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ART IDEAS IN DESSERT.

After Dinner Decorations of Ancient Days—Paper Playthings, Etc.

A French epicurean writer says that the dessert should be the crowning tableau of the dinner. It should surprise, astonish and dazzle. If the dinner has fully satisfied the sense of taste and the appetite, the dessert should address itself to the soul, as it were, through the eyes and rouse sensations of surprise and admiration and crown the enjoyments that commenced with the removal of the cover of the soup tureen.

The dessert of the middle ages had no special character. There was a good deal of Cellini cup and Limoges plate, Palissy dish and gold chased goblet about it, and perfumes and spices in plenty. The cake one can readily imagine to be like wedding cake, quite heavy, full of citron, and considered indigestible, and a person can also imagine certain errors of taste marring the whole affair, as in Ben Jonson's time, when, at a lord mayor's feast, a beribboned dwarf jester at a given signal took a flying header into a large bowl of custard, to the alarm, terror and delight of the aldermen, court gallants and the ladies, whose fine ruffs and slashed hose of silk and satin must have been fearfully splashed and spotted. In the times of the Medicis and Bartholomew massacre the French and Italian nobles had a queer custom of always carrying about with them in the pockets of their doublets costly little boxes filled with bonbons, reminding one very much of some good grandfather or uncle who always has a peppermint in a bit of paper tucked away in the far off corner of some pocket. It was a childish custom, and proves that the age had a sweet tooth and a more boyish taste than ours. It must have been highly conducive to flirting and may have been useful for diplomatic purposes.

Robert May, in his cook book, expatiates largely on the skill and art required to build a large gilded ship of confectionery during the reign of James I. "Its masts, cabins and portholes all smart and glittering, its bunting flying, its figurehead as bright as gold leaf could make it. Its guns were charged with actual powder, its cargo was two turreted pies, one full of living birds, the other of frogs. When borne in by gay pages to the sound of music, the guns were discharged, the ladies screamed and fainted, so much so as to require being held up and consoled with sips of Tokay, the gallants all the while smiling and applauding. After all this you may suppose they will desire to see what is in the pies. The lids are lifted, and out come frogs and flying birds, causing much delight and surprise to the whole company." Such were the sports of Whitehall when black browed old Rowley presided at the table.

The house of Brunswick brought over sound Protestantism, but German taste. Cooking grew cumbrous and dull; a naturalism became the fashion of the German and French cooks of the eighteenth century. Horace Walpole, great about trifles, derided the new fashion in dessert. Jellies, biscuit, sugar plums and creams, simple and pleasant, had given way to fashionable inanity, and fashionable rusticity to harlequins, gondoliers, Turks, Chinese and shepherdesses of Saxon China. These fantastic creatures wandering about a dessert in a meaningless way among dry, frizzly groves of curled paper and silk flowers, were soon discovered to be insipid. Meadows full of spotted cattle, sugar cottages, pigmy and long tailed Neptunes in cockle shell cars domineering over oceans of looking glass and rumply seas of silver tissue paper did not satisfy. Gradually Frederick, Prince of Wales, whose companions were Desnoyess, the dancing master, and Doddington, the toady, began to deride these puppet shows that figured in the center of the Burgundy glasses and the dishes of macaroons. The grandeur of size now struck these pigmy dandies. The confectioners aspired to actual statuary; spindle legged Venuses in affected postures.

The dessert is allowed by all writers to be of Italian origin. The maitre d'hotel before the Italian dessert arrived gloried in large dishes, mountains of fruit and hills of sticky sweetmeats. The elegance was clumsy and ostentatious; there was no poetry in it. The newer fashion consisted in those trees and shrubs and gardens alluded to by Walpole. Frenchmen delighted in the sea of glasses, the flower beds formed of colored sand and the little men and women in sugar promenading about. The sand garden first appeared in France in 1725 at the marriage of Louis XV with Queen Mary of Poland. Desforges was the first decorator of those days. He introduced imitation foliage and gave a natural appearance to frizzled muslin. He was succeeded by DeLorme, who had not such profundity of imagination, yet he won many laurels, and was followed by Dutfoy in 1805, who immortalized himself by forming the center of his dessert of palaces and temples of perfect taste and of vast extent. Domes, cupolas, galleries in perspective, elegant porticoes, columns and entablatures were molded by his ingenious and skillful hands.

The appropriate attributes with which he adorned his temples rendered mythology an after dinner study at once agreeable and instructive. He almost gave life to these extraordinary pictures by a tasteful arrangement of light and shade. He sought also the aid of the pyrotechnist, and that artist hurried to his succor. He mixed harmless Chinese and scented fireworks with his temples and Greek shrines. In a moment the temples of Dutfroy were the center of a whirl of colored fires; a thousand globes darted to the ceiling and shed their scented sparks on the astonished and delighted guests.—"M. R. H." in Boston Herald.

New York's Street Railway.

There are in the city of New York nearly 250 miles of street railway, divided among the sixteen companies, the iron rails required to lay the tracks of which, if stretched out in a continuous line, would extend from New York to Jacksonville, Fla. Over these tracks, for the last year of which a report has been made, notwithstanding the 500,000 daily passengers on the elevated roads, there were carried the almost incredible number of 171,499,027 passengers. To transport this immense mass of humanity there were required 9,048 cars, 15,407 horses and 6,062 employes. The total stock of all the companies is represented by over $30,000,000.—The Argonaut.

Another Railway Scheme.

Raleigh Correspondence Richmond Dispatch.

As an offset to the plan to build a railway from Sanford to Goldsboro', it is now proposed to build one from Selma to Charlotte. Selma is in Johnston county, and there the new "short-cut" branch of the Wilmington and Weldon road crosses the North Carolina road. The proposed line will run via Smithfield, Lillington, Carthage, Troy, and Albemarle to Charlotte, and will cross several other roads. It is an entirely new scheme.

The Experiences of Mrs. Peters.

Mrs. Peters had ills,
Mrs. Peters had chills,
Mrs. Peters was sure she was going to die;
They dosed her with pills,
With powders and squills,
With remedies wet, and with remedies dry.
Many medicines lured her,
But none of them cured her.
Their names and their number nobody could tell;
And she soon might have died,
But some "Pellets" were tried,
That acted like magic, and then she got well.

The magic "Pellets" were Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. They cured Mrs. Peters, and now she won't be without them.

Wrapped in a Living Blanket.

A few evenings since Mr. Jelleson, who keeps the saloon at Glenarook, was out bathing in the lake when something suddenly wrapped about him like a wet blanket. He was close to shore, and got there pretty lively. When he climbed up the wharf the blanket, as it appeared to be, was all wrapped about him in a queer way. He rushed into the saloon where there was a light, and was horrified to discover that the thing which was wrapped around him was alive. It held on with a terrible suction, and required several men to get it off.

A scientist who was stopping at the hotel pronounced it an elactys cacynthius, or what is vulgarly known as the blanket fish. It frequents the waters of the polar seas, and is only occasionally found in fresh water, except deep, cold lakes, and generally stays near the bottom. It is sometimes found in the Pacific ocean as low as the thirty-fifth parallel. It wraps around its victim, and by impeding the motions of its limbs causes it to drown.

It is dark brown in color, with black specks, and weighs about twenty five pounds. When stretched out on the wharf, it was about six feet long by five broad, and not over an inch thick. It was an object of curiosity all day, and is now on exhibition in the saloon.

Mr. Emery, the stage driver, says he saw Jelleson when he came out of the water, and thought he was wrapped up in a blanket. This is the first ever caught in this section of the world.—Carson Appeal.

Birthday "Thank Offerings."

The Sunday school of my church has an ingenious and very simple method of raising money in connection with the recurrence of birthdays. Each officer, teacher and scholar is bound by a happy rule to bring on the Sabbath after the occurrence of a birthday as many pennies as the day numbers years, the pennies going to make up a thank offering. This causes the young to appreciate the return of birthdays, and the character of the offering suggests to their minds the propriety of being thankful for each year they live. Those who never grow older than a certain convenient limit have no record kept of the pennies they drop in, but in all other cases the name of the person and the number of pennies to puts in are taken down. When our scholars grow older their contributions to this fund are much larger, and as some of the teachers are well on to the scriptural limit of life, the sums that are dropped in are sometimes quite respectable.—Rev. Dr. Rhodes in Globe-Democrat.

A Conjurer's Trick.

The prettiest trick I ever saw, says a London Standard writer, was done by Herrmann while at lunch with a brother conjurer in the hotel at Montevideo. Five people were seated at the table (not his own, be it observed), and there was apparently an entire absence of any possible preparation. Taking a pear from the dish he told us to mark it. One left four punctures from his fork in it, another dropped a spot of ink on the rind; I pushed an American three cent piece into the soft substance of the fruit until it was buried; next a large slice was cut out and eaten. Herrmann then took it and tossed it toward the lofty ceiling. "Catch it yourselves," he cried, as the pear was whirling in mid air. It fell into my outstretched hand, prong marked, ink spotted and with the three cent bit still bedded in its tissue, but whole.—New York Tribune.

A Boston Editor's Regrets.

Boston Globe.

Miss Fanny Parker, a daughter of Courtland Parker, of Newark, seeing a woman struggling in the water, sprang from her carriage, swam to her relief and brought her to the shore. This brave girl is only twenty-one, and is described as tall, graceful, with waxy hair, accomplished and with a sunny disposition that makes her a general favorite. If we were an end man in a ministeral show, with curly hair and a paste diamond, we might be found some of these summer evenings hanging on Courtland Parker's front gate.

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A few weeks ago I took a severe Cold, which, at first, I neglected to care for. In three days it affected my Lungs, and I became extremely ill. Breathing was most difficult and painful, and my family physician, not being able to come immediately to the house, sent directions that I should take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I was promptly relieved by the use of this medicine, and, after taking only one bottle, was entirely cured.—Andrew J. Davis, Atchison, Kansas.

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