

a large number of hearts cut from bright pink paper, but not more than an inch in diameter. These must be hidden in places none too high to be within easy reach of the smallest children, and it would be well to announce, before the hunt begins, that none of the hearts will be found by lifting rugs or moving furniture. They can be secreted in the hall, in nooks and corners, under tables and chairs, doors and pillows, in keyholes and draperies, in whatever places be suggested by your ingenuity.

The first chilly sense of formality may well be broken by the device known as "sneezing." Divide the company into three equal ranks, and give to each rank private instructions. The first rank is told to cry out "hash"! at the top of their voices; the second rank receives orders to call out "hish"! at the same time; the third rank is to shout "Hush"! by way of variation. The hostess cries: "One! Two! Three!" and at the word "Three"! the different expletives are uttered in unison, giving the effect of a gigantic sneeze, and effectually raising a spirit of fun and laughter.

The rules of the hunt are then explained. The hunting must be done in couples, and instead of prizes, which always leave the majority of the company out in the cold, the reward for the couple finding most hearts will be that of being made king and queen of Valentine's Day, while the others will be made nobles of various ranks.

The hunt begins and ends with the ringing of a tiny call-bell. If two couples see a heart at the same moment, it belongs to the one who first touches it. The count at the end will not take long, as each couple will already know how many hearts they have been able to secure.

Crowns made beforehand, of pink tissue paper, which have been sprinkled with diamond dust over a little gum arable, can be securely fastened to the heads of the king and queen. There must be coronets, similarly made, for the others.

After the guests are crowned, line them up for a march. Before the marching grows monotonous, tell them at a given signal to take some attitude and hold it for three minutes. This game is suggestive of the old-time favorite known as "Statues," and appeals to the juvenile mind on account of its activity. Anyone who is successful in holding his position for the required length of time should receive a valentine.

A quieter game may well follow this. Blindfold one of the boys, and lead up to him one of the girls. Let them shake hands. He can ask her three questions, which she must answer before he tries to guess her name. She may disguise her voice, or may reply in a whisper. If he cannot guess correctly, a different girl is led forward. If he guesses correctly, the girl guessed has to be blindfolded in his place, and a boy is led up to shake hands and answer questions.

The old game of "Button! Button! Who has the button?" may be played with a heart of clear glass or pink celluloid. This game is always lively and enjoyable.

If all the children are old enough to write and to spell simple words nothing gives them more pleasure than to sit down with pencil and paper, and see who can prepare, in fifteen minutes, the longest list of words from the letters contained in the words "Saint Valentine." A suitable prize would be a pink pencil tied with a pink cord to a pink-covered memorandum book.

Fifteen minutes will be long enough to play any of these games, unless all the children are ten years old and over. It will now be time for refresh-

ments. See that the children's wraps are put on. It will mean some trouble for you, but not so very much, if the older children will help the younger. Your little guests will come to the table with better spirits and better appetites, if they spend five minutes before their lunch in a brisk game of tag upon the lawn. The little call-bell can be sounded for them at the end of the prescribed five minutes. With the putting on and taking off of wraps, another fifteen minutes will be spent in this exercise.

As to table decorations, a very pretty effect is obtained by crossing pink ribbons upon a white lunch cloth; or the bare table may be used, with Japanese napkins, which can be bought in a heart shape or with heart-shaped decorations, to serve as dollies.—Selected.

ONE WOMAN'S ECONOMY.

Some of you may laugh at my economical ways but I am going to tell you how I utilize the sack that accumulate at my house. The flour, sugar and salt sacks are soaked in kerosene for a short while before they are washed. This helps to remove the lettering on them. They are laid aside until I have a number of them. A good portion of the little ones every day underwear in summer is made of them. They are cool, light, very easy to wash and will last a long time. The material bleaches easily and quickly and when starched and ironed it is a good substitute for costlier material. I also make quilt linings of them. They may be left white or dyed and desirable shade. I often dye them in two colors and make the tops of quilts of them and some of them are even pretty as well as serviceable. I have made pillow cases of them; one of my neighbors who has more time than I makes a row of drawn work above the hems, she makes aprons of them, too, but I do not, for I prefer gingham for my work aprons. They make excellent tea towels and I have quite a number of napkins made of them for every-day use. I make spreads of them to tuck over and around mattresses to protect them from dust. Of the five pound sugar sacks I have pieced them together, brier-stitched the seams and used for counterpanes on the children's beds. The salt sacks I made into kitchen towels and they make excellent ones.

MOTHER OF SIX.

Thank you for your suggestions. Come again and tell us more about your economical ways. Most of us are interested in economy. It will soon be time for gardening, and I trust that some of the successful gardeners who read this page will give us some information along that line, and thus help the less fortunate. Write us a letter on gardening that will make us want to begin to-day. My garden is green now from one side to the other,—turnips, collards, cabbage, mustard and onions.

FARRE'S CREEK LOCAL, No. 1277.

Dear Editor:—I wish to write a few lines as to the progress of our Local. We were organized January 3, 1912, with five members. We have enrolled since that time as many as forty-seven, but we have had some few to pull out. In spite of the drawbacks, however, we are rapidly moving up-hill, and we are going to pull in that direction until we have gained the victory. It is a well-known fact that we, as farmers, have got to get busy or else be gobbled up by a lot of middlemen. Let us stand together, like brothers, and make 1913 a record-breaker for the Farmers' Union.

G. A. MASSEY, Secretary.
Mulberry, Tenn., R. 2, Feb. 1, 1913.

IN MEMORIAM.

On the 23rd of January, 1913, at 8:30 o'clock p. m., the great and Supreme Ruler of the universe, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to remove from our midst Brother Spotswood Burwell, the beloved President of Crowder Mountain Local, Kittrell, N. C.; therefore, be it—

Resolved 1. That in the death of our beloved, faithful, and efficient President, this Local sustains a deep loss which will be felt more and more each year. A true Christian gentleman of the old school, a kind and obliging neighbor, faithful in the discharge of his every duty, loyal to the Farmers' Union and his Local. He will be sadly missed in county, community, and Local.

2. That the entire brotherhood of this Lodge extend their heartfelt sympathy to his family in their sad hour of trial and loss. We commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy furnished the Carolina Union Farmer with request to publish.

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