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EVERY girl can remember when her first real "beau" came to call and what a momentous occasion it was, indeed. It was really the real launching into the world of your boy friends had come to spend the evening before, but there was a difference, however, and you were not slow to make the most of it.

If you had young brothers or sisters you were in mortal terror lest they should carry out some of the mischievous plans which they had been concocting, just within your hearing, all day.

Long before there was any likelihood of his coming you dressed in your very best, and longed but hardly dared to put a rose carefully behind one ear according to the style made popular by every novel you ever read.

Perhaps you did dare to serve refreshments—I did—it was chocolate at 5 o'clock and it was a dismal failure, although we both drank it bravely—chocolate made with milk that had not reached the scalding point by any means, and without sugar. This was my debut as a hostess and every other woman could tell a similar tale—perhaps the chocolate was all that it should have been, but you were struck dumb—just—when you, smiling, to shine as a brilliant conversationalist—whatever your experience, it was your initial bow as an entertainer, and if you wish to be popular—and who doesn't?—one must be a success at the very beginning.

There is a right and a wrong way of making people feel truly welcome when they enter your door, and to leave with the regret that they cannot stay longer.

There is a right and a wrong way of making people feel at home; if you really treat them as members of the family it is not probable that they will regard you with much love—for we are not in the habit of treating members of the family with any special consideration—and that is what guests like—delicate consideration for their comfort and happiness. It is easy to see that the "one of the family" idea would not be a great success, but the consideration for your guest must not be too apparent, or you will make him or her very uncomfortable and so defeat your purpose.

One of the most charming people I ever visited was a little French woman; she was considerate of my comfort, and yet never let it appear that I was really causing extra work, but by the way she did everything gave me to understand that she was especially favored by my presence.

The girl who puts on her best "bib and tucker" when a young man comes to call is paying him a delicate compliment, and I think that many of her girl friends would appreciate the same attention.

When we drop in unannounced we do not expect to find our friends "dressed up," nor do we look for an elaborate meal, but when we have received an invitation to come on a certain day it is a trifle disheartening to find the hostess in a frayed kimono and to have to sit down to a "pick up" dinner, although this is the habit of treating guests by some women, who, thinking that by so doing they are establishing a reputation for homelike entertaining—they are—but we don't go away from home on purpose to enjoy a "pick up" with the "disposable" parts of the life.

It is not difficult to serve delicate refreshments—after you have passed the sugary chocolate period—and it adds immeasurably to the pleasure of your guests if they are treated to a cup of tea, perfectly brewed, and wafers.

I do not think that formal dinners are all hospitable; they savor too much of doing things by wholesale, and are not nearly so enjoyable as a small dinner perfectly served, and where only congenial people are present. It is a difficult matter to find 12 congenial people who are congenial, but if you divide

that number and invite the people at different times your dinners are bound to be a success, and your guests leave pleased with you and themselves.

Games for the November Hostess.

Give each guest 10 letters from a box of anagrams, and then out the letters N. V. Z. Each player turns his 10 letters face downward on the table. The hostess will then ask a question of one of the players, who should turn a letter and try to answer it. The first letter of the reply; if the question cannot be answered by the time the keeper counts ten, the letter is forfeited. Another question is asked of the same player and another letter turned up; if the question is answered in the given time the player keeps the letter, and the next question is asked of some one else. The object of the game is to lose as few letters as possible. As soon as the 10 letters give out the player most withdrawn from the game. A prize may be given to the one who has the most letters at the end of the game.

WORD DEFINITION.

This game is played with the aid of a dictionary—and may be very enjoyable if any of the company are apt at epigrammatic definition. One player selects a word from the dictionary, which he gives to each person in turn to define; the one who best defines the word is given a counter, which may be taken from him if he fails to define some other word to the satisfaction of the three, chosen as judges, who are to pass sentences on each definition. The one who gets the most counters wins the game.

ILLUSTRATED PROVERBS.

This game must be prepared beforehand by cutting from advertisements in the papers and magazines pictures and pasting them upon cards to illustrate old saws, which have been defined as wisdom in many in the wit of one. Seven dogs in a row, with the name of a day of the week under each, may stand for "Every dog has his day." A shapely pair of new shoes "All's well that ends well." A man's and a woman's head approaching to kiss each other will surely suggest "Two heads are better than one."

INITIALS.

Cards with pencils attached are prepared, one for each member of the company, with as many numbers on as the hostess has questions ready. These questions must be answered only by words beginning with the initials of the writer in the order in which they stand in his or her name. The hostess reads the questions distinctly, and a time limit is given in which to answer each question. A specimen set of questions and answers is appended, the answers being those of a gentleman whose initials were R. G. W.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DRINK?

What is your favorite drink? Rare good whiskey.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DIVERSION?

Rattling good waltz.

WHAT IS YOUR PET VICE?

Robbing grocery wagons.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST VIRTUE?

Reforming grave wrongs.

WHAT DO YOU MOST DREAD IN THE FUTURE?

Raising gray whiskers.

WHAT DO YOU MOST HOPE FOR IN THE FUTURE?

Real gold wings.

AUTOGRAPHS.

Provide each guest with a large card with pencil attached and announce that the question will be given to the one who succeeds in obtaining the most autographs of those present in a given time. Should there be 50 guests, the time allowed might be 20 minutes—marked by the ringing of a bell. Each one will be so eager to secure his neighbor's autograph, that it will be difficult to obtain as many as one might suppose. This is a very jolly game.



Afternoon Costume by Bernard. Satin broadcloth of a biscuit shade is braided in a lighter tone, and depends upon a deft touch of sable combined with lace for that note of contrast which the later modes demand. The coat is of the short pony order, the back hanging loosely, but the side seams so cleverly cut that they serve to hint somewhat at the curve of the waistline. Skirt is of the extreme straight-front order, fashioned to reach almost to the arm size at the side, front and back sloping down prettily almost to the line where the fashionable short waist is pitched. Two deep bias folds on the skirt edge are headed with a tiny band of flat braid, and above this a fanciful design in piped cords is posed.

the turkey is roasting. When tender, chop them very fine. When the turkey is done, dish it, add four level tablespoonfuls of flour to the fat in the pan, mix thoroughly, add the water in which the giblets were boiled and which now should measure one pint, and the salt; stir until boiling; add a teaspoonful of brown sugar, a teaspoonful of onion juice and a salt-spoonful of pepper.

This sauce should not have fat on the surface. If you have more fat in the pan than will unite with flour pour a portion of it off, using only four tablespoonfuls of the sauce.

Deviled Oysters.—Drain, wash and boil 50 oysters, as directed in the preceding recipe. Save the liquor after they boil. Chop the oysters, add them to the liquor. Add half a pint of milk, and four tablespoonfuls of butter, and four of flour rubbed together. Bring to a boiling point. Add the beaten yolks of two eggs, a level teaspoonful of salt and a good seasoning of cayenne. Pour into a baking dish or small shell; dust with bread crumbs and brown quickly in the oven. Too much cooking will curdle the mixture.

New Tomato Filling.—Wash and cut the pulp from the tomatoes, chill, fill with whipped cream and serve on lettuce. The cream should first be salted and seasoned with paprika, then mixed with drained horse radish and minced celery. Instead of the celery, olives, capers or even beets, may be used, or the vegetable may be omitted altogether.

Colossal Cake.—Take two cupfuls of bread dough, when it is ready for shaping into loaves, add one half cupful of butter, two cupfuls sugar, two eggs, one fourth teaspoonful of cloves, one half teaspoonful each of cinnamon, mace and nutmeg. One cupful of seeded raisins, one fourth cupful of sliced citron and one half teaspoonful of soda. Beat these in thoroughly with the tips of the fingers and directly toward the body. Turn into cake pans, and when light, not quite double its bulk, bake in oven the temperature a little lower than for bread. When cold pour a maple icing over as ornament. Or the icing may be made from one egg yolk and enough confectionary sugar added to make a soft icing.

Fruit Mayonnaise.—Shred two large pineapples, add three pounds of Malaga grapes, halved and seeded, one pound of English walnut or pecan meats, two pounds of candied cherries, carefully pulled apart, and the carapels of six oranges, or three oranges and two grape fruit may be used. Mix with little mayonnaise and place on lettuce leaves. Make the dressing with lemon instead of vinegar and just before serving it should be mixed with half the amount of whipped cream. Serve with this said the delicious Swedish milk wafers browned in the oven and brushed with melted butter. They come 12 in a box, each about as large as a small saucer.

Grape Cream.—One quart of grape juice, grated rind of one and juice of two lemons, sugar to sweeten; the amount depends upon the sweetness of the grapes. Whip into this one pint of cream, after it has been scalded, and the grape juice has been frozen to a mush; turn the crank until the mixture is smooth and firm. Let stand three hours packed in salt and ice. Serve in glass cups with a bunch of crystallized grapes at one side.

Peanut Butter.—Shell fresh-roasted peanuts and grind in the meat chopper, then mix with mayonnaise.

Sweet Potato Croquettes.—Take six good-sized sweet potatoes. When done scoop out the centers, press through a sieve, add two level tablespoonfuls of butter, a teaspoonful of salt and a dash of black pepper. Form into small cylinders, dip in beaten egg, roll in bread crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Salted Almonds.—Blanch the almonds, dry them in a clean cloth, have some perfectly boiling oil or butter in a pan, throw in the almonds, let them fry a few minutes, take them out, sprinkle with fine salt, then drain on kitchen paper. These will keep a few days in airtight tins, but are better when just done.

Oyster Soup.—Drain 50 oysters, pour over them a pitcher of cold water, throw into the hot saucepan and shake and boil until the shells curl. Add a quart and a pint of milk, 12 whole allspice, a tablespoonful of pepper, a dash of red pepper and two tablespoonfuls of butter rubbed with two of flour. Stir carefully until it just reaches the boiling point; add salt and serve with dairy crackers.

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For the Bride's Cook Book.

Where the Wrinkles Originate

A well-known beauty specialist has started a "mist museum," the contents of which she claims are her best friends. The specimens in this rather unusual museum are a pair of shoes, gloves, a hat, a belt and a blouse, and each one tells its story so plainly that one doesn't have to put two and two together to decide why the beauty specialist puts such stress on their worth as friends.

The shoes are run over at the heel, and have sides that bulge over the sole, the gloves are strained and gape at every seam, the blouse has a collar and cuffs that are out of shape, and the hat, while a very nice looking article of headgear, is unbearably heavy.

The mist museum, according to the surprising beauty specialist, has the greatest fascination for numbers of women, therefore she has started her museum in order to show them how and where their wrinkles originate.

"It must be because so many women are always in a hurry," she said, "otherwise they would take more time and buy things that really fit them instead of just picking up the first thing they come across because it can be made to do." It is not always the fault of the milliners or the dealer in gloves or shoes or waists. These people are anxious to please their customers, who are too often in such a hurry that they prefer not to wait, but to take something that does not fit.

Then having saved some time, and possibly a little money, these same customers spend more time and money than they would care to acknowledge in coming to me to remove the effects of their mist clothing. This hat and she turned to her oddly assorted "museum." "was too large in the crown and too heavy." The wearer suffered from violent headaches for weeks and all I can do now is to dye the silver hairs on her temples.

"The blouse was too tight in the neckband and wrinkled the wearer's neck, while the tight bands of the short sleeves have ruined the appearance of the lady's hands."

"Tight gloves are almost as bad as tight boots, and yet only one woman in a hundred wears a pair. The tight glove after glove is tried on to determine the perfect fit."

"The terrible results of wearing ill-fitting corsets have been discussed too often to be repeated here, but few people are aware that too large as well as too small corsets are injurious."

"This applies to all articles of clothing and the woman who wears her garments a size or two larger than more to preserve her youthful appearance than is the one who wears everything a size too small."

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Fault finding and difficult-to-please customers make life a burden to the shopgirl. Some women do not pretend to know what they want when they enter the store, and yet criticize the girl if she cannot divine just what is needed with the right price tag attached.

The girls are also often blamed by thoughtless women for offenses which are faults of the firm. For instance, they are blamed if the price is too high, if there is a flaw in the goods, and for many other things with which they have absolutely nothing to do.

One of the reasons why so many deliveries are made after 8 o'clock is because so many women make their purchases late in the day, and then insist on their delivery the same evening; constantly the men must work overtime to deliver the goods or the women will make complaint to the firm and perhaps threaten to withdraw their trade.

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Shoppers and the Holiday Season.

If you wish to know a man's disposition and character try the old-fashioned test of asking him to put up a stove, and if he accomplishes this temper-racking feat with dignity you may safely trust him for life.

To test a woman's disposition, accompany her on a shopping expedition, and when you return she will have risen or fallen perceptibly in your estimation.

Many women are continually complaining of the discourtesy of salespeople and the "don't care whether you buy or not" attitude of most of them. If you ask such a woman what time of the day she usually chooses for shopping she will invariably reply: "Oh, any time in the late afternoon; you know I never go down town in the morning." No wonder a woman who chooses the busiest hour of the day for shopping should not be liked by tired clerks rushed with the additional duties of closing.

It might be well for many of us if we were to put in our pocketbooks a list of the "Suggestions for Shoppers," which have been prepared by the Consumers' league. The suggestions are as follows:

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Your shopping early in the day, if possible.

DO NOT

Shop after 5 o'clock, or on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

DO

Your Christmas shopping early in the season.

DO NOT

Receive packages delivered after 8 o'clock.

DO NOT

Give your address carelessly to salespeople.

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Little Stories Told of Women

MRS. HERMAN MILLER of Syracuse, who recently risked her life in a fire in order to save a cat from death, is noted for her love for animals.

A young girl showed Mrs. Miller the other day a new fall hat. The hat was adorned with a large white bird. Mrs. Miller, looking at it, said: "I like it, all but that beautiful white bird. I never wear birds on my own hats. I'll tell you why."

"I caught my little boy one spring morning bird-sitting. He came sneaking into the room with three lovely, pale blue eggs in his hand. I took him to task. I pointed out to him the cruelty of the thing he had done. He wept, and promised earnestly that he would never rob another nest."

In the fall I got a new hat. The first Sunday I put it on to go to church I noticed Jackie regarding me strangely.

"Why do you look at my new hat like that, Jackie?" I asked. "Isn't it on straight?"

"Mother," said he, "I know now why you didn't want me to rob no birds' nests in the spring."

"Well, why?" I asked.

"Because," I answered, reproachfully, "you wanted the birds to grow up, so as you could wear 'em."

ly sold to a London jeweler for \$100,000.

The wit of Madame Duse is well illustrated by the