WOMAN'S VARIED INTERESTS

LITTLE GIFTS FOR LITTLE PERSONS

AMONG new toys that have recently made their appearance is the washable dog. His head is formed of a small rubber ball and his body of a larger one. He is covered with felt and has bright bead eyes and may be had in either black or white. This dog is a clever woman's invention.

Another nursery delight is the giraffe which is stuffed with cotton. He is made like the soft ninepins that have on them the faces of men of different nationalities and a weight in bottom to keep them upright. No matter how much he is pulled around by his long neck, there is nothing about him to be broken or to hurt the children.

Fascinating bibs for children are made of heavy linen, with a rabbit, cat or dog embroidered on them having pink, blue or green bead eyes that make them very realistic in appearance. Naturally youngsters adore them.

Little ribbon rose trimmed clasp pins for the baby's cap or bib come in two sizes and in both pink and blue.

Bridal lingerie bands of white satin ribbon shirred over elastic have drawn through the big bow or fancy rosette on top a bunch of artificial orange blossoms. In sets of six they make delightful engagement gifts from girl friends.

Linen embroidered napkin rings are very popular for the breakfast tray for children's use or for week-end guests.

Menu for a Child's Party

Chicken Bouillon, Croutons.
Chicken Croquettes, Peas.
Baked Asparagus.
Iced Rice Pudding, Ice Cream with Maple Syrup and Nut Sauce.
Vegetable and Fruit Candies.

CHILDREN from eight to eleven or twelve years enjoy dancing at their afternoon parties, and it is a good idea to devote an hour to dancing, an hour to games and then—refreshments. Or, if preferred, begin with the games and have the refreshments early enough to allow three or four dances afterward.

The invitations should be sent at least a week in advance, and, as most children of that age attend school, it is wise to arrange the party on Saturday, if possible.

Substitutes for "Donkey Party."

Pinning the tail on Mary's Lamb and sticking the chrysanthemum in the pot are newer versions of the Donkey game, but quite as much fun. A puzzle contest is great fun, especially for the boys, and a dozen good ones may be purchased in a box for a dollar. Prizes, of course, are given for those who solve them first. If preferred, a professional may be engaged to amuse the children.

For supper cover the table with a cloth of plain damask and place in the centre a large glass plateau banked with smilax and ferns, and on the surface of this apparent lake put little boats, ducks and tiny water fowls which may be found in the toy shops. If place cards are used pretty pink birds with cards in their mouths may be poised on the water glasses. Four birch bark canoes at the corners may be laden with the bonbons.

Dangerous Looking Wasps' Nest.

Beside each plate a tiny sack of seashell candies may be placed. Above the table a great big gray wasps' nest may be fastened, and, though it looks dangerous, it is really a "Jack Horner pie," and the gray ribbons protruding from it are attached to many interesting things inside the sombre coating.

Make the bouillon in the usual way and toast the croutons.

Serve the chicken croquettes the usual way with the peas.

Make a creamy rice pudding, and when it is cold spread over it a thick layer of apricot jam that has been heated until soft, then a rich meringue browned on top. Serve as cold as possible.

The newest candies are in the form of little bananas, top onions, grapes, carrots and cucumbers, hard outside and creamy within, and decorative as well as good to eat. Blackberries and red raspberries of marmalade are a new Japanese candy, and may be served stuck on broom splints tied in a bunch with ribbon.

Salad Recipes

Shrimp and Tomato.

Take one pint of boiled shrimp, break into small pieces and marinate for one hour in French dressing, to which add the juice of an onion. Pare, slice thin and chill the tomatoes. When ready to serve drain the shrimp, lay a slice of the tomato on a lettuce leaf, cover with the shrimp, lay another slice on top and cover with mayonnaise. Garnish with olives.

Salmon and Asparagus.

Free from skin and bone one can of salmon, or have boiled one pound of fresh salmon if preferred. Flake it with a silver fork. Cut the tips from a bunch of boiled asparagus (the rest of the bunch may be used for creaming, baking or for soup), mix and dress with light mayonnaise in which one gherkin and a half dozen green celery leaves chopped fine are mixed. Garnish with olives and green pepper strips.

Cream Cheese with Macedoine Vegetables.

A tablespoon of finely chopped pimento, of green pepper and of olives is the right proportion for a ten-cent square of cream cheese. Moisten with a little French dressing and pack in after-dinner coffee cups. This makes a pretty-sized slice when turned out, cut and served.

It's Unfair--to the Cats--to Call Women "Catty," Demurs Authority on Felines

They Are as Faithful as Dogs, Affectionate and Docile, Miss Champion Contends.

She Objects to Evil Repute Attaching to Woman's Cherished Household Pet.

Miss Ethel R. B. Champion, an Authority on Cats.

"A Cat Calls Forth a Woman's Love, or Her Extreme Hatred, Disgust and Fear."

CATS are coming into their own in this Occidental world. They are not being worshipped in the Eastern manner, but they are losing the stigma of comparison with human beings of unpleasant character.

"It's horribly unfair to call women cats—unfair to the cats, I mean," exclaimed Miss Ethel R. B. Champion, secretary of the Bide-a-Wee Home Association for Friendless Animals.

Miss Champion knows almost as much about cats as she does about women, and she speaks with humorous authority. Her cats at the recent New York cat show won nine firsts. She has about forty beautiful long-haired, pedigreed animals, all Persians and all silvers and oranges. She raises and breeds them, so she, if any one, should have an intimate acquaintance with the feline nature.

And she objects strenuously to the evil repute that clings to this most cherished of household pets.

"I have no idea where the world derived its opinion as to the nature of these gentle animals, for I have never known a faithless cat. They are affectionate, docile, and bite only in moments of extreme fright. I have never been really hurt by any cat, and I have judged numbers of them.

"Cats are just as faithful as dogs; they are intelligent, and they are the cleanest pets known. People must have been thinking of the tiger when they ascribed horrible emotions to a cat. I have known very spiteful women, but I wouldn't call them catty."

Country Home for Cats.

The love Miss Champion has for animals is evinced by the care under which her own animals live. In the country they have two beautiful little homes. They have a competent keeper and lots of love. They have a doctor, and are not given too much milk, but enough good meat to keep them healthy. They are never sent all over the country on exhibition, as are numbers of prize felines, for their mistress will never let them go where she cannot accompany them.

"I could never sell any that I exhibited at the show, because I love them all," said Miss Champion. "You have no idea how intimate and indispensable they become. Why, with thirty or forty cats, I soon learn to know them all, as individuals, as personalities. They learn to know us, too. A stranger disturbs them, sometimes pleasantly, if he has a soft and quiet, soothing manner and voice. But if he is harsh, and fusses about, or for any other reason psychically transmits antipathies to the cat, it will show its dislike of the person, just as, for no apparent reason other than instinct, a dog distrusts certain strangers. You see, they are really very intelligent creatures.

Cats Most Nervous Animals.

"Faithful? I should say a cat is. I have known a man who trained his, a gorgeous white pet, to follow him all about the city. It would never run away, and it never was lost. That, of course, is a precarious thing to do. In the first place, it attracts great attention. And, then, cats are the most nervous animals that I know. The least sound startles them.

"You have seen the street cat, which wanders about, dodging from side to side. That cat has doubtless grown up in that fearsome atmosphere, but it never outgrows its nervous fear. It scampers, whirls and vanishes at a sound. That is why most cats could not be trusted to follow one in the city; they would run away from fright at the multitude of sounds around them. Most white cats are either wholly or partially deaf, so that makes it easier.

Helplessness Appeals to Women.

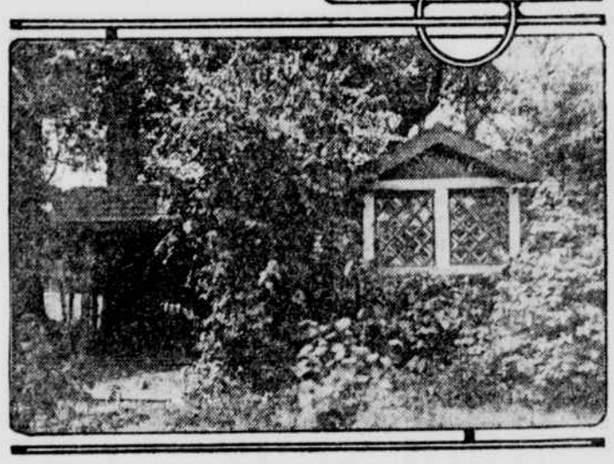
"A dog calls forth a man's love. A cat calls forth a woman's love, or her extreme hatred, disgust and fear," explained Miss Champion. "The dog is playful, philosophical, a good listener. The cat is tender, soft, must be treated with great consideration, and must be ever protected. A cat, because of its lack of virility, is beneath a man's admiration, generically speaking, but a woman loves its appealing, apparent helplessness.

"They may be taught tricks, too. Patch, an orange and blue kitten, comes up to my room and jumps on my bed.

"There is one curious thing about a cat's tricks—they won't do a thing if they don't want to. You know, in vaudeville stunts, how dogs are forced to walk up ladders and do really terrific things. These a cat has never done. You cannot punish a cat into doing something. By kindness it can be taught many games, but you cannot whip a cat into antics. It's dignity rises, and it absolutely refuses. All the coercion in the world may be used; you may kill it, but it won't do it."

"Cattery" a Small Palace.

"'Cattery'—it is an ugly name, is it not? But we do not think of them in such terms, nor would you think of that when you see the adorable little buildings that are made for them," said Miss Champion. "Why, some of them are literally palaces, with separate chambers for each furry person, large main chambers for receptions and play, gardens, with carefully laid out walks, and numbers of conveniences and luxuries that most persons are unaware enter at all into the life of the cat."



"Some Catteries Are Adorable Little Buildings."

Tete de negre velvet with maize color feathers.

Corbeau blue velvet and pleated taffeta in centre. Black velvet with black mount fastened with metallic rose.

Toques for the Middle-Aged

Closely arranged coiffures are responsible for the appearance of several models in hats of minimum size. One of these is a cloth toque. It fits the crown of the head as closely as does a skull cap, save at centre of front and back, where the doubled together material is extended to a point. Across the top of the head the mauve or sand colored—either tone is ultra-smart—cloth is again flattened, and to give width and style to what would otherwise be an impossible creation an inch broad strip of sable is four-loop knotted and posed diagonally across the crown's centre.

Tiger Toque for Gray Locks.

Just any woman should not essay this shape. The one who would wear it should have reasonably regular features which are not prominently large, and she should be under thirty. But in the matter of the small hat the middle-aged woman has not been utterly overlooked. It really seems that for her benefit there was launched at the Fashion Fête a toque which, in shape and in materials, is flattering to fading complexions, eyes and hair. Especially is it kind to the hair, because the tones of its tiger skin brim blend rather than contrast with gray touched locks. Narrow at front, where it comes low upon the brow, the relève brim widens gradually toward the back, where it almost abruptly curves outward.

Like the cloth toque, this model of tiger skin would be impossibly trying but for its trimming. Posed lengthwise half across the top centre of the pelt covered crown is a military wing fantaisie which, low and slightly curved at front, runs high and flaring at the back. In brief, the wing-topped tiger-skin toque is a reproduction of a military helmet adapted to feminine needs. A stately looking affair is this hat, as it must needs be, since it is designed to go with a wonderful wrap of tiger-skins. How busy and prosperous the tiger hunters must be these days when the coat of the jungle king is in such demand!

Flower Wreaths for Coiffure.

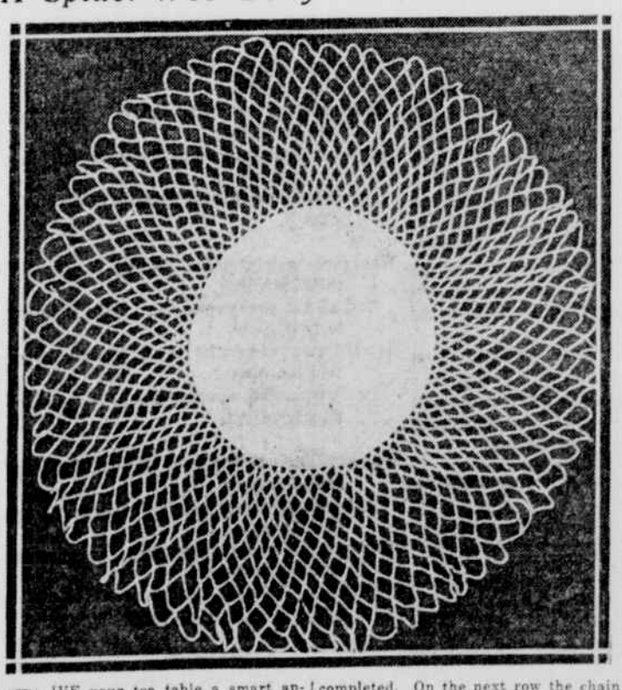
Civil War time evening frocks for young girls have brought into vogue several charming novelties in coiffure ornaments. To a few grandmothers these hair decorations will recall the times when, before starting for a dance, they wove a wreath of natural flowers for their hair and felt perfectly satisfied with their appearance. Many fabric roses are among the 1914 flower wreaths, but other exotics—artificial, of course—are blossoming in every ballroom. Daisies there are and forget-me-nots and arbutus. In fact, so long as the flower is fragile of stem, tiny of petal and delicate of coloring it is suitable for a head wreath.

More novel than the wreaths and not reminiscent of any particular period in fashion's history are the two small bunches of flowers posed at either temple. They are connected by a band of ribbon encircling the crown of the head, and they are bewitching above a girlish face. Easy to fancy how they would look above a face registering years of worldly experience!

Rhinestone Band.

Small danger, however, that the public will be subjected to such a costume anachronism, for really stunning coiffure ornaments have been provided for the matron. A model which attracted attention on the opening night of the Metropolitan opera season is of classic simplicity. A narrow band of rhinestones encircling the base of the crown is brought low on the brow beyond the hairline. From its centre an elongated point of rhinestones runs backward to the top of the head and divides the tall built, closely arranged coiffure. Truly distinctive is this hair ornament, and now that nearly every woman has become resigned to flattened locks it does not seem impossibly severe.

A Spider-Web Doily for the Tea Table



GIVE your tea table a smart appearance by using these filmy spider-web doilies. They are made to place under tumbler and plate, with, of course, a centrepiece of corresponding design.

The materials needed are a No. 14 crochet needle, a ball of No. 80 D. M. C. crochet cotton and a piece of linen.

The tumbler doily is made from a round piece of linen cut the size of a tumbler. After folding in the edge crochet a single stitch all the way around. Then crochet three rows of double stitch, adding every few stitches an extra stitch that this band of double crochet may lie flat. Then crochet a chain of five single stitches, looping this chain into every third stitch of the double crochet. This is continued until the first row of five stitch chain is completed. On the next row the chain is of seven stitches, crocheted into the middle stitch of the previous row, and so on until there are five rows of loops of seven stitches each. Then add three rows of nine chain loops, three rows of eleven chain loops and three rows of thirteen chain loops, which completes the spider web.

The plate daily is made in the same manner, the piece of linen being half an inch wider in diameter.

The size of linen for the centrepiece may be taken from an ordinary round dinner plate. The web around the centrepiece is proportionately larger than that of the doilies. The first row of loops is of five stitches each, the next five rows are of seven stitches. Increase the loops in size every three rows by two stitches each until the centrepiece is of the desired size.

MISS MARJORIE DODD A BRIDE

Marriage to Leonard Sullivan Takes Place in St. Thomas's Church—Miss Elsie Aldrich to Wed To-day.

Miss Marjorie Dodd, daughter of Mrs. Edward Menocal, was married to Leonard Sullivan, of this city, yesterday afternoon in St. Thomas's Church. The church was simply decorated with palms and Easter lilies. Bishop Leonard, of Ohio, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, performed the ceremony. Afterward a small reception was given at the Wyoming, the home of Mrs. Menocal.

The bride, who was given away by her stepfather, Edward Menocal, wore a gown of white satin, trimmed with old rose point lace and a veil of old point lace. She carried white bridal roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Miss Elizabeth S. Sands, of Newport, was the maid of honor, and Miss Alice Y. Dickson, Miss H. Dorothy Cramp, Miss Margaret Kempt and Miss Marie C. Cozzens the bridesmaids. The attendants were dressed alike in pale pink satin, veiled with cream colored lace, and hats of amethyst velvet. Their bouquets were of Taft roses and white orchids.

Arthur B. Sullivan, of Allendale, N. J., was best man, and the ushers were Hugh J. Chisholm, David Dows, Walter C. McClure, F. Bailey Vanderhoef, C. B. Stuart, Courtlandt P. Dixon, 2d., H. Dutton Noble, jr., and Clarence Young, who took the place of George W. Vanderhoef, who was kept away by illness. After their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan will live at the Wyoming.

Among those at the church were Mrs. David McClure, Miss Catherine McClure, Mrs. David Dows, Mrs. Arthur T. Sullivan, Miss Florence S. Sullivan, Joseph B. Dickson, Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp, Mrs. George W. Kemp, Mrs. Edwin H. Weatherbee, Mrs. Samuel Milbank, Mrs. J. Wray Cleveland, Miss Marjorie Cleveland, Mrs. Henry Rokenbaugh, Miss Dorothy Gibb, Miss Katherine Sands, Mrs. John Claflin Southwick, Horace Claflin Southwick, Mrs. Henry W. Lowe, Mrs. William Manice, Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, Mrs. Harold C. Richard, Mrs. E. Hayward Ferry, Mrs. Townsend Hornor, Miss Laura Shannon, Mrs. Charles W. Romeyn, Miss Romeyn, Mrs. F. P. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pentz, Mrs. Hugh Chisholm, jr., and Mrs. Courtlandt P. Dixon, 2d.

A large dance was given last night at the Ritz-Carlton for the benefit of the Big Sisters organization, to assist them in their work in the Children's Court. Many of the guests arrived from the opera, the theatre and from dinners given by some of the patronesses and others.

Among the hostesses were Mrs. Johnston Livingston, at her home, 167 East 78th st., who had among her guests Mayor and Mrs. Mitchel, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., and by Miss Laura C. and Miss Mary C. Canfield, at the home of their mother, Mrs. F. Gray Griswold, 13 West 49th st. Mrs. Griswold was a guest at one of the other dinners given before the dances.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, jr., Miss Janetta Alexander, Miss Mary Pyne, Frank Crowninshield, Chalmers Wood, jr., and Francis Roche. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth came on from Washington for the dance, and Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw brought a party of young people from Boston.

The patronesses included Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Mrs. W. Bourke Cockran, Mrs. Ralph Sanger, Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin and Mrs. F. O. Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. William James Elias gave a dance in the Waldorf Apartments, Waldorf-Astoria, last night to introduce their daughter, Miss Marjorie Katherine Elias. Receiving with Mrs. Elias and the debutante were Miss Helen Ridgely Morgan, Miss Elizabeth Clarkson, Miss Alice Delamar, Miss Katherine Montgomery and Miss Katryna Weed.

The guests included the Misses Julia Edey, Margaret Warren, Katharine Oakman, Annie Gilbert, Mary Gilbert, Mildred Rice, Elise Rice, Anna Sturgis, Marie Rising, Prudence Sterry, Almy Gilford, Olivia Erdmann, Margaret Homans, Priscilla Peabody, Marjorie Smylie, Wealthy Lewis, Ada Norfleet, Mable Venner and Helene Underwood.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Edey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Earle Hayward, Mrs. William Lowe Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Washburn, Dr. and Mrs. John F. Erdmann, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Howland Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. James Deering Fessenden, Clermont Barnwell, J. Fahys Cook, Bartow Farr, Ransom Noble, Robert R. Livingston, Roland Redmond, Geraldyn Redmond, Johnston Redmond, E. de Peyster Livingston, Dunbar Adams, Mayhew Washburn, Watson Washburn, Warren Murdock, Henry Stimson, Arnold Fraser Campell and Shippen Davis.

Mrs. Edward R. Stettinius and her daughter, Miss Isabel Stettinius, who will be introduced to society next winter, gave a luncheon yesterday at their home, 16 East 73d st., for some of this season's debutantes.

Their guests included Miss Symphorosa Bristed, Miss Anne J. Woodin, Miss Marian Tiffany, Miss Irene Gibson, Miss Vera A. H. Cravath, Miss Constance Peabody, Miss Rosalie G. Bloodgood, Miss Marie R. Thayer, Miss Helen Ridgely Morgan, Miss Marguerite Montgomery and Miss Priscilla Peabody.

Mrs. Stettinius will give a dance for young people on Thursday after the hockey game at St. Nicholas Rink between the Princeton freshmen and the Pomfret School teams.

A performance for the benefit of the Secours national fund for women and children of France and Belgian refugees will be given on Tuesday afternoon at the Shubert Theatre. The entertainment committee consists of Mrs. F. Gray Griswold, Mrs. Whitney Warren and Mrs. Francis K. Pendleton.

Miss Elsie Aldrich, daughter of former United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich and Mrs. Aldrich, will be married to S. Maurice Edgell to-day at Warwick Neck, R. I. Lawrence Rockefeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, jr., and Nelson Aldrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Aldrich, nephews of the bride, will be pages. Little Abby Aldrich will be the flower girl. Horace Havemeyer will be best man. There will be no ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Delano have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sara Delano, to Roland Livingston Redmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geraldyn Redmond, of this city. Miss Delano is a debutante of the season. A dance is to be given for her on Thursday at the home of her parents, 39 East 36th st. Mr. Redmond is a grandson of the late Johnston Livingston, for many years president of the Knickerbocker Club.

Another engagement just announced is that of Miss Elizabeth S. Hoyt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hoyt, to Thomas H. Frothingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Frothingham, of Philadelphia.

The Automobile, Motor Boat and Aero clubs of America will hold a dance to-night at the Automobile Club. The entertainment committee consists of James A. Blair, jr., William Pierson Hamilton, Oliver Gould Jennings, Herbert S. Carpenter, Stephen Peabody, Malcolm D. Sloane, Frederick D. Underwood, Alan R. Hawley and Henry R. Taylor, chairman. The club will give a dance on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Martin Gay will give a reception this afternoon at her home, 169 East 80th st., to introduce her daughter, Miss Martha S. Gay.

Miss Florence James will give the first of a series of subscription dinner dances this evening at the Hotel Gotham.

Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting will give a dinner dance to-night at her home, 24 East 67th st., to introduce her daughter, Miss Ruth H. Cutting.

Mrs. H. Ward Ford will give a luncheon to-day at her home, 35 East 30th st., for Miss Esther J. Auchincloss and Miss Grace D. Pierce, the debutante daughters of Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss and Mr. and Mrs. Winslow S. Pierce.

Mrs. James Brown Potter has taken an apartment at the St. Regis for the winter.