

Frills and Fancies In Woman's Sphere

Another Graceful Hat For the New Year



This beautiful hat of black velvet has a decidedly dressy air, and it is strictly a 1916 model. Its wide brim has a tendency to poke in front, giving a benet effect. The heavy black satin ribbon band ties in a saucy bow in the back, and a large rich velvet rose is placed gracefully on the high crown to one side of its center. This hat is suitable for afternoon wear and other occasions.

FOR THE NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Let Roast of Beef Take Place of Turkey and Goose.

The New Year's day dinner can be planned with a comparatively free hand, as the hostess is not restricted by traditions such as govern the menu on Thanksgiving day and Christmas. As a distinct change from roast turkey and goose let the piece de resistance take the form of a roast of beef with individual Yorkshire puddings, a roast of venison, a thick venison steak or that decorative arrangement of lamb known as crown roast, which admits of holiday ornamentation by capping the ends of the upturned bones with cranberries or sprigs of holly. Any one of these will form a good nucleus around which to group the desired number of courses for the holiday dinner.

A menu which contains some unusual dishes and has the added merit of keeping within the average expense is as follows:

Scalloped Potatoes, Consomme Royal, Boiled Smelts, Sauce Hollandaise, Parsley Potato Balls, Roast Venison, Currant Jelly Sauce, Fried Hominy, Spinach, Pimiento Garnish, Sweet Potatoes, Flambé, Tomato Aspic in Green Pepper Shells, Cheese Straws, Plum Pudding, Glace, Fancy Cakes, Coffee.

The first course offers a little variety from the usual cocktails of oysters or clams. The scallops are first thoroughly washed, then thrown into boiling water for five minutes, removed, drained, cut in halves and sprinkled with lemon juice. They should be ice cold for serving and accompanied by the usual cocktail sauce. The soup course

is a clear consomme, with royal custard cut in fancy shapes floating on the surface of each portion.

Smelts are usually served fried, so that boiled smelts with Hollandaise sauce are a pleasant novelty. Large smelts should be chosen, so that one will constitute a portion. Serve on an oblong of toast, with a few parsley covered potato balls on each side and a spoonful of the sauce over the fish. The currant jelly sauce for serving with the venison is made in the proportion of one-fourth of a glassful of jelly and one tablespoonful of sherry to each cupful of gravy made from the liquid remaining in the roasting pan. A few drops of onion juice improves the flavor of this sauce, and some cooks add thin parings of orange peel.

New Year Gifts For Father.

Letter opener, silver or brass. Grandfather or banjo clock. Raincoat. Silk shirts. Box of neckties. Silk socks. Monogrammed or initialed handkerchiefs. Glove. Box of suspenders. Hairbrushes in ebony. Clothes brushes. Set of clothes hangers. Scarf for dresser. Bag for soiled collars. Tie rack, swastika shape. Shoelacking kit. Evening studs of pearl. Holder for newspaper at table. A dozen soft lead pencils. Engagement record. New card plate.

DRINKING TO THE HEALTH OF THE NEW YEAR.

Put one pint of water, one pound of granulated sugar and the chopped yellow rind of one lemon on to boil. Boil five minutes, strain and while hot slice into it two bananas. Add one pint of grated pineapple and a fourth of a pound of candied cherries. When ready to serve add the juice of six lemons and three oranges. Place in the center of your punch bowl a square block of ice, pour over it two quarts of table water, add the fruit mixture and at the last minute two shredded oranges, being careful to remove every particle of the pith from the latter or they will make the punch bitter. Put a pretty cluster of grapes on top of the ice, have a mat of holly under the bowl and tie green gauze around the bowl. Serve in tall glasses.

Hot Apple Punch.—Heat some sweet cider, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon. Roast six highly flavored apples and remove the pulp and place in a deep pitcher. Add to the skins two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon and one each of cloves and grated nutmeg. Mash and add to the pulp and pour over it five pints of hot cider. Serve in steins with lids that the punch may be kept hot and serve with it sugared doughnuts such as our grandmothers made.

Yule Punch.—Turn four half pint glasses of bright currant jelly into a saucepan, place it over the fire and add one and one-half cupfuls of water; let it stand till the jelly dissolves; when cool add the juices of five oranges and four lemons, one and one-fourth cupfuls of granulated sugar and two dozen maraschino cherries, cut into pieces. Freeze to a mush and serve in glasses, having a tiny sprig of holly tied to each by a piece of holiday ribbon.

Plum Pudding Punch.—Dissolve half a teaspoonful of grated chocolate in a teaspoonful of sweet milk, add one cupful of sugar and boil till smooth; when cold add to it a quart of rich cream and flavor with two teaspoonfuls of vanilla; stir into it a cupful each of chopped nuts, figs and raisins and freeze; when stiff stir in two cupfuls of strawberry juice to which has been added a teaspoonful of cloves and two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon. Serve in punch glasses with a sprig of holly in each.

Cranberry Punch.—Prepare a rich cranberry sauce; then press it through a fine sieve; to two pints of the sauce allow one tablespoonful of gelatin, soaked in cold water and dissolved in warm water; add two cupfuls of sugar and the juice of two lemons, then sufficient water to make three quarts, freeze stiff and pile high in tall punch glasses.

A New Year's Prescription

By H. A. ALLEN

"GOOD morning, Jim!" "How are you, Tom?" Tom Gooding looked uncomfortable. He had come into his friend Tom Olcott's law office for a purpose, but he seemed to have difficulty in announcing it.

"Jim, I want you to get me a divorce," he said at last.

"What?" "A divorce. Edith and I can't get on together any longer."

"Whose fault is it?" asked Jim. "Whose fault is it?" asked Edith. "The truth is Edith is continually making mountains out of molehills."

The lawyer looked grave and said: "The smaller affairs of life are more in keeping with a woman's nature than a man's. How do you know that you're not making molehills out of mountains?"

"What do you mean?" "Why, it's quite likely that you have very important faults that you do not consider at all. Perhaps you are unconscious of them, and yet they may be breaking up your home. Now, this is a good time to remedy them. The new year is at hand, when we all expect to take a fresh start. New Year's resolutions are in order. I will give you a rule of action for the next twelve months, and if you adhere to it you won't want me to secure a divorce for you."

"What is it?" "Instead of replying to the lawyer write something on a bit of paper, put it in an envelope, sealed it and wrote on it 'To be opened New Year's morning.' Then he handed it to Gooding."

The next morning Mrs. Gooding appeared at the law office. She did not know of her husband's appearance there the day before, and Olcott did not mention it.

"Jim," she said, "it's all up between Tom and me. I want you to get me a divorce."

"Is there any special accusation you have to make against Tom?"

"Only that he rubs me the wrong way all the time."

Olcott looked up at the ceiling.

"How long will it take to separate us?" she asked.

"No time at all. All you have to do is not to go back to the house."

"I mean legally."

"Oh! You wish to marry again?"

"No such thing. Why do you say that?"

"Because I see no other advantage in your case in a legal separation. Do you still love your husband?"

"Of course I do! It's on his side."

"Never mind his faults. Would you prefer to keep your home as it is if you could get on together?"

"Certainly." "Edith," said the lawyer after a pause, "tomorrow will begin the new year. I will give you a rule for your guidance, and if you will follow it I guarantee that you won't need a divorce."

"What is it?"

Olcott wrote a few words on a bit of paper and, after sealing and addressing it as he had in the case of her husband, handed it to her, saying:

"Take that, and, as the doctors say when they give you a prescription, if it doesn't cure you let me know and I'll begin divorce proceedings."

New Year's morning was pleasant, and after breakfast Tom Gooding said to his wife:

"Sweetheart, don't you think, this being a holiday, we'd better make some sort of a trip?"

"The very thing. Holidays are best utilized. To sit around at home doing nothing is depressing."

So they arranged for an outing.

The next day when the husband was about to go to business his wife asked him if he would go to a dry goods store, six blocks out of his way, and buy her a spool of thread of a certain hue. He bristled up, but suddenly surprised her by very affably agreeing to oblige her. But he was too late. With a kiss she said that she had no business to trouble him with such small matters when he had so many big ones on his mind. She was going to the shopping district anyway and would attend to the matter herself.

These are samples of many such instances by which petty quarrels were avoided, and every day showed an improvement in the couple's domestic relations. Often when they bickered at some fancied cause for dispute one or the other would suddenly stop as if having remembered something and swing around like a weathercock from the bitter north to the balmy south. Scarcely a month passed before one day Mrs. Gooding put her arm about her husband's neck and said:

"Tom, I've a confession to make."

"What is it, sweetheart?"

"Last December I gave up trying to live with you and went to Jim Olcott for a divorce. He wrote me a prescription. I began to practice it on New Year's day. It has shown me that our troubles were all my fault."

"What was the prescription?" asked the husband, opening his eyes very wide.

"Look within yourself."

Tom Gooding's only reply was a hug and kisses. Not a word about having received the same prescription himself.

And yet there are those who claim that man is the nobler animal.

Religious

17,000,000 Protestants Co-operate.

In a report on church unity to the National Council of Congregational Churches the Rev. Raymond Calkins of Cambridge, Mass., said working co-operation exists among 138,000 churches with 17,000,000 members as represented in the Federal Council of Protestant Churches. The council issued a call for prayer to 138,000 churches last March, he said; it sent out 50,000 letters for a peace Sunday at the time of the crisis with Mexico, and in a letter to President Wilson it condemned war loans, and it had urged on all the churches to join in efforts for the reduction of the horrors of war.

The Rev. William H. Ward said union had not gone far enough and the continued existence of 100 separate denominations was not creditable to American Protestantism and added a sting to every criticism of Protestant work by the Catholic church.

The report of the Home Missionary society showed that 1,774 missionaries are at work in forty-three states; that 415 churches are among immigrant peoples; that 2,315 church missions have 100,858 members; that members admitted on confession of faith furnished 23 per cent of the denominational increase, and that receipts from living donors in the last two years amounted to \$381,505.

The executive committee of the council recommended provision for the observance by the churches of the four hundredth anniversary of the Protestant reformation, Oct. 31, 1917, and for the tercentenary of the landing of the pilgrims.

THE NUMBER NINE.

Easy to Multiply by It if You Will Remember This Rule.

Examine any one of the statements of equality in the multiplication table of nine, up to and including nine times ten. Select, for example, $9 \times 7 = 63$; or $9 \times 2 = 18$.

Observe that in each case the first digit in the product is one less than the number by which nine is multiplied, and the second digit in the product is such that when added to the first digit, the sum of the two is nine.

You may make practical use of this peculiarity of nine and its multiples by applying it in the following way:

If nine is to be multiplied by eight, for example, think at once of seven (which is one less than eight, the multiplier); then think of two, which must be added to seven to make nine, and you have seventy-two, the product of nine and eight.

Or, if nine is to be multiplied by five, think of four, which is one less than five; then think of five, which must be added to four to make nine, and you have forty-five, the product of nine and five.

By using this method the nines, usually among the hardest of the tables to fix in the memory, may, in a short time, be fairly classed with the fives and tens and eights, which are said to "remember themselves."—Youth's Companion.

INDIA'S QUEER BELIEFS.

Buddhists Would Die Rather Than Lose a Limb or Eat Meat.

India's population is 225,000,000. Practically all the races and religions of the world are represented. Ninety-eight and six-tenths per cent of the people cannot read or write. Four per cent of the inhabitants eat regular meals. The remainder eat when they can and where they can. The average native in India lives on less food per diem than any other human being in the world. Religious prejudices are intense. Men willingly die rather than submit to some dismembering surgical operation, for did not Allah command them to appear before him as they left him to come into the world?

The Buddhists will not eat meat or take even a medicine derived from an animal. They died by millions during the bubonic plague rather than take a prophylactic serum made from pepsin and beef broth—because the pig from which pepsin was obtained was unclean to the Mohammedan and Hindu, and the killing of this animal and the bull from which the broth was made was against the tenets of the Buddhist faith. I knew an editor in Poona, India, to absolutely refuse a \$3,000 yearly advertisement of a patent medicine because it contained pepsin.

Indians are fond of sweets and last year imported over \$10,000,000 worth of sugar. Clothing is made chiefly from cotton, which is largely grown in the country.—W. E. Aulghinbaugh in Leslie's.

Improvement.

"Don't you think," I inquired of the prosperous looking man with the heavy mustache and watch chain, who was dressed in the fourteen inch balt line suit, "that the world is getting better?"

"Sure!" he replied with a frank enthusiasm of success. "Not only better, but easier."—Boston Journal.

Economy.

"Where do you live?" asked a man of his Richmond friend.

"Next to — Grace street."

"Why do you say 'next to'?"

"Because the man who lives next door has a number painted on his transom. What's the use of my spending money to have my number painted?"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Getting Even.

Husband—You have robbed my trousers. Wife—That is what you got for

In and Out of the Children's Playroom

A GAME FOR NEW YEAR'S.

Something New to Start the Year Right.

Everything "brand new" is what we want for New Year's, isn't it, girls, including brand new resolutions, which, if they are good ones, ought to be kept? Well, then, here is a brand new game which no one has ever played before. When there's a number of people playing it, it is lots of fun.

Pass a number around in a small open basket and have each person select a slip. Then give out pads and pencils and tell the players to write out some resolutions for the new year on them. Make them just as humorous as you can, such as "Resolved that No. 6 will not put too much powder on her nose this coming year" or "Resolved that No. 8 does not always get up and give his seat to a pretty girl in the car, but sometimes to a plain one." The player must know whether he is writing about a girl or a boy. Some of the other suggestions should be to this effect: "Resolved that No. 4 must stop being so sarcastic to the dog when he chews his hat" or "Resolved that No. 10 shall buy more chocolate candy to give away to friends this year."

Bloodless Beheadings.

1. Behold an exclamation of regret and leave something wanting.
2. Behold a fearful noise and leave something that belongs to a boat.
3. Behold a span and leave an elevation.
4. Behold part of a doorway and leave to be in poor health.
5. Behold a state of terror and become quite correct.
6. Behold a banquet and leave a direction.
7. Behold an emblem and become dilatory.
8. Behold a foot covering and leave a gardener's implement.
Answers.—1. A-lack. 2. R-oar. 3. B-ridge. 4. S-ill. 5. F-right. 6. F-east. 7. F-lag. 8. S-hoe.

Saturday.

Saturday is named from Saturn, a very disagreeable god of the southland. He was so unpleasant that the people made his day a holiday to make it pleasanter. The last day of the week is Saturday. Now, spell it and then leave off the "n" at the end and there you have Satur-day. In the olden days this was a disagreeable day, but we feel very differently about it nowadays, don't we?—John Martin's

Blowing In the New Year

Are You Going to Be One of Those Who Will Say Goodby to 1915 and Hello to 1916?

Everybody, young and old, likes to see the new year born. Much will crowd into the 365 days of 1916, both good and bad, so we all like to watch for its coming to start it on its way with our best wishes. Some people go to church to watch the new year arrive. Others stay at home, and as 12 o'clock strikes hail the presence of Jan. 1 by singing, cheering and hand shaking. The horn and drum and other noise making instruments are brought into play at that time. Santa usually sees to it that a horn for use on New Year's day is placed in a boy's stocking, as was the case of the little fellow in the picture. This photograph was taken last year, when the lad was permitted to stay up until midnight to salute the new year in true martial spirit.

A Paste Pot Party.

Did you ever give a paste pot party? You'll need some old magazines and a pair of shears, as well as a blank book in which to paste pictures. You can make the blank book yourself from pieces of plain, smooth paper, and, in fact, each little guest might enjoy making such a book for herself or himself. Sick children always like to look at scrap books, and so you might send the ones you make at the party to a hospital after you have finished with them.

A set of cut out paper dolls should be given each child to carry home as a souvenir of the occasion.

Snake Expert Angler.

That some snakes can catch fish as well as old anglers was demonstrated recently on the ranch of E. D. Osborne, near here, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A small spring creek runs through the pasture on the Osborne ranch, large enough for fish to play in. Here a large water snake was seen to grab a rainbow trout by the head and make for the tall grass.

Osborne killed the snake and threw the live fish back into the pool. The

The Straws That Walk.

In one of those moments when the baby of the family demands something extraordinary to amuse him show him "the straws that walk." Bend two pieces of broom straw that are about an inch in length so that each forms an inverted V with sides of equal length. Set them astride a long straw four or five inches apart, and holding an end of the straw in each hand, rest the "feet" of the short straws on a bare table or any other flat, smooth surface, with their points toward each other at an angle of forty-five degrees. By slightly moving the long straw you can make the two small pieces move rapidly toward each other. Meeting midway, with points touching, they will often stand braced together so firmly that you can remove the long straw. If, instead, you dislodge them by a slight jar, one will pass under the other, and each will continue its way unhindered.—Youth's Companion.

Why should a false friend never leave his house? Because you might look in and "find him out."

When is a man hospitable and a cheat at the same time? When he

"The World Is Mine!"

