

Social Forms and Entertainments

Entertainment for Bride-Elect.
I am to entertain a bride-elect and am puzzled as to what to do in the way of entertainment. What can you suggest?—Romana.

I wonder if you have had either a magazine, book or a "den" shower? At the first the guests decide beforehand what subscriptions to magazines to give, each one contributing 50 cents. This assures pleasure for the whole first year. The book idea is carried out in the same way.

A Young Girl's Question.
Must I send each girl and each boy in the same family a separate invitation? I want to have a party and send a light luncheon, but I do not want to buy expensive things. Tell me what to have; also can I hand out these invitations when I meet any of the guests?—P. L. M.

Each member of the family must have a separate invitation except husband and wife; they are always one. I judge your party is to be at night and "light luncheon" are not served, that is, under the name of "luncheon." After the theater we say "supper" during the evening we say "refreshments." Luncheon is a daytime meal. It is also hard to have inexpensive things these days, with prices soaring high as the proverbial kite. I'd have coffee and sandwiches or ice cream and cake. Invitations must be small or messenger, never handed at the person.

Progressive Candy Jack Straws.
I wish to entertain 12 little boys and girls at an afternoon party. Will you suggest a novel scheme with which to begin the party?—Puzzled Mother.

Provide a quarter of a pound of twisted candy-sticks known as "opera" sticks in most candy shops. They come in all colors and there must be a different color for each table, four at a table. A pair of candy tongs must be in readiness for each player and a box for containing the candy "straws." The game is to see how many sticks may be withdrawn from the pile without breaking or throwing the pile into confusion. Progressions are made and the score kept. Children enjoy this entertainment and eating the sticks won't be permissible after the game is over and scores settled.

From an "Anxious Girl."
Girls of seventeen wear their hair around the head in braids, or in soft pompadours caught with a bow in the back, the ends turned up underneath or made in soft coils either side the ear, Dutch style. Skirts should be a bit below shoe top. Just tell a boy that you will not kiss him, that you do not approve. If necessary to take arms (and it seldom is) the girl should take the man's or he may take hers to assist her over a dangerous crossing. Eight to ten or ten thirty are calling hours.

The Proper Thing to Do.
What is proper for a young lady to say when introduced to a man at a dance? Also what is the proper form for introducing a young man to a young lady? Please answer through your column.—Irish Mary.

All the young lady has to say is "I am very glad to meet you, Mr. Jones," and the right way to present a man to a woman is this: "Miss Young, may I present Mr. Jones, who is here on a visit," or "who is anxious to meet you." It is always nice to give some clue to the ones being introduced as to "who is who."

From a Perplexed Girl.
Your columns have been so helpful to others, I would like to have your advice. I have been going with a boy for about two or three months and like him very much and he has told other people he liked me better than any girl he ever knew. When at a "leap year" dance how many dances should I give him? Do you think it considered unladylike to wear small pearl earrings or would they make me look coarse? What should a girl say when asked to have a dance? Is it really wrong to let a boy kiss you if he is in earnest?—Perplexed B.

I hope from henceforth these columns will prove helpful to you and that you will come just as often as questions bother you. It depends upon how many dances there are, I should think you could give him every other one. Girls are wearing earrings now and if small I see no harm, for the ears are not pierced these days and it is only a harmless passing fad to wear them. I think it is really wrong to let a boy kiss you and perhaps you will think I am very prim to say so. If the boy really thinks a lot of you, you can explain in a satisfactory manner why you'd rather not permit familiarity and he will appreciate and understand your situation and like you all the better.

MADAME MERRI.

Health & Beauty Hints

By Katherine Morton

It is perfectly natural for a fastidious woman to worry about the looks of her hands when she is so placed that she must do hard and dirty work. The hand that shows the signs of domestic drudgery does not add to a woman's charm, while the one that looks as if it was laid in pink cotton all its life does. Yet the working hand can show a deal more character than the soft, pink-tipped, unused one, and the energetic housewife, with a minimum of daily care, can keep her hands in better shape.

Much of the beauty of the hands will depend upon the quality of the soap used for the toilet, and as to that the housekeeper's hands would respond far more quickly to her little moments of daily care if she used a fairly good soap for her housecleaning. The cheap soaps supplied for housekeeping are strong with alkali, and their constant use will ruin the best skin. To preserve and promote the whiteness and delicacy of the hand skin, a mild emollient soap containing much oil is needed, at least for the toilet. A cake of old castile soap, shaved to a powder and then boiled to a jelly, makes a very gentle and thorough cleanser for the hands. A finer soap is made of the best white curd soap and old castile, in the proportion of one-seventh of the latter to six-sevenths of the former. This can be perfumed and made further helpful with the addition of one ounce of essential oil of almonds to four and a half pounds of the soap.

The dish pan must answer for many sins, for through constant immersion in hot, greasy water hands once pretty are ruined every day. When the housekeeper goes from hot water to cold, too, she does her hands a still greater injury, for the sudden change of temperature is very harmful in its effect. Rheumatism is caused in this way as well as salt rheum and a score of other hand annoyances. The skin hardens and discolors and the hands soon look weather-beaten and old. As to dish washing with the bare hands, it is sheer nonsense, and the housekeeper who "washes up" in this manner deserves pretty much all she gets. The drug store and the other shops have rubber gloves for this very purpose, dish mops are cheap and by making a little pad for the necessary holding of the dish while it is being mopped the hands can come through a dish washing spree without the least injury. Have two pans of water, one for washing and one for rinsing, and then let the dishes drip dry in one of the metal racks sold so cheaply. They will be cleaner than if wiped and the hands will get a little extra rest. Save them all you can—it is your duty.

For dusting and all other "redding up," the hands are helped if they are greased before the gloves are donned. When putting up fruits they are saved a lot of staining if they are first anointed in this way, for the emollient used sinks into the skin and so keeps the stain from becoming deep seated. When a party is imminent and the housekeeper feels that she must give her hands an extra beautifying so that she will look well in her short-sleeved frock, after giving her hands and arms a thorough scrubbing let her rinse them off in a bowl of fresh water containing a teaspoonful of benzoin, which bleaches the skin to some extent almost instantaneously. If the hands are browner than the arms, pay more attention to them, rubbing the benzoin water well into the skin, but seeing, too, that it is not strong enough to bite. Then go over the hands with the skin of a freshly-cut cucumber, rinse off the juice, dry the hands partly and then rub in a delicate hand lotion such as is made by six parts of rosewater to one of glycerin. The lotion will plump the skin and add to its whiteness. It will also help to keep on the powder, if that is to be used on the hands and arms.

Compact Folding Table.
For the small apartment where every inch of space must be economized, there is no piece of furniture to equal the folding table, which when closed may be placed almost flatly against a wall. When opened this table shows a flat surface, covered with linoleum or morocco, on which a tea tray may be set or a four-handed game of cards played. Through its center this top is invisibly hinged and has two flat lids, one of which, when raised, discloses a shallow box containing an entire sewing equipment. The other side is fitted with a complete writing desk set in addition to a blotter pad, next to which are sunken grooves for pens and pencils and at the two upper corners wells for ink and paste.

To Cut Thin Materials.
Great difficulty is often experienced when cutting thin materials, such as chiffon, net and maline. If the material is pinned to paper it will remain firm, and the trouble will be overcome.

THE GREAT MIDWAY

Sterling List of Attractions at the Michigan State Fair.

In arranging for its Midway attractions this year the Michigan State Fair dealt with Herbert A. Kline, who conducts a Carnival Company, and who puts on none but clean cut and interesting shows, firing in with the policy of the State Fair management. Mr. Kline has a sterling list of attractions and the women and the children as well as the men will seek the Midway eagerly and find it removed from the center of the grounds as was planned in the first place. There are many new and novel shows this year filling twenty-one huge tents and including the best only. There are no moving picture shows, and nothing is seen that is stale or out of the ordinary. There are animals galore and many of them are performers. There are trained fleas and an Indian village, a large case of Japanese spinning mice, an inevitable fat woman, merry-go-round, dancers, an ostrich farm, and above all, a lot of courteous attendants. The ostrich farm contains seven birds which are hitched to sulkeys. Some will cover the half-mile in very near the minute mark. The London Cakewalk and Roulette cause a roar of laughter all the time, the Marie is an electrical show, the Oriental dancers, assisted by Arabs, are good in fencing bouts. Quincy's three diving girls, Mills' Four-in-One, the Circling Wave and Jumping Horse Carousel, and other attractions are reported excellent. There is a large boat constructor, and Rucker & Company's zoo contains a great collection of animals, including one or more specimens of every monkey in existence today. Purple storks, ant eaters and porcupines are to be seen by those able to withstand the spectacle. In the wild beast show a tiger does a horse-back act. Benita the horse that does arithmetical sums, is also a great drawing card. The Samar twins are two youngsters joined by nature at the back. Ruhl's original flea circus shows what human patience can do in training anything. There is also a dog and monkey hotel with no human being in the cast and the largest piece of amusement is the Indian village, several of the Indians being college graduates from Carlisle Indian School. These Indians indulge in some of the picturesque dances of their tribes.

STATE BRIEFS.
Farmers in Hamtramck township and Macomb county have struck gain in quantity. Many of them are using it for power.
The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Michigan Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' association held a two days' session in Flint.
Mrs. Nicholas Weber, of Grand Rapids, was killed instantly by a motor car driven by John D. Murray, Jr. She walked in front of a street car directly into the path of the machine.
A coroner's jury in Lansing returned a verdict that Norma Breze, the Rives Junction farmer, was killed by a shot fired by Andrew Smith, who is under arrest for the crime. Smith has confessed.
Brighton Democrats organized a Wilson and Marshall club. State Chairman Edmund Shields, of the Democratic central committee, delivered an address. A. M. Cummings, of Lansing, candidate for congress, also spoke.
Attempting to get over a crossing a mile south of Ravenna, Mrs. James Ferguson, 75 years old, was run down by a G. R. & I. passenger train and was instantly killed. The body was buried nearly 30 feet from the right of way.
Burns operatives are working in Detroit, despite the fact that Operative Brennan has come out in the open. It is stated that several new men have come into the city and are following up the graft trails at the instance of the prosecutor.
Hotel Sletting is the name of a new \$20,000 hotel which will be opened in Kalkaska in about two months, thus filling Kalkaska's greatest need. It will be a thoroughly modern, fire-proof structure, being of white brick, with a front of yellow brick.
At a meeting of the Grand Rapids millers and millers of western Michigan, the wheat situation in this section of the state was discussed. The present condition is uncertain. The millers, however, are afraid that the crop has been injured by heavy rains.
Karl C. Cloudman, a clerk employed in the postoffice at Maxton, on Drummond island, is held by Sheriff Rayless charged with forgery. He is charged with opening mail addressed to Joseph Warren, a trapper, and extracting a check which he is alleged to have forged and cashed.
After an absence of two months from Sault Ste. Marie during which time they participated in the regular army maneuvers at Dabague, Ia., and Sparta, Wis., 200 troops stationed at Fort Brady returned and were immediately ordered to the rifle range a few miles from the city.
John Bolinski, aged 23, a Polish laborer, is dying in a Saginaw hospital from wounds received when attacked by several of his countrymen. Bolinski attended a dance and it is said he caused trouble by taking Peter Dudewitz's sweetheart home. Dudewitz and another foreigner are locked up in the county jail.
Orders have been issued from the department of agriculture for the immediate establishment of weather bureau stations at Ludington and at Saginaw.
Gov. Osborn announces the appointment of John T. Owens, of Benton Harbor, as state oil inspector, to succeed Frank S. Neal, of Northville. The appointment takes effect Sept. 1.
Two weeks ago Mrs. Harry Freese of Dayton was thrown from a load of hay and her hip was broken. Tuesday her husband was driving to a picnic when his horse ran away and threw him out. His collarbone was broken.

MICHIGAN NEWS TERSELY TOLD

Ionia.—Ionia is threatened with a horseshoers' strike, all Ionia journeymen horseshoers having notified their employers that they must have \$18 a week and a ten-hour day. They have been getting \$14.50. Their demands will probably be granted.

Monroe.—The men of St. Mary's Catholic parish surprised Father James S. Downey, assistant pastor, by the presentation to him of a purse of \$775 in gold as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation.

Ann Arbor.—While sitting in front of a restaurant on Huron street conversing with the proprietor, John Bonner toppled over dead, the result of a stroke of apoplexy. He was a brother of Cornelius Bonner of Detroit, with whom he had made his home. He had long been afflicted with heart disease.

Lapeer.—Robert L. Taylor, seventy-three years old, died after a lingering illness covering a period of about two years. He was state senator from this district from 1889 to 1892, had filled the offices of register for Lapeer county and for many years was president of the National Beekeepers' association. Of late years he had conducted a large vineyard here.

Kalamazoo.—Because a cow violated the city ordinance by walking on and eating the grass in Bronson park the bovine was arrested by the police and is safely confined in a livery barn. The cow was discovered browsing about the park. Two policemen chased the cow for nearly half an hour before they were able to corral it. The owner has not been found.

Muskegon.—Stephen Goss shot and killed his twelve-year-old nephew, Homer Clark of Grant, mistaking the boy for a burglar. The Clark boy was visiting at the Goss home, and Mr. Goss, hearing a noise about the house, took a light and started to make an investigation. He heard the door open and saw a figure in the darkness. He then blew out the light, seized a shotgun and fired. He again lighted the lamp, and investigating, found his nephew dying.

Ionia.—John Maningole of Grand Rapids died as a result of having eaten poisonous mushrooms, and Joseph Duffy and his mother are in a precarious condition. Joe gathered the mushrooms and the family and Maningole, who was visiting at the house, partook of them. All were taken sick, but with a physician's care were thought to be out of danger. Maningole, Mrs. Duffy and Joe became worse, and Maningole died. The two others are still in a serious condition.

Lansing.—Andrew Smith, who was arrested for shooting and killing Norman Breze, a Rives Junction farmer, made a complete confession to Chief of Police Behrendt and Prosecutor Hayden. Smith declares he shot Breze following a quarrel over Mrs. Smith, his wife. Mrs. Smith, who is also held, denies Breze called at the Smith home to see her, but says he called with another friend and that her husband was unduly jealous. According to her story, Smith went upstairs and obtained a shotgun, which he brought down and slugged Breze, telling Breze he would shoot him if he did not leave.

Dearborn.—The mangled body of a man supposed to be A. I. Galbraith was found on the Michigan Central track near here by the crew of a freight train. Letters found in the man's pocket indicate that he was a telegraph operator. The letters were from small towns in different states, but did not show where the man lived. No money was found, and it is believed he was killed while boating his way. The coroner took charge of the body.

Flint.—The jury in the case of Rose Alberts, who was killed when the motorcycle on which she was riding with Walter Youngs collided with an ice wagon on Detroit street on the night of July 22, rendered a verdict to the effect that the death of the girl was due to carelessness on the part of Youngs. The girl was riding on the front of the machine and had no chance to save herself when the crash came.

Menominee.—On the eve of giving birth to a child, Mrs. Louis Heruska, twenty-four years old, was killed by falling downstairs. The child, which was born immediately afterward, also died. This is the second misfortune to befall the family, a child having perished last year in a fire which destroyed the Heruska home.

Pontiac.—John Brady, Jr., two-year-old son of John Brady, residing at 13 Osmon street, fell from a second story window onto a cement walk 12 feet below and escaped with minor bruises. The child leaned so far out that he lost his balance.

Monroe.—William Aharn, Joseph Trampas and Henry Miller, the three tramps caught breaking into Herman Reisig's tailor shop, pleaded guilty in justice court and were bound over to circuit court for sentence.

POPULAR SYMBOL OF VALUE

Young Man Evidently Was Lacking in His Appreciation of the Country's Statemen.

There is plenty of food for cynical thoughts in the national capital, as is shown by the following incident which happened on a Washington street car: A worldly young man, prone to criticize, was gazing at the advertisements which decorate the interior of the car. One advertised a new kind of collar for men. The dome of the capitol was represented encircled by one of the collars, and on the other side were placards giving prices and sizes. The placard on the senate end of the capitol read, "Quarter size," and that on the other end said, "Two for a quarter."

The worldly cynical young man turned to his companion. "That," he remarked, "just about expresses my opinion of some of these here congressmen."—Judge.

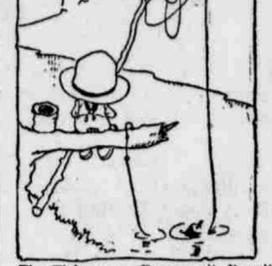
CHILD'S FACE ALL RED SPOTS

632 N. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind.—"My little nephew, a boy of four years, had a breaking out on his face. It was little red spots at first, then he would rub and scratch and water blisters would form, and wherever the water would run another would come until his face was covered with them. He would cry and fret. His mother got some medicine, but it did not do any good. He would scream and cry and say it hurt. We hardly knew him, his little face was all red spots and blisters. So I begged him to let me put some Cuticura Ointment on them. The next morning I made a strong soap suds with Cuticura Soap and washed his face in the warm suds. The little blisters burst by pressing the cloth on them. After I had his face washed, I put the Cuticura Ointment on and in a short time his little face was all red and dry. I kept using the Cuticura Soap and putting on the Cuticura Ointment and his face got as well and it did not leave a scar. He was entirely cured in about one week and a half." (Signed) Mrs. Arthur Haworth, Jan. 19, 1912.

Child's Fear of the Dark.
If mothers notice that the brains of very susceptible organization and the sights and thoughts from the shadows of a room more or less dark, let the light burn brightly. To force a child to become accustomed to the darkness is a grave error, if its nervous system is so organized that this forcing is productive of a fright. The nervous system of a child is a very susceptible organization and the deleterious impressions made upon it will often make their influence felt throughout its whole after life. If the child asks for a light under such circumstances do not refuse it.

Lots of people are more anxious to pay their social obligations than their debts. Liquid blue is a weak solution. Avoid it. Buy Red Cross Ball Blue, the blue that's all blue. Ask your grocer. A man knows more at 21 than he can learn between that and 60.

SMALL WONDER.



The Fisherman—Doggone it, I've sit here for an hour and ain't even got a bite yet.

Really Had Best of It.
John Burroughs is well known as one of the foremost of nature writers in this country. Some time ago he visited his brother, Eden Burroughs, who lives in the Catskills, at a place called Hobart. The two brothers went fox hunting together. The honor of the hunt came to Eden, who shot the only fox. It so happened that fox-kings were worth five dollars at that time, and the successful Nimrod took much pride in telling how he got the "jays" sapsquits so eddy ogy jo jolly in boasting to a few friends about it in the presence of his brother, John, he was interrupted by "You have bragged about that fox hunt long enough. You shot the fox, sold the skin and got five dollars. I wrote a little account of the hunt, and got \$75 from the magazine which published it. So there you are!"

The Other Way 'Round.
A good little story, long current in England, is just now gaining American circulation. It has for leading characters Rudyard Kipling and Dorothy Drew, Mr. Gladstone's little grandchild. Kipling was visiting Hawarden, and, being fond of children, devoted himself to little Miss Dorothy until her anxious mother expressed the hope that the child had not been wearying the great author.

"Oh, no, mamma," spoke up Dorothy, before any one else had a chance to say anything, "but you have no idea how Mr. Kipling has been wearying me!"

Kind Man.
A local philanthropist ordered a fan for himself, a nice electric buzzer. He also took the key out of the door so that some of the air could go through the keyhole into the adjoining room, where there are eight perspiring clerks.

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