

## NEW KIND OF CLUB FOR WORKING GIRLS

Members Will Be Enabled to  
Spend Enjoyable Social Even-  
ings with Men Visitors.

### CHAFING DISH AND DANCING

Miss Winthrop of Washington Here  
with \$15,000 to Launch Club—  
Now Looking for House.

Miss Gardenia Winchester Winthrop, a young woman of Washington, D. C., came to this city several days ago with \$15,000, in part a legacy from her grandmother and the rest subscribed by friends in Washington, to establish a club in this city where working girls and the right kind of young men might meet with benefit of chaperon.

Miss Winthrop is now staying at the Hotel Judson, 53 Washington Square, where she will be joined in a few days by her chum, Miss Alice Chester of Washington, also interested in the project. Miss Winthrop says that while the \$15,000 which she has already raised is sufficient to launch the club, she intends to spend the next few weeks in interesting club women, suffragists and social workers in her idea. Miss Winthrop and Miss Chester have spent most of the last five years investigating social conditions in the large cities of this country. They came to the conclusion that this city was the greatest field for social work and that one of its greatest needs was a place where working girls without families could meet and entertain young men under the supervision of women who understand young people. Miss Winthrop said last night:

"We intend to select a large dwelling

house somewhere near Fortieth Street, east of Fifth Avenue, and remodel it for a clubhouse. There will be a kitchen in the basement for chafing-dish fun and the like, and the upper floor will be used for social purposes. The club will be open till midnight, and the rooms will be used just for talking, dancing, and other amusements. The chaperon will be a woman who is fairly young herself and who understands young people. That is the kind of woman we will ask to help us. We will have several on duty.

"We have a real estate office now looking for the building we want. As it will take some time to remodel it and furnish it, I do not expect that it will be open before April 1."

Miss Winthrop has a number of friends in this city who are interested in her plan. She thinks that, if the first clubhouse is a success, others will be started as a matter of course in different neighborhoods. Miss Winthrop said that the first place to be opened would be named the Winchester Club, in memory of her grandmother, who first suggested to her the idea of such a club, and who left her \$3,000 as a start toward establishing it.

## COWFISH HALTED LINER.

Saratoga Had to Go Astern After  
Collision to Clear Her Stem.

When the Ward liner Saratoga arrived at Quarantine yesterday from Havana with seventy cabin passengers and mails from Havana, the Captain reported that the vessel had collided with a manatee off the Florida coast on Sunday and had to go astern to clear it. The manatee, or cowfish, as it is called by sailors, fouled the stem of the Saratoga and was such an immense mass that the chief officer, George Dollar, was lowered over the bows in a bo'sun's chair with an axe to cut it adrift, but failed. The engines were reversed and put full speed astern as a final resort.

The fish was described as being about eleven feet long, black in color, and weighing several tons. One of the officers of the Saratoga said that it was a rare occurrence to see a manatee off the Florida coast from the deck of a steamship, as it was so timid that the slightest noise disturbed it. The last he saw was at Zanzibar, East Africa, he said, where the Sultan had one of the huge mammals moored close to the palace so that he and his harem could go off in the royal barge and use it as an island when the mercury went above 120 degrees in the shade ashore.