

LILES-NIX CO. DEPARTMENT STORE

There Are No Don'ts in the LILES-NIX Store Except Two-- Don't Get Tired and Don't Go Home Without Seeing Everything.

Millinery Reduction

If you haven't bought your winter hat, don't wait a minute longer. This will be the greatest treat in fine Millinery the women of Charlotte have enjoyed for years, for every reduction is genuine and the values are without a doubt the very best we have ever been able to offer. Come early and reap the harvest of values. Let every woman ask herself what kind of a Hat she wants and then let her come to the LILES-NIX STORE and get it, and you'll find the prices surprisingly low.

Women's Suits Reduced

Here are the new styles in Women's Tailored Suits that will delight women who are looking for something particularly attractive, and pleasing at the most moderate prices. We have made liberal reductions. In our Coat and Suit Department in some instances we have lowered the price less than half; especially this may be said with Suits and Coats that we have one and two of a kind. Come in and look them over. We know you'll be glad you came.

First Floor Specials

Bath Robe Blankets \$1.50 to \$5.00
Bath Mats 50c to \$1.25
Beautiful California Lambs' Wool plaid Blankets, wide silk binding.... \$15.00 each
Spun Silk Elderdown and Lambs' Wool Comforts in the prettiest colors and patterns \$5.00 to \$15.00
Embroidered Linen Sheets and Pillow Cases, big assortment all Linen and Renaissance pieces, squares, round and scarfs to match.
Fancy handle Xmas Umbrellas \$2.00 to \$15.00 each
Extra values in all Linen Hemstitched and Scaloped Towels..... 25 and 50 cts.
All sizes in our extra values Silk Stockings \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 pair
Nothing to compare with the beautiful Ribbon we are selling at..... 19 cts. yard.
Marabou Stoles and Muffs to match in natural, Black, Pink and Grey.
We sell the best fitting and best wearing Kid Gloves in Charlotte, and every pair guaranteed.
Ladies' Neckwear in great profusion from the side Jabots and Cascades at 25c, to the wide shoulder pieces up to \$15.00 each.

CORSETS

We have secured for this department four of the leading lines from America's best make, namely: The Kabo, Benjamin and Johns, La Marguerite and La Resister, unbreakable and nonrustable, the four distinct makes embrace all the newest models in the Corset range, and we are satisfied with the completeness and as you know there are no old or out of style models to work off. Every Corset of the newest materials and style. Prices range 69c to \$15.00. Every one guaranteed and our experienced Corseter will fit you in any garment from \$1.50 up.

Fur Coats, Stoles and Muffs

Fur makes refined, sensible, handsome, appreciated Christmas Gifts. The only big difference between our collection of Furs and those of the big New York stores is the difference in price. Side by side with the same pieces shown you would be surprised at the saving to be had here. We sell Furs at the same small margin of profit that we do all other things throughout our large store.

Dolls Galore

Every kind of Doll that a little Girl could wish for is here, and if you tease hard enough SANTA CLAUSE will bring you one of those \$5.00 ones. A City of Dolls, a city whose inhabitants run into the hundreds and comprise all classes from the grown up Dolls down to the Baby Dolls with long dresses on. Was there ever such a Doll display? Once you see it you'll answer us NO. Cold type can't do it justice. Be sure to bring the little girls. They Jump with Joy, 25c to \$5.00.

Shoppers: Use Our Rest Room which is large and fitted with Couches, Tables, Easy Chairs, Telephone and Writing Desk with Stationery.

LILES-NIX COMPANY

Charlotte's Authority On Women's Wear

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Novel Entertainments

(EDITED BY MADAMME MERRI.)

A Cheesecloth Christmas.

A very clever young woman whose finances were suddenly reduced to the lowest terms tells me how she planned a "Cheesecloth" Christmas for many of her friends. She made dusts for housekeepers, prettily feather stitching them with different colored silks and wash cottons. By stitching several thicknesses together she made serviceable and sanitary dish cloths. Then there were useful covers for trunk trays (she first took the precaution to get the sizes). Pads for dresser and chiffonier drawers she made with one layer of cotton between delicately scented with violet sachet powder. For the new babies she did the most fascinating coverlets, lining them with lambs wool, tufting them with pink and blue worsted and buttoning around the edges. For a bride going to housekeeping in a modest little home she procured the measurements of the basement windows and with curtains of cream cheese cloth with a deep hem at the bottom. Cheesecloth laundry bags lined with a colored cambric are acceptable, also bags for string. Taking it as a whole she says her Christmas that year was a great success. I am glad to tell about it while there is yet time for others to go "and do likewise." Cheesecloth makes excellent curtains for servants' rooms and as protectors for party gowns on the back of closet walls where the dainty frocks are hung.

For a Sunday School Christmas Tree.

This is a custom practiced by a Sunday school where the children are all of the wealthy class. But I am sure it is a plan that many schools may like to try. On the platform stands a beautiful large tree made of leveled presents. The classes assemble, each pupil bringing a gift, marked "for a girl" or "for a boy" with the age of the recipient written on, too, so those who made the distribution would have some idea which package to give to "who." The gifts are all carefully wrapped and made just as "Christmas" looking as possible. When the class roll is called responses are made by each class going forward and laying their offerings beside the tree. In return each child is handed an orange and a small box of candy; this treat being usually provided by some wealthy parishoner who is fond of the children and who does not work in the Sunday school. Christmas carols and a very short service follows and the next day the presents are taken to the city mission or some special charity that has been decided upon. Toys and books that are in a perfectly good condition are accepted but only such articles that may be offered without compunction of conscience to one of God's little ones. This general clearing house is a splendid idea and the children learn the lesson of passing on what has given them pleasure. A dear little mother told me that her children were interested all the year in trying to keep their toys "nice" for the "other child's Christmas."

A Poinsette Dinner.

A brilliant dinner decoration for this month consists in using poinsettes for the table decoration by placing them in a rather low star-shaped mound. At the points of the star place candles in glass holders, with white shades decorated with poinsettes. The candles should be red. At each place for the ladies have a long-stemmed poinsette and a red carnation for the men. The menu below may be modified, but it has many features of a real English dinner. Before serving, mull the punch may be passed in the drawing-room and afterward black coffee is served there. The toast for the sardines may be cut star-shaped.

Blue Points With Lemon Points.
Grilled Sardines on Toast.
Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding.
Mashed Potatoes. Creamed Onions.
Stewed Turnips, Hot Rolls.
Roman Punch.
Roast Duck and Orange Salad.
Plum Pudding With Hard Sauce or Burning Brandy Sauce.
Coffee.
Celery and Cheese.

A Christmas Supper.
As nearly every one dines sumptuously in the middle of the day on Christmas, this supper was planned to satisfy, but not cause discomfort. First there was an appetizing combination of fruits served in orange cups resting on holly leaves. There were oranges, bananas, grated pineapple, lemon juice, sugar to sweeten and sherry in the cold mixture, which was just what every one seemed to relish. Then fried oysters, old-fashioned cold slaw, hot biscuit, potato chips, individual molds of cranberry jelly, lobster salad, water, coffee, cheese, nuts and white grapes. The salted almonds were in little sled boxes, and the name cards were tied to small Christmas tree boxes containing bonbons.

A Snowball Christmas.
Roll each gift in a ball of white cotton dip lightly in nuclage or gum arabic water, then sprinkle plentifully with diamond dust. Pile these balls in a pyramid in the center of the table in the middle of a room with a wreath of holly around them. A chemise dressed as "Santa Claus" may distribute the balls and carry the larger packages in a pack on his back.

A FAMOUS LOVERS' CONTEST.
This clever contest, submitted for the benefit of the department readers is especially suitable for "showers" or any function at which bride-elects or newly weds are honored guests:
1—What mythical maid rescued her lover from a certain labyrinth?
2—Who is the best-known child wife in fiction?
3—For what bride was the wedding march from "Lohengrin" first played?
4—What heroine in fiction was stolen by her lover from a band of outlaws?
5—Who lived at "Green Gables"?

- Anne.....
- Who was beloved by Jupiter, but because of Juno's jealousy was changed into a heifer?.....Iphigeneia
- Whose funeral pyre was seen by the faithless lover as he sailed away?.....Didoe
- Who spent her whole life in a search for her lover?.....Evangeline
- Who proved her faithfulness by unraveling her work on a certain tapestry every night?.....Penelope
- Who was the rival of Queen Elizabeth?.....Amy Robsart
- Who crowned her lover at a tournament?.....Rowena
- What was the poetical name given by Swift to his sweetheart?.....Stella
- Who was driven mad by her lover's unkindness?.....Ophelia
- Who fell in love with her own beautiful image in a fountain?.....Narcissus
- Who because of her love for Mino cut from her father's head a purple lock and as the result was changed into a lark?.....Scyllia

Give the above questions to the men if they are included in the festivities and these to the girls:

- 1—What Englishman won the hand of a brave Indian maiden?.....Rolfe
- 2—Who won his lady love by the tales of his adventure?.....Othello
- 3—Who is the modern man of many wives?.....Brigham Young
- 4—Who became insane at the grave of his sweetheart?.....Hamlet
- 5—What lover carved "on every tree the fair, the chaste, the inexpressible she?".....Orlando
- 6—What poet took his bride to live in Dove cottage?.....Wordsworth
- 7—Who returned from a long journey to find his childhood friend supplanting him in his home?.....Enoch Arden
- 8—What man loved Queen Elizabeth?.....Lester
- 9—Whose love for the Queen finally broke up the "Round Table"?.....Lancelot

Novel Bazar Idea.

This bazar scheme was carried out with great success and was no more difficult than just having plain booths in the ordinary way. The posters said: "Come and See the Seven Ages of Woman." At the first table the "First Age" was cleverly represented by having all the articles pertaining to babies, even "Baby" books which a book store sent on commission. The attendants were dressed as infants and were most fetching. I assure you. The second table illustrated "Childhood" and had dolls and toys galore, with those behind the booth dressed as children aged from "five to ten." "The Sweethearts' Table" came next, with all sorts of dainty articles for engagement presents, heart and slipper-shaped place cards, candy and all sorts of goodies packed attractively to go as gifts to college girls and sweethearts. As it happened two engaged couples had charge of this department and it created loads of fun. The fourth was the "Bride's Table," done in pure white, with artificial orange blossoms and white roses for decorations. Those in charge were two brides. Orders were taken for marking linen. The "Mother's Table" came as the "Fifth Age" and was presided over by matrons. Cakes and pies were for sale,

also darning and laundry bags; brooms, bags, etc. The "Spinster's Table" was conducted by a merry bunch of unappropriated blessings. They had the tea table and had a beautiful Angora cat with her kittens; the latter were for sale. Needless to say they went like "hot cakes." The "Grandmother's Table" made the seventh and was attended by three dear old ladies of the parish who had truly grown old gracefully. They had woolen shawls, bed-room slippers, spectacle cases and chamois eye-glass wipers, covers for hot water bags and many other comforts.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Budget of Queries.
Please answer the following questions for me at your earliest convenience:
In sending a wedding present to whom should it be addressed? In meeting a bride and groom, not special friends, what should one say by way of congratulations? A reception is given for a new minister by one of the societies. If one cannot attend is a response necessary?
In passing around at a wedding what should one say to both bride and groom? If the bride fails to introduce the groom, what is necessary?
—Miss Inquisitive.

Letters to be answered through the department are printed just as fast as space permits, and those inclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a personal reply are answered immediately.

Birthday Party.
Correspondent asks for suggestions to celebrate a birthday for about eighteen guests who do not dance or play cards, the affair to take place in December. She should ask her friends to come in a costume under the circumstance she is quite excusable, and do not flatter yourself that "he" would remember your name for one minute. I am glad you enjoy the department, and it is kind of you to say so.

Use Gasoline or Benzine.
I hardly think this question is in your line, but will highly appreciate if you can answer it. What will clean fan kid gloves?
—NELLIE.

Words of Congratulation.
Will you kindly inform me through your columns what words would be appropriate to use in congratulating a new minister at a reception given

calls them. To add zest to the occasion you might offer prizes for the costume or character hardest to guess. It is very little more trouble to get up a costume than to go in regular evening dress, and the pleasure is infinitely greater, from the fact that every one is equally interested.

For College Lads and Lassies.
I want to give an evening party during the holidays for a number of my friends who will be home from school at that time. It will have to be rather a mixed crowd, the ages ranging from sixteen to twenty-one, so I come to you as a court of last resort. I want to have something doing all the time.—Miriam.

What more delightful than a Christmas collon? Have the favors all of Christmas flavor, use red and green for the colors; have elder frappe and have the favors picked off a great big Christmas tree.
You do not need a big hall for this, for only a few couples need be on the floor at one time, and a piano will furnish excellent music.

For a Girl's Party.
I am going to be sixteen on the 16th of this month and wish to give a party. Will you please tell me how to write the invitations, as I want the boys to call for the girls? Also what time should a party commence and end, and what should I have for refreshments and decorations? Please name some game we can play indoors as I wish to give the party in the evening.—Emma.

For such a party I would give the invitation over the telephone, telling each boy whom he was to take and each girl who would call for her. The hours should be from 8 to 11. You can have guessing contests, music and old-fashioned games.

Nothing could be prettier than the Christmas green for decorations with red candles in the cake and on the table. To make the room gay and festive hang Japanese lanterns from the ceiling, having a row diagonally from corner to corner. As the year is nearly gone I think a dear little calendar at each place with the name written on would make a charming place card. If they could be decorated with snapshots of "birthday" girls so much the better; at any rate, they could have an appropriate quotation written on them.

For refreshments serve a fruit salad in a banana boat or an apple cup, brown raisin bread, sandwiches, "opera" stick candies, macaroon ice cream, chocolate and the birthday cake. When the candles are blown out each one must make a wish for the honored ones who celebrate.

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There is always the chance that a letter may be lost in the mail and I would advise you to write once more, placing a return address on the envelope so it will come back to you if not received. In this way you will ease your mind and make sure.

Home Wedding Invitation.
Please give a correct form of invitation to a quiet home wedding where only a few guests are to be present. Would it be permissible to have them neatly written as informal yet cordial invitations from the bride's mother? Announcement cards will follow the marriage. Should those who witness the marriage also receive announcements?
—MARY.

Rising for the Occasion.
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Pumperton took off his coat, smiling genially. "Oh, splendidly, my dear, when the others were already at the table, but I just slipped in quietly and didn't make any stir."
"Well, how about the speech?" she reminded him. "Did it make as much of a hit as you expected?"
"Oh, yes—more. None of the preceding speeches had been particularly clever, and they had hardly raised a smile. But I had no more than stood up and began when they began to laugh. I went on, my dear, and I assure you, they simply shook. I never have seen any company so thoroughly entertained. I even expanded a little—gave them a couple of new stories that came into my mind. And when I sat down they cheered and clapped and laughed for minutes. I shall never forget how they laughed."
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