THE BEE'S PURE FOOD PAGE

The Bee's Household Arts Department

Packing Campers

Food Box.

Packing the food basket or the box for a camping trip should be given great care. If carelessly done, your trip will be more or less a fizzle because there will be bulky articles and parcels and unnecessary receptacles.

The box is always an advantage over a basket. For the box may be destroyed. It is upright and more easily packed. Bundle handles should be saved for carrying these neatly packed, and securely tied boxes. Each member of the party should provide himself or herself, with a collapsible drinking cup; each a knife, fork and spoon. These should be carried in the pocket.

China dishes are not only heavy and bulky, but easily broken. A splendid substitute is the papier-mache boxes. These are good for salads, pickles, fruits, butter—in fact any soft food which must be carried in a non-leakable vessel. Paper napkins, paper plates and paper table covers are much better than linen. They, too, may be thrown away.

There are two, or more, brands of concentrated, or pulverized coffee. It comes in small tin cans and needs only hot water to make it ready for lunch. A few cans of evaporated milk are an excellent substitute for cream. Sugar should be packed in a baking powder, tea or coffee can. Cans are much lighter than glass jars and need not be carried after the contents have been used.

There are little solidified alcohol or "canned heat" apparatuses on the market which are good substitutes for gas stoves and are convenient for heating water or food. When the solidified alcohol has been burned out the cans are not saved.

Herewith are a few suggestions for the filling of the food box:

Canned soups.	Frankfurters.
Pork and Beans.	Summer sausage.
Sliced cornbeef or any cold meat.	Salome sausage.
Ham sandwiches.	Potted meats
Chicken sandwiches.	Sardines.
Peanut butter sandwiches.	Crackers.
Veal loaf.	Bread.
Potato salad	Cheese.
Chicken salad.	Canned fruits.
Cucumbers.	Fresh fruit.
Pickles and olives.	Coffee.
Cake.	Tea.
Cookies.	Coco.
Pickled lamb's tongues.	Eggs
	Ham.
	Bacon.

Fish salads are not advisable unless the ingredients are carried separately in air tight cans and the salad prepared just before eating. Where there is no ice, fish foods are treacherous as they are much more susceptible to atmospheric conditions than red meats. Chicken keeps well; likewise veal. Red meats, however, keep sweet longer than any other variety. Cured or smoked sausages, with the exception of liver sausage, are good for many days.

Select from the foregoing list, what foods you like best, pack each securely, wrap sandwiches and cakes in tissue paper to keep flies and insects from foraging, pack neatly, tie the box securely and we are off, at last, for the camping trip.

Snakes End Dance; Girls and Partners Leap Out Windows

Williamsville, Del., Aug. 22.—Who broke up the dance at Ellis Brittingham's home and nearly threw all the girls into hysteria by slipping a couple of husky, wriggling blacksnakes through an open window?

That's what the young people want to know whose dancing was so rudely interrupted.

At one moment the room rang with the strains of dance music, the pat-pat-pat of trim, slippered feet and the happy laughter of the circling couples. At the next it rang to a different tune.

A girl saw a long, sinuous body, then another, drop from the windowsill. She let out a screech that would have done credit to a Comanche Indian, and collapsed for a moment in her partner's arms.

Then, as one after another of the girls saw the cause for her fright, they joined in a chorus of screams as they made for doors and windows.

The latest styles in silk hosiery were on exhibition as they clambered through windows, standing not upon the order of their going.

When the male members of the party saw the snakes, noted that they were not pink or green, and recollected that prohibition insured their reality, they were not far behind the girls in reaching the windows.

It is supposed that small boys were the perpetrators of the job, although because of the known opposition on the part of church members to dancing, some of the young people are hinting that perhaps that was the method taken to keep the "devil" away from the Williamsville young people.

Training the Youngsters' Minds

Kindergarten Helps for Parents.

By DR. WILLIAM BYRON FORBUSH.

"He hasn't got him yet!" was the little boy's delighted report each day after looking in his nursery book and discovering that the crocodile in the picture had not yet caught up with the piccaninny whom he was chasing.

"Why don't they get to church?" was another youngster's inquiry after he had turned for several weeks to Boughton's "Pilgrims Going to Church," and wondered why they did not arrive.

A third child put his hand protectingly over the pictured figure of a kid, to shield it from an eagle; and another child of kindergarten age has been known to try to feed a pictured animal.

These incidents suggests the rather surprising fact that to a small child pictures are not merely symbols, but a part of his living world. At first he notes the similarity between the household pet and the pictured cast more than he does the difference and it is a long time before he grasps the idea that the latter is only a symbol.

It is perhaps a little disheartening to us adults, to whom pictures have opened a world of beauty, to realize that it is their usefulness and not their beauty which appeals to children up to 6 or 7 years of age. To them, pictures are simply something to play with. They prefer to have them little because they can handle them more easily. For any practical end they do not differ distinguishably from their dolls.

Ninety-nine per cent of the first drawings of children are said to include the human face. Their affections for readymade pictures are similar; they like living creatures, people and animals and birds, they like them best in action. They like only story pictures.

It is somewhat surprising to investigators to discover that, in their earliest interest in pictures, children do not seem to have any marked preference for the colored ones, though later they exhibit an interest in bright crude colors.

In general, they are not curious as to details. They will not notice that a figure is armless, and as we know so well, their own first drawings often have two eyes or ears on the same side of a face. Yet they do seem to single out the eye as an object of peculiar interest. Did you ever have your 2-year-old try to stick his forefinger in your eye? Little children often attempt the same with a pictured eye.

The educational lessons which we learn from these primitive tastes are plain, and since, to the small child, a picture is "the real thing" we should select his pictures, as we do his other toys, to help him in his little world of experience. They should represent the kind of people and pets whom he should love, engaged in activities which he can understand. Simple incidents, playful, jolly and unselfish, should be our choice, without reference to their esthetic purpose.

While we need not strive to select great art, we may choose clear, strong color and simple, well-drawn action. Thus we can lay foundations for appreciation of the beautiful.

Above all, each picture should suggest a good story, and we should give the story with the picture.

Here's Job Boozefighter Can Have for the Asking

Montgomery, Ala.—The following advertisement has just appeared in the want column of a local paper:

"Country printer who wants to come west can secure good, permanent job here. Union man preferred. Eight-hour workday and no objection to tobacco, booze, etc. Write what you can do, come for, etc. W. H. Feather, editor, News, Broken Bow, Okla."

So Mad She Slaps Thief.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 22—It made Mrs. Irene Littrell, cashier at a meat market here, so mad when Harry McCullom grabbed two bank books containing $200 in cash from her as she was leaving the store for a bank to deposit the money that she could not resist the temptation of chastising McCullom at the jail after he was caught in a running battle with police. She walked right up to him and slapped him a resounding whack on the face. "There," she said, "take that." McCullom was so astounded he couldn't ward off or resist the blow.

Hats on at Funeral.

London.—All mourners were requested by his will to keep their hats on at the churchyard while Charles Milnes-Gaskell was being buried. That the order might be carried out he directed that the request be read at the services.

U. S. S. Chester Returns

Boston. — After two years of foreign duty with a record said to be second to none of her class in the navy, the scout cruiser U. S. S. Chester is back again at Charlestown navy yard.

Now that the colored bordered handkerchiefs are fashionable it is well to know that if you soak them in cold salt water for about fifteen minutes before washing them the color will neither run nor fade.

Loose groceries are an economy. One pays for cans and packages.