

Cookery Points

Cheese Parties Popular.

One of the favorite amusements among young people just now is what they term "cheese parties." A young lady desirous of entertaining her friends very informally invites about a dozen of her "intimates" to spend the evening with her and partake of a Welsh rabbit. One of the peculiar charms of this entertainment is "the come and go early" plan, so every one is on hand by 8 or shortly after.

The hostess must have one pound of fresh, dry cheese (any grocer will give the proper kind), cut into small pieces and placed in the chafin dish. Salt, mustard, cayenne, butter and a bottle of ale or a pitcher of sweet milk must be on the table near by. Mix a cup of milk or about the same quantity of ale or beer with the cheese, light the little lamp and allow the mixture to become partially warmed and soft before calling the guests into the dining room.

Then add, when the cheese is somewhat melted, four teaspoonfuls of butter, four small teaspoonfuls of mustard, two teaspoonfuls of salt and a little pepper. This it well and cook until it thickens, being careful not to let it curdle. Some experts consider an egg necessary, but many do not think it an improvement. Half a slice of bread or toast should be ready on a plate for each person. When the "rabbit" is cooked, serve a tablespoonful on each plate.

The beverage for the evening is usually good strong coffee. The small, square sea foam crackers, buttered, salted and just heated through, are delicious always, and especially at a "cheese party."

The young people do not despise bowls of popped corn or dishes of candy as a means of occupation until the rabbit is ready for eating. Nothing jollier is to be imagined than a group of lively boys and girls seated around a table, their eyes all fixed on the center of attraction, each with his or her word of advice in regard to the manner of stirring, length of time required for cooking, etc., until, as the commander-in-chief inspires confidence, they turn their attention to cracking jokes and telling stories while waiting for the result of so much twisting and turning of the silver spoon and fork in the fast melting cheese.

By 10 or a little later the happy crowd has dispersed, one and all declaring that the evening has been a success, and the hostess may bid them good night with a smiling face, feeling sure that each one has had "a real good time."

Corn Dodgers.

These cakes, made from the earliest times by the Indians and negroes and baked on leaves or on a hoe in the hot ashes, may be successfully imitated by the modern cook in her up to date oven.

Take one pint of the genuine southern cornmeal and sift it with one cupful of flour and a teaspoonful of salt. Scald this with two cupfuls of boiling water or milk in which a rounded tablespoonful of shortening has been melted. This should result in a moist batter, but one sufficiently firm to hold in place when dropped from a spoon into a well greased baking pan. Two tablespoonfuls of the batter will be enough for each dodger, about three-fourths of an inch in thickness. The cakes may be even smaller if preferred. To give them the old fashioned southern finish leave the full length imprint of the finger across the top of each cake. Bake in an oat hot with butter for breakfast or luncheon. If preferred the dodgers may be baked on a well greased griddle. Cook slowly and when well browned on one side turn to the other.

For the Tea Table.

A novelty to serve instead of candy at afternoon tea is made from figs stuffed with chopped nuts and a fresh marshmallow. The figs are first soaked in brandy, or sherry if preferred, for half a day, then pulled apart and each half lined with the nut and pulled around the marshmallow to make a round ball. The only drawback to this delicious confection is that it is somewhat "smeary" to eat.

Tea Cakes.

For individual cakes to serve warm, for tea cream half a cupful of butter with a scant cupful of sugar. Add half a cupful of sour milk in which a third of a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Flavor with spice to suit the taste and add enough sifted flour to roll out. Cut into biscuits or bake in muffin tins. An egg may be added if desired.

Shirred Oysters.

Chop twenty-five large oysters fine, add the beaten yolks of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cream, sufficient dry bread crumbs to thicken and salt and pepper to taste. Fill the cleaned shells with this mixture. Put little pieces of butter on top and bake in a quick oven until lightly browned.

Good For Seasonings.

Celery is sometimes very scarce, and a good plan is to save the tops of the celery this time of the year. Cut and wash the nice leaves, tie with a cord and hang up to dry. When dry put them in a paper bag and save for seasoning soups or dressings.

For the Children

The Hen and Her Cuddle-de-wees.



Our hen has a flock of cuddle-de-wees. That follow her round all day. Some are yellow, and one is black. And two are a pretty gray. And at evening time when the sunset light is shining between the trees. Our hen picks out a shady spot. And calls to her cuddle-de-wees. And there in the shadow beneath the trees They run to her gladly, the cuddle-de-wees. —St. Nicholas.

Names of Canadian Provinces.

Of course we all know that Nova Scotia is the Latin for New Scotland. The name was given by the Earl of Stirling's Scottish colony.

New Brunswick was so named in 1784 after the family of the reigning sovereign of Great Britain, the house of Brunswick.

Prince Edward Island was named after Edward, duke of Kent.

Quebec is from Quebec, a narrow-ling. This is an Indian word and was given to the site of the first French settlement because the St. Lawrence river narrows there. The province took its name from the leading settlement.

Ontario is from the Indian Onontario, meaning beautiful lake. The province thus gets its name from one of its principal lakes.

Manitoba is also of Indian derivation. Manitoba means the passing of the Great Spirit.

Saskatchewan is an Indian word in the Cree dialect meaning swiftly flowing water.

Alberta was named after the sixth daughter of Queen Victoria, wife of the Duke of Argyll, Louise Caroline Alberta.

British Columbia honors Columbus, the discoverer of America, and also the empire to which it belongs—Halifax Herald.

Lighting the Candle.

"I'll bet you that I can light this candle," said George to Bobby, "without touching the wick."

"Go ahead and prove it," said Bobby shortly.

Since the coin episode he never disputed the possibility of a thing with George.

George lighted the candle and let it burn until the snuff was quite long.

Then he quickly blew it out. A thin thread of smoke rose. To this George quickly applied a lighted match.

Bobby started in amazement, for the flame ran down the smoke and rekindled the candle.

This is a simple experiment. If you try it you will be surprised at the distance from the candle you can hold the light and yet have the experiment succeed. It is a pretty and fantastic trick.

An Egg Race.

On either side of the room six large hard boiled colored eggs are placed in a line at intervals of about a foot. At the far end of each line is a large open basket or a coarsely woven nest. Two leaders are chosen, who, in turn, choose sides. A player from each side is given a large wooden spoon and stands at the near end of his line. At a signal each starts to spoon up the eggs one at a time, carrying them to the nest. A list of the winners on each side is kept, and at the end of the game the side which has the greater number is the winner. Small individual prizes may be given to all the players on the victorious side—for example, tiny nests filled with egg bonbons.

The Bottle Conjurer.

State to the company that it was proved some years ago at a theater that to crawl into a quart bottle was an impossibility, but the rapid progress made by the march of intellect in these enlightened times has proved that any person may crawl into a quart bottle as easily as into his bed. Having thus prefaced your intentions, you get a pint bottle and place it in the middle of the room, then go outside the door and, creeping into the room upon all fours, say, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is crawling in to the quart bottle."

Arbor Day.

Grow them and flourish well. Ever the story tell. Of this glad day. Long may thy branches raise To heaven our grateful praise. Wait them on sunlight rays To God away.

"Let music swell the breeze And ring from all the trees" On this glad day. Bless them each twig at hand O'er all our happy land. Teach them thy love's command Great God, we pray.

Deep in the earth today Safely thy roots we lay, Tree of thy love. Grow them and flourish long. Ever our grateful song Shall its glad notes prolong To God above.

Good Form



Correct Letter Writing.

A communication or gift received by a person in social life must be acknowledged. This is a rule so emphatic that it has no exceptions.

And equally is it the rule that if the communication be a card or note it must be responded to in precisely the same form. Acting upon this, no woman need fear making a mistake in this branch of her social duties.

A visiting card, slight as it is, should not be ignored unless it bears the letters "P. P. C." In that instance it is an answer to courtesies received as well as an announcement of departure and therefore might be said to close communication.

A receipt of a card following an event of importance to the family requires a card in return. For example, after a birth or death or other occasions less momentous it is not uncommon for friends to post visiting cards as indicating that they are aware of the happening. Sometimes merely a word or line is written on the card, as "Condolences," "Felicitations," according to the nature of the event. The return card, which should be sent within a couple of days, may have the word "Thanks" written on it, or it may be blank except for the engraved name and address.

It is not considered good form to answer a note with a card after a death, when a bereaved family is permitted to make little effort, and its members may spare themselves the work of writing notes.

Invitations are always to be answered in the same form in which they are received, so that if a note comes written in the first person the response also should contain the personal pronoun. More formal invitations, in which the third person is employed, require the third in return.

Incidentally a person who is unaccustomed to writing this most formal communication, which takes the third person, must be careful that in answering the response continues to contain the third at the end as at the beginning.

More than one person has committed the error of beginning correctly with the third and ending with the first person.

A Few Table Rules.

A woman who gives much attention to diet and lives up to the best ideas in this line has the following rules neatly framed in a conspicuous place in her dining room where the family may be impressed with them:

First.—Five or ten minutes before beginning to eat a meal drink a glass of cold water. This will leave the stomach before the food reaches it and will carry with it any mucus which has accumulated since last eating, thus leaving the walls of the stomach clear and ready to be activated by the newly arrived food.

Second.—Never take a second cup of coffee. You will not care for a second if you moisten your food sufficiently with saliva. Take dinner coffee always with dessert or after rather than before, as it thus aids digestion.

Third.—Never wash your food down with liquids, but masticate each mouthful well and it will be sufficiently moist and will promote the flow of gastric juices, thereby preparing the stomach still further for its work.

Fourth.—Never eat "until too full." By a little attention to the matter you will learn when to stop and thus avoid the consequences of overeating. One mouthful too much is apt to cause disturbance of the digestive system. This may seem like putting it rather strong, but you know that even a teaspoonful too much will cause a dish to overflow, and the same applies to the closely packed organs of the human body, where disarranged gastric fluids will produce illness.

Telephone Invitations.

When accepting an invitation over the telephone it is the part of wisdom to follow it with a written acceptance, in which the day, date and hour are repeated. Only in this way can a woman be certain that no error is made in the time, and the sense of security given is worth the effort.

Telephonic invitations will sometimes appear to be informal and always are, but a woman will have no difficulty in deciding the point if she gives heed to the hour appointed. A luncheon at half past 1 o'clock, to play bridge afterward, may be regarded as formal; dinner at any time after a quarter to 7 is also formal.

Earlier than these hours is considered to be informal.

Bridesmaids Gowns.

It is customary for a bride to select the style and material of the bridesmaids' dresses, and if the girls are not well enough off to have many dresses she should assuredly be careful to choose styles that are not too pronounced, so that the dresses may be worn on other occasions. Complaints about this are not infrequent from girls who have acted as bridesmaids when they were obliged to buy dresses they could never use again on account of the combination of colors or the exaggerated mode fancied at the moment by the bride.

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Milady's Mirror



True Beauty.

Beauty rides on a lion. Beauty rests on necessities. The line of beauty is the result of perfect economy. The cell of the bee is built at that angle which gives the most strength with the least wax. The bone or quill of the bird gives the most alar strength with the least weight.

"It is the purgation of superfluities," said Michelangelo. There is not a particle to spare in natural structures. There is a compelling reason in the uses of the plant for every novelty of color or form, and our art saves material by more skillful arrangement and reaches beauty by taking every superfluous ounce that can be spared from a wall and keeping all its strength in the poetry of columns. In rhetoric this art of omission is a chief secret of power, and in general it is proof of high culture to say the greatest matters in the simplest way.—Emerson.

Recipe For Beauty.

If you have a hurry call to be beautiful without the time to work up to the permanent affair here's your chance: First wash your face with warm water and almond meal. Make a sort of paste of those things and wash off with warm water and dry lightly. Then apply your skin food lest there be any reaction from the drastic treatment to follow. Now take a piece of lemon and rub it over the face till the skin smart. Rinse again, this time with water that is gradually brought down from cool to cold.

You are then ready for the final ceremony. Hold a good sized piece of ice in a towel and iron your face with it. Then look in the glass. This has been found an absolutely reliable recipe before asking for the coveted new bouquet.

Viscountess Wears Huge Earrings.

Viscountess d'Arz, wife of a distinguished French naval officer, who recently was in Annapolis, wears rings in her ears which are round and large as a silver half dollar. She has a seemingly endless variety of these huge ornaments, certain ones Tuscan gold set in rubies, others diamonds and aluminum, others pearls and emeralds in filigree gold. One of the most bizarre combinations is worn with a costume of cerise satin and mechin lace and shows three pigeon blood rubies depending one over the other in a hoop of thin Tuscan gold. There are similar ornaments on her bedice and a big belt buckle in the back made in the same way. Six batons of exact design as the earrings adorn the big black beaver trimmed with cerise plumes and a bird of paradise.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

The egg shampoo is one of the best to be obtained. It is cleansing and at the same time provides food for the scalp and hair, making it fine and glossy.

Use may be made of the almond meal jars and cream jars of good size by filling these with medicated cotton, which is employed for applying powder and liquids for the toilet use.

Excellent for sprains is the starch poultice. Pour boiling hot water on starch, spread on linen and apply hot. Poultices may also be made of hops, hemlock or charcoal. Medicated poultices may contain any drug ordered.

If instead of drinking a strong cup of tea or coffee when suffering from a bad headache a woman would drink a cup of hot milk she would be more apt to cure the pain, not because hot milk has medicinal properties, but because it is more easily digested than tea or coffee and soothes instead of stimulates the nerves.

A clear, healthy complexion is an impossibility for a woman who stays much indoors in winter. Women should understand that the pores as much as the lungs need fresh air, and failure to give it will simply make them larger in their effort to breathe. The fact of living in badly ventilated rooms is frequently the cause of large pores in the face.

In bathing the hands tepid water and a bland soap should be used, and always dry them thoroughly. If they are inclined to chap it is a good plan to use a lotion composed of glycerin, one ounce; rosewater, one ounce, and tincture of benzoin, five drops. Rub a few drops into the hands whenever they are bathed. Use also before retiring and draw on a pair of large, soft gloves.

People who are told to use smoked or colored glasses in the house sometimes find this impracticable because they interfere so greatly with vision. This objection does not apply to ordinary white glass set in cuplike frames so shaped that they cut off all light save that which comes from the front. The protecting part may be of wire gauze, vulcanite or such like glasses to suit the vision may be set in such frames, and the latter, even without the glasses, are of use when one reads by a light placed at the right or left of the head. Another good protection for the side of the eye is a pair of lensless spectacles with hinged side pieces of black glass.

Put Yourself in the Ad-Readers Place...

When you write your classified ad—or any kind of an ad—try to include in it just the information you'd like to find if you were an ad-reader and were looking for an ad of that kind.

If you do this—even a small extent—your ad will bring Results!

FORGOT HIS ORGAN.

So Filkins Had a Little Talk With the Customs Inspector.

Filkins had just returned from a six months' tour of the continent, and his trunks and boxes were numerous. With considerable anxious care he had prepared his declaration, but when he saw the eagle eyed inspector plunge into his work a wave of fear spread over him. Could he by any possibility have forgotten anything? And if so and it was brought to light would he have to suffer the pain and humiliation of arrest? Rapidly he ran over in his mind the dutiable objects that he remembered having heard that others had brought in—clothing, objects of art, books, bric-a-brac, jewels, musical instruments—ah, his heart stood still—musical instruments—pianos, violins, flutes, organs—

With beating heart he approached the inspector.

"Is there any duty on organs?" he asked in a trembling voice.

"There is," said the inspector, fixing a cold, steady eye upon him.

"Then," said Filkins, "I desire to withdraw my declaration for a moment."

"What for?" demanded the inspector.

"I wish to amend it," said Filkins. "I've had my nose repaired and made over on the other side, and I'd hate to have that organ seized because I'd overlooked it."—Harper's Weekly.

A STARTLING BILL.

Five Thousand Reils For Two Meals in a Brazilian Hotel.

Hotels are few and ill conducted in the Brazilian coast towns, although an occasional good one is met with. Americans who patronize a Brazilian hotel or restaurant for the first time are generally treated to a surprise when the bill is presented. Two young sailors had dinner one day in Pernambuco, and to their horror, the bill was 5,000 reils.

They nearly fainted and would have fled without attempting to settle; but, there being no chance of escape, they clubbed together all the money they had, about \$12, and humbly offered it to the proprietor. Instead of having them thrown into jail, he laughed and explained that their bill in American coin was \$2.50.

He furthermore explained that the basis of Brazilian currency is an imaginary coin called a reis, 1,000 of which make a milreis. Everything is counted in reis, and the figures have a very imposing sound—200 reis for a ride on a street car, 100 reis for having your boots blacked, a million reis for a house, and so on. It is a silly system, but the Brazilians seem to think it perfection.—Exchange.

Stepped the Stealing.

The Rev. Joseph Erskine of Edinburgh at one time in his life lost handkerchief after handkerchief. He found on investigation that it was on Sunday these losses occurred, and accordingly Mrs. Erskine sewed his handkerchief in the tail pocket of his coat.

"No," said she—"no lat us see what will happen."

Mr. Erskine, with the sewed in handkerchief, passed down the aisle of the church that morning, as usual, to ascend to the pulpit, but as he sailed by the amen corner he felt a gentle tug behind, a delicate nibble among his coat-tails. Thereupon he turned on the disappointed old woman in the corner and said, with a triumphant smile: "No the day, honest woman; no the day."

Window Leaves.

Six species of plants that possess window leaves have been discovered in South Africa. They are all stemless succulents, and the egg shaped leaves are imbedded in the ground, only the apices remaining visible. The visible part of the leaves is flat or convex on the surface and colorless, so that the light can penetrate it and reach the interior of the leaf below, which is green on the inside. With the exception of the blunt apex no part of the leaf is permeable to the light, being surrounded by the soil in which it is buried.

Broke 62,458 Bottles.

On the morning of April 18, 1906, the cellar of Paul Masson, a wine merchant of San Jose, Cal., contained a stock of 125,000 bottles, all neatly arranged. Then came the earthquake, and when the proprietor was able to enter his cellar again he found that 62,458 bottles, by actual count, were broken and the remainder thrown about in the wildest confusion. It is curious, with such a large number of bottles, that the quake should have come within a few dozen of demolishing an exact half of the stock.—Wide World Magazine.

Then She Digs the Spurs In.

"Wives are amazing helps—splendid spurs," said a senator at a dinner in Washington. "No young man should be without at least one."

"Whenever a man falls his wife tells the public that he was too conscientious to succeed. What she tells him in private is a different matter."—Exchange.

A Better Trade.

"I understand young Brierless is about to marry the daughter of old Bonds, the millionaire."

"Yes, so I am told."

"Will he give up the law business?"

"Yes. He will give up the law business and go into the son-in-law business."

Ingratitude is monstrous, and for the multitude to be ungrateful were to make a monster of the multitude.—Shakespeare.

WANT ESTATE SETTLED.

Augusta Powers Asks Letters of Administration.

A petition for letters of administration has been filed in the office of County Clerk Mulvey, by Augusta Powers in the estate of Edward Reppke.

The value of the personal property is \$10,000, and the real property having a rental value is about \$75 per annum.

The heirs are Aloia Reppke, widow of Edward Reppke, of Springfield; Augusta Powers, daughter of Edward Reppke, of Springfield. U'Ren & Schubel are the attorneys.

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