

NOVEL AND BEAUTIFUL EXHIBITS AT A FAIR.

It Was in Aid of the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children and Was a Most Successful Affair.



SCENES AT FAIR HELD AT HOTEL VENDOME IN AID OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED AND DEFORMED CHILDREN.

Many novel and beautiful features characterized the fair in aid of the industrial school for crippled and deformed children, held in the handsomest suite of parlors at the Vendome yesterday.

It was a small affair, compared with many previous events of the kind in Boston's social annals, but it had more interesting things crowded into its collection of exhibits and more pretty young society women to sell them than are often seen upon such an occasion.

Although the amount of the proceeds was not announced last evening, after it was all over, there were whisperings of very large returns from the various tables, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, and it was confidently predicted that the stacks of crisp government bills would surprise the managers of the institution when turned over to them.

The flower table, which was in charge of Mrs. Bayard, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, Mrs. J. C. K. Peabody and Miss Clara Sears, was generally regarded as about the handsomest thing of the kind ever seen in Boston. It occupied the center of the main hall, was overarched by laurel streamers, and was laden with a magnificent assortment of the choicest blossoms from private hothouses, not only of New England, but of New York among the display being the rarest of roses, orchids, lilies, violets and so on.

Although they commanded big prices, they went like hot cakes, and were sold out before anything else in the fair.

There was a doll show, contributed by Mrs. E. R. Horton, which occupied two rooms, and was more interesting than an old-fashioned New England museum. An examination of it wonderfully impressed one with the fact that there is

a great variety of character in dolls, just as in human beings.

There were all of 500 dolls in the collection, apparently about every country in the world, civilized and uncivilized, having contributed, and one of the most interesting things to be gained in the study of them was the discernment of the invariable likeness of even the crudest specimens—perhaps fashioned out of a stick of wood with a gown upon it—the nationality with which it originated.

Not the least interesting thing in many cases was the personal history of the different dolls, which were written out on cards and attached to them, that all who desired might read. The one that attracted the most attention and appeared to be the favorite was a woolly-pated African specimen, with only a little chemisette of burlap, whose story was that many years ago she had been taken from England to the west coast of Africa, and after some years spent in the companionship of a little native, near Durban, had been purchased by a sea captain, and while on the way to America had been shipwrecked, but saved with the crew of the vessel.

The women present never tired of telling and retelling the bit of doll adventure to those who were not acquainted with the youngster.

There was another doll whose story was that a little girl wanting a doll for Christmas was disappointed. A little boy, hearing of it, stole his mother's stick which she used in boiling soiled clothes, dressed it up, painted a face and put a cap on one end, and the little girl had a doll, called Aunt Lucy, which she was loth to part with to the doll show, even for an expensive one right off the store counter.

Dolls from Mexico, the West Indies, China, Japan and even Greenland and Alaska, some of them of the genuine rag variety, others of skins of beasts and

others of stone or more often of wood, were remarkably curious and interesting.

The oldest one was apparently of the china head variety, dating from 200 years ago, and its black silk dress was apparently falling to pieces from decay within its little glass case.

The doll show was managed in a way to enhance its charms to the fullest possible extent by Mrs. Eben D. Jordan, assisted by Misses Grace Little, Marion Jordan, Helen Jordan, Bessie Chadwick and Susan Jackson.

A beautiful doll in full bridal trousseau was won in a contest by Mrs. H. P. King.

A special novelty of the display was a group of large and lovely dolls, dressed "a la mode," gowns, ribbons, bows, hats and everything else in the decorative line, being composed of local newspapers printed on rich fabrics, of silk, satin and so on.

The various headlines from different portions of a copy of The Globe were ingeniously fashioned into most effective trimmings for The Globe doll.

The old-fashioned grab bag principle appeared in a new form at this fair. The small boy or girl having deposited the requisite coin in the proper receptacle, a miniature locomotive and platform car came along with the prize to be received in exchange. The train and railway, together with turntable, wrecking cars and whatnot, a most elaborate and delightful toy, was won in a contest, by Master Andrew Weeks, Anthony.

Mrs. Harcourt Amory and Miss Alice Parks, who were general superintendent and motorman, probably know more about electricity for motive power than they ever did before.

Lee Jr., Miss White-side, Miss Margaret Tunnevell, Miss Bessie Wells, Miss Marion Peabody and Miss Walley.

At this table Dr. William Appleton literally "took the cake," that is, he won in a contest for a huge cake covered all over with such beautiful confectionery, pink roses and things, that it seemed a pity to think of ever disturbing them with a carving knife.

The administration of other tables was as follows:

Bags and baskets, Mrs. H. S. Bigelow and Miss Adele Thayer.

Infants' articles, Mrs. Endicott Saltonstall, Mrs. Geo. Mumford and Mrs. Geo. Burrage.

Household articles, Miss Laura Rogers, Mrs. Huidekoper and Mrs. Geo. U. Crocker.

Toilet, Mrs. Reed Anthony and Mrs. Miliken.

Pillows, sachets and cushions, Mrs. Wm. Sheafe, Mrs. Robert Amory, Mrs. Augustus Thorndike and Mrs. Thos. Russell.

Lamp shades, Mrs. Lester Leland, Mrs. Geo. Peabody, Mrs. C. J. White, Mrs. A. Lawrence Rotch and Miss Anna Amory.

The lunch room's attractions were enhanced by the presence of Mrs. William Appleton Jr., Mrs. F. S. Watson, Mrs. H. Sprague, Mrs. Eben Draper, Mrs. Samuel Slater and Miss Mary Froude.

Mrs. David Crocker and Miss Newell, at the bundle counter, did up the purchases in the highest style of the art.

Dr. Thorndike and David Crocker stacked up the piles of money that came in, and made themselves otherwise generally useful.

A rich piano cover, which was voted away, fell to the lot of Miss Bessie Rogers.

A number of things in the fancy goods line, all of the finest quality, which were not disposed of, will be on sale next Wednesday, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. George M. Morgan, 473 Commonwealth av.