

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

And Seasonable Matters of Interest to Women Folk.

HERE'S A THANKSGIVING DINNER.

Suggestions for the Preparation of the Great Annual Feast in American Homes—One Good Old Fashioned Way to Set Out the Feast. Notes for Women.

Among the various new holidays that are finding a permanent place among "the days we celebrate," says the New York Tribune, no true American should ever allow the time-honored festival of Thanksgiving to lose its proper place of precedence above all others (always excepting, of course, the sacred feast of Christmas). Every patriotic man, woman or child should feel a peculiar pride in keeping up this distinctly American holiday, and celebrating it after the manner of our forefathers by family reunions and a bounteous and hospitable board covered with the dear old National dishes. We should all feel it a point of honor that our children should keep this feast of emancipation and the new dispensation, not like the old Jewish meal of unleavened bread, eaten in haste with a fear and dread of the future, but a repast of peace and plenty, set forth by those possessing the land with a thankful heart.

A few suggestions, both in regard to the dinner and decorations, may help our housekeeper just at this time. It is not at all necessary to have expensive hothouse flowers to make a really beautiful arrangement for a "Thanksgiving" table. Nothing is more decorative than the fruit of the earth if cleverly arranged, and they are particularly appropriate at such a time. What flowers there are should be in keeping with the season; the late chrysanthemums are particularly adapted to this autumn feast, and ruddy carrot-tops, copper beeches and flame-colored oak leaves form a beautiful combination. For a centre-piece on the table a beautiful group may be made with golden ears of corn, tomatoes, grapes, nuts—products of nature of all sorts. They sheaves of wheat at each plate tied with colored ribbon make a pretty resting place for the card indicating the occupant of the seat. An effective way of decorating the room is to cover the window sills with moss and to stand a sheaf in the centre, tying it with a thick garland of scarlet flowers or berries or clusters of grapes. Finally, as a general principle to go on, Thanksgiving decorations, whether in church or in the house, should be large, ample, not costly in material, but should give the idea of abundance and plenty—the generous gifts of nature in all their luxury.

And now to the dinner. In the first place, let it, if possible, be an early, not a late, affair, for the children, big and little, should be present at this yearly banquet of plenty, and it goes without saying that an early repast is much better suited to their digestion than a late one, and for very old people, too, it is far better. Here is a menu which brings in all the popular viands for the day: Raw oysters to begin with; soup of celery bisque, and then a real old Thanksgiving spread turkey, chicken pie, boiled ham, for the meats; cranberry sauce, celery and olives, for the relishes; creamed potatoes, sliced and fried sweet potatoes, macaroni and perhaps spinach, squash and beets, the vegetables; cheese and hot buttered toast to mark the interval between the solids and the dessert, and then—joy for the children!—mince pie, pumpkin pie, of course, fruit, nuts and raisins—a very plethora of good things.

Perhaps in these days of cordons bleus and chefs de cuisine this may be considered a homely feast; but if well cooked who could wish for a better or more satisfactory one, especially to those who hold that, after all, blood is thicker than water, and who love to perpetuate all of the good old customs that mark our individuality as a nation, particularly the gathering of kin at this season, and the kindly hospitality of our fathers?

One good old-fashioned way of setting out a Thanksgiving dinner, where everything is put on the table at once, is to have the hospitable board flanked at either end by a roast and a boiled turkey, to be carved respectively by the master and the mistress of the house. Here are two excellent and tested recipes for both the roast and the boiled.

For the former wipe the turkey and rub the inside with an onion. Crush the breastbone with the rolling pin, to give it a fine round appearance. Truss it, stuff it with bread and crumbs seasoned with pepper, salt, two ounces of butter and any savory herb. Rub the body with flour and lay it in the dripping pan. Spot it with butter; put three gills of water in the pan and baste very often; roast slowly. A turkey weighing twelve pounds should cook three hours. Boil the giblets, chop them fine and add them to the gravy, which may be made in the dripping pan when the turkey is taken out. If there is too much fat, pour it off, and if too little gravy, add water; thickened with browned flour and season to taste. Before serving the turkey, the heat the dish, pour over it and around it some of the gravy, and garnish it with thin slices of ham, broiled crisp, and bits of parsley.

To boil a turkey, clean and truss as above, substituting oysters and chopped celery for the savory herb in the dressing. Wrap the turkey in a towel, put it in a kettle of boiling water, with a seasoning of salt, and boil slowly and steadily until it is cooked. An ordinary sized bird will take from two to three hours. Serve with oyster sauce in the dish, and garnish with bits of parsley. Before wrapping the turkey in the towel the latter should be floured. Some people boil a turkey about an hour and then let it stand, close covered, on the stove for half an hour; the steam will finish the cooking.

WOMEN AT LECTURES.

How Female Audiences Differ From Masculine Ones. Professor H. Morse Stephens, who is noted in England as a lecturer in the university extension movement, has some remarks to make on women as audiences. The differences between them and men in the same position are numerous and striking. In the first place, there are more of them. Apparently the thirst for knowledge among the women of classes which the university extension lectures are designed to help is greater than among their husbands and brothers. Besides this, they follow the lecturer, with flattering attention. They have not the charming little marks of approval or disapproval by which the male audience cheers or discourages the would-be instructor. Women do not grunt or grumble, shout or hiss. Neither do they yawn, fall asleep, shift uneasily in their chairs, shuffle their feet and show by other demonstrations that they are weary of the speaker and his theme.

But the lecturer sometimes discovers in private that besides their seeming attention to the subject they have keen eyes for all his personal characteristics and mannerisms, and that their placid interest does not denote any failure to mark all his peculiarities of speech and gesture. Here again they differ from men. Men, according to Mr. Stephens, have ears for the logic and minds for the conclusions a lecturer reaches. Women do not in the same degree. They are accustomed to take it for granted that the lecturer is a teacher who knows what he is talking about and to accept his statements as the final utterance of truth, criticizing only his manner and style, while men count the latter attributes as nothing and regard the speaker as a person who is expressing an opinion which may be criticized and challenged.

SWAPPING WIVES.

The Curious Proposal Made by a Primitive Squatter Down South. "Twenty years ago the people of that section of the country embraced in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee were primitive in the extreme," said F. P. Dalton to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat man.

"Few could read; not one in a hundred had ever seen a railroad or a town of 1,000 inhabitants. I was tramping through the mountains making some sketches, and my wife, then an exceedingly handsome woman of twenty, accompanied me. We stopped one night at the cabin of a squatter who was a tall, typical mountaineer. His wife was a tall, raw-boned, slatternly woman with a snuff-stick and a sharp tongue. After a supper of 'cora pone,' milk, and fat pork the host took me outside and pointing with his thumb over his shoulder to our respective wives said: 'How'd you swap?'

"I had heard that the people of that country sometimes traded wives, but regarded it as a foolish burlesque. 'Well,' said I, inclined to get some amusement out of it, 'make an offer.' 'I kinder reckon,' said the would-be swapper, 'that my wife's with the most. She's the biggest'n strongest. She kin milk cows, dig song, and kin cook a 'possum to a turn. But I've had her nigh onto a year an' am gettin' tired of her old clapper of a tongue. I'll swap even.' 'I declined the offer and he finally offered to give as boot a squirrel rifle and a dog warranted to be death on coons. This liberal offer did not tempt me, and as we were about to leave he offered to add a jug of moonlight whisky. This was too much for the temper of his partner. 'Well, Zack Jenkins,' said she, with asperity, 'I've been swapped four times, an' you're the first feller that didn't cacklerate that I was with a deal more in a trade than 'other woman.' 'We departed, leaving Zack to explain matters as best he could.'

GETTING ENGAGED IN HOLLAND.

The Curious Way a Young Dutchman Manages His Love Affairs. In many of the provinces of Holland there is a marriage custom in vogue which is as curious as any to be found in a year's search through South Africa. When a Dutch swain falls so deeply in love that he feels it imperative to breathe the story of his affections into the ears of his loved one he starts out for her home bearing in one hand a sweet seed cake wrapped in paper. Arrived at the family residence, he enters the living room and, without addressing the girl he places the cake upon a table near her. If she opens the paper and begins to eat, it is a sign that the love-suit is acceptable to all. But if the cake is left upon the table untouched, then the lover must look somewhere else for a sweetheart. Sometimes the girl teases her lover by dallying with the cake before eating. In case she refuses him, the whole affair is kept entirely secret and no one outside the family is ever the wiser.

The Political P. adulum.

New York remains true to its old and interesting political record of nearly thirty years, of never going in favor of either party in two successive elections. It has swung regularly to and fro in eight elections, all of them in ten years, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Party. 1861, 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880, 1884, 1888, 1892. Republican, Democratic, Republican, Democratic, Republican, Democratic.

New York has oscillated impartially between the two political parties for twenty-eight years. The victors of one presidential election have been overthrown in the succeeding one; the defeated of one contest have triumphed four years later. The result of this year's battle strengthens and clinches the sanguine expectations of the Republicans that they will win in New York in 1896. Perhaps they will, and certainly no one should begrudge them, in the heyday of a glorious Democratic victory, such harmless consolation as they can extract from this reassuring circumstance.

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DISAPPOINTED LOVE

Caused the Suicide of a Young Universalist Minister. ORANGE, MASS., Nov. 16.—It is stated on good authority that the cause of the suicide Saturday night of Rev. G. H. Harris, of the Universalist church, in this city, was an unsuccessful love affair. Mr. Harris went away last Wednesday and was gone until Saturday. Soon after his return he made up and sent by mail, under register, a package of letters to a young woman in East Charleston, Vermont, from which place he had just returned. The registry receipt was found in his pocket. Upon returning to his town, he went first to his boarding house, which he occupied alone. He must have shot himself at once, for he had not even removed his overcoat. All who knew Mr. Harris speak of him as a young man of excellent character. He was born in Elklick, Somerset county, Penna., where his father was a minister. He was graduated at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., and was ordained to preach at Orange in September, 1891.

THE SOCIAL CONGRESS.

The Progress of the German Party—The Question of the Judicial Oath. BERLIN, Nov. 15.—The Social Congress resumed its session in Concordia hall to-day. Herr Singer, who was yesterday unanimously elected president of the party, made a speech, in the course of which he referred to the rapid progress of the party. Herr Fischer, the secretary, in his report stated that the work done since the last meeting had enlarged the active propaganda of the party. Herr Fischer's report covered the entire history of the organization. The secession of the so-called independents from the main body of the party, although severely criticised as disloyal, ill disguised under the mask of illusory theoretical differences, was briefly dismissed as on the whole satisfactory riddance rather than a regrettable loss.

The report proceeded to deal with the attitude of the social Democratic party towards the judicial oath, a question which has given rise to a very great controversy. As is well known, the party programme does not recognize the religious validity of the oath, and this has been used against the social Democrats to charge them with using perjury. The party has never scrupled to acknowledge that it is opposed to a religious sanction, but to speak the truth before a tribunal is the duty of a man and a citizen, and though the refusal of a citizen to take the oath is justifiable, lying is not and cannot be justified. The report closed with a grim and suggestive list of the judicial sentences passed during the last 12 months upon the members of the party. The terms of imprisonment enumerated amount to more than 117 years, and the fines to a total of 20,500 marks. Last year these totals were 69 years and 18,300 marks respectively.

Defaulting Town Treasurer.

HAMBURG, N. Y., Nov. 16.—It is reported that Marcus A. Shwert, the town collector, is short in his account between \$15,000 and \$18,000. He left home last Friday and his whereabouts are unknown. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Neir took charge of Schwert's store, where seventy-five cents was all the money found. The town of Hamburg is indemnified by bondsmen against losing \$10,000 of its funds that are missing. Schwert's mother, it is claimed, will lose \$3,000 through her name being forged to checks.

Drawback on Licenses.

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