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FLOWERS OF CANDY

NOVELTY OF THE SEASON IN TABLE DECORATION.

Rosebuds, Violets and Jonquils Nearly as Costly as the Real Flowers—Mint Most Expensive of the Candied Fruits.

There have never been more elaborate decorations for the table than there are this winter and they are for the sake of novelty made of candy. They are nearly as costly as the real flowers.

Rosebuds somewhat smaller than the original are made in pink and white and glisten like their natural prototypes with dewdrops. They cost 15 cents each, while violets as large as the best of the natural ones and seemingly lacking only the fragrance of the real flowers cost five cents more. Jonquils are made somewhat smaller than the real size and so are the exquisite purple flags, which have the same variety of shades as the originals. The candies are an expensive item at a dinner when the guests take it into their heads to eat them. It rarely happens, however, that more than one or two persons make this unusual use of them.

None of the table flowers is so elaborate as the large pansies. They are also preserved in the natural colors. Over them is sifted a tiny shower of sugar, which barely conceals the purple and yellow tints. These blossoms cost as much as 30 cents. If every guest should decide to eat one it can be seen how much of an expense such a dish would be.

Among the candied fruits which are to be found in all shops none costs so much as the candied mint. But it is in the end less expensive than some of the others because so little of it is required. A pound of candied mint costs more than four dollars. But a taste is all that anybody requires, so strong is the flavor. The old-fashioned sugared violets have been almost entirely superseded at dinner by the new candied reproductions of the flowers. These colored flowers in candy are arranged just as the natural flowers. There are not violets and rosebuds, jonquils and fleur de lis all in one bonbonniere. The same color scheme is maintained throughout all the dishes. Just as the real jonquils are grouped together in the flower vases, so are the yellow sugar blossoms placed together with no other flower to break the color scheme.

Fortunate nowadays is the hostess who possesses low, flat candy dishes. The tops are covered with fine white perforated papers and on them the flowers are laid. They must not be crowded together, as in that way much of their effectiveness is lost. They are placed so as barely to touch. They do not retain nearly so much of their beauty when put into a deep dish.

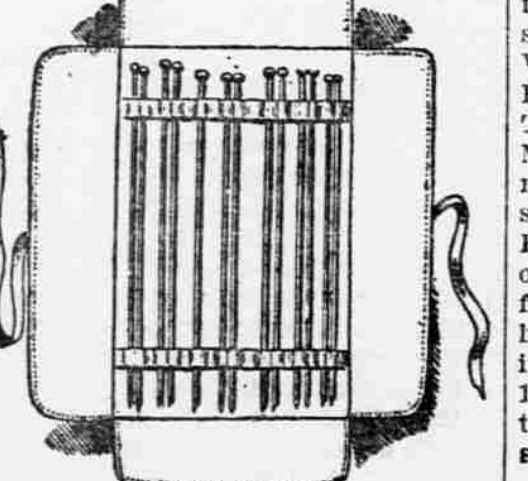
GOOD AS DRAUGHT PROTECTION.
Newest Use to Be Made of Flowered Cretonne.

The newest use for the popular flowered cretonne is in a draught protector. It is about half a yard deep and is used to prevent too great a draught when the lower sash of a window is opened. To make one, take a strip of the cretonne and a strip of sateen the width of the window and sew them together all round, having first put up an interlining of stout brown paper. Then edge the whole thing with a pretty cord, making a loop of the cord at the two top corners, by which the protector is hung on to two brass hooks in the window frame.

These draught protectors make capital gifts for men living in rooms or at college and will be received with much approval. For this purpose it is better to use a smooth surface material that will not catch the dust, as housekeepers and laundresses usually are not willing to do too much shaking and brushing.

HOLDS THE KNITTING NEEDLE.
Easily Made Case That Will Be Found Very Serviceable.

We give a sketch of a very useful little case for holding knitting needles, which will be found of great service when traveling, or when carrying one's



work from place to place. In fact, it will be handy on any and every occasion when the needles themselves are not actually in use. It can be made in any strong piece of silk, satin or brocade, or in kid or leather if preferred. The lining should be of wash leather in any case, while the straps which serve to hold the pins in place should be of elastic firmly stitched at intervals. It is intended that the flaps should fold over on to the needles, and the case then rolled up and tied with the ribbons as shown in our illustration.

THE LAPORTE MURDER FARM

Grewsome Finds Beneath the Buried Home of Mrs. Belle Guinness.

Criminal records contain no parallel of the gruesome story revealed in the finding of the clearing house for murders kept by Mrs. Belle Guinness at Laporte, Ind. Just how many persons met their fate in connection with the bloody business carried on by this woman and her confederates will perhaps never be known. The skeletons discovered beneath the cellar of her house and the fact that expressmen had many times delivered to her boxes and trunks now believed to have contained human bodies form the chief



MRS. GUINNESS AND THE RUINS OF THE HOUSE WHERE HER CRIMES WERE COMMITTED—THE ARROW INDICATES SITE.

materials for the construction of the strange story of her career. She is supposed to have lured rich men to her den by matrimonial advertisements, and then made away with them for their money and also to have run a murder "fence" for the benefit of her partners in the awful trade of human slaughter, the latter operating in Chicago and sending the bodies of their victims to her for burial.

The burning of the house at Laporte, in which Mrs. Guinness lived with her three little children a short time ago, led to the remarkable revelations as to her history.

The story of the Laporte murder farm recalls the notorious doings of the Bender family in Montgomery county, Kan., about forty years ago, and the famous case of Henry H. Holmes, who swindled insurance companies and was held responsible for the murder of quite a long list of persons. He was hanged in Philadelphia. The Benders, husband and wife and son and daughter, were supposed to have murdered nine or ten persons and buried the bodies in the vicinity of their home, robbery being their motive. The Benders mysteriously disappeared, and their fate is unknown, although rumors were abroad at the time that indignant citizens put an end to their infamous careers.

MISS JEAN REID.
Ambassador's Daughter, Who is to Marry in England.

Miss Jean Templeton Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, American minister to England, has had many suitors, and now that her engagement to the Hon.



MISS JEAN TEMPLETON REID.

John Hubert Ward, brother of the Earl of Dudley, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Reid it is suspected that several young men prominent in exclusive circles in England are suffering from disappointment. It was supposed not long ago that the young Viscount Acheson, son and heir of the Earl of Gosford, would win her hand. The viscount was quite devoted, and Miss Reid was believed to have a fondness for his society. Before his time she was very popular with Lord Brooke, son of the Socialist Countess of Warwick. Her accepted suitor is a favorite with King Edward, to whom he is equerry in waiting. He was born in 1870 and educated at Eton and in 1900 campaigned in South Africa with the imperial yeomanry. He has since served in the war office.

Miss Reid is about twenty-four years old, slight of build and fair of complexion and has a sweet face. She is popular among the younger set in English society.

Mr. Ward inherited about \$1,500,000 from his father's estate, but there is little likelihood of his ever being an earl. He is quite handsome, inheriting his good looks from his mother, who was one of the Moncrieffe sisters, noted beauties of the time.

Whitelaw Reid is said to have preferred that his daughter should marry an American. As it is, she is not likely to bring a title into the family.

OUR COUNTRY 77 YEARS AGO.

Two Generations Have Seen America Rise from Primitive Rurality.

In 1831 the American people were free, but they held in their hands the land-tools of slaves. They had to labor and sweat in the fields with the crude implements that had been produced by ages of slavery. For two generations the sickles, flails and wooden plows with which they had tried to build up a prosperous republic had held back agricultural progress. Let us try to reconstruct mentally the America of those days.

Enterprise was not then a national characteristic. The few men who dared to suggest improvements were persecuted as enemies of society. The first iron plows were said to poison the soil. The first railroad was torn up. The first sewing machine was smashed. And the first man who sold coal in Philadelphia was chased from the state as a swindler.

Even the railway was a dangerous toy. The telegraph was still a dream in the brain of Morse. John Deere had not invented his steel plow, nor Howe his sewing machine, nor Hoe his printing press. There were no stoves, nor matches nor oil lamps. Petroleum was peddled as a medicine at one dollar a bottle. Iron was \$75 a ton. Money was about as reliable as mining stocks to-day; and all the savings in all the banks would not now buy the chickens in Iowa.

The total exports amounted to no more than we paid last year for diamonds and champagne. Chicago was a 12-family village. There was no west nor middle west. Not one grain of wheat had been grown in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming, Oklahoma or Texas.—Everybody's.

One on the Pursuer.
Prosperity smiled on a certain man of Marthas Vineyard. Like all men, he is in pursuit of happiness. So he hid him away to a neighboring city and purchased a fine automobile. Of course it had to be shipped to the island on the steamer.

A few days after the arrival of the machine a friend of the proud owner went to Boston on business. When this friend arrived in New Bedford to take the steamer for the Vineyard somebody told the pursuer that the gentleman in question had brought down an automobile from Boston and asked him, the pursuer, if they had room on the steamer for the machine.

"Ah," said the genial pursuer, "he has got an auto, eh? Well, well! When one of those two fellows gets anything the other fellow thinks he must have one too. We're pretty well filled up with freight," said he, "but I suppose we'll have to take it aboard."

With that he gave orders to clear away the forward deck and make room for an automobile.

A few moments after the above conversation Mr. — appeared down the gang-plank with a toy automobile under his arm, which he had purchased for his little boy who lives in Vineyard Haven.—Vineyard Gazette.

The Moon and Mount Hood.
Perching itself for a few moments on the very top of Mount Hood, the big, new moon illuminated that majestic peak so clearly that its mantle of glistening white, toned to a soft, yellow hue, could be distinguished plainly from Portland and vicinity. Never before, say old-time Oregonians, has the moon been observed to scale the summit so fairly and with such perfect balance. The big, yellow disk apparently could not have been more accurately adjusted to the top of the mountain. And as it passed on upward the top of the mellow circle buried itself in a big black cloud, so that no great stretch of the imagination was required to fill in the picture of an eruption from the peaceful old mountain.

From an artistic standpoint the spectacle was one to be hoarded in the fond memory, and those who saw it may regard themselves as having been peculiarly fortunate. Every year the moon pays a visit to the big peak, but possibly not once in centuries would it climb to the precise central point on the summit and present a picture so perfect.—Portland Oregonian.

France's Flag.
The tricolor, as the national flag of France is called, consists of red, white and blue in equal vertical stripes, the blue stripe coming next to the staff. Blue and red were the colors of the city of Paris and white was the color of the Bourbons. In 1789 the national assembly of France decided, on the suggestion of Lafayette, that the national colors should consist of those of the city, with the old color of France, white, added. "Here is a cockade that will make a tour of the world," said Lafayette, in offering the new colors. From 1814 to 1830 the tricolor was displaced by the white flag of the Bourbons.

Duchess a True Philanthropist.
Duchess Phillip of Wurtemberg has contrived a bandage that is so scientifically constructed that manufacturers have taken out patents covering the right to make it in foreign countries. The duchess is said to be the most popular of all the royal ladies of Germany, and much of her popularity is due to the interest she has always shown in the sick poor.

Her Trouble.
Adam—What are you worrying about?
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