

IDEAS FOR WOMAN'S EYES

Making a Merry Time for the Little folks on Washington's Birthday

WASHINGTON was always a great lover of the children and there is something in the story of his life that appeals to every child's heart.

To make the day a red letter one for them, have some sort of celebration for the little folks you know, even if there are no children in your own family.

In these days, when instruction is so carefully supervised, Washington's birthday affords the ambitious mother an opportunity to ground even the faintest of her little ones in the elements of American history.

When sending out the invitations for the party look about the shops where appropriate cards for the purpose may be found. If you are an artist you can paint each with a small hatchet, a cluster of cherries or a couple of American flags crossed, with a cocked hat neatly filling in the space between them.

Some fanciful formulas may be used in wording the invitation. You can use a little verse for the purpose or it may be a simple prose announcement. It is a fine idea to use the quaint phraseology of Washington's time.

The decorations may be artificial cherry blossoms with draped American flags. Bunting with streamers of blue and buff may be used if you prefer. A feature of these decorations should be a large portrait of the Father of His Country hung in the most conspicuous place in the room.

A substitute for the cherry blossoms may be made by taking the dead branches of trees and trimming them with artificial leaves cut out of green paper and with cherries made by covering bits of cotton with red tissue paper. These may be suspended over the doors or in other prominent places.

An artificial cherry tree may be planted in a little tub, filled with sand. The outside of the tub may be given a handsome appearance by covering it with crepe paper. The cherries may be fashioned large enough to hold a small gift for the children, and the picking of these cherries may be made one of the entertaining features of the party.

Many delightful games and contests may be devised for the little ones. First should be the election of a president. It can be taken that every child eventually gets a tiny gift.

First of all, the little ones on their arrival should be told a little about the great and good man whose birthday they are celebrating. Then several of the children should be chosen to formally decorate the portrait of Washington, which hangs in the place of honor. The finest boy and girl and the oldest boy and girl may be chosen for this purpose. The little folks may vote for the two whom they wish to do this by writing a name on a card and dropping it into a colonial hat of paper, which is passed around.

The ceremony may consist of hanging a laurel wreath of great, preferably laurel, over the portrait and placing a flag or flags with it. Then one should sit down at the piano and play "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," or some other patriotic air which the children can join in singing. The children may then file past the portrait, each little girl making a courtesy and each little boy a salute.

Each child should be given a small representative of the Father of His Country. The little boy or girl who can tell anything about Washington should be asked to stand by the portrait and relate it to the others.

It is a splendid idea to have the youngest come to the party in colonial dress, but many mothers object to juvenile costume parties on the score of the trouble it takes to get up the costumes. Children so love to dress up, however, and their satisfaction in even the most inexpensive costume is so great that it is really worth while to indulge them if possible. At a costume party the children should dance the minute, a very little instruction being needed to insure fairly good results.

Tableaux are a delightful diversion, and if the interest of some older children among the guests can be enlisted in advance these may be rehearsed and made a feature of the party. A corner of the hall may be screened off for the tableaux. Where there are double

rooms, with a portiere or a sliding door between, simple scenes may be readily represented.

Merry games for the children to play may be easily invented. Imitation cherry trees should be set up in a cor-

ner, and standing at a given distance, each youngster should throw a hatchet at the tree. The one who succeeds in cutting off the largest bough or twig should be given first prize, and other prizes may be graded in proportion to the child's achievement.

"Hunt the hatchet" is simply a form of an old game. The children are all told to close their eyes while one of their number hides a small hatchet. When the hatchet is safely hidden they are told to open their eyes and search for it. The child who succeeds in finding it then has the privilege of hiding it. Another way of playing the game is for the hostess to hide tiny hatchets in various places through the house and

extremely pretty in addition to its fun. A small branch from a real cherry tree should be embedded in a large pot or tub and furnished with tissue paper leaves.

The cherries are made by rolling tiny gifts, which may be extremely inexpensive, in cotton batting and covering with scarlet tissue paper. The cherries are fastened to the tree with cotton or something else easily broken.

One player at a time is blindfolded and sent to cull a cherry from the tree. If a player can reach the tree and capture a cherry the gift concealed at its heart belongs to him.

Old and young will appreciate the fun of a test game, especially appro-

the fun of the game lies in the fact that any command given by the leader to any certain color must be disregarded by the color spoken to and obeyed by the remaining two who are not addressed. Thus, if the leader calls out:

"Hold on, red!" blue and white will "hold on." Red will let go. If he says, "Let go, white!" red and blue—that is, the persons holding these colors, of course—will let go and white will hold on.

Any player failing to obey the command according to the order he dropped from the circle and afterward condemned to perform some ridiculous stunt.

Silhouette cutting being such a popular pastime at present, an appropriate number called Washington silhouettes might be arranged to lead off the fun.

This requires as many small squares

of black cardboard or court plaster (flat, not rolled) as there will be players. Each participant must be furnished with a pair of scissors, and a time limit, say of ten minutes, must be set. In this time the contestants are asked

to see who can cut out the cleverest silhouette of Washington.

Candy boxes decorated with the head of the celebratory man and filled with sweets make good prize awards in this game.

When the children are tired of playing games the hostess may gather the folks about her chair and entertain them with little stories and anecdotes of Washington and his family.

When it is time to serve refreshments each child should be assigned a partner, and the line should then march to the dining room in order. The decorations of the table should be suitable for the occasion.

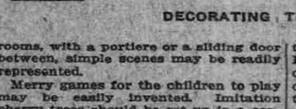
An appropriate and inexpensive decoration is a cherry tree covered with paper flowers or imitation blossoms. A tree from three to five feet high should be firmly placed in the center of the table after being securely nailed to a

box covered with green and brown crepe to represent the soil and grass. To the branches of the tree pretty white tissue paper cherry blossoms should be attached. Across each balloon in gold or silver the name of the guest for whom it is intended should be carefully printed in bold letters. If desirable before inflating these children's toys a little favor could be inserted to add to the amusement of the dinner.

When these inflated balloons are removed by the guests a lot of fun is sure to follow, for each child will have to chase his or her toy when it is knocked out of the hands, and there will be consternation among them when the first one explodes with a loud report. These air balloons cost about 10 cents apiece and are filled with a bellows.

To carry out the cherry tree idea bonbon boxes shaped like logs, with brown and green crepe paper, in which miniature hatchets are attached, are in harmony. Inside these boxes candied cherries with chocolate hatchets make the scheme even more complete.

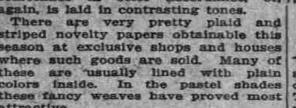
If desirable the walls and ceiling can be draped with festoons of white crepe paper cherry blossoms, with an occasional brown twig to make them seem more natural.



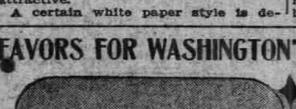
DECORATING THE PORTRAIT.



LISTENING TO STORIES OF WASHINGTON.



SALUTING THE PICTURE.



A MATCH SAFE AND BONBON BOX.

The Correct Thing in Stationery

NOTHING betrays a woman's breeding more certainly than the style of her note paper. Her handwriting or her method of expressing herself may be excused through the plea of haste or oversight, but the paper upon which she writes must always be beyond criticism.

The quality of the stationery provided is not always indicative of one's choice, but unless the quality is excellent there should never be any attempt at ornamentation in the way of monograms and borders.

Every now and then an effort is made to introduce colored inks and unusual designs for monograms and other details of the ordinary, but these are accepted very slowly. In nothing is more conservatism displayed than in all pertaining to correspondence.

For instance, the correspondence card has required years for it to be accepted in a general way as an article for practical correspondence for everyday use. Now it has become so demanded it is used for all sorts of correspondence other than for what it was originally intended to cover.

Regarding the use of colored papers, white is always the best choice, and is suitable for every purpose in letter writing, bar none. The only precaution to observe is that which regulates the size of the sheets used for various types of formal letter writing.

While cheap note paper is excusable where a large amount is used—as, for instance, by children away at school or members of the family away from home—there should always be provided a better grade of paper for what one might rightly term "polite correspondence."

The easiest method of handling journal letters which often pass between members of the family is to buy single sheets by the pound or to use tablets. Indeed, single sheet note paper is following closely on the heels of the correspondence cards.

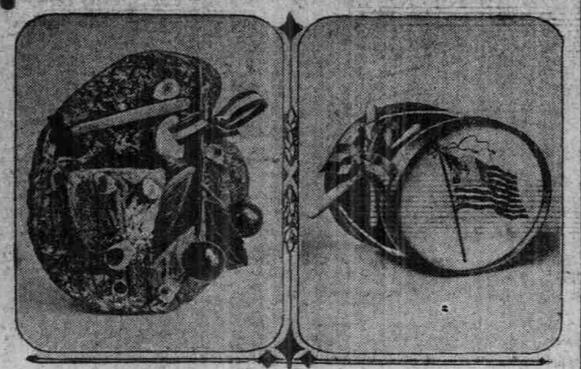
For ordinary correspondence the double sheet is used, even though it be the extra size which folds in four in order to fit the small envelope which accompanies it.

Addressed paper saves a great deal of time and possible confusion since it is not an unusual thing for an address to be omitted when writing. The number of unidentified letters which lie in the dead letter office would be greatly lessened were the original addresses engraved or written upon them in the proper manner.

Occasionally both monogram, crest and address are used at the top of the sheet, and when this is the case all which printing should be quite small.

It is becoming more and more the custom to use initials on all cards, notes, place cards and such, as they give a personal note to any gathering. This use of initials is very attractive.

FAVORS FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY HOSTESSES



SMART hostesses require distinctive and appropriate favors for their Washington's birthday parties. The evening cotillion and the afternoon bridge party are equally popular as modes of celebrating this holiday. Illustrated here are two favors which would be acceptable gifts. The match holder, made of a bit of bark cut from a cherry tree and with a little hatchet attached, would be a gentle reminder to the male winner never to tell a lie. Should military win the patriotic bonbon box she could keep this souvenir upon her dressing table. The national flag is used as a decoration upon the drumheads, and at the side, tied on by red, white and blue ribbon, are tiny drumsticks.

signed with a hairline of pink, producing a charming fanciful effect. The envelope, which matches, is lined with pink. Delicately tinted blue paper is designed with a faint plaid furnished by crossed hairlines of a deeper blue. There are also soft grays to be found which harmonize very well with the embossed or stamped self-colored finishes used. Gray papers are always in good taste, and in tinted papers the tone is exceeded in popularity only by

How to Buy Wisely

ONE of the first questions the young housewife should ask herself is, "Do I know how to buy?" And if the answer is in the negative then she should ask, "What is the matter with the way in which I buy?"

The knowledge of how to buy is the mainpring in the works of household economy, and every clever woman who finds that she cannot economize as she ought to should look to the way she buys for the trouble.

It is false economy to buy second or third rate goods. But unfortunately very often housewives are buying inferior materials quite unconsciously. This is apt to occur even to the wisest shopper in the market of canned goods. The tradesman can hand to the ignorant buyer third rate foods put up by very unreliable manufacturers.

It is not right nor is it sensible that the ordinarily prudent housewife should be completely at the mercy of unscrupulous merchants in this way, and a little judicious thinking will remedy many a mistake.

In the first place, it is often a safe course to avoid cut rate stores. By this are meant the stores which lure the unsuspecting public into their portals by advertising standard articles at cut rates. They only do this to trap the buyers into other purchases.

Of course many reliable shops have their "bargain days," but the shop which goes in for constant cutting is usually not a safe one. For instance, such a store will put the price on a standard article down a few cents in order to give the impression that its goods are far more reasonable in price than at any other shop. Any woman, knowing that the market price for So-and-so's breakfast food is 12 cents at all the shops, thinks, of course, that if this particular store sells that one article for 12 cents the rest of its goods must be extremely reasonable.

On the contrary, if the shop lowers the price of a really good article it is simply in order to raise the rates on inferior materials and sell them as first class foods.

The buyer, then, should beware of such shops and stick to the stores she has tested and knows to be reliable. Even then she should not be satisfied to take any brand she wants and ask for it by name and see that she gets it.

The question now arises as to how to know the first class brands. The solution lies in avoiding all tinned goods which are put on the market anonymously. And this means those hundreds of cans of goods known only by fancy names which mean nothing. No one can be held responsible for the quality of the goods unless the name of the maker is stamped on the label.

Banishing Gray Hair

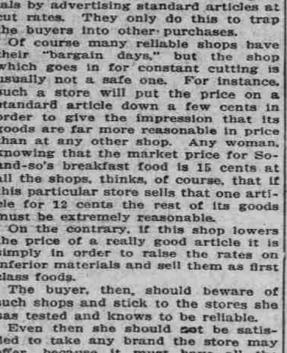
THE first gray hair! What a tragedy its appearance is to the average woman! It is a sign of her declining youth, a goodbye to her beauty.

Of course she wants to know how to get rid of this telltale mark, how to cover it so that all the world may not know. She usually makes the mistake of plucking it out when it first appears, not knowing that for every gray hair she pulls out five or ten may grow in. The thing to do is to find the cause of grayness the moment she sees it approaching and then to take remedies before it is too late.

Dryness is a very frequent cause of the hair turning gray. Dandruff is another reason, and of course worry is the greatest enemy of all to the woman who is afraid of gray hair.

There are many preventives advertised, but few are of any use. If the woman who is threatened with gray hair will only indulge in an egg shampoo once every two weeks she will find that the danger she dreaded will be deferred for many years.

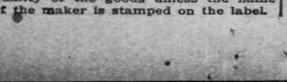
TRICORNES AGAIN MAKE THEIR BOW



ROLLED BRIM HAT.

THE perennially popular hat reappears again in the new styles, but in an entirely new guise. In these shapes it is to be seen in the cut of white milan, trimmed with a three-tiered military pompon. The other new hat is a charming creation of a more conservative order. The crown is large enough to fit the head snugly—no larger—and the slightly rolling brim gives a very youthful look to the model. Coque feathers emanate from the crown.

MILAN STRAW HAT.



for Outdoor Sports

TO be properly equipped for the cross country walk or for a quick spin on the ice or to enjoy the exhilaration of tobogganing or skiing is to double one's capacity for pleasure.

Short skirts made of durable fabrics are as much in demand as the fully slitted tango frock at present.

These sports suits are extremely interesting in their endeavor to conform to the use or to enjoy the exhilaration of present day vocues without sacrificing too much of their comfort giving characteristics that are intended to dominate their types.

One smart costume offers an excellent styled skirt for serious consideration.

It is made of checked tweed, rather light in weight, but very woolly in texture. Corduroy of serge made in this fashion would provide very practical skirts for skating or other sports wear and would be especially attractive if trimmed with any of the new fur cloths so popular and at the same time practical.

With these skirts are offered bloomers made of French flannel, pongee silk or Shanghai silk.

Sweaters of decided colors are also worn with skirts of this description. Those knitted with Angora wool is the popular Norfolk jacket fashion and provided with a loose hung widely designed belt are especially well liked.

Italian silk knitted sweaters, which cling closely to the figure, are also in demand, as are the knobby, long fringed scarfs made of gray colored silks and wools, which are now becoming very popular.

These silken sports dress accessories are particularly adaptable for wear with the loosely hung, straight lined type of sport coat now shown in the shops.

With large patch pockets, loosely cut sleeves and a practical well cut high closing front, such a coat develops into an admirable garment for wear during inclement weather or for skating or other very active exercises, as its weight is nominal and not obtrusive, yet it protects the wearer fully.

Heavy wool raincoats, velours, delaines, duvetyns and tweeds are practical and handsome materials to use for the construction of glass coats.

Glass Call Bells

Where a call bell is used in the home nothing would be more acceptable than the beautiful art glass call bell made in wonderful colors and designs.

The thick glass call bells are truly beautiful, not harsh and jarring, as is that of many metal bells. And the colors of the bell, soft and subdued, with a shade of gold in them, make them harmonize with almost every sort of china.

For Washington's Birthday Entertainments

SMALL colonial figures placed on pedestals may serve as place cards. The historic cherry tree and the inevitable hatchet in all sorts of shapes and forms make nice souvenirs.

Attractive oblong boxes covered in white silk with a design of cherries on them make dainty prizes for a Washington's birthday contest.

Easily made candle shades are of white paper, decorated with small red hatchets, the blade, edged with gilt. The top and bottom of the shades are finished in a twisted red or blue cord.

Entree dishes are ordinary paper cases with three double frills of tricolor tissue paper, the outer and shorter one blue, the inside one red.

Among the novelties are hatchets almost as large as the "real thing." The end of the handle pulls out, disclosing a little round paper fan in patriotic colors.

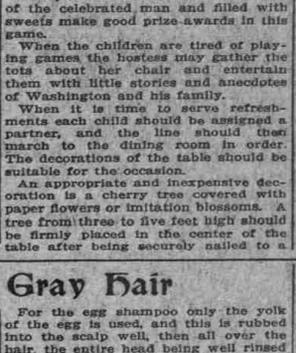
A Washington pie to be used as a centerpiece for the table is in the form of a section of a tree a foot or more in diameter, with a hatchet tied to the side of it. This may be filled with small favors for each guest.

Folding fans have gilded sticks with the top part of oval pieces of red, white and blue paper or in the shape of stiff pieces of pastebord to represent flags or even small flags themselves.

Another souvenir is a tripod, decorated with cherries, from which is suspended a three cornered hat made of red, white and blue paper and holding ever so many other little continental hats filled with red and blue candies.

Entree dishes of paper are made to represent cooked hams, the outside covered with red paper lined with white, a blue band around the case and a white cockade at one side. Some of these dishes are held in a tripod by red, white and blue ribbon.

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MILAN STRAW HAT.