

WHAT SOCIETY IS DOING



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A MAN'S QUESTION.

(Begging Mrs. Browning's Pardon.)

Do you know you have asked for the costliest thing

Ever made since the world began—

A modern income, a furnished flat And the heart of a modern man.

Do you know you have asked for this coveted thing,

As though husbands were easy to get—

Demanding what dozens have sighed to win,

With the "cheek" of a spoiled soubrette?

You have asked me to pay your milliner's bills,

To relinquish my club for you!

Now stand at the bar, while I light a cigar

And ask a few questions, too.

You require that I shall give you my name,

With "Mrs." attached and a ring;

I require that you shall stay always at home,

Like a kitten tied to a string.

A seamstress I'm wanting to darn my socks,

A cook and a laundress, too,

An inspiration, a soul-mate, a chum And an angel! Now, will you do?

I am well-groomed now, but the fuzz will grow

On my manly cheek some day;

Will you love me then with a two days' beard

And without a collar, I pray?

Will you wear out all of your wedding clothes

Before asking for any more?

Will you turn your frocks and your last year's hats

And trim them o'er and o'er?

Will you never talk back nor question me,

When too long downtown I have tarried?

For a sociable man finds Heaven or Hell

On the day that he is married!

I require all things from a slave to a saint—

A harem in one wife—see?

And if some day I can't pay the bills

Will you take up stenography?

If you cannot do this—oh, very well!

There are others who will, they say;

For any girl's heart is easy to win

If a man just knows the way!

HELEN ROWLAND.

A CERTAIN CHARM elings about Hallowe'en that seems to be equally attractive to both young and old. There is always something so mysterious in Hallowe'en, something about prying into the future that wields a power over us all. We are willing to pretend, to believe in the wiles of ghosts and witches and accept our fate as foretold by apples, candles, nuts and cabbage roots with grim resignation to our fate.

Here are a lot of mystic things that one hostess I know has arranged for the twenty young people whom she asked to her hospitable home. She is going to give cards ornamented with witches with a list of the stunts to be done, the guests to write down which were favorable; at 12 o'clock the one who has the most favorable omens is to be presented with a Hallowe'en favor.

Fire and water tests seem to belong to this season, and everyone submits goodnaturedly. Whirl a

lighted candle in front of one's face; many sparks denote great wealth; if the candle goes out in the whirl it denotes poverty. The following lines should be chanted during the test:

Dingle, dingle, dowsie, the cat's in the well.

The dog's awa' to Berwick to buy a new bell.

Take a bowl of water, over it suspend a wedding ring borrowed from some one in the house, then extract a long hair from some girl selected for the sacrifice. If the ring strikes the side of the bowl single blessedness is the fate of the person whose fortune is being told; if it turns once marriage within the year will result; if it turns twice, two years must elapse before a wedding takes place.

For the game of saucers four saucers are required—one empty, one filled with clear water, one pink water, one blue. Blindfold each person in turn, have him turn around three times, then request him to dip his fingers in one of the saucers. The clear water foretells marriage between the ages of 20 and 30; the pink water between 30 and 40; the blue water between 40 and 50; the empty dish signifies celibacy for life.

To find the name of one's future helpmeet provide good-sized bowls filled with water, in which, face down, are all the letters of the alphabet, which have been cut from newspapers or magazines. The game is to blow the letters into a line to spell the name of one's intended.

A Hallowe'en Table.

The center of attraction at most parties is the table, and I have never seen anything carried out more in the spirit of the occasion than this scheme which I saw last year. The centerpiece was an enormous pumpkin with a row of candles in the top, a handle had been left, which was swined with vines. There was a bunch of grapes for each person, to which was tied a favor that contained symbols of the future life, such as a coin, wealth; a pen, literary career; a thimble, spinsterhood, etc.

Over the table, mingled with ferns, leaves and vines, were spiders, toads, glittering silver snakes, owls, cats and quaint brownie figures. These objects were really a great attraction, lit only by candles in really ornamental holders made from vegetables. There are unknown possibilities in the decorative properties of squash, cucumbers, gourds and cabbage. Just try for yourself and see.

After all were seated the hostess passed little silk bags containing white beans. These were laid out, and one's fortune told by the following nursery rhyme, using beans instead of buttons:

Your future will be a

Rich man, poor man, beggar man,

thief,

Doctor, lawyer, merchant chief.

Or a

Rich girl, poor girl, beggar girl,

crook,

School girl, cash girl, servant,

cook.

For the wedding the time will be indicated by:

This year, next year, sometime, no

time,

And the house will be a

Big house, little house, hotel,

barn.

To the great surprise of the guests the first course consisted of green peas in little bowls, which were eaten with butter, salt and pepper. In one bowl was a large bean, signifying that the one finding it would be first to marry. This is an English custom and is called "scadding the peas." It is kept up in the north of England.

Before leaving the table each one was given five bay leaves to be pinned on the four corners of the pillow with one in the center, naming them after the opposite sex, the one

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dreamed of to be the future mate through life.

Then everyone had to eat a pretty snow apple and keep the seeds, which were snapped between the thumb and forefinger, the direction in which they flew being supposed to tell in which direction one's lover lived. During this test the following was repeated:

Pippin, Pippin, Paradise,

Tell me where my true lover lies, East, west, north or south.

After leaving the table each guest took a candle and placed it in the open window, first, of course, silently naming it. If the flames flicker it denotes fickleness, but a clear bright flame augurs well, for love will be like it, but if the flame goes out hope dies at the same time.

Hallowe'en Thoughts.

At a party of Hallowe'en it is generally best to have very simple refreshments, such as one would not have at other times; all kinds of nuts, apples, grapes, cider, doughnuts, with perhaps sandwiches. A cake known for this one night as "mystery," or "fortune" is expected. It may be a devil's food, rich spice cake or a fruit cake.

Bran or Flour Trick.

This trick is as old as the hills, but someone asks for it every year. Each guest is provided with a plate of bran or flour that is turned out of a bowl, making a nice round mold. A ring, a thimble, a coin, and a button are hid in each mound. The guest must pick out one of these objects with his teeth, not touching the plate with his or her hands. Everyone knows the significance of the objects.

To Choose Partner For Supper.

Have as many little cabbage heads as there are guests planted in a window box if it cannot be arranged to have them planted for the occasion out doors. The whole company are blindfolded, take hold of hands and each one pull a cabbage there will be the name of the person who will be the supper mate.

The North Bend Fire Department

will give its annual ball Saturday evening, October 30. The hall will be beautifully decorated and the following musicians have been engaged to furnish new and special music: Miss Freda Eckhoff, pianist; Geo. Langenberg, violin; P. L. Swearingen, cornet; Reuben Lyons, clarinet; Robt. Simpson, trombone.

Miss Helen Doble is being delightfully entertained by friends and relatives in Chicago. St. Paul and Stillwater, Minn., where she has been visiting the past three months. —Portland Oregonian.

Col. Wm. Grimes and wife will entertain the Tuesday Night Whist Club at their home next Tuesday evening.

The marriage of Miss Helen Sutton Chandler and Harry Guy Tremaine was celebrated Tuesday morning at a much earlier date than originally planned because of an urgent business call that will take Mr. Tremaine east for several months. The ceremony was at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. H. M. Ramsey read the service and only the family and a few immediate friends attended. Breakfast followed at the Hotel Portland and there Mr. and Mrs. Tremaine have taken rooms till Thursday night, when they leave for New York. The bride wore her traveling suit of broadcloth in the fashionable peacock blue shade, with hat to match, and carried Golden Gate roses. On their way east they will meet in Denver Miss Helea Doble, who was unable

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