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The following ladies have been selected to act as Patronesses of the American Minstrel Show to be given at Kroll's Theatre, Berlin, February 5th and 6th: Baroness Hegermann-Lindencrone, Frau v. Versen, Baroness v. Ludtwitz, Baroness Nagel zu Eichberg, Madame d'Artsimovich, Mrs. Alexander M. Thackara, Mrs. T. St. John Gaffney, Mrs. Spencer-Eddy, Mrs. Wisser, wife of the American Military Attaché, Mrs. Belknap, wife of the American Naval Attaché, Mrs. Hadley and Mrs. Schofield.

A number of Americans in Dresden are going to Berlin to attend the Show, including the American Consul-General and Mrs. T. St. John Gaffney, the Rev. F. Ward Denys and Mrs. Denys and Mr. David Ritchie McKee.

Berlin's most select society circles are going to arrange a charity performance and ball for February 22nd, in the Blüthner-Scharwenka Sälen Lützow Strasse 76. This affair gains an international aspect as it has been decided to make the main feature a reproduction of some of the masterworks of the exhibition of old English pictures, now being held in Berlin, in living pictures to be executed by ladies and gentlemen of Berlin court circles. Prince Charles Anton of Hohenzollern acts as President of the festival, and a number of ladies and gentlemen of the best Berlin society have volunteered to participate in the reproduction of pictures by Gainsborough, Reynolds, Romney and Lawrence. Tickets for this affair, to be made out in the name of the holder, are to be bought in the bureau of the "Gesellschaft zur Bekämpfung der Säuglingssterblichkeit", Berlin W, Fröben Strasse 26, I., at a price of 20 marks each, including supper.

In connection herewith it may be mentioned that last week Professor Wölflin, who is considered the leading "Kunsthistoriker" of the Berlin University, celebrated his sixtieth birthday and, thanking his friends, who had surprised him with flowers and congratulatory speeches at the beginning of his regular lecture, made a speech in which he stated that this exhibition of old English masterworks was in his opinion one of the greatest events in German history of art, as it was an inspiration and a revelation for all true lovers of art. Professor Wölflin was loudly applauded for his enthusiastic remarks.

It will interest Americans to hear that Professor Koch, the great discoverer of the Cholera Bacillus, who has just spent more than a year in South Africa studying means to stamp out the curse of that part of the globe, the so-called Sleeping sickness, is sailing for America about the end of March, together with his wife. It is the professor's intention to spend some weeks in the United States, where he has two brothers and other relatives, and then to make a trip around the world to recover from the severe strain of his laborious work in Africa. It is a strange coincidence that Professor Koch, when a young man, intended to emigrate to America, as his brothers had done before. But his father prevented him from carrying out this plan, as the old man wanted to keep at least one of his sons near him. In an interesting interview Professor Koch described how conditions in Germany have changed since that time, and that he now is grateful to his father for the interference, although he always was and still is a great admirer of the big country across the Atlantic.

Some time during the coming month of October the balloon race for the Gordon Bennett Cup is to be held in Berlin. Although there is time till the 20th of July to make entries for this race,—which is open for all nations and is always to be held in

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