

PERPLEXED HOSTESS.

SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT MAY PROVE OF HELP.

The First Year Comes the Cotton Wedding—May Be Made a Gay Affair—Some Astrological Lore.

The "Cotton" Wedding.
One year of wedded life brings the "Cotton" anniversary, and it may be made a most attractive affair. So soon after the original ceremony it will probably not be a difficult matter to arrange for a reunion of the bridal party, and this alone will make the occasion a memorable one. Send the invitations on squares of fine cotton cloth written with indelible ink.

Decorate the rooms with vines, plants and branches. Over these put a quantity of fluffy cotton flakes. Portieres and window drapes are effective made from strips of white cotton. If cards are to be the amusement, "Hearts" is a good game, and there are so many articles in the shape of hearts which will make appropriate souvenirs and prizes. The dining-room table may be covered with thin layers of cotton instead of a linen cover. At each place put a cotton snowball tied with ribbon, the name card tucked under the bow. Inside the ball put a tiny souvenir. The center-piece should be a jardiniere wrapped with cotton and filled with the kind of flowers that were used at the event of a year ago.

There should be a wedding cake containing a ring, piece of money and a thimble; all young people know the meaning of these symbols, and there will be a jolly time when the bride cuts the cake. Have the ice cream frozen in balls, tied with ribbons of spun sugar candy of the color used at the original wedding supper.

The gifts to be given the happy pair

are, of course, limited to articles made from cotton. One little bride of a year rejoiced in a generous cotton craps kimona and the groom in a pair of pajamas. These were given by the bridal party and were sent in a huge packing box which was delivered during the party. Opening this box caused much merriment, as on each successive wrapping there was written a clever little rhyme.

Your Fortune in Each Month.

Here is a bit of astrological lore which may be of use to a hostess in amusing a crowd of young people. Ask the birth month of each; the following little table gives the answers. The entertaining feature of these so-called fortunes is in how far they generally are from the real characteristics of the person whom they are supposed to portray.

January—A maiden born in this month will be a prudent housekeeper, good tempered, but inclined to be melancholy.

February—Humane and affectionate; a tender parent.

March—A chatter box, fickle, stormy and of a quarrelsome nature.

April—Pretty, dainty, inconsistent and not studious.

May—Handsome in person, contented and happy in spirit.

June—Gay, impetuous and will marry early.

July—Fair to look on, but sulky in temper and jealous.

August—Amiable, practical and will make a wealthy marriage.

September—Discreet, affable and a favorite with every one.

October—Pretty, coquettish and oftentimes unhappy without a cause.

November—Liberal, kind and pleasant and thoughtful of others.

December—Well proportioned, gay, fond of novelty and inclined to be extravagant.

MADAME MERRI.

Smart Afternoon Dress.

A Charming and Picturesque Costume This, One of the Prettiest That Have Appeared.

This is a very charming dress in Empire style; it has a plain, short bodice, to which the skirt is set in gathers. The foot is trimmed with three shaped flounces put on with curved ends terminating each side the center front.

The bolero is a little full on the bust, the fulness being gathered into the strap that goes all round the edge. It is ornamented with two buttons. From under the fronts of bolero come the fronts of a vest of broche fastened by buttons. The puffed elbow sleeves are finished by two hemstitched cambric frills, and are ornamented with buttons.

Materials required for the dress: Eight yards 46 inches wide, one-half yard brocade for vest, nine small buttons, eight larger size, two yards lining silk, six yards frilling.



THE PRESENT MODE.

INCLINED TO FRECKLE.

The best the girl with freckles can hope to do is to keep them faded, that they do not show so much; she cannot remove them; if she take the skin off the new skin is soon very much worse than the old, being so tender that it is the more easily affected by the rays of light.

A very present help in keeping freckles faded out is to always wear a yellow veil; there is something in the chemical change in the rays passing through the yellow chiffon that keeps them from affecting the cuticle. And another help is to plaster her face with cold cream and powder beneath the veil when going into the light and heat out of doors in summer.

Then she should not wash with soap, but use the bran bags and almond meal

instead. She should avoid the direct rays of the sun and also not go into a strong wind without protecting the skin, and she will find it better to wear a sunbonnet or a "poke" bonnet, with a veil closely tied down when out of doors.

Red Lips.

The best way to bring color to your lips is to build up your general health and stimulate your circulation, so that the blood will go to your lips and cheeks.

Embroidered Grass Linen.

Grass linen embroidered in Japanese style, both in white and blue, is among the prettiest drapery for the dining room table. Glass and china doilies to correspond.

Concerning Gloves.

A Pretty Design for Evening Glove, Afternoon and Evening Lengths—White Ones in Fashion.

A PRETTY DESIGN.—One of the prettiest styles of elbow-gloves yet shown is delicately shaded at the top an almost imperceptible mauve, with a slightly-embossed and indefinitely-traced pattern upon it of lilies of the valley or ivy leaves. Bas-relief patterns of the same indefinite and picturesque nature appear on the upper arm of white gloves, shaded a faint shell-pink or a faint sea-green.

STYLES TO WEAR.—Except for mourning wear, white gloves are worn upon all smart occasions. For evening wear the glove must rise beyond the elbow and meet the short evening sleeve more than half-way up to the shoulder. For day wear the gloves are slightly shorter, and need not rise higher than the elbow, for, although day gowns are worn with short sleeves

this season, they are of necessity longer than those worn in the evening.

CLEANING WHITE KID.—You can clean white kid gloves at home by this process: Place the glove in a small basin, and pour over just enough benzoline to cover, set a plate over the basin, so as to prevent the spirit evaporating, and let the glove soak for five minutes. Have a thick cloth ready on the table and a piece of clean flannel, take the glove out of the basin, let it drip a little, set it on the cloth, and wipe it with the flannel, changing the surface constantly as it is soiled. The glove must not be rubbed too hard or the surface will be spoiled. When the glove is quite clean, blow into it to inflate it and hang in the shade in a draught.

But Little Change.

Among modern weapons, the bayonet has changed least since its invention.



WHAT JOY THEY BRING TO EVERY HOME

as with joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play—when in health—and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the cleanly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake. How tenderly their health should be preserved, not by constant medication, but by careful avoidance of every medicine of an injurious or objectionable nature, and if at any time a remedial agent is required, to assist nature, only those of known excellence should be used; remedies which are pure and wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, like the pleasant laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Syrup of Figs has come into general favor in many millions of well informed families, whose estimate of its quality and excellence is based upon personal knowledge and use.

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QUEER DOINGS OF MEN.

A man will always stir his coffee before drinking it. This is very foolish—he should taste it first to see if it needs stirring.

A man subjects the point of his pen to careful scrutiny before commencing to write a letter. A woman starts right off—jabs her pen in the inkpot and straightaway begins to scribble as if her life depended on it.

Few men open their personal correspondence without looking at the postmarks to see the time of posting. Women on the other hand, tear open the envelope at once—they are in too much of a hurry to waste any time.

It is the man who lets out secrets—not by telling them, but by ill-timed silences. He does worse—by refusing to gratify the curiosity of his questioners he invariably causes them to jump to conclusions much more damaging than the truth of the matter.

It is the man who reads with his back to the light, holding his book in one hand. Herein lies wisdom. A woman rests her book on the table and leans both elbows thereon. But the foolishness of the man's act lies in the fact that he is seeking comfort and seldom takes this position because it is the most scientific one. Of course, he finds it isn't comfortable—his arm aches after the first ten minutes, whereupon he puts his book down and remarks he is going out.

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Good Test of the Dog.

Suburbanite (to visitor)—Oh, how are you? Come right in. Don't mind the dog.

Visitor—But won't he bite?
"That's just what I want to see. I only bought that watchdog this morning."—La Rive.

Hardened.

Papa—My child, if I shall die penniless, are you well prepared to fight the battle of life?

Blanche—I think so, father. I've been through three engagements already.—Washington Star.

A man finds it easier to boast of the glories of the past if there are not a few old-timers around who remember it even better than he does himself.

There may not be more than two inches of strawberries, but think of the size of the box with the lumber higher every day.—Detroit Free Press.

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ODD HAPPENINGS.

While scratching his nose with the end of a loaded revolver a man in Paris accidentally pulled the trigger and blew off the tip of the nose.

In the midst of an electric storm the Mariette fire whistle called out the men, who rushed about in the rain till the apparatus was drenched before it was discovered that lightning had played a prank on the department. There is an ordinance against turning in a false alarm.

The death lately occurred at Westbury workhouse, Wiltshire, England, of a 46-year-old "baby." The person was born in Westbury, and at the age of 12 months its further development, both physically and mentally, was arrested. Throughout its life it was attired in baby's frock clothes, and continued to act and play and had to be fed and taken care of precisely as an infant.

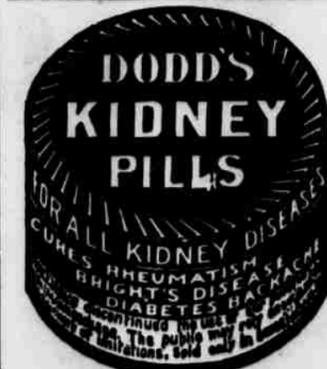
An extraordinary sudden death occurred the other day in Paris. A sexagenarian went to have his photograph taken. He sat in a chair before the camera, and as the photographer uttered the customary words, "Please don't move," down fell the old man on the floor. It was naturally supposed that the sexagenarian was in a fainting fit, but he was in reality dead, as the doctor who was sent for testified after a brief examination of the body.

Up to Him.

Regular Boarder—How many more times am I going to see this same piece of pie?

Waiter—Dunno, sir. The boss told me to keep giving it to you till you eat it.—Detroit Free Press.

"There is one advantage in this business," mused the expert gardener, as he stood in his orchard. "It is grafting all the time, but you can always get the public to swallow it."—Baltimore American.



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