

Afternoon Tea on the Lawn

GARDEN parties and afternoon lawn teas are practically the same thing, for sometimes the simple words "lawn tea" in one corner of a visiting card may mean a considerable and "gayly" dressed thing. A more modest function, although the refreshments usually go beyond tea and water. For the very smart lawn tea invitations should be engraved in script on large white cards and issued in the name of the hostess only. Cards sent to persons living far away also contain a line of script or handwriting at the bottom of the card giving information regarding trains, etc.

In case the planned affair is to be too modest for the individual's reception, the hostess may write in ink (below her name) on her visiting card the words "lawn tea" with the date of the day and the hours for the function. It is proper for the invited person to respond at once with either a graceful acceptance or an even more courteous excuse for not attending.

It makes no difference whether the scene of the lawn tea is laid in the cottage garden or the splendid grounds of the fine estate as regards the preparations required of the hostess. They are essentially the same in either case. The little patch of green or the spreading lawns must be faithfully mowed for the occasion, walks should be sprinkled with fresh gravel and leaves and faded blossoms picked from all flower beds in view.

The lower floor of the house can be furnished to brilliancy and decorated with flowers, dowers and wind-warders are left wide open, and the veranda holds easy chairs and footstools for those who grow weary of outdoors. Frequently the hostess can make the lawn tea a brighter affair with the addition of piano music, contributed by a musical guest. In this event the piano can be placed on the veranda or at the windows, where the music can be heard in the garden. But music is by no means obligatory, and quite commonly a large affair of the kind is conducted without any music whatever. Easy and amiable conversation, delicate and plentiful food and the smartest day dresses make the lawn tea more of a success than anything else.

The various refreshments, where the space is not large, may be served on the veranda or even in the dining room. On large grounds the refreshment tent supplies the demand. At the small function two maids in black gowns, caps and aprons of ribbon-

trimmed muslin are more conspicuous than men attendants, and if they are youthful and competent, they add considerably to the elat of the occasion. The hostess wears her handsomest reception gown, with the neck filled in with lace guimpe, and her costume set off with some new jewels. She may likewise carry a fluffy parasol and wear long white gloves, but since she is open her own domain she is not supposed to wear a hat.

The women guests appear in what is known as "garden party finery"—suits in thin materials and in pale colors or white, made simpler with bewildering sunshades, flower-embroidered headgear and bodice bonnets. More scope is allowed the man guest, for, though a frock coat and a high hat be the prescribed regalia, outing flannels and straw hats are quite permissible. In fact, masculine dress is a great deal affected by the weather, and at the present moment an appropriate lawn tea outfit for a young man would be white duck or flannel trousers, a blue serge sack coat, white shoes and waistcoat, and a white or colored linen shirt. On no occasion is it permissible for a man to appear at a lawn tea in what is known as an "outing shirt"—the unattached thing with soft collar—as politeness demands a high back or turnover collar.

There is no set hour for the refreshments. Whenever a guest gets hungry she strolls off with another guest and nibbles her salmon sandwich, or ice, or slip punch, chocolate, ice tea or lemonade. The escort takes the plates from the attendant and serves the lady himself, spreading the napkin offered over her dress before offering the food or beverage. As each guest arrives the hostess greets her with a handshake and a few pleasant words and points out the refreshment booth or veranda tables with food.

And during all the afternoon she tries to divide her attention impartially, neglecting none of the guests yet giving no single person too much of her time. The unwritten chapter in the book of greeting presents two very serious perils for the lawn tea, the one which concerns the hostess is that it is of the worst possible taste to splurge beyond her means, or to attempt social elegance in which she has not schooled herself. As for the guests, both man and maid owe their entire allegiance to the wishes of the hostess, and each is in duty bound to do as much as is in his power to make the affair go off with smoothness and dignity.

Mr. Jones is satisfied now. "Remember Mrs. Justwed apropos of nothing, as they sat on their front porch the other evening enjoying the few breaths of air stirring. "He's got it all fixed." "Fixed?—what?" inquired Mr. Justwed, coming to with a start. "Oh, his usual summer haboree, Homer. I certainly am thankful you aren't built that way. But I wouldn't stand it for a minute—the way poor, meek, little Mrs. Jones does!" "Stand what?" asked Homer-dear, still in the dark. "Do you mean to tell me, Homer Justwed, that you've known him all these years and don't know what he always does in the summer? Goodness, if I didn't know you better, I'd say you were trying to play the innocent. Why, Mrs. Jones is going away for the rest of the summer—the leaves Tuesday, back to her people's farm in Iowa. And—Mr. Jones remains in town to cut up all sorts of high links."

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"The trouble with most married women is that they hang and hang and hang on to a man without giving him an inch of rope until he becomes so harness sore that he doesn't dare object to his wife leaving him to bear the heat and loneliness of the city alone. Why, believe me, the average married man wouldn't even dream of saying 'How-de-do' to a lady-figure in the window of a woman's dress-goods emporium without feeling certain that some female spectator would swear to his wife that the

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Mr. Justwed Discourses on the Summer Widower

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Now for the Picnic Days

THE picnic days are now upon us. The outdoor air begins to be very agreeable and, therefore, the lunch baskets are the principal things to be attended to. The carrying receptacle being the first article of interest, it must be decided on early. There are now and altogether delightful lunch baskets or hamper for the family who have a motor car to store them away in on their way to the picnic grounds. These are of various materials, fitted completely for two, four or six people. The larger ones even include a folding table and an efficient little stove for heating water, etc. Many of them also include knives, forks and spoons, can openers, a small chafing dish and almost every aid to light housekeeping.

The salad or deviled eggs should have a place in themselves. Olives and pickles should be carried in bottles, while crisp radishes neatly wrapped in oiled paper add piquancy, with little weight, to the feast of good things. Salt and pepper mixed may be put in little cornucopias, one for each individual.

Sandwiches are the backbone of the picnic luncheon, and they should be of wide variation, so that all tastes will be satisfied. The bread may be white or brown, Boston whole wheat or corn, rye or pumpernickel. It may be rolls or biscuits, cold gema or a loaf, but the filling must be in harmony with the "binding." The bread should be cut thin, but not necessarily crustless, and the butter will spread evenly if first creamed. After making the sandwiches wrap at once in paraffine paper, and they will keep moist for hours.

Sandwich fillings are legion. A hearty and most delicious sandwich has chicken salad for its filling. Butter the bread lightly, put a layer of tender lettuce on each slice for a "binder" to the salad, which should be plentifully moistened with mayonnaise. For the chicken salad filling the meat and celery should be cut

finer than for the salad when served alone. Wrap each sandwich separately in paraffine paper.

A delicious sandwich filling is made of equal parts buttermilk, anchovy maitais or ground pecans, and cream cheese moistened with sweet, thick cream, and seasoned with salt. Grated American cheese may be used in place of the cream cheese, and melted butter is employed to blend the ingredients. Slices of tomato and lettuce with dressing make a good filling, as also do slices of Swiss cheese cut in thin water-bite slices.

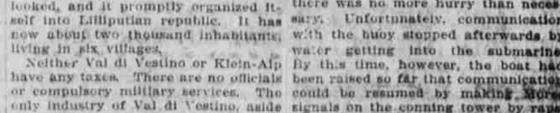
A good, hearty sandwich is made of French bread spread with minced corn beef, seasoned with mustard, and rubbed to a paste with a little butter, for the filling.

At one of the big family picnics this summer the piece of resistance was beatified trucked over the coals. A fire was made, then, when burned down, beds were set out in general places and given each one to put his or her portion on the end of a forked stick and broil over the coals. Unlimited bread and butter with radishes for the relish made a most enjoyable and unique feat. The hostess of such a picnic can originate new ideas in entertaining. The odd ways are always pleasing and newness is lent the occasion.

Marshmallows teamed on the ends of sharp-pointed sticks make a tasty finish for any meal served out-of-doors. When carrying coffee to an out-of-door meal where it is to be cooked, tie the ground coffee into a square cheese cloth. This saves the necessity of finding something to settle the grounds.

WOMEN BILLIARD PLAYERS. ROSE who had interest in the game of billiards are surprised at the large number of women taking an interest in the game, and, in fact, becoming expert players. A decade ago the woman billiard player was practically unheard of, but now many homes have been equipped with billiard tables. The first woman's championship game of pool was played in New York by Mrs. Bertha May King and Mrs. Martha Clark-Water. This match gave a decided impetus to the game and many women find much pleasure in the most difficult shots made with a cue.

It is claimed that the exercise resulting from a game of billiards or pool is very beneficial. Nearly all of the muscles of the body are brought into play in the movements about the table.



CARVEL CALVERT HALL.

TO MAKE A MOTOR BONNET.

MOTOR bonnets are being worn by every woman or girl who rides in an automobile, and their dainty little affairs are quite simple in construction. In fact, they are so simple that any girl can easily make several of them with very little expense. The main idea is to get the proper shape, following that of the "peasant cap." The bonnet is designed for the purpose of staying on the head firmly and protecting the hair from dust, and for this reason the bonnet fits well over the forehead and nape of the neck.

Take a quarter-yard-wide strip of material and measure from below one ear lobe straight across the top of the head to below the other ear lobe. Next, cut a half circle of about four inches circumference and into its diameter shire one long side of the straight piece. For one with an abnormal amount of hair, the strip of silk, satin or mohair, or whatever material is selected, must be wider and the half circle slightly larger. The front edge of the straight strip is then hand-bommed on to a staying band, while the side edges and the straight half of the circle are

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A CORNER FOR MEN

A Few Helpful Moments With the "Get There" Club.

Concerning Your Vacation. THIS is the summer you're going to have a real vacation, isn't it, Horace? This is the year you're going to do it up right—just sail out of the office and do everything up in first-class shape, with trimmings, eh?

Well, if you are, you know what you've got to do, don't you? You are aware that it's up to you and that now is the time to make good on the job. If you're really going to make this one a real vacation? Sure? Then—get busy!

This vacation about you know, Horace, is simply a little problem in arithmetic and common-sense, after all. Very much so, the order of the old adage concerning "them as doesn't work doesn't eat!" If you want that vacation, you've got to earn it. And to earn it means to "save up" for it and plan it wisely.

Now, there are several kinds of vacations you may look forward to. Horace, one is the sort during which you simply stay away from the office and spend your evenings in dishing around with the boys and not getting up the next morning until lunch time. Another, during which you spend all your money in glad-rags before you leave and then draw on your next month's salary to keep you where you've gone. Still another is the sort during which you tear around like mad until all hours of the morning in trying to keep up with the procession of fashionable summer-resorters. And neither of these is a real vacation.

You, more or less, to see that you take that sort of a vacation? There are so many, many ways of making this vacation of yours a real one that is what it purports to be. But it's up to you to choose one of them. All of them—if you're a city man—lead to the great out-of-doors. There's the ocean, the rivers, the country and the mountains. But, take note, all of them can be made to defeat the ends for which they are visited if you drag along with you late hours, gadding about and a fondness for cafes and the electric light.

Get out into the open because it is the open. Plan your trip so that you are by ocean, forest or stream every minute of your waking hours. Get back to the earth and the smell of it. Give your fagged nerves a rest, not by toiling about, but by exercising those fagged muscles in the paddling of a canoe, a tramp through the woods or the climbing of a mountain peak. Forget that you're one of the little cogs in the great wheel of city life.

Plan where you are going—and then set about to get there. Lay aside a bit of your earnings each pay-day for your vacation and don't touch it for anything else. Half of a real vacation, you know, is the freedom from financial worry. And nothing is quite so conducive to this freedom as the knowledge that you've got every penny it costs all ready to be paid out when the time comes. Plan your vacation systematically—and then, when you're really off on it, forget all about system, for that will take care of itself. Give yourself the best outing you can afford, for it's coming to you. And come back from your trip refreshed, rested, ready for work again, not more tired and worn than when you started. That is the difference, Horace, between a real vacation and one that isn't.

Because the residents of Terlin eat fifteen thousand loaves annually, the city plans to establish a \$50,000 horose bakery.

AN ECONOMICAL TEN ROOM HOUSE.

DESIGNED BY CHAS. S. SEDGWICK, ARCHITECT.



THIS house was planned and built for a country farm home and is well adapted for such a home. It is commodious, plain and economical to build, and contains many of the conveniences that are required in the country house and often such a home is wanted in the city. The size is 28 feet wide by 35 feet depth of the main portion, with a one story rear part that is 14 feet deep by 23 feet wide. The cost is estimated at \$4,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing. The arrangement is with a central vestibule, opening into the living room and the parlor at the left, also in front, with a wide columned opening between, the stair-case leading up at the rear of same.

Opening at the rear of the living room is a bed room and on the left is the dining room. This plan of rooms will suit many families. At the rear is the kitchen that is a good sized room and has a large pantry and stove closet and rear stairs leading to basement and second story. This principal story is finished up in red oak, with oak floor, except kitchen, which is in natural pine with maple floor.

The second floor has five good sleeping rooms, all provided with good sized closets. At the rear of second story is the bath room. The attic is of fair height, and makes good storage space, and if desired could be furnished. The second story is in pine and painted, and with a good birch floor.

The exterior is covered with narrow siding and the roof shingled and painted. The walls are painted in gray tones with white trimmings. There is a good basement under the whole house, and the foundation wall carried around the piazza.

BANK SERVES MEATS. ONE of the large banking institutions of Washington, D. C., has opened a restaurant for its employees. Luncheons are served each day at cost of thirteen cents to each employe, and the officials eat with the clerks. Each clerk is given his turn as steward.

Earth's Two Smallest Republics.

REIN-ALP is tucked away between Switzerland and France. Only in summer is the republic inhabited, and then by miners and tourists. There is one hotel, closed during the winter. The other little republic is in Tyrol, between Austria and Italy, and in long gone years was under the jurisdiction of first a king and then an emperor. But in the adjustment of frontier lines the state of Val di Vestino was in some way overlooked, and it promptly organized itself into Lilliputian republic. It has now about two thousand inhabitants, living in six villages.

TALKING UNDER WATER.

WHEN the German submarine V8 was sunk in Kiel harbor, the commander sent a telephone buoy to the surface, by which means the rescuers were told that the crew of the submarine had oxygen enough to last them forty-eight hours, so that there was no more hurry than necessary. Unfortunately, communication with the buoy stopped afterwards by water getting into the submarine. By this time, however, the boat had been raised so far that communication could be resumed by making Morse signals on the conning tower by rays.

