

Mabel Guild, of Neligh, Passes Along Tips for Successful St. Patrick's Party

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Hi, there, all you nice people! Don't look now but isn't this March? For goodness sakes, and heavens to Betsy, March! Time to paper the living room, paint the kitchen woodwork and select new curtains for the south bedroom!

The tag end of Winter still with us, but Spring is just around the corner and breathing down the back of our necks. Well, Spring can't come too soon for my tastes and you can say that again!

Want to stretch whipped cream? Fold in a meringue made of one egg white and two tablespoons sugar to one cup of whipped cream.

Yes, I know you try to save every cent you can. Some articles should always be mended before they are washed. Sheets, for example. In the washer their weight and size will quickly make the tear worse. Holes and tears in knitted items should be caught, too, to prevent further unraveling.

A lot of my readers are homemakers with youngsters. You'll save a lot of work if you'll be practical when you buy everyday clothes. Little girls dresses, for instance, Perkey sleeves, tiny pleats, and frilly trims do look cute, but — oh, what a job to iron!

Select simple, plain garments — the kind you can run the iron over quickly. Or buy seersuckers, then you won't have to iron them at all.

Use your head when you buy things for the house or for yourself. Look first for good workmanship. Generous, well finished seams, ample hems, well-made buttonholes. Check the grain of the material, see that it has been cut right for the style of the garment. Look next to the trims. If they are permanently attached, be sure they are washable.

In fairness to the store and yourself, select the right size when you buy wearables. A too-tight garment neither wears nor looks well. For "in-between sizes" buy the next larger size and have the garment adjusted. Buy fabrics with enough strength for the use to which they will be put. Don't buy a sheer fabric, when you know it will be subjected to straining and pulling.

If articles are to be laundered, it's just good sense to buy those that are sanforized or preshrunk. In a sanforized material, further shrinkage is held to one percent. Preshrunk articles have been treated in length and width for shrinkage. But the label should also tell how much further or residual shrinkage can be expected when the article is washed. Two percent is almost negligible and for most purposes three percent is not so much, but a larger percentage is apt to affect the fit of a garment. Find these things out before buying, then you won't make an unwise buy.

I always save the instruction tags and labels which come on the garments which I buy. These labels have been made for your help and use — they are important to the long wear and satisfactory service of the garment which you have purchased.

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There's So Much Pleasure in March When Mother Nature made the calendar she had odds and ends left over — parts of rainy April days she did not need, growing May weather, hot July hours, some flakes of snow, or perhaps an entire blizzard; hoar frost, icicles, bits of clouds and sunshine — not enough of anyone of them for an entire day but by piecing them together and having the wind give it all a mighty twirl. She had enough for another month and, thrifty soul that she was, she put in the year and called it March. A warm, soft breeze from the South, left from May, brought

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the birds back this gay March morning. The cheery chirping of the robin is a welcome sound. He commenced his song before dawn sitting atop the highest cottonwood tree. It gave me the feeling that the day was going to be exactly right. The cardinal dashed about in his brilliant coat; the blue jay screamed in the distance and then, through the kitchen window, I saw a flash of blue as he took his turn in the elm tree. The twittering of the sparrows filled in any lull — an over-zealous homemaker was hunting feathers to make a nest.

There was sweeping and dusting to be done but temptation was too great — the outside world was clamoring for attention. With a conscience that should have felt much more guilty I left the broom and dust to console each other while I walked the garden paths soaking in health-laden sunshine.

Tree buds are swelling visibly; stubby Iris stubs green as grass pushing through the soil. Hardy herbs needed little more encouragement and the blue flax was hardly waiting for the snows to melt, so anxious was it to match its blueness with the sky. Oh joy! Pansies were budded and ready to open! They would be blooming for grandmother's birthday. What will please her more?

If we are looking for the beauty of life we can find it. (By the way, that is the moral of this story.)

I want to pass on some ideas for St. Patrick's, too, while I'm writing. So in honor of St. Pat — Whether you are MacBurney, O'Toliver, Mulligan, McNair, or just plain American, Brown, Smith or Dare, you can take part this month with all the rest honoring old St. Pat at his best! The Irish take the lead, this month, so in keeping the traditional theme, why not throw a party?

Don't forget to invite the new neighbor down the road who is just getting settled. They are eager to become friends and there could be no better way than to laugh together. That's the true key to becoming acquainted. For your party invitations, cut small shamrocks from green construction paper and print with white ink. Invitations to read: "Party at our house, honoring old St. Pat. Wear a bit of green and a bit of white, 6:30 is the time, this Thursday night."

Send invitations in small white envelopes with writing in green ink. Your guests will think it fun to find "something green and something white" to wear.

Potatoes are always in keeping this month, so favors made from potatoes add to the atmosphere of your party. Make a hat of green paper. Select a small potato. Slice the bottom off so that it will stand up lengthwise. Place it on a round piece of green paper and print each guest's name in white on paper. A small button acts as an eye or monocle. (Which ever you prefer your Irishman to have). Fasten button in place by using a pin through the potato. Cut hat from green paper about two inches high. With white ink draw on hat and ribbon. Paste it on the side of a white nut cup.

Now you have your potato man. A few slashes on the potato make other features. With the help of toothpicks, pipe cleaners and paper, one can make any different animals using potatoes, especially nice for children.

Large green paper shamrocks under each plate, also pinned on edge of table cloth, will add color. Green vases with white flowers are especially nice for a tea.

Candle sticks made from large potatoes are nice to use with the potato favors, or just for a reminder of "St. Patrick. Decorative paper napkins will complete decorations.

An appropriate dessert for your party will make a hit with everyone. Try half and half vanilla ice cream and lime sherbet in sherbet dishes. Serve with sugar cookies in the shape of shamrocks, hats, pipes, etc. Piping hot coffee will complete your treat and your guests will declare "your hospitality can't be beat."

I think for entertainment singing of the old Irish tunes, or better still, a song quiz of those old Irish songs such as "Stop the Music," over the radio.

Have a large smooth stone on the table, after the guests have chosen their partners they must kiss the blarney stone and make a wish before going to eat their supper.

The hostess should have a bit of blarney on the end of her tongue and the guests will soon fall in with the wit and make it a party that will live in the guests' memory for many a day. March is the long month, short on holidays, and March 17 is a good excuse to have a happy time.

Sandhill Sal

What ever happened to all those free samples of cosmetics the big companies used to dish out by coupons in the advertisements? Must be an indication of something or other.

Life is sometimes as drab and uninteresting as the morning dish of oatmeal, but point it up with a sugaring and pour on the cream and its lickin' good. Try adding a little of the same to life.

Among the things that get me down is getting up in the morning!

Never judge a woman's cooking by the cake she sent to the church sale.

REDBIRD NEWS

Redbird visitors Saturday, February 19, were Gary Wilson, Gordon Barta, Bill Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kilgore, Claude Pickering, Mrs. Fred E. Truax, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse.

Art Bessert autoed to Lynch Saturday, February 19. Elvin Spinar was here Saturday, February 19.

Howard Graham and Merlyn Faye were Saturday evening, February 19, visitors in Redbird. William Podany and family autoed to Lynch Saturday evening, February 19.

Clifford Wells and family visited at William Wells' Sunday, February 20.

Beryle Bessert and Dick Truax visited in Redbird Sunday, February 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Conard were in Redbird Sunday, February 20.

Harvey Krugman and family of Opportunity, visited at Pete More's Sunday, February 20.

Cecil Witherwax and family visited at Will Hartland's Sunday, February 20.

Mrs. Anna Carson was here Sunday, February 20.

Merrill Anderson and Henry Walters, of O'Neill, were callers in Redbird Sunday evening, February 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete More visited at Mike Hull's Sunday, February 20.

Lucian Loock was in Redbird on business Monday, February 21.

Ray Wilson was in Redbird on Monday, February 21.

Joe Cihlar was a caller in Redbird Monday, February 21.

Arthur Bessert and family visited in O'Neill Sunday, February 20.

Bob Wiley, of Dorsey, was here Monday, February 21.

Will Conard autoed over to Meek to visit his folks Monday, February 21.

Thomas and Howard Graham autoed to O'Neill Monday, February 21.

Claude Pickering autoed to Lynch Tuesday, February 22.

Elmer Luedtke and family

were visitors in Redbird Tuesday, February 22.

Howard Oberle, of Scottville, was in Redbird Tuesday, February 22.

Jack and William Wilson were here Tuesday, February 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hiscocks were visitors in Redbird on Tuesday, February 22.

Mrs. Cecil Witherwax was here Tuesday, February 22.

Mrs. Fred E. Truax was a visitor in Redbird Wednesday, February 23.

Guy Keller was in Redbird Wednesday, February 23.

Lyle Wells was a visitor here Thursday, February 24.

Mary Ann Brim visited in Redbird Thursday, February 24.

Earl Crawford, of Bassett, visited at Cecil Witherwax's and W. H. Hartlands' Thursday, February 24.

Clifford Wells autoed to O'Neill on business Thursday, February 24.

Thomas White, of Scottville, was in Redbird Thursday, February 24.

Orval Pickering, of Lynch, was here Thursday, February 24, trucking cattle to the market.

Dale Bessert delivered several loads of wood to the postoffice Thursday, February 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carsten were visitors in Redbird Thursday, February 24.

Mr. and Mrs. William Podany autoed to O'Neill Thursday, February 24. They report roads very bad and were compelled to come home by way of Spencer and Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson were visitors in Redbird Friday, February 25.

Elvin Luedtke, Wilmer Wells, Carl Wilson, Dick and E. V. Truax were among the visitors here Friday, February 25.

Delores Mellor and Larry Halstead were callers in Redbird on Friday, February 25.

Mrs. Anna Carson is visiting at Mrs. Ray Wilson's the weekend, Friday through Sunday, February 25-27.

Veldon Pinkerman and family visited in Redbird Friday, February 25.

Edward Carson autoed to Lynch Friday, February 25 to get Beverly Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse were in Redbird Saturday, February 26.

Art Bessert autoed to Lynch

on business Saturday, February 26.

Chancie Hull visited in Redbird Friday, February 25.

Miss Alyce Carsten was here Friday, February 25.

Attending Capping Exercise — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel, Miss Lois Harmon and Miss Connie Williams went to Lincoln Friday to attend nurses' capping rites at Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln. Miss Elaine Ressel, the Ressel's daughter, is a member of the nursing class. There are 19 members. Miss Ardene Anderson, of Amelia, also is a member of the class.

Need printing?—Frontier.

Drive to Louisville — C-LAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hubbard left Wednesday, March 2, for Louisville, Ky., where they will visit their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason. The Hubbards will drive their car.

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