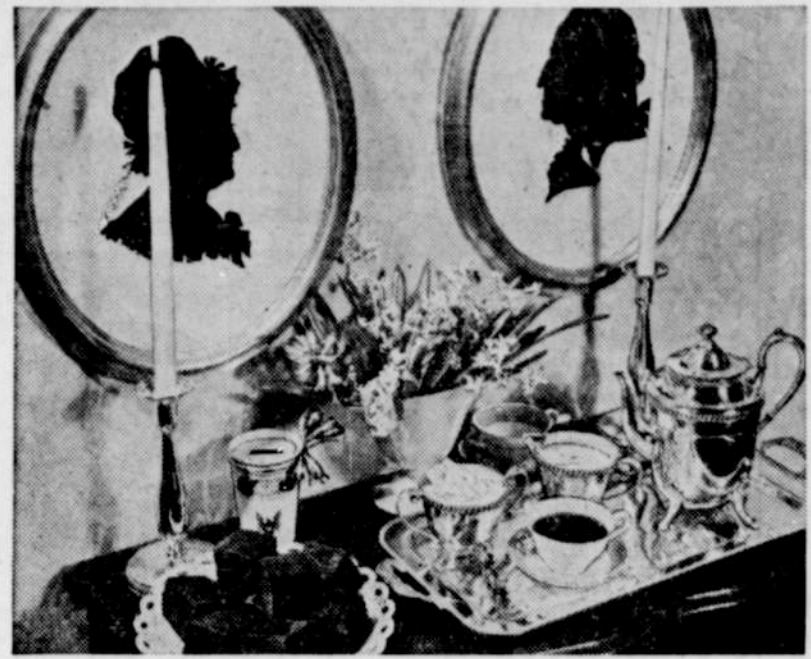


Household News

By Eleanor Howe



FEBRUARY HOSTESS? TREAT GUESTS TO A PATRIOTIC TEA

(See Recipes Below.)

FEBRUARY IS A PARTY MONTH

February is a party month; every hostess calendar should have the twelfth, the fourteenth, and the twenty-second ringed in red! And this year, with the renewed emphasis on patriotism which the world crisis has brought, there's every reason to make Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays occasions for more patriotic partying than usual.

No holiday in February lends itself to a tea quite like Washington's birthday. But instead of tea, serve coffee with squares of hot, fragrant gingerbread as you see it in the picture above. The spicy squares are much in keeping with the day, for Washington's mother was said to have been famous for her gingerbread. Make it by your own special recipe or use one of the packaged gingerbread mixes. All that you will need for decorations is a bowl of flowers and the silhouettes of George and Martha Washington mounted on white paper and hung to form a background for the tea table.

As a part of the food for the occasion, serve a minted pear salad with small deviled hot breads. These are tender, crunchy biscuit hearts with the top section cut out to show the deviled ham filling. Let the beverage be a deep red cranberry punch and garnish each cup with a cube of pineapple stuck on a pick. If you wish to have a second course, small cakes or ice cream molds will finish the menu in fine style.

A sugar heart cake is a dessert which any hostess could serve with pride when a few friends come in for Valentine's day evening. Fine white cake is put together with a creamy chocolate filling, and the cake-top is decorated with confectioners' sugar sifted through a lace doily with a heart motif on it. When the doily is removed, the design remains, etched neatly in sugar on the cake.

Cranberry Punch.

(Makes 3 quarts)

2½ cups sugar
6 cups boiling water
2 17-ounce cans jellied cranberry sauce
1 cup lemon juice
1 12-ounce can pineapple cubes
1 pint carbonated water
Cocktail sticks

Rub the jellied cranberry sauce into sugar. Add hot water and heat and stir until well blended. Beat with rotary beater until smooth. Add lemon juice. Drain juice from pineapple cubes and measure; there should be ½ cup. Add pineapple juice to punch mixture and strain through fine sieve or cheese cloth. Chill thoroughly. When ready to serve, place block of ice in punch bowl (or use about 1 quart ice cubes). Pour punch mixture and carbonated water over ice. Insert pineapple cubes onto cocktail sticks and place one in each cup. Fill cups with punch.

Sugar Heart Cake.

(Makes 2 9-inch layers)

4 cups cake flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup butter or other shortening
2 cups sugar
2 eggs (unbeaten)
1½ cups milk

Sift cake flour once before measuring, then add baking powder and salt and sift 3 times. Cream butter until soft, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat thoroughly. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat until smooth after each addition. Then add vanilla.

Pour batter into 2 well-greased 9-inch square pans (2 inches deep). Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 35 to 40 minutes. Put together as layer cake,

spreading chocolate cream filling between layers. Place lace doily made with heart motif over top of cake. Fasten securely to top of cake with toothpicks. Sprinkle surface generously and evenly with confectioners' sugar. Brush off excess with pastry brush, then remove picks and carefully lift off pattern. The design should be neatly etched in confectioners' sugar.

Chocolate Cream Filling.

(Makes 2 cups)

3 squares unsweetened chocolate (3 ounces) (grated)
1½ cups milk
½ cup sugar
4 tablespoons cake flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 egg (slightly beaten)
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

Add chocolate to milk. Heat in double boiler. When chocolate is melted, beat with rotary egg beater to blend. Combine sugar, flour and salt. Add gradually to chocolate mixture and cook until thickened (about 5 minutes), stirring constantly. Then cook 10 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Pour small amount of mixture over egg, stirring vigorously, return to double boiler. Cook 2 minutes longer, stirring constantly. Then add butter and vanilla and cool.

Patriotic Sandwich Plate.

(25 star sandwiches; 40 rolled sandwiches)

2 1½-pound loaves sandwich bread
Softened butter
2 17-ounce cans jellied cranberry
1 cup dried beef (ground)
4 3-ounce packages cream cheese
4 tablespoons milk
4 teaspoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon onion juice

Trim crusts from 1 loaf with sharp knife. Slice, lengthwise into ¼-inch slices. If very long knife is not available, loaf will be easier to handle if cut in half crosswise before slicing. Wrap slices in damp towel and place in refrigerator for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Meanwhile slice second loaf lengthwise into ¼-inch slices. Cut out sandwiches with star-shaped cutter, then spread with softened butter. Slice jellied cranberry sauce into thin slices and cut into stars with same cutter. Place each slice of cranberry between two slices buttered bread.

Blend cream cheese with milk until softened, then add lemon and onion juice. Combine with ground beef and chopped nuts. Remove sliced bread from refrigerator, unwrap, and spread with softened butter, then with filling. Roll tightly into long rolls. Wrap each roll in waxed paper and place in refrigerator. When ready to serve, insert a small flag into end of each rolled sandwich. Stand them up around sides of a shallow bowl or basket so that flags hang over edge. Fill center of bowl or basket with star-shaped sandwiches.

Deviled Biscuit Hearts.

(Makes 18)

2 cups flour (all-purpose)
3 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup shortening
¾ cup milk (approximately)
2 2½-ounce cans deviled ham

Sift flour once before measuring. Add baking powder, salt, and sift together. Cut in shortening, using a pastry blender or two knives, or rub it in with the fingers. Add milk, stirring it in lightly with a fork, until a soft dough forms. Turn out on a lightly floured board and knead for a few seconds. Roll out to about ¼ inch in thickness. Cut with a heart-shaped cutter. Remove the centers from half the biscuits. To do this, fold biscuit in half and cut out center with kitchen scissors, leaving a narrow rim. Spread deviled ham on whole biscuits, top with rims and bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) for 12 to 15 minutes. Serve hot to accompany salad.

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Fashion-Wise Women Take Up Crocheting With Real Zest

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



WHEN you pick up your newspaper these days, or flip through the pages of your favorite magazine, more often than not you'll see pictures of stage, radio and motion picture stars, college girls, club women and debutantes, all busy at a new hobby—crocheting!

A crocheting fad is sweeping the country. Crochet hooks are being wielded by busy fingers from Maine to California, from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. The vogue has taken such hold that nowadays when a deb reaches into her handbag, it's probably for a crochet hook rather than a lipstick.

Mind you, it's not just the home girls interested in housewifely arts who are crocheting. This time it's the college girls whose campus-bound trunks, returning from mid-winter homecomings, fairly bulged with unfinished sweaters and blouses and accessory items into which, no doubt, they will be putting the final stitches in the lecture room, pacing busy hands to busy minds. In the city thoroughfares it's the debutantes who are crocheting in taxicabs speeding to and fro in their round of social engagements. Stage and radio stars are at it too, while they wait their cues, all of which means that crocheting has definitely reached the glamour stage.

That crochet has come "in" as a style of high importance is big news from the fashion angle. The famous designer Schiaparelli may be back of it all, for when she arrived some months ago on the Atlantic clipper she wore a crocheted collar, crocheted gloves and listen to this—crocheted stockings! The latter were very smart looking and created a sensation because of their unusualness.

Lapel Gadgets



Jewel gadgets continue to flourish on midseason jacket lapels. With the discarding of burdensome winter fur coats comes evidence of the importance attached to suits for midseason and early spring wear. With suits in the limelight, then it is that the gadgets so popularly worn on jacket lapels will come into their own with renewed emphasis. While women are willing and eager to discard their fur topcoats during the interval that spans winter and spring, they still cling to the touches of flattery that so dramatized their smart turbans. In the picture an enormous gold-and-topaz pin is worn on the lapel of a mossy green wool long-coat. There will be considerable topaz and amber jewelry in evidence during the midseason months and early spring in line with the trend toward yellows and beiges and sunburnt tones that are sponsored for spring.

Crocheted jewelry is another unique item, especially the lei flower necklace with bracelet to match. The idea of stiffly starched small crochet wings worn in the hair has spread like wildfire. Young girls are especially like these wings' because it takes only a jiffy to make them and they are different and much more interesting than the traditional ribbon bows they have been wearing. A miniature crochet shawl to complete a sweater and plaid-skirt outfit is another favorite accessory.

At exciting style previews for spring the emphasis on crochet fashions is unmistakable. Ideas are such that clever women at home will be quick to add crocheted items to their own wardrobes. For example, insets of crochet in triangles, squares or circles, also yoke tops, add style touches to the new pastel wool frocks. Pockets and belts of crochet and jackets with crocheted sleeves bespeak the high-style significance of this new vogue for handwork.

Milliners are on the alert, too. They are making snug crochet turbans with dramatic twists and drapes of crochet to give front height. The white crochet hat at the top of the left in the illustration has gone patriotic in that an American eagle spreads its wings in a gay crochet motif. To the right (above) a casual wide-brimmed hat has its crown embellished with an applique of floral crochet done in green cotton thread. The smart crocheted pillbox hat shown below has a close-fitting snood for anchorage and "style."

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Emblems Important Trimming Feature

The new costumes and sweaters are emblazoned with emblems. Some are embroidered, others formed of jewels, beads and sequins. The casual sports blouse flourishes a nautical emblem on its sleeve or perhaps on the pocket. Sailor blouses with insignia on the sleeve are "last word" fashion news for spring.

Your best dress should have an imposing emblem embroidered in jewels and metal beads.

Your hat looks patriotic with a jeweled or embroidered eagle spreading its wings on crown or brim. Your scarf should carry a cunningly contrived emblem, and your "hankies" too. The story goes on and on throughout the spring style program in endless and fascinating ways.

Designers Match Hats With Tailored Tweeds

Designers think so highly of matching the tailored suit with a tailored hat of identical material that they are stressing the idea in advance spring fashions. When you buy your suit ask for a two-some that includes the matching hat. If you are having your suit turned out by your favorite tailor, buy an extra piece of the tweed or novelty suiting to furnish your milliner who will fashion smartest kind of headgear from soft brimmed hats to jaunty sailors and pillbox types. Perhaps a turban might interest you most. Tell your milliner and she will turn out a most intricately knotted affair or draped and will go even to the point of creating a handbag to match.

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- ### The Questions
1. What is the rule of noblesse oblige?
 2. What word has the opposite meaning of prolix?
 3. What workman used a cant hook?
 4. A horsepower is equal to how many watts?
 5. How many deadly sins are listed?
 6. What is the tallest living animal?
 7. How much does a presidential inauguration cost?

- ### The Answers
1. Rank imposes obligation.
 2. Concise.
 3. A lumberman (for turning logs).
 4. One horsepower: 746 watts.
 5. Seven: Pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth.
 6. The giraffe (the males sometimes attain a height of 18 feet).
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