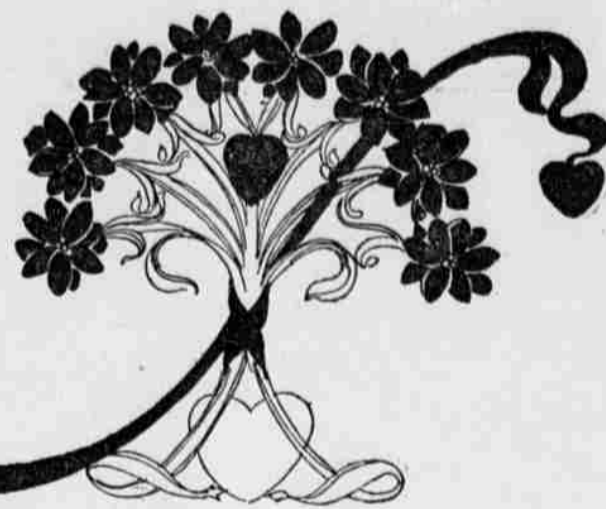


# A Valentine Party

and  
How to Give It

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**H**ISTORY says that St. Valentine was beheaded by Emperor Claudius because the young people were so fond of him. He had great power in making love affairs run smoothly and in straightening out quarrels. When he was overcome with misfortune the young mourned him and met secretly each year to pay homage to his memory. On these occasions they presented each other with little tokens which they called St. Valentine offerings, and from this the custom of celebrating February 14th has reached its present popularity.

A clever entertainment for this day can be carried out as follows: Tiny pink tinted Bristol board hearts are prepared by the hostess, four or five inches across the widest part; upon these write suitable quotations, among which the following will be found appropriate:

"Love always looks for love again;  
If ever single, it is twain.  
And till it finds its counterpart,  
It bears about an aching heart."

"They have o'erlooked me and divided me;  
One half of me is yours, the other  
half yours,  
And so all yours."

"Tell me, now last, what love will do;  
'Twill hurt and heal a heart pierced  
through:  
'If you love me as I love you,  
No knife can cut our love in two'."

With a leadpencil draw zigzag lines down the center of each heart from top to bottom through the inscription and with sharp scissors cut into two parts, following the marking. No two hearts should be cut alike as this would confuse the quotations. Punch a hole near the top of each section and distribute the right hand sections to the men and the others to the women. The men then begin their search to match their hearts and much merriment ensues. The first heart matched is joined by pink ribbon, the others are tied with blue. The reunited hearts become souvenirs, which the gallant men present to their mates. In this manner the supper guests can find the partner with whom each is to be seated.

The table decorations can be as elaborate as good taste and one's finances will allow. The illustration will express a suggestion where a company of twelve are to be seated at the table.

A jar of pink roses is used for the centerpiece and attached to each by narrow pink ribbons for the men, and blue for the women, are little red papier-mache heart cases, containing some souvenir which expresses each person's fate—a heart, a ring, a needle, coin, etc. These are distributed after the entertainment. A mound of natural appearing crepe paper roses and

Tomato salad is poured two inches thick in sheet pans and when firm is cut into hearts with a cooky cutter.

These are placed in cups formed of blanched leaves of Boston lettuce and a teaspoonful of mayonnaise covered with tiny hearts cut from canned Spanish red peppers placed at one side. A small dart can be run through each if desired.

These metal darts can be purchased at a confectioners and come to about 2 or 5 cents apiece according to size. They are made purposely for foods so there need be no fear of ill results from contact with the metal.

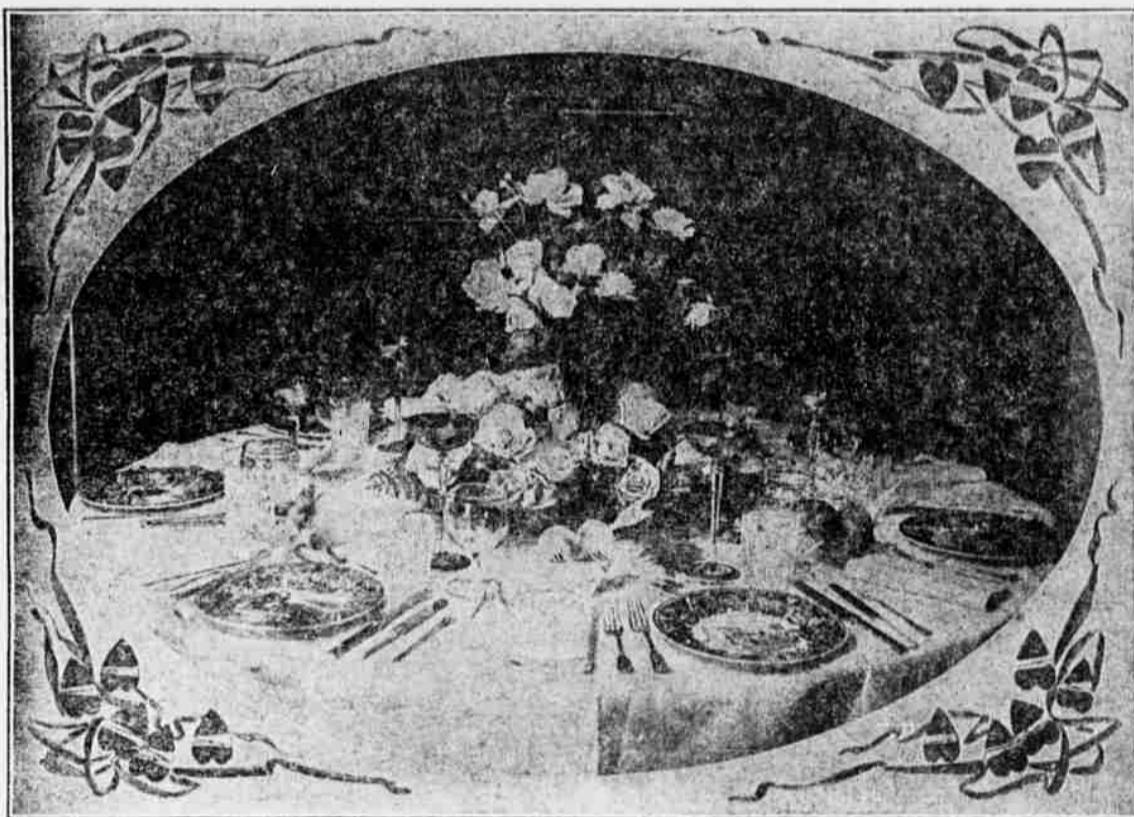
**CHICKEN TIMBALE.**—Weigh one-half pound uncooked chicken breast, pass through a mincer; mix one cup bread crumbs with one-half cup milk and stir to smooth paste, remove from fire and add the chicken; one-half teaspoon salt; tiny speck cayenne, fold in the stiffly beaten whites of five eggs; butter a quart mold and arrange hearts and darts cut from beets, carrots or cherries; pour in the mixture, set in pan of hot water and cook in a moderate oven about twenty-five minutes. Serve with tomato sauce; sprinkle top with hard boiled egg yolks put through a sieve and seasoned with paprika and salt. Garnish with celery foliage.

**LOVE BASKETS.**—Cakes of angel food or sunshine cake mixture baked in cups. When cold scoop out centers; fill with whipped cream tinted pink; sprinkle with tiny candy hearts and place handle of angelica cut into shreds or crystallized orange peel on each.

**VALENTINES.**—Make pressed tongue, turkey or chicken, and pack it into baking powder cans; set on ice until firm, then remove from mold and cut into inch thick slices. Over each piece put mayonnaise through a pastry tube and garnish each with a heart cut from cooked beet.

The variety of decorations for this February festival is almost beyond imagination, and the shops are offering each year more novelties as decorations.

A dainty souvenir in the form of an invitation is a narrow card with silver and pink illumination—



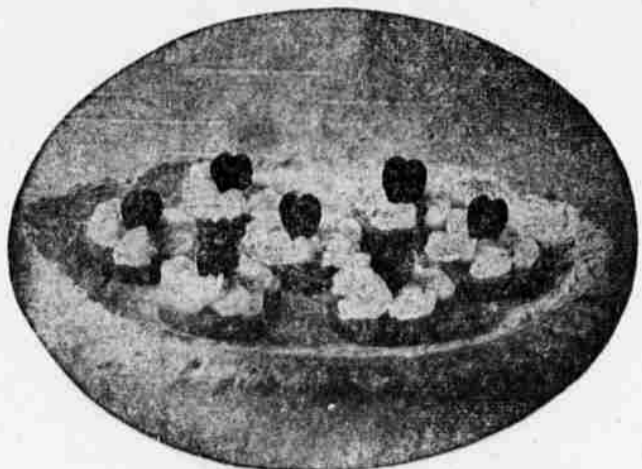
ROSES AND HEARTS FOR TABLE DECORATION

green natural vines half conceal electric globes or fairy lights. At each place is a heart guest card pierced with a silver gilt arrow. Cupids, roses and bells can decorate these if the hostess is clever with the brush. Hearts should find a place about the rooms, a red and gilt one alternating on scarlet cords; the globes on the chandeliers or lamps can be covered with pink crepe paper, which will give an additional rosy hue to the surroundings.

The amusements can consist of fishing for hearts. One corner of the room closed off by a screen of paper roses hides the pond where scarlet, pink, silver and gold paper heart valentines are fished for. On each is written the "fate" of the fisherman. One for a man can contain the description of just the opposite sort of woman he thinks much of. The same for the woman. Amusing prophecy is another way to carry out the idea. The refreshments can be simple or elaborate but suggestive of the day.

If the luncheon is to be passed, sandwiches cut heart shaped and filled with seasoned minced tongue, sardines or egg and olive mixtures will be found delicious. Heart shaped tarts with currant jelly filling; small heart cakes with icing and tiny silver pellets outline the heart shape; beet salad, the vegetables cut into small hearts, and red raspberry ice formed into hearts with tiny gilt darts thrust through, will be found moderate in price and deliciously appetizing.

For a more elaborate menu the confectioners will make spun sugar nests and decorate them with candied cherry hearts strung on silver cords and crystallized rose petals. Two ice cream birds, too natural appearing to eat, snuggle down in the center.



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