

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL HELP THE HOSTESS

A New Year's Eve Party.

This really clever affair was originated with the hostess who gave it last year. It came to my notice too late for use this year, so here it is now, all fresh and newly embellished. There were twelve guests with the hostess. Each one was assigned a month in the invitation and she came dressed to represent that month. Then each girl had the privilege of asking a man who was to come representing an event or prominent person associated with the month represented by his "fair lady."

On arriving it was most interesting to see the way the girls took to represent the months and their sports and amusements. For instance, an animated freeraker accompanied "July," a "Santa Claus" came with "December," who was clad in pure white with a chaplet of holly.

There was an informal dance, and at 11 o'clock refreshments were served. The guests all watching the hands of the clock, at five minutes before 12 all arose, joined hands and sang, "Auld Lang Syne." As the hour sounded the hostess opened the front door for the passing out of the old year and the entrance of the little New Year.

There was a fortune game containing a good wish or prediction for each guest. The latter were tidily rolled and concealed in gilded tin shells. The place cards were cut in bell shape and had little calendars or them tied with a knot of red ribbon. The one who guessed the most "vents" or characters was presented with a wee traveling clock; the other two prizes were calendars.

Some Good Games.

Here are some very old games, but I am sure they will be found new to many of our young readers. The first is called "Catching the Snake's Tail" and comes to us from Japan, where it is a great favorite. The children form in line, each with hands resting upon the shoulders of the player in front. The one who is to act as "catcher" is left out. The first child in the line is called the "head" and the last one the "tail." The "catcher" is placed about fifteen feet from the "head," and at a signal he tries to catch the "tail," or the last child in the "snake" without touching anyone else. The others may defend the "tail" by moving about, keeping the line unbroken. For if the line should be broken it is equal to the "tail" being caught, and that unlucky person must become the catcher while the last named goes to the head of the line.

Now for the second game, called "Feather Play." It is very amusing,

although it sounds so simple. All the players are seated on the floor, having first counted "out" to see who will be "it." A hollow square is formed with a sheet held close up to the chins of the players on the floor. A feather is produced, a little downy thing, and blown back and forth by the players. The child who is "it" is to try to catch the feather on one of the children or directly in front of a child when that one becomes "it." The feather must not be touched by the hands of the children on the floor, nor must they rise from the floor; their hands must be kept under the sheet, all manipulations of the feather being done by blowing.

A Jolly Celebration.

A reader writes: "Last New Year's night we had such a jolly time I want to tell you about it for the benefit of all the department readers who may want a real frolic."

"I asked the guests, who were all intimate friends, to come dressed like children not over 10 years of age. At the top of each invitation card was written:

Backward, turn backward, O, Time, in your flight,
Make me a child again just for tonight.

"There was a lawyer, a minister, and several prominent business men among the guests, who came garbed as boys; they called each other by their front names, each brought a toy and all entered heartily into children's games. A picnic supper was served on the floor in a room decorated with small trees in tubs, ferns and palms. This was supposed to be a 'grove,' and there were signs up like these: 'This way to the swimming hole,' 'Look out for the dog,' etc. There was stick candy, gum drops and heart motifs to candles. The women brought dolls and played 'Come to see' most naturally, as most of them had youngsters to keep them in practise. We had a spelling bee, and sung the songs of our school days. The party went down into history as one of the best the hostess had ever achieved, which is saying much, as she is noted for her original schemes."

MADAME MERRILL.

Silver Dress Trimmings.

Silver dress trimmings may be cleaned by covering them with powdered magnesia and leaving them for two hours. Rub the magnesia well in and brush it off with a brush.

Dancing Frocks.

For dancing frocks for young girls the bordered chiffons or plain or flowered nets made over china silk offer splendid possibilities at a low cost.

COLLEGE HAS RARE TREASURE

Miami University Has Table Used by Dr. McGuffey in Compiling Famous Readers.

Columbus, O.—McGuffey's Third Reader! You remember it and all the other McGuffey, don't you? You, right this moment, are thinking about the story of the bad boy who went into the forest and, as a joke, cried "The wolf! The wolf!" And when the neighbors came to rescue him he laughed and said it was all a joke. You remember, too, that one day the wolf did come and woe befell the naughty little boy. And you remember "The Inchcape Rock" and the story about the noble dogs that rescued the man lost in the snow, and—oh, you remember that all right. A table that occupies a conspicuous place in the museum of Miami uni-



Doctor McGuffey's Table.

versity at Oxford, O., was used by Doctor McGuffey when he compiled the readers that made him famous. Tradition in the old college town of Oxford is that Doctor McGuffey built this table himself. It is octagonal in shape and has eight drawers. The table revolves on a pivot. Doctor McGuffey was for years a professor in Miami university, and while serving in that capacity gathered the material that made up his series of school readers. He read newspapers, magazines, books and everything else that might furnish clippings which would fit his reader ideas.

He had six of the drawers in his revolving desk marked and when he found anything that he thought would be serviceable for a reader he threw it into the drawer marked for that particular reader. When he had obtained a lot of material he invited children of Oxford over to the college to hear him read "pieces." He divided the children into groups, according to age, and when he read something that interested a child of third reader age he would place that piece back in the drawer No. 3. When one of his readings interested a child of fourth reader age the piece would go into drawer No. 4. The same rule applied to all his readers. Finally he had the drawers filled with enough material to compile the series and then was born the famous McGuffey readers.

The old desk is one of the treasures of Miami university and cannot be bought. Interesting sums have been offered for it, but the college holds it as a sort of medal of honor applied to its history as an educational institution.

ARGENTINA'S ROCKING STONE

A Noted Example of the Many Curious Toys Found in Nature's Wonderland.

Buenos Ayres.—Nearly every locality has its lover's leap or some like spot of local interest, where sometime in the history of the world nature has had her playground and with the aid of the wind and rain has fashioned the solid rock into weird, fantastic shapes that at once excite our admiration and awe.

One of the most noted of these natural formations is the rocking stone situated near the city of Tandil, Argon-



Wonderful Rocking Stone.

ina. This is a perfectly balanced boulder of immense size, so lodged that it can be rocked without fear of its falling. Probably it was formed by the dissolving or wearing away of a softer stratum of rock, leaving the harder portion to maintain its equilibrium on a curved surface.

Gossip and Scandal.

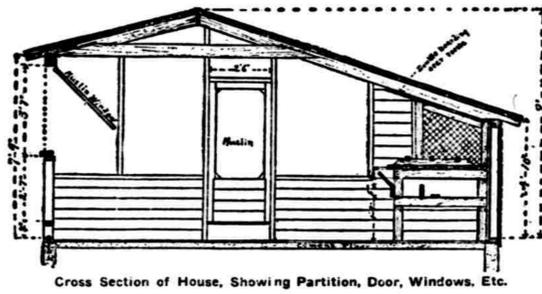
Philadelphia.—Many people confuse gossip with scandal, but the two things are quite different. The scandal monger is usually detested, while the gossip is often universally popular. In fact, the popularity which it brings in its train is one of the strongest incentives to gossip. A really accomplished gossip is a social acquisition. Thousands of people who do not gossip themselves like to listen to it. It saves them the trouble of talking. The scandal monger is generally good natured. The scandal monger seldom is. After all, what is more interesting than human nature? That is the stock in trade of the gossip, as it is of the novelist and dramatist.

The Oldest Trees on Earth.

London.—An enormous age is attained by some trees notably the evergreen in England. At Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, the evergreens were old when the abbey was built, eight centuries ago. This is a "red wood" which is credited with many hundred years. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be more than 5,000 years old and a deciduous cypress at Chapultepec is considered to be of a still greater age.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INEXPENSIVE CHICKEN HOUSE

Building Planned for Farmer or Villager of Moderate Means Who Wishes to Keep One or Two Flocks of Fair Size.



Cross Section of House, Showing Partition, Door, Windows, Etc.

This house is planned for the farmer or villager of moderate means, who wishes to keep one or two fair-sized flocks of fowls. Should a house with a large capacity be desired, the building could be made longer.

The foundation wall is of concrete, 18 inches high. It extends ten inches below the surface of the ground, where it is eight inches thick and eight inches above the ground, where it is six inches thick. In mixing the concrete, one part of cement was used to six parts of sand.

The floor is 18x19 feet, and contains 720 square feet of space, divided into two equal pens. If Leghorns are to be housed, the structure will shelter 150 birds, 30 in a pen, with an allowance of four square feet to each. Of Plymouth rocks 164 may be housed, allowing four and one-half square feet to each.

The studding is seven feet in front and hour and one-half feet in the rear. The roof is of the combination type, rising to a height of nine feet at the peak. Its rafters are of two by six lumber, 15 feet long on the rear and seven feet long on the front slope. Each is tied by a one by four board running from the top of the plate in front to the 14-foot rafter running from peak to rear and high enough not to accommodate the attendants. With the

rafters thus tied, supports are not needed in the center. Upon the rafters are laid the roof-boards and roofing, in detail the same as in the house of hollow tile described above.

All sides of the building are of No. 1 six-inch drop siding. In each end there is a door, swinging outward, and placed as near the center as possible, thus making it handy to either window, nests or roosts. For the doors, No. 1 D. & M. lumber is used.

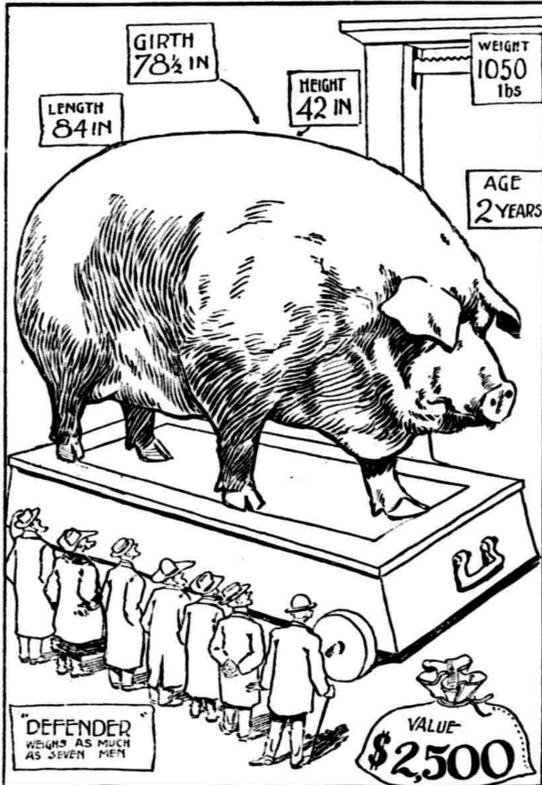
The partition between the two pens is of matched lumber for the first three feet from the floor, and of mastic thence to the ceiling. For five feet from the north wall around the broody coop it is tightly boarded, to protect the fowls against any possible draught while roosting.

The partition door is hung in the middle, on double-acting hinges and swings either way.

The dropping-boards, roosts and broody coops are located on the north side. They are surrounded by double walls to guard against draughts.

The nests are built in sections of six. The bottoms are of one-inch diamond mesh poultry fencing, and are self-cleaning. The fowls enter from the rear and the eggs are taken out from the front.

MOST REMARKABLE PRIZE HOG



The most valuable and most remarkable hog in the country was one of the chief attractions of the recent International Live Stock show at the stock yards, Chicago.

It is worth \$2,500 and weighs 1,000 pounds. It is forty-two inches high and eighty-four inches in length, the girth measurement being seventy-eight and one-half inches and still growing.

The animal is only 2 years old and has won highest honors in many prize rings, being the grand champion at the International Live Stock show last

year and senior champion as well, standing first in its class at the Iowa state fair and also at the Illinois state fair and is slated for the grand championship and other honors at this year's International.

The porker was the center of attraction in the swine exhibit. It is a Duroc-Jersey and is light brown in color.

The owner, H. E. Browning of Hersman, Ill., has named the hog "Defender," because he believes that it can defend against all comers all the championship titles which have been bestowed upon it.

WELL-BRED DAIRY COWS

Remarkable Herd Owned by Farmer Near Marblehead, Mass.—Beautiful, Clean, Sleek and Great Milkers.

Mr. Charles R. Adams, who has successfully conducted a farm in Marblehead, Massachusetts, for several years past, has a remarkable herd of cows, observes the Messenger of that town. They are beautiful cattle, clean and sleek, all of them, and great "milkers," and their quiet and gentle ways show in a remarkable degree what kindness is capable of accomplishing. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams each cow is an individual and has individual traits and an individual name. No sick or stone or loud word has ever vexed their tranquillity and therefore they are almost without fear. Let Mr. Adams or his wife, standing at a considerable distance, speak in moderate tones the names of "Blue Bell," "Speckle," "Daisy," "Blossom," or

any other of the herd, and immediately the owner of the name will stop feeding and give quick attention, often at once approaching at the first call.

To Distinguish Guineas.

In the guinea family the cock is of the same size and plumage as the hen, and can hardly be distinguished from his mates. According to the history of the fowls, as given in poultry bulletins, in the males the wattles are longer, however, and point away from the lower mandible, and as his eye is larger and more alert, the color of the plumage on head and neck darker. The hen only uses the well-known call interpreted by many as "Buckwheat, buckwheat!" or "Come back, come back," while the cock makes the rasping rattle.

Sugar Beet Factories.

Colorado has sixteen sugar beet factories, leading all other states in this industry. The output of these mills is about 170,000 tons of sugar every year.

ONE REDEEMING FEATURE

When Papa Hears It He Urges Only Son to Get Girl Quick.

The only son had just announced to the family his engagement. "What, that girl?" remarked his mother. "Why, she squints."

"She has absolutely no style," commented his sister.

"Red-headed, isn't she?" asked auntie.

"I'm afraid she's flighty," was grand-ma's opinion.

"She hasn't any money," said uncle.

"And she doesn't look strong," chimed in the first cousin.

"She's stuck up, in my opinion," asserted the second cousin.

"She's extravagant," was the opinion given by the third cousin.

"Well, she's got one redeeming feature, at any rate," remarked the only son, thoughtfully.

"What's that?" chorused the charitable band.

"She hasn't a relative on earth."

Papa had not yet spoken, but now he did.

"Grab her, my boy, grab her," he said.

Wants a Long Engagement.

"Do you believe in long engagements?" he asked after she had consented to be his.

"Yes, dearest," she replied. "I have always thought it was such a mistake for two people to rush into matrimony before they learned to really know each other."

"Well, about how long would you wish the engagement to be?"

"Let me see. Would you think it was too long if we did not get married until a week from next Thursday?"

Mrs. Roosevelt an Economist.

Mrs. Roosevelt is said to have kept her gowns from one year to the next and even the third year, and yet was always beautifully dressed. The best-dressed woman in London is said to be Mrs. Kerpel, who wears her gowns more than one season, having them made over for the second year, as her income does not allow of a great variety of gowns.

Mean of Her.

Mrs. Galey (back from the mountains)—Well, my dear, did you keep open house during my absence?

Galey (earnestly)—I should say I didn't, Louise; why, there wasn't a night that I didn't lock the doors at nine o'clock.

Mrs. Galey—Yes? And where did you go then?

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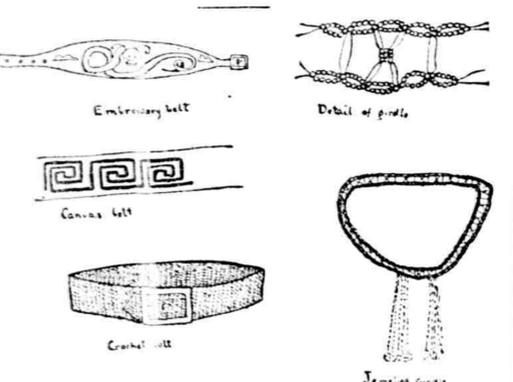
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Embroidered Belts



HOUGH high-waisted dresses are still very fashionable, there are a very large number of coats and skirts which adhere to the natural waist line, and these, of course, belts are a liberal necessity. A piece of oriental embroidery gathered into a handsome buckle at one end and adorned with a row of eyelet holes at the other makes a very effective belt.

For morning wear a belt of linen, worked with broderie Anglaise is both useful and pretty, and has the additional merit of washing easily, whilst narrow, worked in cross-stitch or Roumanian stitch, is extremely effective, and very quickly worked, red and blue being the best colors for the material in which to execute the embroidery. The sporting, golfing girl usually delights in a belt of crocheted work with a neat shirt and a tie to match, and these belts are often worked in club colors, and are carried out in Tunisian stitch.

For evening dresses, the craze for jeweled effects extends to belts, and charming girdles are to be seen made of beads and jewels, which may be copied without any great difficulty. These are sometimes made on a broad loom, such as is used for making the chains and necklaces that are worn so much just now, but there are plenty of exceedingly effective designs which may be quite easily carried out with an ordinary needle and cotton. The foundation cotton needs, of course, to be really strong, and it is best to use thread or fairly thick silk for the purpose, whilst the beads will, of course, be of a color chosen to match the dress. Another pretty belt for evening wear is embroidered in gold thread in a conventional design of flowers and leaves, the former being then filled in with sparkling jewels.

Not Awed by Czar. To illustrate that royalty does not inspire awe in American children, a woman who recently returned from a long trip abroad related this incident: "We were at Bag-Naheim when the czar was a guest there. My little boy attracted the attention of some member of the Russian party, and he was present by invitation one day when the czar, the grand duchess of Hesse, Captain Prentiss, the czar's military secretary, and Baron Wasserschbach played tennis. When the boy returned one of the young people, a tennis enthusiast, asked him: 'Well, how did the czar play?' 'Rotten!' was his expressive but shocking reply."

Worth Remembering. One thing I have learnt, and I think it is worth remembering, that a heart heaven may be reached and touched everywhere, that one can help or hinder happiness by a tiny word.—Amy Le Feuvre.

Small low-shaped hats in black vel-