

Novel Entertainments

(By MME. MERRI.)

Unique Party for Children.

A mother of three lovely children offered to me that her great success as an entertainer...

With this idea in mind she is going to give this novel and really fascinating party...

The tradesman she is to have represented are tailor, dressmaker, potter, jeweler, flower maker, sign painter, artist, basket maker, upholsterer and carpenter...

For Lent.

In so-called "society" social functions assume a simpler character during Lent and many overworked matrons who live in a grand whirl of dinners, balls and teas are recuperating for the summer season by resting at Southern resorts.

During the next few weeks sewing circles will spring up like mushrooms and really a surprising quantity of work will be turned out for the benefit of charities and "friendly aid" all over the country.

A coterie of young matrons have formed themselves into what they call the "Doll Brigade" and they are each pledged to dress five dolls during Lent with clothes that will come off.

Perhaps we all do not keep Lent, but I say any season of the year that causes this sometimes apparently selfish world to stop and think how best to help others is a good thing and I hope to be able to chronicle some scheme for lending the "helping hand" each week in this column until the glad Easter tide.

A Toast to the New House. I found this in a magazine:

Your home and mine, dear heart! A long, low window looking to the west. O'er softly sloping fields to mist-crowned hills, that start From out the peaceful scene like guardians of the best.

A long, low window seat wherein to rest At eventide, and watch the night come down— A welcome guest.

Your home and mine, dear heart! A garden fashioned old and rambling wild with roses blooming red. An Eden far removed from the city mart.

A scented nook wherein the rosary of love is said: A garden filled with roses blooming red.

The summer sky, soft blue overhead, And in the whole world only you and I—when all is said.

For Marking Linen. When ready to mark table linen, sheets, pillow cases and towels in any quantity it is best to have the letters specially designed in the proper sizes so one may do the stamping at home.

The size most in use for tablecloths are letters three inches long in an interlaced script. If old English letters are used one large letter is preferable to two or three. For napkins the letters should match the cloth only about two inches in length. Sheets have the same size letters as a tablecloth and pillow cases the same as napkins.

Before deciding upon the marking it is well to look over designs. There are many cases for holding just a dozen napkins and another pretty way to keep napkins sets together is to have straps made of fancy white silk elastic with clasps to around both ways. Towels may be kept separate in the same manner.

For Longfellow's Birthday. On February 27 comes the natal day of one of our beloved American poets, Longfellow holds his own in the hearts of all loyal Americans and I know one mother who is planning a very charming affair for the children in her little daughter's room at school.

There is to be a platform at the end of the big living room, where the children are to give a tableaux, all taken from Longfellow's works. The invitations are to be on Longfellow postcards and the decorations are to be Indian trophies, blankets, etc., borrowed from a retired army officer and used as a setting for the series of pictures arranged from "Hiawatha."

There are to be refreshments of weak tea, because, as a small lad said, "Boston was the place of the famous tea party and Longfellow lived in Boston," and then baked bean sandwiches, because "everyone who lived in Boston was supposed to know beans;" and olives and ice cream and cake complete the list. I am sure nothing would please the one who wrote "The Children's Hour" more than to know with what keen interest his birthday is celebrated by the American children of today. One of the show places of Boston, or more properly speaking, Cambridge, is the famous house on Brattle street where the poet lived and died.

Keeping it as he used it is a joy, for it makes everything seem so very real to those who are fortunate to be

Concerning a Wedding.

When should a wedding be announced that is to occur in March? How soon are invitations sent out? How should a bridal party enter the church, consisting of two flower girls, a page to carry the ring, a matron of honor, a maid of honor, the best man and six ushers?

MINNIE BELL. The customary way to announce an approaching marriage is through the society column of your paper. The invitations are issued between two and three weeks before the ceremony is to take place.

AMERICAN CITIES. The head man—a measure of weight? (Boston.) A boat sailing—soil? (Portland.) A syllable of the scale—a state of mind? (La Crosse.) The care of God? (Providence.) A species of grape? (Concord) etc.

FOREIGN CITIES. A popular girl—light? (Belfast.) An organ of digestion—game of billiards? (Liverpool.) A boy in a donkey? (Edinburgh.) Cattle—our abiding place? (Stockholm.) A shell—an inlet of the sea? (Bombay), etc.

PROMINENT PEOPLE. A flower—a kind of cloth? (Rosevelt.) A stony chap? (Rockefeller.) A gay autumn flower? (Astor.) An accident by fire—a vital organ? (Bernhardt.) A tiny pie? (Patti), etc.

BOOK TITLES. A critical moment? (The Crisis.) A parent, a fowl? (Mother Goose.) One who towers high? (The Sky Pilot.) What you want when ill? (The Doctor.) Yourself, a wagon, a garden tool? (Ivanhoe), etc.

Some Nuts to Crack. Why are a merchant and a shipwrecked mariner alike? Because both would be glad to see a sail (sale) in sight.

What are seldom advertised in the lost and found department? Lost opportunities. What vegetables are most susceptible? Potatoes and turnips, because they are often "mashed."

Why should a frog never be bankrupt? Because he always has a green-back with him. What do we all put off till tomorrow? Our clothes when we retire.

Why should a perfumer always have money? He is never without a scent. Have you heard of the terrible accident at the laundry? A shirt was badly mangled.

Why should photographers be good climbers? They have many "mounts" in their business. What kind of lights did Noah use? Arc lights.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Two Guessing Contests. I keep many of your good things, but have mislaid the very two contests I want; one each word named with "cate" and the other was names of Magazines. Please reprint.

Do You Know "Cate." 1—Cate never tells the exact truth. Prevaricate. 2—Cate is frail and gentle. Delicately. 3—Cate kindly points out the way. Indicate.

4—Cate has a twin. Duplicate. 5—Cate seizes the property of others. Confiscate. 6—Cate leads a country life. Rusticate. 7—Cate brings others into trouble. Implicate.

8—Cate adds to the difficulty of many a case. Complicate. 9—Cate takes leave. Vacate. 10—Cate makes things run smoothly. Lubricate.

11—Cate on occasions denies church privileges. 12—Cate settles on a particular spot. Locate. 13—Cate is an eloquent pleader. Advocate.

14—Cate imparts much information. Communicate. 15—Cate offers a perplexing problem. Intricate. 16—Cate develops mental and physical powers. Educate.

17—Cate has an influence for evil. Intoxicate. 18—Cate believes in home life. Domesticate. 19—Cate will die if deprived of air. Suffocate.

A GOOD MAGAZINE GAME. The answers are all the names of current periodicals: 1—One hundred years old . . . Century 2—Santa Claus . . . St. Nicholas 3—An eminent minstrel . . . Harper 4—Public place in Rome . . . The Arena

5—Veracity . . . Truth 6—One who sketches . . . Delineator 7—A noted fairy . . . Puck 8—Sailor's hoodoo . . . Black Cat 9—Dispenser of justice . . . Judge 10—A prospect . . . Outlook 11—What we cling to . . . Life 12—A citizen of the world . . . Cosmopolitan

13—A boy's jackknife . . . Youth's Companion 14—Hash . . . Review of Reviews 15—A needlebook . . . Woman's Home Companion 16—Prosperity . . . Success 17—Money the trusts want . . . Everybody's 18—Resident of New York . . . Metropolitan 19—The suburbs . . . Country Life in America 20—What we are proud to be . . . American 21—We should take every year . . . Outing 22—What song should we all know . . . National 23—Our coming men . . . American Boy 24—What duds try to set . . . Style 25—What the millionaire is . . . Independent

Corn Growers Prizes Offered

By the Southern Hardware Co. For the Corn Growers First Prize a Majestic Range—Of Interest to Farmers.

For the purpose of creating a deeper interest in agriculture among the boys of this county and incidentally demonstrating that the soil of Mecklenburg will give returns that will richly repay the farmer in proportion to the skill and intelligence with which he tills it, the Southern Hardware Company of Charlotte has offered five prizes to youthful farmers, aggregating in value \$141.50.

One hundred and forty-one dollars (\$141.50) and fifty cents will be given in prizes as follows: First prize—A Majestic Range, \$65.00. Second prize—A Smith Hammerless Gun, \$40.00.

Third prize—A Cole Combined Distributor and Planter, \$17.50. Fourth prize—A Chattanooga Child-Ed Plow, \$10.50. Fifth prize—A Case of Winchester Loaded Shells, \$8.50.

The above prizes are open for competition to any boy, a member of the Farmers' Union, or whose father or mother is a member, in good standing, and resident in Mecklenburg county.

This contest will be entirely under the auspices of the Farmers' Union and managed by a special committee appointed for that purpose, who will make decisions of results and award prizes.

The following named gentlemen, prominent farmers, constitute this committee: J. B. Clanton, W. F. Baker and W. R. Lee. This committee has divided the prizes as follows:

First prize, to contestant producing the greatest yield of corn, in weight, on one acre of measured land. Second prize, to contestant producing the greatest yield of corn, in weight, on two and one-half acres of measured land.

Third prize, to contestant producing the second greatest yield of corn, in weight, on one measured acre of land. Fourth prize, to contestant producing the greatest yield of corn, in weight, on one measured acre of land.

Fifth prize, to contestant showing greatest economy of production, average cost per bushel, in weight, of corn. A contestant must be not over eighteen years of age.

A contestant may have assistance only in the breaking of his land for planting. A contestant must make a report to the committee, showing character of his soil, and give crop, if any, grown on said soil the year previous, when and how the land was broken; also kind and quantity of fertilizers used, when and how applied; and time and method of planting, mode of cultivation, time of "laying-by" and method of harvesting.

A contestant will be required to furnish an itemized statement of cost of production—all work done and fertilizers used. The object of this contest is to stimulate the increased productions of corn in Mecklenburg county, and the contestants for these prizes at once become educators in this important line of work, and hence the conservation and dissemination of information of the methods used and results attained by them are of the greatest importance.

Any one interested in this contest can secure copies of this circular from any member of the committee named above, at the office of the Carolina Trust Farmer, or at the office of the Southern Hardware Co., No. 41 West Trade street.

In the absence of Rev. Francis Osborne the services at the church of the Holy Comforter and Episcopal chapels, will be conducted by the lay readers.

BRIEFS. —Mr. J. A. Yost, of Peachland, N. C. —It is written that the Sabbath has made for man but this Sabbath was made for "woman—the woman who attended Kress & Co.'s opening sale yesterday. Surely she needs a day of rest.

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Questions on any subject pertaining to this department will cheerfully be answered. A reply will be sent by mail if stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed; otherwise answers will appear in this column. Address, Madame Merri, care The Sunday News.

So happy to know the department is of assistance. For the refreshments so soon after dinner I would have only sandwiches, olives, salted nuts and coffee. You can make all sorts of creamed things in your chafing dish—chicken, lobster, dried beef, fry sausage and "little pigs in blankets." In the baking dish you can have scalloped meats, fish, oysters, etc. A cheese dish of some kind or grilled sausage go well with rolls and coffee. I always use flowers or candles on my table unless it is a "special" day.

One world's record was shattered during the evening. Con Walsh of the New York A. C. was the athlete who created the new mark. He threw the 56-pound weight for height over bar at the phenomenal distance of 15 feet 1.2 inches, supplanting Jim Mitchell's record of 14 feet 10 inches, made in 1894.

—Mr. W. S. Alexander returned night before last from Hot Springs, Ark., where he went for his health. His many friends will be glad to know that he was benefitted.

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Mrs. Sloane, Domestic Science Teacher, and one of our instructors, will conduct a Cooking School in the Young Men's Christian Association Building, South Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C., every afternoon, except Sunday, at 2:30 o'clock, from February 16th to February 25th, inclusive.

You are Cordially Invited to Attend any or all of these lessons. These lessons are free to the public. Nothing sold or offered for sale. A copy of Fleischmann's Cook Book will be given to each person who attends.

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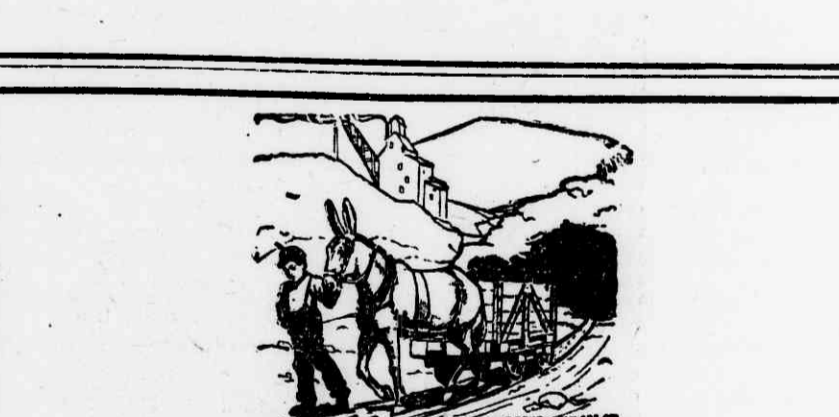
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