enjoy the history of their family.

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Histories and timelines for background information for writing family history life stories

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Clothing styles	http://www.localhistories.org/clothes.html
Clothing-Boys history	http://members.tripod.com/~histclo/chron.html
Creating a Personal History	https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Creating_A_Personal_History
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South Dakota's Past From the pages of the *Capital Journal*, Pierre (Spelling and punctuation as originally printed in the newspaper)

December 17, 1891

• Notice.

A large number of boys of all ages have lately been running the streets after dark and getting into all kinds of mischief; annoying the store-keepers with their petty pilfering; crowding the sidewalks and making it almost impossible for pedestrians to pass; using indecent language, etc. I therefore warn all parents who permit their children thus to run at large that the city ordinances will hereafter be strictly enforced and such children will be arrested and brought before the police justice. -A. J. Darr, Chief of Police.

• A Card.

Mr. H. Willsey, the undertaker, has severed his connection with the Capital City Furniture Co. and hereafter will be found with John R. Nye & Co. on Pierre Street. Mr. Willsey is the only professional undertaker and embalmer in the city and is too well known to need any recommendations. Those wishing his services or anything in his line will find him prepared to show them the most complete line of funeral supplies to be found in the city. Hearse free within the city limits. Prompt attention paid to call night or day.

October 13, 1899

• A Social Event.

A most enjoyable affair was that tendered Tuesday evening of this week by Hon. Jas. A. Ward and wife to some fifty invited friends – the occasion being the 21st anniversary of their marriage. The invitations requested the guests to be present at 6 p.m. to participate in what was designated a "Progressive Tea" – something new in the social happenings of Pierre. A special street car, bot going and returning, had been thoughtfully provided for by the host so that notwithstanding the wild storm raging that afternoon and night, those in attendance were very little incommoded by the state of the weather, and all were promptly on hand at the hour named.

On arrival at the Ward residence in East Pierre – a splendid dwelling and one so thoughtfully designed that it must add not a little to the comfort and pleasure of the hostess in receiving her friends – the guests were met in the hall-way by Jamie and Miriam, Mr. and Mrs. Ward's only children, and by them directed to the cloak-rooms on the second floor. On descending to the parlor each was welcomed by Mr. Ward and his estimable wife and at once made at home in the large and cozy parlor, dining room and library which had been thrown together and richly decorated with shining plate, costly china and beautiful flowers for the reception. By the drawing of highly embellished hand painted souvenirs – the gentlemen and ladies were assigned in pairs to each of the ten tables, two ladies and two gentlemen to each. The first course of the "Tea" was then served and after a few minutes of animated conversation a bell was tapped as a signal for the gentlemen to part from the ladies and progress to the table next higher in number than the one last occupied – each gentleman carrying with him his napkin and glass. And so on through the ten courses of the elaborate "Tea" – giving each guest an opportunity of separate conversation and chat with every other person present.

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