

Hints For Hostess

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS
for Those Planning Seasonable
Entertainments



Picnics.

What does that name recall to your mind? Visions of spiders, ants, toads and other horrid insects not invited? Piles of cake, with only enough bread to go around once—the salt forgotten—so the hard boiled eggs were a "drug in the market." The coffee bottle leaked—so half the quantity was wasted and you went home hungry declaring it was the last picnic you would ever go to.

Well—picnics can be made most delightful. First of all the party must be thoroughly congenial, all well acquainted, even one stranger is apt to make things somewhat formal, but of course this all will depend on the person. Ten or twelve is a good number. The place to go to must not be too far away and if possible should be near water—if only a small stream. The girls should meet and decide upon the lunch—each one knowing definitely what they are to furnish. One will bring the sandwiches, another the cake, pickles, olives, cheese, crackers and jelly, with sugar for coffee and salt being divided between two more. Potatoes to roast and butter falling to another. Corn if in season makes an agreeable addition.

To one may fall the responsibility of seeing that the dishes, coffee pot and table linen are provided. All these little items are carefully talked over. Paper napkins can be used and plates for each one cut out of white stiff paper, with quotations written around if liked, smaller plates can be made for butter. Small pieces of soft paper should also be provided with which to hold the potato, for they are to be roasted. To the girl who furnishes the sandwiches I will tell her just how. Get a can of corn beef, remove any gristle, chop very fine, then make a dressing, like for cabbage salad. One egg, lump of butter, salt, pepper and mustard, with one cup of vinegar, diluted with water if too strong, is a good rule, boil until it thickens, being careful not to let it curdle; pour this over the meat and mix thoroughly with a spoon.

The bread must not be too fresh, but not dry. Cut in thin slices, spread with butter, then the meat. Cut off the crust or not, as you like. To look pretty, these sandwiches can be tied with ribbons in piles of a dozen, pack in a covered paste board box which can be thrown away, saving one basket to carry home. The hard boiled eggs can be left in the shell and each one ornamented with a quotation, or taken out of the shell and wrapped in tissue paper. Cabbage or salmon salad or any kind that is liked can be

made and carried in a glass fruit jar. The small dainty pieces of celery are nice if the distance is not far so they will keep fresh, but if the pieces are wrapped in wet paper, then a napkin or a towel put around them they will be found very nice and crisp. Lettuce sandwiches are appetizing if made properly. Use only the small tender leaves, place with a dash or salad dressing between two thin slices of bread.

The can opener and an olive fork must not be forgotten, although a hat pin has been made to serve very well for the latter. Some like radishes, and even onions are not disdained. Supposing the boys furnish the conveyance and driver. Each one must be ready when the wagonette arrives. The baskets are snugly stored away and the merry party start. After arriving the fire should be built and when it is one mass of red coals, take the potatoes, put each one deep under and each ear of corn unhusked. It will take about forty minutes to cook these properly. Meanwhile the table is prepared and when all is ready, not one thing is found missing. People never know what there is in a potato till they have eaten one roasted, with salt and butter.

After the baskets have all been repacked with the little that is left, dishes, spoons and jars returned to their proper owners, comes the camp fire, around which they all gather, songs and stories told, till the stars and moon illumine the sky and all are reminded that picnics must end. To start at three or four in the afternoon gives ample time, providing the distance is not great, which should not be the case. Generally the mistake is made of going too far and staying too long and having a large party. Fruits, such as bananas, cherries, plums and apples make a welcome addition.

MADAME MERRIL

RANGES OF FASHION

Butterfly motifs are extensively used.

Wide stitching is again in vogue for girls.

There has been a revival of silver filigree.

Some of the chiffon veils are hemstitched on all four sides.

Parasols and stockings match the gown, whether the shoes do or not.

White wash ribbons are fast replacing the colored ones for lingerie.

Some Girls' Dresses



The first is a simple sailor dress suitable for either linen or serge, the plain skirt is turned up with a deep hem; the blouse is slipped over the head, therefore no fastening is necessary; white drill or linen collar and cuffs are worn. Materials required: 4 yards 44 inches wide.

In the second we show a useful gymnasium dress; the tunic is drawn in at the waist by a belt, and is trimmed with braid at the lower edge, so also

are the collar and cuffs; these are of white cloth. About 2 inches of the knickers show below the skirt. Materials required: 5 yards 46 inches wide, 1 dozen yards braid.

The third would also be a good style for gymnasium; it has two wide box pleats down back and front, and is slightly drawn in at the waist by a band which is crossed in front. Materials required: 5 yards 46 inches wide.

A Conundrum Tea.

Of all the novel and interesting ways of entertaining one's guests I think the Conundrum Tea party took the best, for one given recently was the talk of the town, for several days after its occurrence.

The guests were 26 in number, filling two tables and as two sisters were the hostesses, one presided at each table. Everything in the way of china and floral decorations were simply perfect. At each place was found a card with the name of the person who was to occupy the chair, but besides the name, there was a conundrum. Each guest had the privilege of guessing her own first and if she failed it was passed on to the next person.

The one who guessed the largest number of conundrums received the first prize and the one who answered the least received the "consolation" prize. There were prizes provided for each table. I can assure you there was no lack of conversation. After tea, the prizes were distributed, games were played and from the lateness of the hour when the guests departed

am sure every one had a delightful time.

To Keep Centerpieces.

A large tube or roll of art cardboard or heavy paper, covered with linen, and embroidered—or, rather, covered with linen that has been embroidered—will keep centerpieces and like em-broideries from showing the wrinkles of careless use. Bookcloth lines this tube, and the whole is fastened and bound with inch-wide satin ribbon which ends in strings wherewith to fasten the tube after rolling. Place a sheet of blue tissue paper between each two pieces after laying them within; this will keep their color from turning yellow if they are laid away for any considerable length of time.

Jinx's Narrow Escape.

"Jinx broke his leg yesterday, hear."

"Yes, I saw him do it. I declare, it looked to me like he tried to do it!"

"I am sorry. He had promised to come over to the house all I hear my little girl recite this evening."

"Ah, that supplies the motive."

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Uncle Sam Probes Third Degree System



WASHINGTON.—One of the investigating committees set in motion at the late session of congress that is expected to yield some interesting results is the subcommittee of five senators, members of the judiciary committee, who have been directed to investigate and report on the workings of the "third degree," as exemplified by federal officers in criminal prosecutions.

The investigation will take a wide range. One member of the committee will be sent to Oklahoma to learn what basis there is for the charge made by Gov. Haskell and his friends, that the prosecutions started against him under the Roosevelt administration were inspired by personal malice, and that the methods resorted to by the special agents of the government in their efforts to convict Haskell, were discreditable.

Another branch of the investigation will relate to some of the western prosecutions, especially those conducted by Robert Kay Devlin, an United States attorney for the Northern district of California. Devlin's nomination was hung up in the judiciary committee of the senate for a long time, on a complaint that he had persecuted Dr. Perrin, one of the defendants in certain land-fraud cases, who, after being indicted, was finally discharged for want of evidence.

A special agent of the department of justice sent out to investigate the charge made a written report that Dr. Perrin should never have been indicted; that improper methods were employed to bring about his indictment, and even after the government officers were aware that they could not make a case against Dr. Perrin,

the indictment was allowed to hang over his head for many months, to his great personal detriment.

The methods of Francis J. Heney and Detective Burns may be inquired into, and it is not unlikely that some attention may be given to the charge made against the method of administering the criminal laws in Alaska, especially at Juneau, where the United States attorney and United States marshal were recently removed from office on the complaint of Gov. Walter E. Clark.

The resolution directing an investigation was offered by Senator Heyburn of Idaho, and was based upon reports in newspapers of the police methods employed in the Saylor murder case at Atlantic City. That case was not one with which the federal government had to do, but, in as much as the methods complained of may infringe the constitutional guarantees of the individual citizen, the committee feels that it has jurisdiction, and that case along with others complained of will be investigated.

One of the members of the committee said the committee intended to go about its work not with the idea of furnishing material for a sensation, or of finding material upon which to utter denunciations, but to determine whether corrective legislation is desirable.

At the committee's first meeting the general scope of the work was discussed and two subcommittees appointed, one of which will investigate the cases in the far west and the other will confine its activities to the eastern states. The committee is composed of the following senators: Brandegee of Connecticut, chairman; Borah of Idaho and Brown of Nebraska, Republicans, and Stone of Missouri and Overman of North Carolina, Democrats. The western subcommittee will be composed of Senators Borah, Brown and Stone and the eastern subcommittee of Senator Brandegee, Borah and Overman.

"Corpse" Aroused by Noise, Runs Away

"No," another man declared, "I reckon it is a case of heat prostration."

"I think he's just dreamin' about Jack Johnson's victory," said a third.

In the meantime the Emergency hospital ambulance with clanging gong arrived on the scene, and a policeman with perspiration streaming down his face rushed up to the mouth of the alley and was forcing his way through the crowd to get at the supposed dead man.

The noise aroused the "corpse." The prostrate figure slowly arose, disclosing the staid form of a negro. He gazed in astonishment at the crowd that blocked up the entrance to the alley and saw the policeman and white-coated Emergency surgeon elbowing their way toward him.

With a yawn and a stretch of his arms, the negro darted into the side door of a printing office, slamming the door behind him.

Investigation disclosed the fact that the negro has been employed at the printing establishment a number of years. He said he was tired and went out into the quiet, cool alleyway to take a nap during the lunch hour. That was all.

Sold MacVeagh Spoiled Vinegar; Fined

The man pleaded guilty and was fined \$25. He promised to be good.

A Buffalo milling concern has been fined for mixing ground corncobs with flour middlings. The same concern was also found guilty of putting ground corncobs in a "gluten" preparation. A lot of "raisins," shipped from California to Texas, was discovered to be in part a decomposed vegetable substance. A Chicago firm selling a "quick-rising" buckwheat flour has been fined for fraud in having sold in reality a mixture of wheat flour and buckwheat without any quick-rising properties.

Another Buffalo dealer was caught selling to Michigan folk a wonderful "hair tonic" which was advertised to cure headache and loss of hair and all sorts of ills. Analysis showed it contained 95.5 per cent of alcohol and nothing to cure anything. The dealer was let off with a fine. A Michigan man was detected selling in large quantities a "hay fever cure" composed of 99.95 per cent cocaine hydrochloride. He was fined \$100. Several lemon extracts and vanilla extract fakers have been recently caught and punished.

The looks and smell of the stuff made him suspicious, and so he hallooed for the pure food inspectors to come and examine. They reported the alleged vinegar was in reality adulterated and artificially colored and misbranded. A criminal information was filed against the luckless storekeeper and he was taken into the United States court, accused of deceiving and misleading MacVeagh.

Government's O. K. on the Lowly Toad

one of at least ten or fifteen years. They also believe it possible for the toad to live for a limited time without food, but doubt stories about toads being found in rocks and trees.

"The toad," says the pamphlet, "is a nocturnal animal, and ventures out during the day only when tempted by an abundance of food or when the air and moving insects, contiged, etc. At is full of moisture. It eats only living night, soon after sundown, or even before on cool evenings. It emerges from its shelter and slowly hops about in search of food. Almost a regular beat is covered. In the country this includes forays along roadsides, into gardens and cultivated fields and wherever insect food is abundant and grass or other thick herbage does not prevent locomotion. In cities and suburban villages the lawns, walks and particularly the spots beneath electric lamps are favorite hunting grounds."

"As a rule the toad feeds continuously throughout the night, consuming in 24 hours an amount of food equal in bulk about four times the stomach capacity. A careful examination of the contents of the stomachs of a large number of toads shows that 98 per cent of its food was animal matter—worms, insects, etc.

A recent bulletin of the department of agriculture in Washington has taken up the case of the toad, dispelling the "host of vague and ludicrous fancies as to its venomous qualities. Its medicinal virtues, or most commonly, the hidden toadstone of priceless value."

Touching toads, says the bulletin, does not produce warts on the hands. The toad's breath does not cause convulsions in children, nor does a toad in a newly dug well insure a good and untailing water supply, nor in a new made cellar will one bring prosperity to the household.

The Massachusetts experiment station has been investigating the habits, food and economic value of the toad, and the result establishes its claim to consideration and appreciation. First of all, as to the longevity of the toad, the investigators express the opinion that many toads reach an

A TERRIBLE CASE OF DROPSY.

Lebanon, Ind., Man Gives Vivid Description of His Suffering.

John T. Anderson, 613 W. Main St., Lebanon, Ind., says: "I was taken suddenly with agonizing pains through my kidneys, followed by a stoppage of the urine. I was soon in such agony I could not lie in bed and for weeks sat in a chair propped up by pillows. The urine was mostly blood and had to be drawn with a catheter. My limbs were swollen to twice their normal size. The doctor finally said he could do no more and my family gave up hope. It was at this time I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and gradually improved until well. I gained twenty-eight pounds and have had no trouble since."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Autoing and Optics.

"Is not auto driving terribly hard on the eyes?"

"Well, I guess not," replied the chauffeur, withering us with scorn. "Why, before I got to runnin' a car I was thinkin' 'o gettin' specks, my eyesight was that poor I couldn't see the contribution box in church until it was so near past me it was too late to dig for any money. But I hadn't been runnin' that wagon two days till I could see a policeman's little finger stickin' out from behind a tree four miles away. I could even see which way a copper's eyeballs were turned if he was standin' in the shade three miles off. Hard on the eyes! Well, not much! It's the best medicine for weak eyes that was ever invented, don't you forget it."

She Lives in Bingville.

A south Missouri paper is carrying this ad: "Attractive woman, not a day over thirty, would be pleased to correspond with eligible man. Not absolutely necessary that he should be young. Would prefer one with property, but one with a good paying position would be satisfactory. The young lady is of medium height, has brown hair and gray eyes, not fat, although, most decidedly, she is not skinny. Her friends say she is a fine looking woman. Object matrimony. Reason for this advertisement, the young woman lives in a little dinky town, where the best catches are the boys behind the counters in the dry goods and clothing stores, and every one of them is spoken for by the time he is out of his short pants. Address Hazel Eyes, Box 23, Bingville, Mo.—Kansas City Star."

Casey at the Bat.

This famous poem is contained in the Coca-Cola Baseball Record Book for 1910, together with records, schedules for both leagues and other valuable baseball information compiled by authorities. This interesting book sent by the Coca-Cola Co., of Atlanta, Ga., on receipt of 2c stamp for postage. Also copy of their booklet "The Truth About Coca-Cola" which tells all about this delicious beverage and why it is so pure, wholesome and refreshing. Are you ever hot—tired—thirsty? Drink Coca-Cola—it is cooling, relieves fatigue and quenches the thirst. At soda fountains and carbonated in bottles—5c everywhere.

Back to the Tall Timber.

Alfred—Are you going to pass your vacation at the seashore?

Gilbert—No, thank you. It's the woods for mine this year.

Alfred—Don't like the shore, eh?

Gilbert—Oh, I like it well enough, but it's too risky. I passed my vacation there last year and had several narrow escapes.

Alfred—From drowning?

Gilbert—No; summer girls. Seven of them proposed to me.

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Manager—You never get this scene right. Your business with the sweet peas is all wrong and you forget when you are to speak—you get your lines all mixed up.

Actress—All right, sir, I'll be more attentive and fix the sweet peas and try to get my lines in the right place.

Manager—Your course is very simple. Just mind your peas and cues.—Baltimore American.

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IT WAS ONCE HIS.



"You don't remember me, do you?"

"No; but that umbrella has a familiar look."

His Claim to Prominence.

At a social gathering a certain man, intent on knowing every one, was introduced to Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan.

"The name Burrows is very familiar to me," he said. "I am certain that you are a man of some prominence."

"Yes," replied Senator Burrows. "I am the man that 'died at first' just before Casey came to bat in that celebrated ball game in Mudville."—Success Magazine.

ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO, LAND BOOM PREDICTED.

Keen observers predict a big boom in property in Wantland, Colorado, the new town which is being built in the center of the Little Snake River Valley in Routt County, Colorado. A big irrigation system is being built to irrigate 60,000 acres of very fine land surrounding Wantland. The land is being sold by the State of Colorado for 50 cents per acre, under the Carey Act, and water rights cost \$35.00 an acre, in ten year payments. Sugar factories, flour mills, canneries, etc., are among the possible industries to be located at Wantland. Full information can be obtained from the Routt County Colonization Company, 1734 Welton St., Denver, Colo.

Truth is cut up to patch too many lies. You can never boil the lies back into truth again.

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And many a coming man neglects to arrive.

Don't Care for Love.

They were seated at the breakfast table.

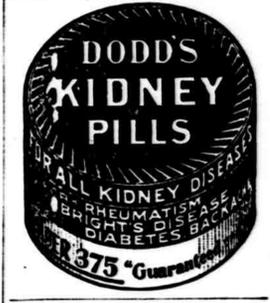
"John, dear," said the young wife, "this is my birthday."

"I'm glad you mentioned it, darling," rejoined her husband. "I'll buy you a present the first thing when I get downtown."

"Well," she said, "I hope you won't get any cheap 98-cent affair."

"Of course I won't," he replied. "Why, I would be ashamed to present you with anything that cost less than a dollar."

Some men carry a sandbag because they are too proud to beg.



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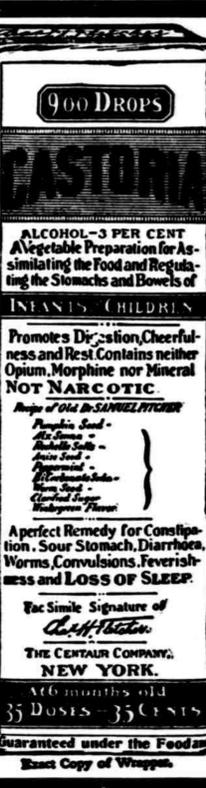
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